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LOT'S DAUGHTERS ActOut Play

Rebecca Basham, a Kentucky native, received the Michael Kanin National Student Play Writing Award for her play, Lot's Daughters. The play is a three act drama, described by its creator as "a drama about acceptance and love".

ActOut is proud to present this play, opening in January at the Lex Arts Center in downtown Lexington, across from the Central Library. Marcus Roland will be making his directing debut with this production; he has previously starred in three ActOut plays.

The play takes place in Appalachia in 1944. Waincey Cobb joins the Navy and worried about leaving his sister, Gertie, alone in the hills. He marries Susannah Hicks in part to provide company for Gertie. While he is in Korea, Gertie and Susannah fall in love.

"Gertie experiences the harshest realities of life and love in a backwoods community where right and wrong, sinfulness and righteousness are rigidly defined by the community's church and preacher", says Basham.

"Trapped by the ignorance and prejudice of her own community, as well as her own uncertainties about life, Gertie faces love, treachery and heartbreak on her journey towards adulthood."

Performances will be on Fridays 1/5/07 and 1/12/07 at 8 PM, and on Saturdays 1/6/07 and 1/13/07 at 2 PM and 8 PM. Tickets can be purchased at the LexArts box office. Student and senior tickets are \$12 and general admission is \$18.

SisterSound's Rainbow of Songs January 27 Concert

SisterSound, the Lexington's women's chorus, will be singing their first 2007 concert Saturday, January 27, 2007 at 8:00 pm at the UK Singletary Center for the Arts. This year's theme is: "Music Colors Our World" The concert features songs that celebrate diversity, love, fun, and the human spirit.

The performance will feature many familiar tunes with marvelous arrangements, such as "Blue Moon", "Yellow Submarine", "Flying Purple People-Eater", and even "Little Red Caboose".. The audience will be treated to a variety of traditional and contemporary music, some very familiar and some new delights.

The opening words of the theme song, "Color Our World" exemplify the spirit of SisterSound's 2007 concert season: "Look to the rainbow and see the
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SisterSound
Winter Concert
Music Colors
Our World
January 27
8 pm
UK Singletary Center



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the message it's sending. It seems to touch the earth with colors all blending. If we will live this way, we will have harmony..."

We hope you will join us in this celebration of song. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 for children, and can be purchased from any SisterSound member, or at the UK Singletary box office the night of the performance, if available. If you don't know anyone who sings in SisterSound, you can call Marsha Tiffany at (859) 219-8045. Hurry! Last January's concert was sold out!

**The Imperial Court's
Debutante Ball**

The Imperial Court of Kentucky would like to thank those who showed up and gave ever so generously, helping us raise over \$2500 for our annual AVOL Kids gift drive. This is the largest total we've ever donated to the drive, and without your support, many children in our community would not have a Christmas as wonderful as this year's.

We would also like to invite everyone to our first-ever Debutante Ball on Thursday, January 18th at The Bar Complex. Doors will open at 8:30, with the show starting at 9:30. Cover is \$5, with proceeds benefitting the designated charities of the Imperial Court, including Moveable Feast, GLSO, AVOL, and Fairness. Come support your favorite Deb and help her win the Title of Debutante of the Year for Reign 25

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Transgender Ally College Conference

Feb 16 - 18, 2007

University of Minnesota

The University of Minnesota Queer Student Cultural Center and GLBTA Programs Office will host the Midwest Bisexual Lesbian Gay Transgender Ally (GLBTA) College Conference that starts on Friday, Feb. 16, and goes through Sunday, Feb. 18. The conference will include keynote addresses by GLBTA activists and artists, along with workshops focused on a variety of GLBTA-related issues. Comedian Margaret Cho will headline conference entertainment. Registration is \$50. and is due by Friday, January 19.

The Conference, also known as "Alphabet Soup 2007", is the largest regional gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender and ally college conference in the nation. This is the first year that the University of Minnesota, Twin Cities, has hosted the event. The annual conference promotes leadership, activism, networking, diversity, health, empowerment, and even entertainment and laughter, among gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, and allied students, staff, and faculty from across the United States and Canada.

Organizers use the term "alphabet soup communities" to describe the diverse population of people who will attend the conference. The focus will be on issues and experiences people face rather than labels. About 1,500 people are expected to attend the conference, now in its 15th year.

GLBTQA Conference

Registration \$50

by Friday, January 19

For more information, or to register,
www.alphabetsoup2007.org.

Dress and Gender Alliance

The Lexington Dress and Gender Alliance (also known as the Diversity in Gender Alliance) is reorganizing. We meet on the first Saturday of each month at a private location. For information email Cassie at cassiemtf@yahoo.com.

Lex DGA is a peer support group for anyone that transcends gender norms. This includes transsexuals, intersexuals, cross dressers, drag kings, drag queens, gender queers, and people who are unsure what their gender identity might be. This is not a therapy group but we offer conversation and support.

Lexington Lyons Leather/Levi Club

The Lexington Lyons meet the second Monday of each month at the Pride Center, 389 Waller Ave. at 7 pm. That will be Jan. 8 this month. The Lyons are a group of friends who come together to celebrate strength, unity, and diversity in order to form a bond within a community that enjoys the Leather /Levi lifestyle. For more info visit <http://www.lexlyons.org>.

The Einstein of Sex

Last month I wrote an article about the amazing life of Magnus Hirschfeld, a German Jewish doctor who in 1919 opened The Institute of Sexual Science. the first of its kind in the world. Bill told me that there was a movie called the *Einstein of Sex* and we have both gotten the film through Netflix.

This is not a great movie; at times the acting is quite bad. But it is a fascinating, and for the most part, factual account of a gay man who's life's work was made invisible by the Nazis..If someone would like to show it at the Pride Center, I will get you a copy. (mary crone 266-5904)

Quirk Cafe & Coffee

Just fifteen minutes away from Lexington, Quirk Cafe & coffee is located on Railroad St. in Midway. We have gourmet coffees, wonderful food, wireless internet, all located in a beautifully restored building from the early 1900s. We serve great soups, sandwiches, salads and wonderful desserts. We offer a variety of gourmet French presspot coffees, espresso, cappuccino & lattes.

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The History Boys

Now showing at the KY Theater

This is a very entertaining film with a number of gay characters. It may receive a number of Oscar nominations. See it now!

Singing for Pride Karaoke Nights

Tuesday Night is Karaoke Tunes-days in the Gilded Cage Showroom of the Bar Complex, hosted by Bill "Melater" Chandler and DJ B.T.J. (Boi Toi Jeff). This event is a weekly fund-raiser for the GLSO Pride Center. You can help make it a success simply by coming out and singing a song or supporting those who do.

Audience members are invited to sing their favorite songs; bring your own or use one of the songs on the CDs we have there. Friends and other audience members will be encouraged to tip.

The tips will go to help support the GLSO Pride Center, located at 389 Waller Ave. GLSO's mission is to improve the quality of life of Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender individuals and their allies through outreach, information access and support. We advocate for GLBT people and organize to change attitudes on GLBT issues. please visit www.GLSOPC.org.

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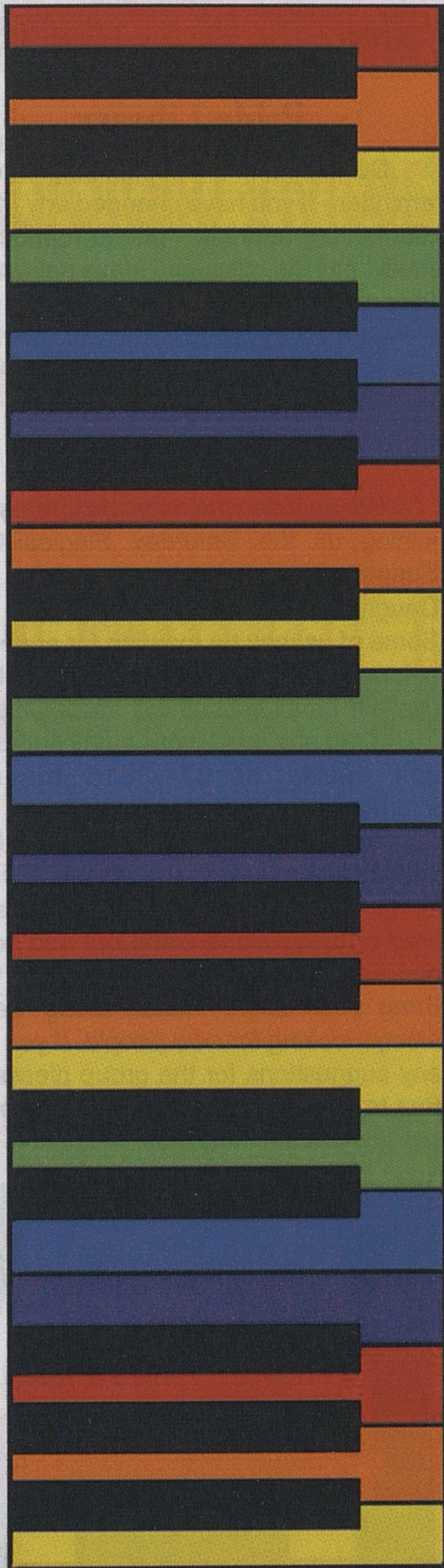
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*SisterSound's
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Saturday

January 27

8:00 pm

*At the UK Singletary
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**Ticket prices: \$10,
\$5 children**

**Tickets are available from
any SisterSound member
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or from the Singletary Box
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www.geocities.com/SisterSound

Pride Center News

389 Waller Ave. 859 253-3233

Mon. - Fri. 10 - 3 Sat 10 - 2

The Pride Center is also open

Tues. 5-7 Wed. 5 - 7 pm

Pride Center Activities

DISCUSSION GROUP

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

Lexington Insight

Pot Luck and Discussion Group

Everyone is welcome to attend
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Pride Center 7:00 pm

Gay Straight Alliance for Youth

Ages 15 - 20

Every Tuesday Night

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Saturday Singles

Sat. Dec 9 - 7 pm

All Singles are Welcome

Jackie: 859 971-3315

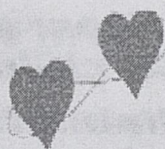
Pride Library

Do you have a Pride Library card? A reminder - If you have changed any of your information: address, phone number, or email, call the office and leave new info for Jane with Bill (253-3233) or email it to lexingtonglso@yahoo.com. Let us know how you prefer to be contacted.

Saturday Singles

For anyone who might be interested in joining us the Saturday Singles GLBT Support Group is going to go see Lot's Daughter on the 13th of January at 2pm. Some of us may be meeting for appetizers or lunch before the play. If you would like to join our email list call the Pride Center at 253-3233 and leave your email address or call Jackie at 971-3315 for more information.

We basically meet once a month and talk about our lives or what we might want to do the coming month. If your single and tired of being alone come out and see us and see if we have what you might want. Bring your single friends along we are always looking for new people. If you have any suggestions for the group please feel free to speak up and let us know. Hope to see you there.



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THE KENTUCKY FAIRNESS ALLIANCE Q & A

Q: What is the Kentucky Fairness Alliance doing in preparation for the coming legislative season?

A: KFA has already carefully studied the pre-filed bills, begun to anticipate bills that legislators are sure to file, and created strategy.

Q: What bills are on the plate for this legislative season?

A: So far, the most detrimental one is Stan Lee's Ban on Equal Healthcare. Titled BR 102, the bill seeks to prohibit institutions of higher education from offering domestic partner benefits to its employees. On the other hand, KFA is supporting Mike Cherry's School Bullying Bill. BR 326 provides a path to stop bullying in school. This bill is of particular interest as teenagers within the LBTG community frequently suffer from prolonged, undue bullying. As of this moment, neither a Statewide Fairness Bill nor an Anti-Fairness bill has been filed; however, KFA expects different legislators will file both by early February. Another bill that KFA hopes to see come to light is the Designated Visitor bill, which allows any hospital patient over the age of 18 to create a list of people who are to be treated as blood relations and allowed entrance.

Q: What strategy is KFA employing this year?

A: The answer is quite simple: lobbying. KFA has already been in contact with pro-fairness legislators, but beyond those communications, KFA is planning a huge rally. The rally will take place February 22nd in Frankfort. People will convene at 8 a.m. to start lobbying face-to-face with legislators. Later, KFA has reserved the rotunda for a full-scale rally between 1 and 2 p.m. KFA hopes to attract between 200 and 500 people to the rotunda that day.

Q: How can the average person who has never lobbied before get involved?

A: Another simple answer: Go to Frankfort February 22nd. Lobbying is not just for the

rich, educated individual. It is for every concerned citizen. One must never forget that a legislator needs and wants to hear from his or her constituents. Your voice does matter.

Q: What if a person is intimidated because he or she does not know how to lobby?

A: We will give people the tools they need to lobby. We have already scheduled several lobby trainings around the state. The first training will be Wednesday January 10 from 6 to 7:30 pm in the basement of the Central Public Library in downtown Lexington. KFA lobbyist Wes Wright will instruct people on the proper way to lobby and insure that every person feels comfortable approaching a legislator. There is free parking in the Library garage.

Q: Even if a person learns to lobby, why should he or she do so?

A: The primary reason can be summed up in the idea of strength in numbers. Legislators respond with greater emphasis when a larger number of people contact them regarding a certain issue. If we all go to Frankfort on February 22nd and show that the GLBT community is substantial and it demands equal protections under the law, the legislators will sit up and take notice.

Never forget that your vote counts just as much as anyone else's, and every legislator wants as many votes as he or she can get. In fact, your presence in Frankfort is often more persuasive than that of a professional lobbyist. The paycheck of a professional lobbyist depends on his or her

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Kentucky Fairness Alliance
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January 10 - 6 pm
Central Library - Lexington
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8 am - 2 pm

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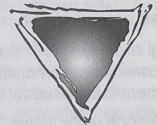
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To schedule events at the Pride Center, call Bill at 253-3233
Visit us on the web at: www.webspawner.com/users/glsoqxnet



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
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Weekly Activities:

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

Tuesdays:
7pm - GSA (Gay Straight Alliance)
9pm - Karaoke Tunesday @ The Bar Complex

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

Fridays:
7pm - Lexington Insight
8pm - Gay/Lesbian AA
(Call for Location) 278-7103

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

Bi-weekly:
6pm - The Imperial Court
SoulForce -Call Jamie 230-5625

Monthly Activities:

Mondays:
7:30pm - GLSO Board Mtg. (4th Mon.)
7pm - Lexington Lyons (2nd Mon.)

Saturday:
7pm -LexDGA 1st Sat.
7pm- Singles Support 2nd Sat.

Sundays:
4pm- Integrity (2nd Sun)
4pm- Gen Y Integrity (3rd Sun)

More information about many of the events are in this newsletter. You may want to call or email the group to confirm the date and time, see the directory on back page.
Pride Center may be abbreviated - PC
Call for Place may be abbreviated- Call

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lobbying strongly. Your presence as an unpaid constituent demonstrates a strong commitment to the issues at hand.

Q: If someone really wanted to participate but just could not go to Frankfort, what could he or she do?

A: There are many ways to get involved to help promote GLBT rights:

1. Volunteer for a local chapter. There are currently very strong chapters in the Bluegrass Region, Madison County, and Northern Kentucky. All three chapters consistently scout out new volunteers and steering committee members to help out with various events.
2. Donate money to KFA. It takes money to keep this program alive and healthy.
3. Purchase KFA merchandise. See website below.
4. Call or write your legislator directly. If you are unsure of who to contact in Frankfort, representatives of KFA will gladly help you find that person.

Q: Where would someone find information on how to do those things?

A: The fastest way is by going to www.kentuckyfairness.org. The website contains contact information for all

the chapters as well as ways to donate money and to purchase merchandise. In addition, people can send e-mails to info@kentuckyfairness.org, call 1-866-205-3239, or write to Kentucky Fairness Alliance, PO Box 1280, Frankfort, Kentucky 40602.

THE ADVOCATE'S PEOPLE OF THE YEAR

The Advocate chose Bill Maher as their cover person of the year. Maher has been outspokenly gay supportive for years. He says civil union are not enough, only full marriage rights will do. "You're either equal or your not."

They also honored the gay bloggers that are an important part of a new wave in journalism. The Advocate highlights Andy Towle, Perez Hilton, and Seth Abramovitch. Many of the major gay related stories would not have seen the light of day through the mainstream media if bloggers did not bring the stories to the web first.

Lane Hudson and Mike Jones also were honored for going public about the hidden gay behaviors of US Congressman Mark Foley and anti-gayevangelical minister Ted Haggard. Wisconsin senator Russ Feingold was named as a straight ally who had the courage to come out for full marriage equality.



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Biological Exuberance

Animal Homosexuality and Natural Diversity

By Bruce Gagemihl

reviewed by mary crone

This is in some ways a book review of *Biological Exuberance*, and in part an article based on the book. There are 750 pages to peruse, but you do not have to read the whole book to enjoy the authors point of view about homosexuality in animals and the reluctance of many scientists to recognize this form of diversity.

One of the beliefs used in arguments against homosexuality is that it is "unnatural." In *Biological Exuberance*, Bruce Gagemihl presents a comprehensive overview of homosexual attraction and behavior as well as some information on gender flexibility in the animal kingdom based on scientific observation and research. He discusses how scientists have been observing homosexual behavior in animals for a century but have labeled it as deviant or simply found ways of denying what they saw. Gagemihl reviews a large amount of research and demonstrates that homosexuality is not only natural, it is abundant in nature.

It seems that we have not known much about same sex behavior and bonding among animals until recently. Quite a bit of attention was given to the two male penguins raising a baby together, for example. But there have been a great many observations made over the years. Gagemihl includes some quotations from scientific articles written over one hundred years ago.

One such article published in 1896 was entitled "Sexual Perversion in Male Beetles." A drawing included in this article of two male beetles copulating, is one of the first scientific illustrations of animal homosexual behavior to be published. Often, observations have been accompanied by negative labels (bizarre, abnormal, etc) and/or have been explained away (not enough males or females, practice for heterosexuality, etc.) Seeing everything through a heterosexual lens has been

pervasive in western scientific community. It is rare but occasionally an author recognizes that they may be biased. One man observing birds in 1909 writes: "From a distance this might be mistaken for fighting, but perverted sexuality is the real keynote...sexual perversion, as one calls it - a term which serves to save one the trouble of thinking..."

Even up to 1997, articles can be found using terms such as strange, bizarre, deviant, abnormal, anomalous and perverse to describe homosexual behaviors. In 1987 W. J. Tennent published an article about Mazarine Blue butterflies entitled "A Note on the Apparent Lowering of Moral Standards in the Ledidoptera." He observed and reported the mating of male butterflies - and interpreted that activity as a lowering of moral standards. I wonder if morally upright butterflies discriminate against their "abnormal" brothers. And does this mean there will be blue butterflys in hell?

One of Gagemihl's first assertions is that "homosexuality" does not only refer to overt sex acts but includes numerous and diverse activities. He divides animal homosexual behaviors into five categories: courtship, affection, sex, pair-bonding, and parenting (touches that are not explicitly sexual are classified as affectionate). He uses these categories throughout the book to show how different species display one or several forms of behaviors from the different categories.

In most species the same courtship behaviors are used in homosexual and heterosexual interactions. In some cases, same sex courtship includes only some of the behaviors commonly found in heterosexual courtship. One common difference is that courting and sexual activity is more often reciprocal in same sex couples. Instead of a male feeding a female, for example, two same sex animals will feed each other. From my point of view, I would say that homosexual behavior goes hand in hand with a looser and more

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creative experience and expression of gender. (Well, flipper in flipper? Nose in?)

In a few species, there are behaviors that are found only in homosexual interactions. Male Ostriches perform a "pirouette dance" only when courting another male. Female Rhesus Macaques engage in a "hide and seek" courtship game only when courting another female.

Same sex couples (and groups) of many species find ways to be mutually sexual. Grey Whales, Manatees, many primates, and some birds will mutually stimulate each other's genitals in a variety of ways. Some species have been creative in their sexual behavior, such as female dolphins that blow water at each others genitals.

Bagemihl also discusses gender identity in animals but we will save that for another newsletter. In summery, the fact that homosexual behavior is widespread in the animal kingdom affirms that it is normal part of nature- including human nature. Queerness is part of the wonderfully diverse world in which we live.

We're Deer. We're Queer.

Get Used to It

Same-gender sex in animals rarely makes headlines. The organizers of a "Against Nature?" exhibition at the Norwegian Natural History Museum of the University of Oslo hope to call attention to the often ignored subject.

"People always come up with the argument that homosexuality is somehow against nature. And that's not true," said Petter Bøckman, the academic advisor for the exhibit. Through models, photos, texts, and specimens ranging in size from tiny insects to enormous sperm whales, visitors can learn about same sex sexual expression in animals.

Scientists have observed homosexual behavior in 1,500 animal species, said Bøckman. Take, for instance, bonobos, one of our closest relatives and perhaps the most well-known homosexual animals. "They're known to be rampantly bisexual," he said.



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Killer whales, bottlenose dolphins, West Indian manatees, and giraffes have all-male orgies. Among black-headed gulls, scientists estimate that one in ten pairs is comprised of two females. Same-sex penguin couples have been known to have long relationships and raise chicks.

Homosexuality is most widespread among animals with a complex herd life. It functions as a kind of social glue for bonobos, who use sex to diffuse conflict—a marked difference from other primates that solve conflicts with violence. Homosexuality also plays a social role among other male animals, such as big horn sheep and lions.

Researchers are not sure of the advantage is, if any, of homosexual behavior among dragonflies, scarab beetles, or, as observed at least once, two male octopuses of different species. Bøckman and others at

the museum hope the exhibition will help break a long-held taboo against talking about, and publishing on, the subject.

The exhibition is long overdue, said Joan Roughgarden, a biologist at Stanford University and author of *Evolution's Rainbow: Diversity, Gender and Sexuality in Nature and People*. She points out that in the U.S., museums, nature shows, introductory biology courses, and even peer-reviewed journals often shy away from mentioning homosexuality in the animal kingdom. "They're not painting an accurate picture of life in the animal kingdom," she said.

Roughgarden said the exhibition could help bring the phenomenon out of the closet. "I hope this is only the beginning," she said.

Readers Write

Street Hustler

by James Dunaway

My story is not going to be your run of the mill hustler's story about how this and that led me into the streets each night to sell myself for money. My story is about much more, it's about how a beautiful 12 year old boy found his way in this world. It's about how I knew after turning my first trick that me and hustling were meant to be, like peanut butter and jelly.

I was the perfect street hustler. I started my career on the streets at the age of 12. I had long thick black wavy hair, big innocent brown eyes, a slight muscular body, perfect pearl white teeth that were enhanced by my smooth olive complexion. And I measured up nicely were it counts the most in my line of work.

I remember my very first trick as if it were only yesterday. I was walking back from my girlfriend's house and I was frustrated over my girlfriend's reluctance to be sexual with me. This old guy pulled up beside me in a big red caddy and asked me

if I needed a ride. I ended up at his house where I was relieved of my sexual frustration and was \$50 richer. I street hustler was born.

I became the movie star of the street hustlers over the next several years. As soon as I made my appearance on the block, the cars would line up like they were at a fast food drive through. I felt like I was providing an important service, I was allowing my customers to drink from the fountain of youth.

I know that some people will read this article and think that I was just some kid that was being exploited and used by a bunch of old perverts, but I'm here to tell you that you can't exploit the willing. I never had a bad experience as a street hustler. The vast majority of my customers were like fathers to me, they were always willing to be a part of my life whenever I needed them. I have absolutely no regrets about my life as a street hustler.

James is in prison and welcomes mail. His address -James Dunaway #139311, 200 Road to Justice, EKCC West Liberty, KY 41472

Religious and Spiritual Resources

Integrity

St. Michael's Episcopal Church

Integrity is a support group for gay and lesbian Episcopalians that meets on the second Sunday of each month, which will be Jan. 14 this month. The gathering occurs at St Michael's Episcopal Church at 2025 Bellefonte Drive (between Tates Creek and Nicholasville Roads) at 4 pm.

All GLBT people over the age of 18 (younger with parental consent) are welcome to attend. For more information please call 859 243 0998 or email at stmintegrity@yahoo.com. St Michael's is also a welcoming congregation toward gays and lesbians with services each Sunday at 8, more contemporary service at 9, and more traditional service at 11:15.

Jubilee Fellowship

713 E. Loudon Ave.

www.jubileefellowship.us

Jubilee Fellowship of Lexington welcomes members of the GLBT community and their friends to join us in growing as a community of believers in Christ. We are fanatical about loving people with God's unconditional love. We hold Sunday worship at 11 am and hold a Friday night prayer meeting at 6 pm.

If you have questions about our fellowship, do not hesitate to contact Pastor Cori Wood at jfellowship@aol.com or call 859 5514-5518. We have a big vision and a big God. There is room for you.

Quakers

The Lexington Friends (Quakers) invite you to our Sunday Service at 10:30am. We are located at 649 Price Ave., between 6th and 7th just west of North Broadway.

Quakers have no clergy or sermons, we sit together in silence until someone is led to speak from that silence. Please join us.

St. Mychal The Martyr

stmychalthemartyr.org

The mission of St. Mychal the Martyr Parish is to provide a church that welcomes all people in all their uniqueness and giftedness. We are a liturgical church whose worship is filled with ritual and whose heart is filled with joy and hope.

You are invited to our worship services every Sunday at 10:30 with Rev Ken Waibel performing mass. We also hold Saturday Vespers at 5 pm. We are located at 1350 Eastland Dr., Suite #5, off Winchester Rd.

St. Mychal is a member of the Orthodox Catholic Church of America, a national denomination that is gay supportive. We perform blessings of gay unions, welcome divorced people, and ordain women into the orders of Deacon, Priest and Bishop.

The History Boys

Showing Now at the KY Theater

Director Nicholas Hytner has done a great job of bringing Alan Bennett's London and Broadway award winning play to the screen. There are many great performances in this film, most roles are played by the original stage actors.

Set in 1983, the story centers on eight male students at a private English school who are being prepared for exams and interviews for admittance to Oxford University. Two instructors with differing world views, teach and seek to influence this witty group of young men. The dialogue is wonderfully entertaining, the characters are well developed (and often gay). I see Oscar nominations in the making. This is a film you may want to see more than once and seeing it at the KY Theater is always a plus.



Unitarian Universalist Churches

St. John's Unitarian Universalist

by Marsha Tiffany

St. John's Unitarian Church in Cincinnati is truly a welcoming congregation. St. John's has an Interweave organization that allows GLBT's to express their spirituality, as well as socialize and do activities together.

If you are interested in going to 11 am Sunday services at St. John's, please meet at the Pride Center on Sundays at 9 am (sharp) and we can carpool up. (Marsha Tiffany also wrote a statement of Belief which is on the next page.)

Unitarian Universalist Church of Lexington

The Unitarian Universalist Church of Lexington has worship services every Sunday at 11 am. We are a Welcoming Congregation, we do not simply accept GLBTQ folks within our church community, we celebrate their lives and actively support their work for equal rights.

On Sunday, January 7, the service will be on Jesus and Buddha, looking at the connections and dissimilarity between the wisdom and teachings of these two prophetic leaders. That Sunday will also be

first Sunday lunch, all visitors are welcome to stay and eat with us..

A lot happens at the UU Church. There is a Buddhist discussion group that meets at 10 am in the Allen House next to the Church most Sundays. Rev. Cynthia Cain and Rev. Gary Bennet will also be offering classes before church. Rev. Lisa Davison from the Lexington Theological Seminary will teach a class on Women of the Bible starting on Wednesday nights in January. There will also be classes or groups discussing topics such as environmental issues and sustainability, social justice, and a project we are contemplating in support of an orphanage in Nairobi, Kenya.

On January 10, the Humanist Forum will be showing and discussing a controversial documentary by Richard Dawkins who recently published his best selling book *The God Delusion*. The documentary, *The Virus of Faith*, criticizes religion rather harshly. Although there are a number of agnostics and atheists who attend the UU church, few are in total agreement with Dawkins. He does, however, provide rich material for a good discussion.

Interweave, the GLBTQ and friends group, will have lunch out in early February. For more information, call mary crone at 266-5904..

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Statement of Belief

By Marsha Tiffany

In December's GLSO Newsletter, Mary Crone invited everyone to send in their Statement of Beliefs. She published her own Statement of Beliefs as an example. I don't think anyone else took her up on her offer to have their Beliefs published, so I am submitting my Statement of Beliefs.

There are two aspects of my Beliefs I would like to present. The first is that of my faith. My stated faith, Unitarianism, is sometimes misunderstood. I have heard people say that they think we are witches. Before I state where I think that rumor came from, let me say what I Unitarianism is, according to my faith.

Unitarianism is the acceptance of all faiths, even the acceptance of those who do not profess any established faith, such as Atheists. Unitarianism attempts to walk a very taunt tight-rope to not offend anyone in their own beliefs, or religious exploration.

Unitarianism accepts whatever a person believes, be it the worship of the Earth as the Druids did/do, the worship of the Sun, the worship of an entity they name God, the worship of a human being they name Buddha, the worship of a human being they name Mary; the worship of a human being they name Jesus, the worship of a 2nd-coming who does not yet have a name..... All of these beliefs are accepted in the Unitarian faith.

Now, let me suggest where I think the rumor that we are witches came from. Because we accept those who worship the Earth and do not worship any entities with any names (that I know of), Unitarians accept those who call themselves Pagans. Pagans have not had the best public image. I have read Christian scripture that does not have nice things to say about the Pagans. Pagans have historically been associated with witches and the like.

But really, is the worship of the Earth such a bad thing? The Earth gives us life, food, and sustenance. I personally think we

should be much nicer to our hostess, Mother Earth. I think we spend just a little bit too much time and energy "taking" from the Earth, and not giving enough back.

The second facet of my beliefs is my personal faith. My personal faith is in keeping with my stated faith, Unitarianism. There are many things I like about each faith. I personally like the mysticism of the Jewish faith, the worship of Mary in Catholicism, the teachings of Buddha, the love of Jesus, and the Druidic/Pagan worship of the earth and the Universe.

If you know me, you will notice I wear both a Star of David and a Cross on my necklace. For me this symbolizes not only Judaism and Christianity, but also Positivity, because to me the Cross is a symbol of Positivity (a "+" symbol). I wear two major religious symbols to signify that I love both Jews and Christians. At some point I expect I will add other religious symbols to my necklace to exemplify that I love other faiths as well.

I think the world would be a better place if everyone could accept each other. This is the Statement of my Belief.

Readers Write

During 2006, we invited people to write personal stories or essays for the newsletter. We have have two submissions in this newsletter, a Statement of Belief on this page and a personal story on page 18. We know there are a lot more writers out there and we would love to have you submit an article or a story to the newsletter.

We call this section of the newsletter **Readers Write** and we hope to have something to print each month. We may need to edit so include contact information.. Send to lexingtonglso@yahoo.com or to marycrone@insightbb.com. It will help if you put *newsletter* in the subject line. If you want it printed in a particular month, be sure to get it to us by the 15th of the previous month.

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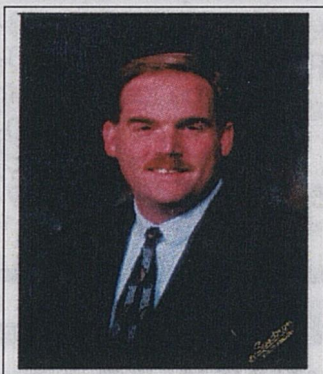
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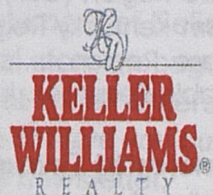
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