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**Community Forum**

Calling all community members: Do you want to make a difference? We want to hear your ideas. The GLSO is holding a Community Forum on Saturday, July 8 from 12-2pm at the Maxwell St. Presbyterian Church located at 180 E. Maxwell St. They have a good sized parking lot.

This forum is a way for community members to voice their opinions on the services offered by their community center (The Pride Center on Waller Avenue). We want your input on how to improve existing services, ideas for new activities, suggestions on how to get our name out, and any other thoughts you would like to share to improve the safety of our community.

We are interested in building and organizing our volunteer base. The GLSO Newsletter could use volunteer editors (see page 17). We would also love to have volunteers keep the Pride Center open between 5 and 7 several nights of the week. These are some of the ideas we have, what do you think we should be doing?

The forum will be structured in a manner that will allow participants to brainstorm together and write down their suggestions. When we had a forum of this type over ten years ago, the local Fairness group was started! A free lunch will be served! Bring your ideas and a friend!

**Fairness Alliance**

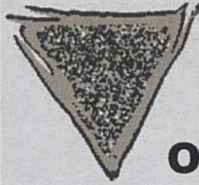
Look for the Ky Fairness Alliance on Diversity Day, July 1<sup>st</sup> in front of the courthouse and in the 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade. You are welcome to walk with us. We will be lining up along Midland Ave. about an hour before the parade is scheduled to



**Benefit Show -Comedy and Music**

On Monday, July 3 at 8 pm there will be a Benefit show at Comedy off Broadway. Comedian Bernie Lubbers; Cincinnati drag queen Hurrican Summers; and Rhythm and Blues Artist Robbie Bartlett will be performing for your enjoyment. Admission is \$6 and proceeds will benefit GLSO and the Pride Center. Tickets available online at [www.ComedyOffBroadway.com](http://www.ComedyOffBroadway.com) or at the door. Due to the cancellation of this year's Volunteer Awards Banquet this evening's event will also host the presentation of the 2006 Wasson and Rainbow Community Service Awards. Congratulations to Wasson Award winner, Jim Dickinson, and to the men's choral group Another Note, this year's RCSA winner. This is sure to be a great evening of outstanding entertainment so please come and join the fun.





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**Lexington Lyons Leather/Levi Club**

The Lexington Lyons are proud to be this month's sponsors of the GLSO News. We meet the second Monday of each month at the Pride Center, 389 Waller Ave. at 7 pm.

The Lyons are a group of friends that come together to celebrate strength, unity, and diversity in order to form a bond within a community that enjoys the Leather /Levi lifestyle. Membership has grown steadily over the last year and we now have 14 active members.

Lexington Lyons Ninth Anniversary and Officer Induction will be taking place in August. For more info visit <http://www.lexlyons.org>.

**2006 Pride Idol Finals**

What have you done today to make you feel proud? That was the opening song and question of the day for the 2006 Pride Idol Final competition held on Sunday, June 11 at the 13th Annual Pride Picnic. There were to be 10 individuals competing in this final portion of the contest but unfortunately only 3 people showed. We can only assume in all but two cases that the contestants were put off by the chance of rain, and rain it did, but as they say in the business "The show must go on", and after moving inside the large indoor arena, it did. Congratulations to our three die-hard contestants who were awarded prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd places. Chad Hundley who came in third, Chase for placing second, and to this year's winner, your 2006 Pride Idol, Miss. Lisa Mendoza! These three individuals did a wonderful job entertaining the smaller than usual crowd of folks attending this year's picnic and we appreciate them all very much. We have had correspondence with the Cincinnati Pride Center which sponsors the annual King's Island Pride Night, as well as the Island Idol competition, where individuals win prizes much larger than we can presently offer, it is our hope for next year's Pride Idol competition that we will be able to offer in addition to the trophy, gift certificate and studio time, our winner an automatic place in the Island Idol contest and a chance at some of the bigger prizes. Once again our thanks and congrats to this year's winners.

# Community News

## Quirk Cafe and Coffee

Quirk Café & Coffee is located on Railroad St. in Midway, KY. It is an easy 15 min drive from Lexington. We feature live music every Tuesday from 5:30 to 8 pm. We will be closed on July 4th.

We are now open on Thurs, Fri. and Sat. evening, serving our full menu. We offer a variety of salads, soups, sandwiches and wraps. You can select from our 23 different gourmet press pot coffees & teas along with fresh baked scones.

The Bats, Lexington's fabulous five woman cabaret band, (with 2 brave husbands playing backup) will be performing great listening and dancing music at The Thoroughbred Theatre, connected to Quirk Cafe, on Friday, July 21 at 7 pm. Make your reservations now!

Other Firday night concerts include: July 7 - Bob Stange ~ Guitar & vocals, July 14 - Carla Van Hoose returns with folk & Appalachian songs vocals & guitar, July 28 Roberta Guthrie ~ Beautiful cello music fills our café. For upcoming events you can call Quirk at (859) 846-4688. or check on line at [www.kygallery.com/quirk](http://www.kygallery.com/quirk).

Congratulations To

Pride Idol 2006

**Lisa Mendoza**

**First Runner Up**

**Chase**

**Second Runner Up**

**Chad Hundley**

## Kings Island Pride Night September 29

The GLSO Pride Center is again selling tickets to the tenth annual King's Island Pride Night to be held Friday evening, September 29, from 6 pm to midnight. The cost of admission through us is \$41.99. (tickets may be more at the door.) Drop by the center between 9 am and 3 pm - call Bill at 253-3233 to be sure someone is here.

This is a fundraiser for the Cincinnati Gay and Lesbian Pride Center. For more information about this year's event visit [www.pkipridenight.com](http://www.pkipridenight.com).

## Dress and Gender Alliance

The Lexington Dress and Gender Alliance (also know at the Diversity in Gender Alliance) is reorganizing. We are considering a new name and we would love your input on a variety of organizational matters. We still meet on the first Saturday of each month at a private location. Call 859 979-0374 or 859 -288-5143 for information.

LexDGA 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. If you could use some honest conversation and support, give us a call.

The GLSO Web Site

[www.glsopc.org](http://www.glsopc.org)

updated frequently

## KY Gay Camp

The Second Annual KY Gay Camp will be held on Aug 25-27 at Sloydia, a private 14 acre retreat on the Little South Fork of the Cumberland River in south Wayne County, Ky. Activities may include a hike to the top of Earheart mountain, workout sessions, swimming in the river, entertainment ranging from singers and musicians, to drag and fantasy shows, group campfires, and lots more. Some of the activities can be enhanced by the fact that selected areas of the Sloydia property are clothing optional. A donation of \$5 per person per day is requested to cover expenses

Camping at Sloydia is true, out-in-the-woods, primitive camping, so come prepared for a unique experience! Attendees will need to bring their own supplies of food, drinking water, camping and cooking gear, a limited amount of well water will be available. There are a few camping spaces with electricity.

The facilities include shady level sites for tents and a limited number of small trailers or R.Vs sites, outhouses, and an old fashioned swimming hole at the river. We can also accommodate boats on the river. There is also a stage for performances with lighting and electricity, a fully equipped weightlifting gym, and access to a rustic wood-burning hot tub on the adjacent property. Call for full details before you come, as there is no cell phone service available anywhere on or near the property.

Sloydia is approximately 20 miles south of Monticello, in south central Kentucky, just 5 miles north of the Tennessee state line and 10 miles from Pickett State Park in Tennessee. For information, visit the Sloydia web site at [www.sloyd.com](http://www.sloyd.com) then click over to the "Visit Sloydia" page. Interested campers can also call 606-348-0788 between noon and 10 pm. The KY Gay Camp is jointly hosted by the members of Lake Cumberland Area Pride, and Sloydia.



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## Diversity Directory

The Humanitarian Diversity Directory will be available at the Pride Center soon. This directory lists many organizations in Lexington that work towards a community where diversity is not just accepted but celebrated. Both GLSO and Fairness, Bluegrass Chapter are sponsors of the directory. Pick up a copy next time you visit the Pride Center.

## Unbridled Dykes

The "Gay Games" are in Chicago this year from July 15-22. The Unbridled Dykes, a Lexington team that has been together for 30 years, will be competing in "D League" softball. This is their first trip to the Gay Games and we wish them luck.

## Rainbow Families

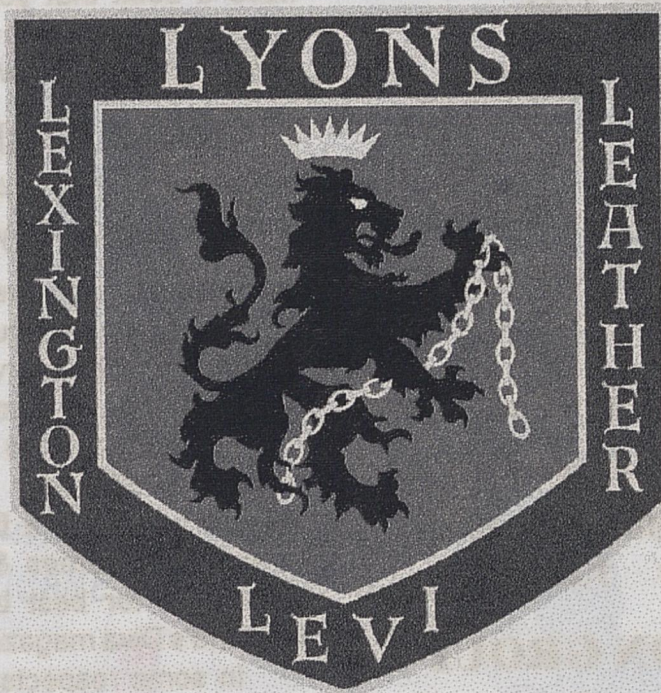
Lexington's GLBT parenting group, Rainbow Families of Lexington (RFOL) can be contacted by calling Cheryl at 523-3083 or by joining their Yahoo Group at <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/rfolkyl>.

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**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**

Meetings held 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month - 7PM at the Pride Center, Waller Avenue

# **Pride Center News**

389 Waller Ave.

859 253-3233

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

**The Pride Center is also open**

**Wed Evenings 5 - 7**

If you would like to volunteer to keep it open one evening a week, call the office at 253-3233.

## **Pride Center Activities**

**Lesbian Movie Nights**

1st and 3rd Thur. 7 pm

We vote on a movie to watch- bring along your favorite to share with us.

**Lexington Insight**

Pot Luck and Discussion Group

**Every Friday night - open to all**

**Pride Center 7:30 pm**

## **DISCUSSION GROUP**

Every Wed. 7 pm Open to all

Jane: ladyjaneky@yahoo.com

**40 + WOMEN**

**This group is reorganizing.**

Please contact Ginger at ggclr@yahoo.com for information.

## **Rent the Pride Center**

The GLSO Pride Center is used on many nights of the week for meetings, discussion groups, film nights, etc. But there are also a number of nights a month when no one is scheduled. We are willing to rent this space for \$25 a hour, with you doing the clean up. It is freshly painted and looks great. If you are looking for a space to have a party or reception, contact our office manager, Bill at 253-3233

## **Pride Center Library**

Our Library continues to be one of our most popular projects. New books videos, DVD's and CDs come in all the time. If you have a book that you think others would enjoy, please donate it and write a review such as the one below.

### **Name All the Animals**

*Written by Alison Smith*

*Reviewed by mary crone*

Alison Smith's first book, Name All The Animals, a memoir published in 2003, has received much deserved attention. It was nominated for a Lambda Literary Award, named one of the ten most notable lesbian books of the year by *The Publishing Triangle*, and was a finalist for a *Discover Award* from Barnes & Noble. It was also nominated for best book of the year by England's *Diva* magazine.

In some respects a traditional coming of age/ coming out memoir, this book stands out because it is also a beautifully written story of a young girl's grief and struggle to survive emotionally after the death of her beloved brother.

As children, Alison and her brother Roy were so close that their mother called them by one name, Alroy. But while still in is teens, Roy dies in a car accident. The family becomes immersed in grief and over the next few years Alison's parents are unable to see that their daughter's grief tis life threatening. She questions the Catholic faith that sustains her parents, develops anorexia, and, finally a stroke of luck, falls in love with a female classmate. She heals, and claims her life for herself.

Smith's writing is powerful and unsentimental. Her story leaves the reader with respect for her survival and a deeper understanding of how human beings can recover from deep despair. I highly recommend this book.

# COMEDY OFF BROADWAY presents

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Featuring *Hostess & MC*

Monday, July 3, 2006

8:00 p.m.

Admission \$6.00

Tickets available at the door  
or on-line at [www.ComedyOffBroadway.com](http://www.ComedyOffBroadway.com)



*The Mistress of Mayhem*  
**HURRICANE SUMMERS**

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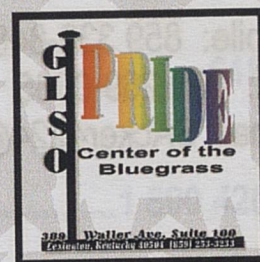
**RHYTHM & BLUES  
ARTIST**



**MISS ROBBIE  
BARTLETT**



This event will also host the  
presentation of this year's  
Wasson and Rainbow  
Community Service Awards



Proceeds to benefit The GLSO Pride Center of Bluegrass

## Kentucky Fairness Alliance Develops Strategic Plan

Kentucky Fairness Alliance (KFA) held its annual strategic planning meeting June 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>. Lisa Weiner-Mahfuz of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force served as a consultant to moderate the two day affair. With Weiner-Mahfuz's guidance, the executive director, the staff, and the board developed a six-month plan that will direct KFA's immediate goals.

Throughout the legislative season, KFA worked on promoting positive GLBTQ legislation and lobbying against defamatory legislation. Now that the legislative season has ended, KFA will re-direct its focus: For the next six months, KFA will create initiatives to educate the voter as to the upcoming November elections.

Phase one of the strategic plan includes the advent of several Action Saturdays. Volunteers will walk door-to-door during certain Saturdays. One Action Saturday will

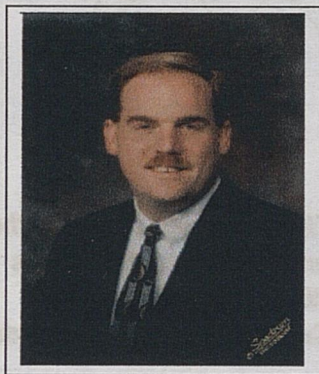
take place July 29<sup>th</sup> in Danville and another will happen August 19<sup>th</sup> in Lexington. The volunteers will not endorse any candidates but instead will talk with as many potential voters as possible in order to discuss GLBTQ issues to identify those voters who would vote pro-fairness.

In phase two, volunteers will call those voters positively identified as pro-LTQBG approximately one week before the elections. The volunteers will educate respondents on the views of the various candidates and encourage them to get out and vote. Additionally, KFAers have discussed the possibility of collaborating with other social justice organizations in an effort to increase pro-fairness voter turn out. KFA will strive to do everything possible to insure a high voter turn out and educate voters as to the viewpoints of the candidates running for office. To the end, KFA needs a lot of volunteers who are willing to walk the districts, to talk to voters, and to make phone calls. Only through large numbers

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### Scott Ackerman

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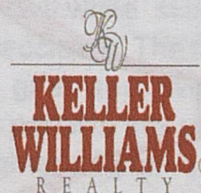
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**Kentucky Fairness Alliance**

Bluegrass Chapter.....806-4114

**Windy Knoll Farm**

Riding Lessons, Trail Riding, Boarding.....299-7410

**Quirk Café and Coffee.....859 846-4688**

Railroad Street in Midway

**Debra Hensley Insurance.....276-3244**

1513 Nicholasville Rd.

**Lexington Lyons .....619-3650**

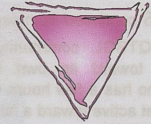
Levi and Leather Club

**Ky. Department for Public Health.....1 800 420-7430**

HIV/AIDS Branch

# GLSO Newsletter Calendar JULY 2006

To schedule events at the Pride Center, call Bill at 253-3233  
Visit us on the web at: [www.webspawner.com/users/glsqxnet](http://www.webspawner.com/users/glsqxnet)



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						Center Open 10a-2p & 6p-9p 2p Narcotics Anonymous call for place 278-7103 7p LexDGA KFA @ Courthouse  <b>Diversity Day</b>
9a and 11a UU Church 10:30 a St. Mychal's 6p SisterSound Rehearsal	8p AA Open Discussion/Speakers (call for place) 278-7103 <b>8p Comedy Off Broadway Pride Cntr Benefit -Bernie, Robbie &amp; Hurricane Summers.</b>	7p GSA (call for place 266-5904) 	<b>Center Open 5p-7p 7p GLSO Discussion Group-PC</b> 8p Gay/Lesbian AA Call for place 278-7103	<b>Center Open 10a-7p</b>	<b>7p Lexington Insight @ the Pride Center</b> 7:30 p Gay/Lesbian AA (call for place) 278-7103	<b>Center Open 10a-2p 12-2p Community Forum @ Maxwell St. Presbyterian Church</b> 2p Narcotics Anonymous call for place 278-7103
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## Weekly Activities:

- Mondays:**  
8pm - Gay/ Lesbian AA  
Discussion/Speaker(Call for  
Location) 278-7103
- Tuesdays:**  
7pm - GSA (Gay Straight Alliance)
- 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:**  
2pm Narcotics Anonymous  
278-7103
- Sundays:**  
9:00am & 11 am - UU Church  
Worship Services.  
10:30 - Mass, St. Mychal The Martyr.  
6pm - SisterSound Rehearsal @  
Landsdowne Presby. Church.

## Bi-weekly:

- 6pm - The Imperial Court  
SoulForce -Call Jamie 230-5625  
7:00pm Lesbian Movie Night

## Monthly Activities:

### Mondays:

7pm - GLSO Board Mtg. (4th Mon.) **New Date**  
7pm - Lexington Lyons (2nd Mon.)

### Saturday:

7pm -LexDGA 1st Sat.

### Sundays:

2pm -Women 40+(2nd. Sun)  
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

## Fairness *continued from page 8*

can the QTGBL community make a difference toward its own betterment. Anyone who has a few hours of time and wants to get active toward a fair and equal future for LBGTQs can contact KFA at 866-205-3239.

In other news, KFA is continuing in its lawsuit against Governor Ernie Fletcher for the appropriations made to the University of the Cumberland. The suit now includes three co-plaintiffs: Rev. Al Pennybacker; Rev. Dr. Paul Simmons, President of the

Board of Americans United for the Separation of Church and State; and the Jefferson County Teachers' Association. People can look for a KFA presence at Diversity Day July 1<sup>st</sup> in front of the courthouse and in the 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade. Finally, KFA would like to thank everyone who visited the KFA booth at this year's pride picnic and to everyone who made the KFA Bowl-A-Thon a success.

For the absolute latest information, check out KFA's newly designed website at [www.kentuckyfairness.org](http://www.kentuckyfairness.org).

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## Telling Our Stories - another in our series

We are printing a series of personal stories that focus on our GLBTQ lives. Stories are one of the original sources out of which "history" will be written. The GLBTQ people that follow us (who no doubt will have new concepts and language to refer to themselves) will be curious about how we identified ourselves, what our struggles were, and how our stories may give new meaning to their lives. We may need to edit so let us know how to contact you. Send to [lexingtonglso@yahoo.com](mailto:lexingtonglso@yahoo.com) or to [marycrone@insightbb.com](mailto:marycrone@insightbb.com).

### The Kiss

I was born at 8:14 am on a Friday morning in 1950 just in time for the weekend. I always felt sure I would've made medical history by being the first newborn to be able to raise her head and cruise the nursery for pink booties and hats. But I guess no one ever saw me do it because I'm sure I'd be famous. But hey, I had other characteristics to cultivate that could bring me fame. I just "let go" of the nursery thing.

From the beginning I knew I was a lesbian. I used to hate that word until I found out what it meant. The first "gay women" were on an island named Lesbos, thus the name of lesbian. I surely wanted to be known as a woman from that island. But I'm getting a head of myself.

When I was a little lesbian I fell for all the little neighborhood girls. I just hated playing girl games. The doll thing was just too much, I mean how many times can you undress, dress, feed and rock Tiny Tears. I saw absolutely no future in it. But

playing "war" or cops and robbers, or football, now there was some games.

Those games required a lot of paraphernalia. Snub nose .38 shoulder holster, war toys- military issue, and of course a football and pads. Wow! I loved to cinch up those pads and pants. I also loved uniforms and planned to go into the service when I was old enough.

My attraction to little girls and masculine toys continued for many years. I always had crushes on the females but depending at what stage of life I was in, changed what I needed to do to impress them. It seems dancing always made them smile at me and if I swivelled my hips a little that was even better.

In junior high I had a crush on Geraldine. She was kinda weird. Always had older boy friends and class rings with angora on them. Geraldine was cramping my style. But I did find out it was cool to give your girlfriend something special.

After junior high school I had to move in with my aunt because my mother died. (That is an extremely condensed version)

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## Gay Independence by Marke Biesche

It's one thing to be patriotic. It's quite another to be "gay-triotic" -- loyal to the country you consider home as well as to the community you consider fabulous. With the recent Supreme Court decision that struck down sodomy laws in states that used them mostly to persecute us, many LGBTs finally feel we have the opportunity to openly celebrate life, liberty and, at last, the pursuit of happiness (among other things). A giant American flag flew over the Castro. Gay veterans became the heroes of many Pride celebrations. Recent GLBT immigrants feel safer. Even queer revelers around the world seemed to share in our shackle-shedding. The feeling, for a lot of us, was exhilaration.

We're not exactly out of the woods yet. There are struggles still to come. Pundits predict gay marriage will be next, but watch out for those "lewd conduct" bills being put before many state legislatures or the current Administration's recent endorsement of faith-based workplace discrimination. And who among us in the past few weeks hasn't ever-so-briefly entertained thoughts of high-tailing it to Ontario to hitch our star to an eligible, well-saddled Mountie or a high-sticking puck monkey. But, hey -- right now we've got Wal-Mart in our pockets, "sodomy" on everyone's lips and change in the air for once. This past Pride season has reaffirmed our sense of ourselves and what we can accomplish. That's enough to frost your cupcakes red, white and rainbow, or perhaps even fly "O! Glory" next to "O! Mary" over your mesquite-scented veranda this weekend.

Happy Independence!

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## **The Kiss ...continued from page 12**

I won the jerk dance contest in 10th grade. I never stopped wanting to run and play sports with the boys. The girls I thought were the cutest couldn't throw a ball or kick a football, or get tackled. That really bummed me out. I was getting just too old to want to hang out with "those boys."

Things got even more troubled at home and I asked to go away to school. Those were the magic words. It seemed in nothing flat I had a scholarship to Pinkerton High School aka Ky. Female Orphan School in Midway, Ky. I hadn't been at the school very long before I discovered the gym. Before I got to know people or if I was especially feeling lonely I'd go shoot baskets.

It wasn't more than a month that I got in too much trouble making noise during study hall. So I started going to the library. So did the cutest girl in the class. Her name was PEGGY, short for Margaret. I used to just look at her lips and think they were so soft.

It wasn't long before Peggy started sitting with me in the library. It felt irrelevant to study in the library so we started writing notes to each other. The purpose of those notes were to make the other one laugh so we'd get kicked out of the library. She was so funny but then I had my moments too.

The notes then turned to sex. The purpose of those notes was to gross each other out. But we couldn't write names of anatomy or an activity because if the note got confiscated we would be in big trouble.

The more I hung out with Peggy the more I knew what it felt like to "fall in love." She was absolutely gorgeous. A tall blonde. What more could I want except to kiss her. Her lips were so red and moist and I'd watch them while she was returning my note. Everyday we were inseparable. She'd look for me and I her until we locked sides at breakfast.

Our code word for a "kiss" was dooboo. Where in the hell that came from I don't know but I sure knew what it meant and I wanted to do it to her sooo bad.

One night after supper we were in the gym shooting baskets. Our school had a basketball team and I just had to make the team. Peggy was on the team. She was 5'9" and I was 5'4" but I thought maybe I could be a great guard.

At any rate, we were shooting baskets one night, I think it was a Friday. I asked Peggy if I could give her a "dooboo." She said yes and I thought I would die right there. My heart started racing and I could feel it. I was standing way over on the side of the gym. If I were going to make this basket it was going to have to be perfectly placed. No back board for this shot. Then I asked her, "A dooboo on the lips if I make this shot?" And she said, "Yes" again. She threw me a good ball. I dribbled it twice and let go of the ball. It was nothing but "string music." The rest is herstory.

### **Great Quotation**

From the Unitarian Universalist web site

Jamie Raskin, Professor of Law at American University, was asked to testify on a proposed constitutional amendment to prohibit gay marriage. At the end of his testimony, Maryland Republican Senator Nancy Jacobs asked: "Mr. Raskin, my Bible says marriage is only between a man and a woman. What do you have to say about that?"

Professor Raskin replied: "**Senator, when you took your oath of office you placed your hand on the Bible and swore to uphold the Constitution. You did not place your hand on the Constitution and swear to uphold the Bible.**"

Citizens have every right to live their lives by their interpretation of the Bible, but they do not have the right to require other people to do so.

**Deadline for Newsletter is always the 15th of the month.**

The August newsletter will be put together between the 15th and the 20th of July.

**So be on time or be left out!**

## Gay Marriage

In early June, efforts to ban gay marriage by amending the Constitution failed badly in Senate. Not only did they not have enough votes, but they also lost two senators that had previously voted for the amendment. Was this simply an attempt by Bush to remind the religious right that the Republican Party deserves their support? Maybe so.

But the religious right is not finished with this issue. They are considering appealing to state legislatures to call a Constitutional Convention under an obscure provision of Article 5 of the Constitution that would allow amendments to the Constitution to be passed without congressional approval.

Meeting at the offices of the Family Research Council, the top leaders of the anti-marriage movement — including Catholic, Protestant and Mormon leaders — discussed the possibility of an unprecedented Constitutional Convention. Two-thirds (34) of the state legislatures would have to call for such a convention.

But even if enough state legislatures agreed, it is not at all certain that a convention would reflect the right wing's agenda; liberals could also suggest amendments. Right-wing pundit Bob Novak believes that banning gay marriage through a constitutional convention would be difficult but not impossible.

If a convention was actually called and a marriage amendment was passed, GLBT organizers estimate that 28 states would easily ratify it. Another eight states might do so after a protracted political fight (which could affect an election cycle). That still leaves conservatives needing two more states to reach the threshold of 38 which is the required three-fourths needed to add an amendment to the US Constitution.

Although it does not seem likely that an amendment would actually be approved in this way, the right wing may proceed in order to have this issue bring votes out in future elections.

## Reframing the Gay Marriage Issue

How can we help people understand that the Republican attention to gay marriage is mainly a political game? Here are some questions that might make the point and encourage a chuckle.

Is gay marriage making gas more expensive?

Is gay marriage changing the climate?

Is gay marriage the reason why 45 million Americans don't have health insurance?

Is gay marriage driving up the deficit?

Did gay marriage falsify intelligence reports to mislead the country into the Iraq War?

Did gay marriage cause corporation to move jobs overseas?

Did gay marriage breach the levees in New Orleans or cause delays in the recovery of Katrina damaged areas?

Is gay marriage one of the freedoms that the terrorists hate? And if so, is it possible that we are focusing on the wrong issue?

In addition, it is always possible to point out that "marriage" has not been the same over the history of our country, much less over the centuries. It was not until the 1960's that the remaining 17 states were forced to give up laws that said black and white couples could not marry.

A decade later, feminists worked for years in various states to make it possible for women to charge their husbands with rape. A few Ky legislators treated this as a joke when it first came to their attention,

personal by telling part of your own story. And even if you personally do not want to get married, you can speak for others in our community, saying we want to get married for the same reasons that straight people do, to form families based on love so that we can care for each other and our children in the best possible ways possible. When you speak from the heart, most people listen.



## Unitarian Universalist Church

The Unitarian Universalist Church of Lexington is a welcoming Congregation. We do not simply accept GLBT folks within our church community, we celebrate their lives... and then ask if they could help teach children's RE. (Seriously, we need you.) Sunday worship service is at 10 am during the summer and up into September.

Unitarians arrived in the colonial period and were very influential in politics over our first 100 years and more. There have been five U.S. Presidents that were Unitarian or Universalist. The two denominations became one in the 1960's.

U.U.'s claim a variety of spiritual paths. Many of us are Humanists, often agnostic or atheist. The Humanist Forum meets every second Wednesday of the month at 7 pm. There has recently been an increase in Buddhists at our church and the Sunday Songa meets before church at 9 am on most Sundays this summer.

The Covenant of Unitarian Universalist Pagans meets weekly after

church and has evening drum circles that are great fun. They are welcoming to people that are not church member as are all our groups. Members within this group come from different earth based traditions and celebrate the turning of the seasons together.

### Comparative Religion Class

On Wednesday, August 2, Rev. Gary Bennet will be starting a Comparative Religions class that will continue for 4 sessions or more. Gary was previously a Baptist Minister and is now becoming a Unitarian Universalist Minister. (This is not as unusual as you may think.)

He is using material from Houston Smith who was one of the first Americans to study and teach comparative religions on the college level. Smith actually spent years in Buddhist Ashrams and Sufi communities learning with respect from people whose spiritual beliefs were then a mystery to most Americans. Please join us for any of our classes or discussion groups on Wednesday nights or for a Worship Service.

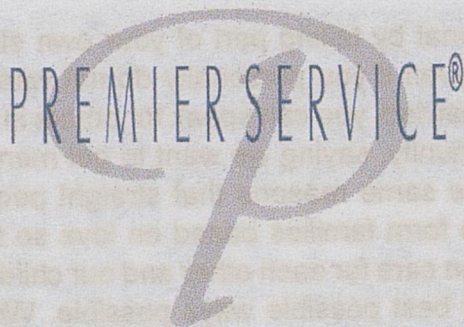
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## GLSO NEWS IS IN NEED OF HELP TO PUBLISH THIS NEWSLETTER

Last time we requested help, we got a few people willing to write articles which was great. We still could use writers but we particularly need people to take on some of the responsibilities listed below. Please call the Pride Center and leave a message for Mary Crone (859-253-3233). Mary will be available between July 11 and July 21 - calls received after that time will be returned in mid August.

**News Editor** - Would be responsible for soliciting and editing news articles for the front page and Community News. Would need to stay in touch with community groups to gather information and to encourage them to write articles for the newsletter.

**Feature Editor** - Would be responsible for soliciting and editing articles, opinion pieces, book reviews, etc and for writing articles on areas of interest. .

**Religious/ Spiritual Editor** - Would be responsible for soliciting and editing information and articles from various religious groups and for writing articles about related issues.

**Advertising Editor** - Would be responsible for soliciting sponsors and advertisers, for placing ads in the newsletter, and for occasional ad design.

If you would like to work towards being **Editor in Chief** of the newsletter we would love to assist you toward that goal. New ideas welcomed. Call the office at 859 253-3233 and leave your name or call mary at 859 266-5904. Mary will be out of town for some of July and Aug. but will get back to you as soon as she can. thanks.

We need your financial support to keep the Center open and to continue these community based projects. Subscribe to the newsletter or give a subscription to a friend.

**Pride Library**      **The Gay Straight Alliance for Youth**  
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## Integrity

### St. Michael's Episcopal Church

Integrity is a support group for GLBT people and friends that meets at St. Michael's Episcopal Church. Our regular meetings will continue on the second Sunday of every month at 4 pm. In July that, will be on the 9th. We have lively discussions about everything from current events to spiritual growth. Everyone is welcome to attend.

On the third Sunday of every month our new group Gen Y Integrity meets at 4 pm. (July 16) This group is for young adults ages 18 through 30. Please join us at St Michael's, 2025 Bellefonte Dr., in Lexington. For more info call 859 243-0998 or email [stmintegrity@yahoo.com](mailto:stmintegrity@yahoo.com). You are also welcome to attend our worship service each Sunday.



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## Jubilee Fellowship

713 East Loudon Ave.

859 514-5518

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 who 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.

We derive our name from the biblical reference of The Jubilee Year. The Jubilee Year of the Bible was a time to proclaim liberty and rejoicing throughout the land. We desire to be joyful every day of the year.

We strive to live our lives in adherence to God's commandments. We open our hearts to God's love and acceptance and use our gifts in ways that will bring God's love to all people.

If this sounds like something you would like to be a part of, please contact Pastor Cori Wood by email at [jfellowship@aol.com](mailto: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 10:30 am. We are located at 649 Price Ave, between 6th and 7th, parallel to N. Broadway. Quakers have no clergy or sermons and we believe that all of us have access to spiritual truths within ourselves.

Our services are unprogrammed meetings which means we sit together in silence until someone is lead to speak from the silence. Such spoken words are usually brief, and there may be several messages or none. We do not have a creed.

We are deeply involved in working for peace and justice within our city, state, and country. We believe in equality and work to improve the lives of all people.

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## St. Mychal The Martyr

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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 Orthodox Catholic Church is one of about three dozen offshoots of the Roman Catholic Church. For information visit : [stmychalthemartyr.org](http://stmychalthemartyr.org).

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