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Lex. Men's Chorus Ninth Concert Season

There will be something to appeal to everyone's musical tastes as the Lexington Men's chorus prepares for its ninth concert season. LMC received a grant from GALA, the Gay and Lesbian Association of Choruses, to commission a major new work from Composer in Residence Brian Throckmorton. Brian has set to music a little known Hans Christian Anderson story titled "The Bell" which will serve as the cornerstone of the Holiday concert "Ring Out" on December 19-20 at the Singletary Center for the Arts.

On April 10th the chorus will bring the hits of the 70's to the Lexington Opera House stage. "We Are Family" is a show written for the Seattle Men's Chorus by David Maddux, a noted composer and arranger for lesbian and gay choruses, and has been performed to enthusiastic audiences in Seattle, San Diego, St. Louis and San Jose. Members of LMC will sing songs from the Carpenters, ABBA and the Village People dressed in bell bottoms, polyester leisure suits and platform shoes; a sight and sound not to be missed.

Building on the successful and satisfying pairing with SisterSound

for the 1998 Pride concert, LMC has invited Voices of Kentuckiana, the mixed chorus from Louisville to join LMC and SisterSound June 12, 1999 for the show "Sing Out." Imagine the pride and thrill of 140 voices filling the stage of the Concert Hall of Singletary Center. The show will also be performed in Louisville June 5th.

Tickets for all concerts are \$12 adults, \$10 senior and student and \$6 children under 10 and are available through the Singletary Center Ticket Office at 257-4929. Season subscriptions are available for \$30 adult, \$25 senior and student by calling the chorus at 266-9175.

Rehearsals begin Sept 10th at 7pm at the Pride Center on Waller Avenue. All who love to sing are welcome there is no audition required. To receive more information about the chorus write PO Box 1913. Lex 40588 or call 266-9175. check out our web site at <http://lexingtonmen-schorus.home.ml.org>.

SisterSound

SisterSound will begin rehearsals for its fourth concert season on Sunday September 13th at 6:00pm at Park Methodist Church on the corner of Clay Ave. and High St. SisterSound is a non-auditioned chorus, comprised of a diverse group of women who enjoy expressing them-

selves in song. Any woman wishing to participate is welcome to become a member.

SisterSound will sponsor a Coffeehouse/Dance on Saturday Sept. 26 from 8pm till midnight at the Unitarian Church. Chorus members will perform a variety of acts from 8-9 and Wishing Chair will play 9-10. The dance will begin at 10. Visual art items will also be displayed, several of which will be auctioned during the evening by silent bid. Admission will be \$5.00 at the door. Come and meet Sister Sound and enjoy an evening of entertainment.

Friday and Saturday, October 2 and 3, SisterSound is having a rummage sale 8am -4pm at the Unitarian Church on Clays Mill Rd.

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Singing for Our Lives Fairness Picnic and Concert

The Kentucky Fairness Alliance (KFA) announces the 2nd annual *Singing for Our Lives* celebration Saturday, Sept. 19 at Juniper Hill Municipal Park in Frankfort, KY. Throughout the day, Kentuckians will arrive from all over the state to picnic and play with family and friends.

Day events beginning at 1pm include a women's softball tournament, panel-making for the AIDS Memorial Quilt and an inter-active music program provided by Earth Heart. The evening begins with an Interfaith service coordinated by Kentucky Metropolitan Community Churches, followed by a concert with ensembles from Louisville and Lexington.

As part of the celebration, KFA will provide time for AIDS Memorial Quilt panel-making. Volunteers will be on hand to help guide folk through the panel-making process. Some materials will be provided, but please bring any materials that will help you craft your panel. Session begins at 2pm and continues throughout the day.

The KFA Family Photo Exhibit will be shown for the first time. This collection will become a traveling display portraying our Kentucky families. Marta Miranda, KFA Steering Committee Co-Chair and the Coordinator of the Family Photo Project said, "We must show people, show our legislators and public officials who we are, where we come from and to reclaim the word family!"

Folk are encouraged to take advantage of Juniper Hill Park's tennis courts, sand volley ball courts, picnic tables and barbecue pits, horse-shoe pits and children's play ground.

Please bring picnic blankets, food, drink (alcoholic beverages prohibited at city parks) and lawn chairs.

Free child care will be provided during the sunset concert. Limited community housing is available. Call the KFA office for more information on community housing, campgrounds and hotels in the Frankfort area.

Singing for our lives commemorates the 6th anniversary of our freedom. On September 24, 1992, the Kentucky Supreme Court affirmed the right to privacy by declaring unconstitutional the existing statute that criminalized intimacy between persons of the same gender.

SCHEDULE OF THE DAY

- 1:00 Exhibition Softball Tournament
- 1:30 Earth Heart Concert and Instrument Making
- 2:00 AIDS Quilt Panel-Making
- 5:00 A Soulful Celebration Interfaith Service
- 6:00 The Dinner Hour
- 7:00 *Singing for Our Lives* Sunset Concert

Directions to Juniper Hill Park: Take exit #53 off I-64, take Highway 127 toward Frankfort. Turn right on Highway 60/460. The Park is 1/2 mile on left. For more information please contact KFA at 502/897-1973 or e-mail at mpricekfa@aol.com.

Gay Play Days

KING'S ISLAND On Friday, Sept. 25 from 5pm to 11pm, the 2nd Annual Pride Night will be held. The Gay & Lesbian Community Center of Greater Cincinnati organizes this event. For more information, check out <http://www.gaycincinnati.com>.

SIX FLAGS On Saturday, Sept. 5 from 10am to 9pm, the first unofficial Gay Day at Six Flags Kentucky Kingdom will be held in Louisville.

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Xena Party

The Warrior Princess and her partner Gabrielle are quite popular with lesbians all over the world, so find out what all the fuss is about Friday, Sept. 25 at 6:30pm at the Unitarian Church. Interweave and GLSO will show the first two episodes of the series.

Bring any memorabilia or magazine articles you have to add to our discussion of who's the cutest. Also, bring a snack to share, and if you're feeling creative, give it a Xena-themed name. Warrior-virgins as well as obsessed fans are invited. For more information, call Davina at 271-6174.

Interweave

Join us Sunday, Sept. 20 at the Unitarian Church for our next monthly luncheon. Please bring a dish to share for our potluck following the church service (approximately 12:30pm). For more information about Interweave and the Unitarian Church, call Davina at 271-6174.

Networking Meeting

GLSO invites everyone to attend the first Networking Meeting of the fall on Tuesday, Sept. 15 at 6:30. This is a potluck so bring a dish and news to share.

All community groups are encouraged to send representatives so that we can learn about and from each other. Individuals new to our community are particularly encouraged to attend. This is a great way to become connected to our LGBT community.

SQUASH BEETLE DANCERS

The Squash Beetle Morris Dancers will host a day of dance in Lexington Saturday, Sept. 12. Dancers from Indiana, Ohio and Tennessee as well as Louisville, Berea and Barboursville will be dancing with us.

We will dance at several downtown locations between 1 and 4 pm. Look for us at Triangle and Phoenix Parks. Details will be available on our web page (<http://cs.uky.edu/~klapper/squash.html>) or by e-mail (goldsmi@cs.uky.edu). We hope we'll see y'all there!

Parenting Group

There is renewed interest in a group for lesbigay people, who are parenting children or who are considering becoming parents. Lori is willing to organize several get-togethers a month, perhaps one for discussion and another centered around an activity. If you are interested, give her a call at 255-4173.

Come Out and Sing

Rehearsals begin Sept. 10 at 7pm for the ninth season of the Lexington Men's Chorus. LMC meets at the Pride Center (387 Waller Avenue) and is open to all gay and gay-supportive men who love to sing. No audition required. For more information, call David at 231-0090.

Wishing Chair

Wishing Chair will be performing at the Cheapside Bar on two Thursdays, September 10 and 24, at

10 pm. Come out to hear some great music by Kiya Heartwood and Miriam Davidson.

Wishing Chair has a great new CD, *Undisputed Country*, which is available at Joseph-Beth Books, Amazon.com, Ladyslipper, CD Central, or can be ordered directly from Terrakin Reconrd, 1-800-ROADDOG.

"Grease Is the Word"

Drag out your poodle skirts, bufont wigs, saddle oxfords and leather jackets. To commemorate the 20th Anniversary of the the movie *Grease*, GLSO will sponsor a sock-hop Saturday, October 24.

Come out as Sandy, Danny, Rizzo, one of the Pink Ladies or any of your other favorite 50's characters.

If you're interested in performing to one of the songs from *Grease*, or helping out in some other way, call Davina at 271-6174.

QUEENS

Congratulations to Miss Leigh Angelique who was crowned the second *Miss Ebony Male* on August 20. The evening raised \$1,100 a portion of which will go to benefit Movable Feast.

Congratulations also to Kevin Hamric who was Queen of the Clloset Ball last month. The Court is planning another benefit with Niagara Falls on Wednesday, Sept 30 at Club 141. This evening will also donate some of the proceeds to Movable Feast.

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MATURE PEOPLE MAKE THE BEST PARTNERS

Eighth and last in a series

by Kelly O'Ferrell

"I think mature people make the best partners...[among] several mature attitudes:...they are not trying to be all things to all people."

From Living With Sobriety

I can still remember sitting at my first girlfriend's kitchen table as she and her newly informed ex-girlfriend tried to do what it is we do when we're breaking up - be friends. The ex-girlfriend said to me, "You know what, Kelly? I hate your f---ing guts, Carol's mother hates your f---ing guts and I f---ed your girlfriend on the way back across the country."

Harsh words to say the least.

Fortunately, those words didn't get inside of me that night. I didn't have anyone who could have helped me put them in their proper perspective. During this triangle (there was another with a boyfriend), I tried to be everything to both of those women. I was understanding, patient, kind, listening. All wonderful qualities - unless they're causing my life to be unmanageable - translation: me feeling crazy!

I learned something just today that applies to that situation. When I think that someone is "The One" - the one who's going to give me the answer, tell me what to do next, give me the money I need, the one I'm *supposed* to be with (as in Divinely inspired) - when I think someone is The One, it's hard for me to let go of them, even when it's hurting me to be with them.

I made a phone call today and thought that the stranger on the other end of the phone was going to be the one who would give me all the answers. I stayed on the phone

longer than I needed to because I wanted desperately for her to be "all things" to me in my latest job venture.

Since Carol was my first, I wanted her to make up for all the lost time. So, it took a while for me to realize that it was time to let go. But, it takes what it takes.

I soon realized that there wasn't going to be enough room in that city for those two women and my self-esteem. First, I moved away physically and eventually emotionally.

When I found Lexington, I began to remember (with the help of supportive people) how to set boundaries and began taking small steps toward taking care of myself first.

So that when my current partner, Tammy, began telling me (during our first few days of dating) about a conversation she'd had with her ex-girlfriend, I was able to say, "You know, I'm not the one to talk to about this."

And even today, five years later, there are still times when I say those same words to her. When I am focused on scarcity rather than abundance, I am not the one to hear Tam's process. But I know there are plenty of others who can. And I trust that she will seek their experience.

One thing that helped me stop trying to be "all things to all people" was when my friends stopped being all things to me (they set boundaries with me). I didn't die when I heard no or when they didn't have time to listen. I may not have liked it, but it was up to me to seek what I needed elsewhere. When I started taking care of myself that way, I realized that other people have the same choice as me. I can either get mad and react (which has meant leaving relationships in the past) or trust that I will get exactly what I need elsewhere. Today, I honor someone telling me they are

busy, because I know that my help is available somewhere else and is just waiting on me. So, I pick up that phone and call someone else.

I've heard people laughingly remember previous relationships: "I'd rather be needed than loved. As long as someone needs me, then I'll..." be in their life, have a purpose, be in control, won't have to look at my life, won't be alone...

Now let me stop and think why I would have even tried to help a boyfriend through the traumatic time when he thought he'd gotten that girl pregnant, or why I felt it necessary to sit and listen to my first girlfriend's ex-girlfriend problems. What was it about me - because I am not a victim of others - what was it about me that was willing to be involved in a triangle? Or for that matter, involved in anything from a conversation to a relationship that keeps me feeling crazy?

I have recently come to the realization that I act from one of two places - fear or love. Today, I believe that when I was trying to be friends with Carol's hostile ex, or take Dale's anxiety of an abortion, I was acting from fear. Fear that I would lose something I couldn't live without - another person. So much fear, that I would listen to verbal abuse or make myself crazy by trying to ease the natural consequences of someone's decision.

And since I had no life of my own (my own friends, interests, activities, place to feel safe...), if I lost that person in my life, then I felt like I just wouldn't exist - which is worse than dieing!

I went through a lot of fear last month trying to make a decision. I've been afraid of looking bad, making

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others mad, being wrong, making others mad, making the wrong choice, making others mad... Tammy has been a wonderful source of strength because she understands these fears and how hard it is to act my way through them.

I have sought the spiritual and emotional support of other women friends through this time. One afternoon, I was telling Tam how grateful I was for each woman's gift: What would love do?; Everything happens for our highest good; You are not alone; Whatever you decide and whatever happens, I still love you.

Tam asked me, "Have I been of any help to you?"

And I told her she had given me a wonderful gift - the gift of time with these women without fear or jealousy. She knows she cannot be all things to me.

It was that very day that a phone

call I had made sparked such fear in me that I needed to stop my plans with Tammy and reason things out with a friend over lunch. When I asked Tam about changing our plans for a couple of hours, she - without hesitation - replied yes.

When we came back together that day, I was no longer obsessed with the future. I was able to enjoy the present and I was thrilled to be with Tammy and continue our day.

When I try to be all things to all people, I am coming from a place of fear. I know this today. I am still afraid that if I don't always listen, always help, always say yes - well then, I'm not a good person, a good employee, a good friend, a good partner. And the price I'll have to pay is you not liking me.

Today, I'm becoming more and more willing to let people and things go if that's the price to pay. I love my

life, my exciting thoughts and my glorious future. I love being in relationship with people I trust will not leave. (I guess I had to become one of those people first.)

I like not being involved in everyone's crisis. I can listen today without having to solve their problems. I can seek experience instead of advice.

My life with Tammy is calm, loving and fun. As you've read in the previous articles, we don't have a perfect relationship, but I believe we have a mature one. Because we are "not trying to be all things to all people" we have time for one another and for ourselves. I trust Tammy to take care of herself and she trusts me to do the same. We have enough loving people in our lives today, that we do not need just one another.

Thank goodness maturity is about progress, not perfection.

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Unheard Voices

The public is invited to "Unheard Voices", an interactive multimedia exhibit of handcrafted portrait castings and viewer-activated oral histories of people who have experienced sexual assault. This exhibit consists of sculptured representations of people who have agreed to have casts made of their faces and have their remarks about their assault experiences videotaped.

You can visit this widely acclaimed national touring exhibit at Kentucky State University, Carl M. Hill Student Center: September 9, 10 & 11, 9 am to 9 pm; September 12, 10 am to 5 pm; and September 13, noon to 5 pm.

Spiritual Teachers

A free public talk on the Heart Teachings of the Buddha will be offered on Fri. Sept 11 @ 7:30 pm in the UK Student Center Worsham Theatre. The teacher is the venerable **Khandro Rinpoche**,

A workshop, *The Heart Practice of the Buddha*, will be held on Sat. 12 and Sun. 13. The cost is \$85. For more information call the Shambhala Meditation Center

at (606) 225-4183. Call 277-3409 to register.

Creation Spirituality theologian, author and visionary, **Matthew Fox**, who was silenced for a year by the Roman Catholic Church for his unorthodox views and activities, will be speaking in Lexington on Sept 17-19. There will be free talks at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday Sept. 17 at the Newman Center, and Friday Sept. 18 at the Singletary Center for the Arts. On Saturday, Sept. 19, there will be a lecture and several workshops at the Lexington Theological Seminary. for which there will be a charge.

Matthew Fox's books include *Original Blessing* and *A Spirituality Named Compassion*. He has recently worked with Witch Starhawk, author of *Dreaming the Dark*, *Magic Sex and Politics*, and *The Spiral Dance*.

KISMIT

Kismit is a gay friendly store located at 321 S. Ashland in the Chevy Chase area. You can find all sorts of rainbow items, interesting clothing, and "universal gifts for the cosmically inclined" on their shelves. Unfortunately, **their phone number was misprinted** in the Pink Pages. The correct number is **335-5477**. We will list Kismit in our directory to help correct this mistake.

Unitarian Views: Why I am a Unitarian Universalist

by Rev. Kelly Flood

This is a selection from a sermon given by Rev. Flood at the Unitarian Universalist Church. It originally contained seven reasons based on our seven guiding principles. It has been shortened. Readings offered during the service have been paraphrased by the editor and these are indicated by brackets.

Unitarian Universalism challenges me, first and foremost, to affirm the inherent worth and dignity of every person. Not just those folk I like, or agree with, not just like-minded people, or people with whom I disagree but find honorable. Everyone. Those I love, those I fear, those who are wounded, those who wound, people I admire, and those I disdain.

It is a challenge I fall short of every day of my life. And yet, as my colleague Ken Collier says, any religion that calls me to be respectful where respect is easy, but lets me off the hook when it is difficult, is not worth bothering with. I reject a religion that does not make me squirm occasionally when I consider my behavior, or that does not call me to grow toward those things that I know I need and want to be.

Which is why I treasure the act of kindling the chalice each Sunday, for this flame is a living symbol of the inherent worth and dignity, the Profound Beauty, that dwells deep within every human being.

This Profound Beauty is the spiritual foundation of life; and I agree with Collier that the religious task is to make the Profound visible in our lives, to lend it our flesh that it

may be incarnate.

This Profound Beauty, which is the root of our worth and dignity, is absolute and even independent of what happens to us or what we may do in our lives. It is no more possible to lose this spiritual foundation than to lose our genetic foundation. It is possible to lose sight of our own profundity. It is possible to blind ourselves to it, to ignore it, to forsake it, to fail to believe in it, to exclude it from the reality of our living to such an extent that we end up doing terrible things to ourselves and others... but it is not possible to lose it.

I need to remember this truth if I am to have a shot at treasuring the inherent worth and dignity of every person, the principle that lies at the heart of our movement-

The second reason for choosing to be a Unitarian Universalist is because this faith tradition stands for Justice, Equity and Compassion in human relations. As my good colleague Richard Gilbert puts it, a healthy spiritual life must express itself ethically. It's why our deeds have always been more important to us than creeds as a religious movement.

It's why we care and work for people living with AIDS, feed and offer shelter to homeless, hungry people by supporting places like the Hope Center, promote equity for people of color in our society and town by joining with groups like the National Conference for Community and Justice to fight bias and bigotry. And it's why we speak out for a person's right to love whomever their heart calls them to love, regardless of their lover's gender.

It is also why each Sunday, during our time of sharing joys and our

concerns, we ritualize the power of this principle in our everyday lives by opening up to each other's stories of pain, perseverance and possibility. We have come to know that to listen, wholly, to another is a foundational and radical act of compassion that inspires us to ever greater acts of caring for ourselves and our world.

The third reason I am a Unitarian Universalist is because this 500 year old tradition calls me to engage in a free and responsible search for truth and meaning. I suspect you and I are not that different when I tell you that one, if not THE reason, I began attending a UU church over 13 years ago, was to fill the deep, empty place I kept experiencing within myself whenever I sat quietly and contemplated the meaning of my life, -of life itself...

To fill this void I discovered the need to say YES once again to joining a religious community, after having lost faith in the church of my childhood. I discovered a desire to explore conventional, and not so conventional forms of worship, prayer, meditation, rituals and activism - all within the context of a faith tradition that made sense, and offered solace, to me as an adult.

I agree with my colleague Frederick Muir when he says "the need for meaning is not a physiological or organic need like the need for food and air. Neither is it strictly nor exclusively a psychological need, like the need for nurturance and affirmation. Meaning is a religious need, sustenance for the soul, life for the spirit."

Unitarian Universalism could be characterized as having a menu approach to truth and meaning. A uniqueness about our tradition that

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strikes many who come here - and keeps them coming back - is the absence of a dogma, creed, as a test for membership.

We each choose to be a Unitarian Universalist without coercion or threat. As my husband Neil recently put it, Uuism is a religion of invitation. Each person is encouraged to explore and engage in variety of metaphors, teachers, scriptures, spiritual practices and social reform efforts to find the right combination that provides sustenance, offers solace, and stresses integrity in the living of life.

This is good, even exciting, for the most part. The problem comes when the search for truth becomes void of any balance. Some seekers explore one spiritual tradition after another - but never discover the center of themselves. [A responsible search for truth and meaning is not characterized by dipping in and out of spiritual traditions, or becoming enamored with each new fad. What we advocated is an honest search, not a scavenger hunt; a journey that may last a lifetime but one that is grounded in some way such as in a community of other seekers.] A free and responsible search is characterized by balance.

And something else... Anthony de Mello, a mystic priest, and author of *One Minute Wisdom*, tells this story: To a visitor who described himself as a seeker after Truth, the teacher said: "If what you seek is Truth, there is one thing you must have above all else."

I Know, answered the student, an overwhelming passion for it.

No, said the teacher, an unremitting readiness to admit you may be wrong.

Our search for meaning in our

lives must be grounded in humility. In a free and responsible search, we need to be aware of and be humbled by our shortcomings, fears, uncertainties and contradictions.

The fourth reason I choose to be a Unitarian Universalist is because this living tradition values the right of conscience and the use of democratic process within our congregations.

I offer this passage by Rev. Paul Beattie from a prophetic sermon entitled "*The Only Basis for Unitarian Universalism*": "Unitarian Universalism's unique contribution to liberal religious theology is our teaching that the individual conscience is the central source of religious authority. As such it is the purpose of the church to nurture the growth of individual conscience. And if we are doing our job faithfully, there are no limits to the growth of this moral and religious force within and between us."

[Rev. Flood then led the gathered community in a conversation where all were asked to consider: "If arrested for being a Unitarian, would there be enough evidence to convict me? U.U. Churches regularly allow for people to dialogue during a Sunday morning service.]

For the benediction I offer this fifth and perhaps all encompassing reason I choose Unitarian Universalism: because this faith of our forebears holds a profound respect for the interdependent web of all existence, of which we, each and every one of us, all creatures of earth and of sky, all beings known and unknown to us, are a part. This closing prayer is from the Navajo Indians of North America, a people who understand more than most what it means to live in harmony with the web of life:

*Beauty is before me
and Beauty is behind me,
Above me and below me
Hovers the beautiful.
I am surrounded by it,
I am immersed in it.
In my youth, I am aware of it,
And in old age,
I shall walk quietly the beautiful trail.
In beauty it is begun.
In beauty it is ended.*

Go in peace and make peace, amen.

If you are interested in hearing Rev. Kelly Flood at the Unitarian Church join us on Sunday, Sept 13 or 20 at 10:45. Interweave will be having its monthly potluck after the service on the 20th. The other two Sundays of the month the worship services will be lead by Worship Associates. The following activities are also taking place at the Unitarian Church.

UU CUUPS Meeting

The September UUCL CUUPS Meeting will be in the Fellowship Hall on the usual 4th Sunday (Sept. 27th) at 12:15, following the church service. CUUPS is a gathering of people interested in various pagan traditions.

The meeting will start with a potluck. We will be planning activities for the coming year. As always, these meetings are open. Please bring food or drink, plus ideas to share. Patrick Buck, program coordinator,

Garage Sale

The infamous UU Garage Sale will be taking place on Labor Day Weekend, Sept. 5 and 6. Come early Saturday Morning (8 am) for the best deals, and there are always good buys on Sunday. (\$1 a bag!)

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THERE'S NO SHORTAGE OF NEED, JUST MONEY, IN FIGHTING FOR OUR RIGHTS

By Deb Price, *The Detroit News*, 6/30/98

Note from Mary Crone: As you read this article, keep in mind that our local groups provide great services to our community on much smaller budgets than are highlighted here. The Pride Center, for example, needs \$4,800 a year to remain open but so far has not raised this much in 1998. If everyone in our community donated just \$5 to their choice of local groups, we would collectively have more than \$50,000 to continue and expand our work. Put a quarter or two in a jar once a week, send a local organization the money (which will be \$6 to \$13) every six months. You can do it! I know your freedom is worth that much to you!

The gay civil rights movement has no shortage of noble causes, no shortage of lofty goals, no shortage of creative energy. What's holding us back is a lack of sufficient money. Our struggle for social and political equality is being run on a frayed shoestring. The multitude of local, state and national gay groups trying to slay the twin dragons of ignorance and prejudice are woefully underfinanced. It's truly amazing what dedicated bands of volunteers, plus a few paid leaders, have accomplished in the past quarter century. But, oh, just imagine how much more would already be won if our hardy groups were fully funded.

The first in-depth study of gay charitable contributions helps explain gay rights groups' cash shortage: Even among those gay men and lesbians who are involved enough to be on a gay mailing list, a paltry \$15 out

of every \$100 given to nonprofit organizations goes to gay political advocacy groups. That's simply not enough. Gay donors actually contribute slightly more to nonprofits than the average American donor - 2.5 percent of personal income vs. 2.2 percent of household income. That's what "Creating Communities," a joint project by the Institute for Gay and Lesbian Strategic Studies and the Working Group on Funding Lesbian and Gay Issues, found in its survey of 2,244 gay people in Milwaukee, Philadelphia and San Francisco. But gay people channel only 42 percent of their contributions into gay groups. Meanwhile, nongay charities get 44 percent, and the remaining 14 percent goes to AIDS work.

Of the gay money given to gay groups of all sorts, barely one-third is contributed to advocacy groups and political campaigns. We gay Americans are the only minority still oppressed by wholesale discrimination that's written into law. Our political needs are so great; our community is so small. And as individuals, many, perhaps most, of us already feel overextended. But mainstream foundations aren't going to bankroll our movement: For every \$100 in foundation awards, less than one dime goes to gay causes. So it's up to us and our allies to find ways to give more generously.

Ask leaders of gay advocacy groups about finances and you'll keep hearing the same thing -- more money would make a huge difference. For example, another \$50,000 a year would "guarantee long-term survival" for Michigan's Triangle Foundation, says chairman Neil Hilton, a volunteer. Two paid staffers fight hate crime on a \$90,000 budget.

"We're always focusing on how we're going to keep the lights and phones on," Hilton adds. (Contact the foundation at www.tri.org or 313-537-3323).

Marriage Project Hawaii, striving for the biggest breakthrough in gay history, has just one -time worker and a \$173,000 budget. With an extra \$50,000, it could register college-age voters before Hawaii's marriage referendum in November, says board member Tom Ramsey. "Once people finally hear our story, we have a very generous response," he says. (Reach the project at www.xq.com/mph or 808-942-3737).

At the National Center for Lesbian Rights, executive director Kate Kendell dreams of having 10 full-time attorneys, not just two. "Giving is increasing, but there still is a lot of apathy that somebody else will do it.... That's how we lose custody for a lesbian mom in Alabama." Most of the \$718,000 1997 budget for NCLR, one of only four gay legal groups nationwide, came from individual gifts averaging \$110. (Contact HYPERLINK <http://www.nclrights.org> or 415-392-6257).

What are our real priorities? Our checkbooks know. So when we say we support gay rights, let's make sure our checkbooks agree.



Pat Predicts

NEWS ITEM: Pat Robertson announced that Orlando, Fla., because it recently hosted a "Gay Day" celebration, can expect "serious hurricanes, along with earthquakes, tornadoes and possibly a meteor." The following commentary is reprinted (edited) from the internet.

If Robertson's prediction turns out to be true, the mind reels with possible applications! Properly situated, concentrations of homosexuals could bring rains to regions that have received no appreciable moisture for centuries, significantly increasing arable land surfaces.

Without specifically acknowledging the potential, Robertson prediction suggests that homosexuals may prove a significant natural resource as fossil-fuel availability diminishes. Once their weather-pattern-altering effects are more reliably established, LBGT people could be paid to establish colonies in places where wind-generators could be operated with considerable efficiency.

I propose that federal funding immediately be diverted to establish the precise mechanism by which gatherings of homosexuals affect the weather. The Los Alamos National Laboratory can probably fairly swiftly identify and isolate the active forces or particles ("Gayrays"? "Homons"?) connecting homosexuals with weather changes. We could then establish satellites containing homocons (concentrations of queer energy) for weather enhancing purposes.

The meteorite potential could be an added benefit. According to Pat, homocons affect the trajectories of meteors and perhaps other large objects flying through space. Once we have established homocon satellites, we could learn to effect these trajectories and radically enhanced our ability to deflect in advance meteors whose existence could otherwise prove dangerous. The mind just can't imagine all the power and potential lesbigay-

trans people have to change the environment as we know it today. Thanks Pat!!

Ohio Lesbian Festival

On Saturday, Sept. 12, from 11 am to 11pm, the 10th Annual Ohio Lesbian Festival will be held outside of Columbus, Ohio near Kirkersville at Frontier Ranch. Advance tickets are available at Alfalfa Restaurant for \$24. Cost will be \$30 at the gate.

This promises to be a wonderful day of comedy, music, shopping, and workshops. Performers include Marga Gomez, Lucie Blue Tremblay, Straight Ahead, Cris Williamson & Tret Fure. For information, call (614)267-3953.

Directions: Take by-pass 270 east around Columbus, Ohio. Exit onto I-70 traveling east to Rt. 310. (WARNING: They say this is 18 miles, but it's not that far so keep your eyes open.) Go left (north) on 310 at Etna to Rt. 40 (Main St.). Turn right onto 40, go 3 miles and watch for the Frontier Ranch sign which will be at the corner of York Rd. Turn left onto York. Entrance to the festival will be 1/3 mile on the left. (If you miss 310, take the next exit, go left up to Rt. 40 and turn left. York will then be on your right.)

VOLUNTEER HELP NEEDED

The GLSO Newsletter is folded and prepared for mailing at the end of each month. We need people willing to come to the Pride Center for an hour or so to help. When we know what day the printing will be finished, we call some of the people on the folding list and ask for help. You do not have to come every month, you do not have to commit in advance for a specific month. For a good time and lively conversation, put your name on the list, call Mary 266-5904. Thanks

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ON THE WAY TO THE IN-LAWS.

by Reinetta F. Jones

Meeting the in-laws should be a memorable experience. For My Love and I the fun started the day the introductions were to take place. We had an early morning flight with one transfer to the back of a mosquito for a short hop to our destination. I was nervous. Kathy, My Love, was more nervous, it was her family that I was to meet.

As we were making our way through the airport for the connecting flight, Kathy looked at me and said, "Bathroom, now!" For a moment I could not move; we had agreed long ago, no sex in public bathrooms unless the world was coming to an end. Was there a connection between meeting her family and the end of the world? What did she forget to tell me? I've heard her tell them I was Black, what part of Black did they not understand? Maybe we should go back home? Yep, we going home.

As I was studying Kathy's face for answers, I realized that it was she who needed the bathroom and quick. I put my arm around Kathy to comfort her as we sought the nearest toilet. From out of nowhere I heard a woman say, "Oh My God!" I did not look down to see what she was talking about, I did not want to know; the bathroom was within sight. The closer we got to the bathroom the more the woman seemed to be repeating herself and she was shouting.

I just had to look. To my relief, nothing was on the floor. But something had sent the chanting woman into a frenzy. There did not seem to be any danger around us that I could detect. A quick glance around the air-

port told me that everyone was ignoring the woman, so I ignored her also. I kept my attention focused on getting Kathy to the bathroom before it was too late.

As we were entering the bathroom the woman's chant picked up speed and got even louder. Knowing my tendency to enter the men's bathroom when I am in a hurry, I feared that I had done it again. And then it dawned on us, the screaming woman was directing her chant at us. Kathy rolled her bobbing head in the woman's direction and glared at her.

This caused the woman to start st-st-stuttering, which sounded like a bad rap song. There was no time to laugh, I was doing my best to get Kathy into the bathroom. Time was of essence and my sense of direction was totally muddled. If we did not hurry, we would miss our connecting flight.

I attempted to guide Kathy into the bathroom. This was not an easy feat because she was not standing very well and I had become the eyes and legs for both of us. Just as we got into the entrance of the bathroom, there was a synchronized sound of zippers being closed. Three men ran out the door to double check the bathroom signs and we followed them. As we were all coming out of the entrance, I noticed the chanting woman was suddenly silent and standing in the middle of the floor with her mouth wide open. I welcomed the silence, it gave me a minute to think.

One of the men went directly to the other bathroom holding his crouch, we followed him. Just as we were turning the corner, the man was met face to face with an older woman who informed him that "this is the women's bathroom!" The man turned toward us with a look of total

confusion on his face, and before he could say anything I made record time guiding Kathy into the bathroom past the man and the older woman.

We had finally made it into the women's bathroom. I could hear a heated discussion taking place outside the bathroom. The chanting woman wanted to tell of the sins of that Black woman and that White woman. But her story was immediately cut short by the older woman who was telling the chanting woman and the man where to go and how to get there.

And that was the end of the discussion, not another word. All was quiet outside the bathroom. After a few minutes Kathy was feeling better. We left the bathroom ready to confront the group, but they were all gone. I took My Love's hand and we made our way to the flight gate that would lead us to our seats on the back of the mosquito.

To the three men who ran from the bathroom, we offer our most sincere apologies.

To the screaming woman,

fill in the blank!

To the older woman, THANK YOU! Intercultural Lesbians!

Networking Meeting

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PSYCHOLOGISTS MEET

The annual Meeting of the American Psychological Association was held this August in San Francisco. There were a number of excellent presentation on lesbigay-trans issues. We will share some of the ideas and information presented over the next few months. The following is a report on the research of Karen Franklin taken off the Unitarian Interweave list serve.

Who Harasses Us?

Nearly one-quarter of community college students who took part in a survey admitted to harassing people they thought were gay, a University of Washington researcher says. The survey of nearly 500 students, said to be the first of its kind, was presented Sunday at the A. P. A. convention. Previous studies had mostly focused on the victims of such crimes.

The study by psychologist Karen Franklin found that 24 percent of those surveyed admitted to anti-gay name calling. "Indeed, assaults on gay men and lesbians were so socially acceptable that respondents often advocated or defended such behavior out loud in the classrooms, while I was administering my survey," Ms. Franklin wrote.

Among men, 18 percent said they had physically assaulted or threatened someone they thought was gay or lesbian. Another 32 percent admitted they were guilty of verbal harassment. The figures were less for women.

Ms. Franklin's study, which did not identify the colleges of those surveyed, reported that almost half the students said they would assault again in certain circumstances and either lacked remorse or did not see anything wrong with their behavior.

Many explained their actions as self-defense, which Ms. Franklin said was based on their perception that gays are sexual predators. Others were thrill seekers or simply went along with their peers. Students who held back from attacking or harassing gays did not necessarily show more tolerance than the assailants. Many feared getting in trouble, she said.

Rape Crisis Center


The Lexington Rape Crisis Center needs volunteers to answer the Hotline in their homes, to offer information and support to victims and their loved ones, and to meet women at the hospital. A series of free training sessions will be starting on Friday, Sept. 18 and continuing for several weekends. To apply for this excellent training, call Stephanie at 253-2615 before September 11.



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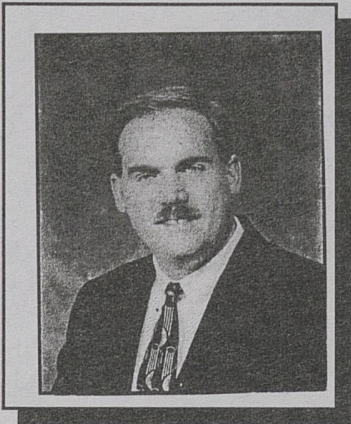


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