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LMC GALA HOLIDAY CONCERT with Ann Hampton Callaway

Holiday traditions: tree trimming, carolling, gatherings of friends and family, and for the last eleven years, the Lexington Men's Chorus winter concert. This year the chorus is giving the community a fabulous present in the form of Ann Hampton Callaway. Ms. Callaway will join LMC and an 11 piece orchestra on the stage of the historic Lexington Opera House at 8 pm December 15th for a night of sheer entertainment.

The chorus will sing all your favorites, including "Carol of the Bells," Winter Wonderland," and "Merry Christmas Baby." Ann will join LMC for five numbers including, "Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas," "Parade of the Wooden Soldiers," and "God Bless My Family."

Ms Hallaway, singer/song-writer and Tony Award nominated actress, is perhaps best known for her song "The Nanny named Fran," and for her composition "I've Dreamed of You;" written for Barbra Streisand to sing to James Brolin at their wedding. Ann will perform a solo set that will include "White Christmas" and a Christmas improv whichContinued on page 2

GLSO Banner Year

As we come to the close of 2001, GLSO would like to thank all who have generously donated money and time to GLSO and our community projects. We have had a dramatic increase in financial contributions and volunteer hours which has resulted in a banner year for our community.

The new Pride Center opened in June after months of work by numerous individuals who planned the space, constructed walls, drove nails, painted and helped decorate The Center has become a focal point for activity. Since opening 23 different community groups have used the space and the number of meetings has increased dramatically to over 25 per month.

Managing the Center has become an enormous task and GLSO has hired Ginger Moore as part-time office manager. Most of her time at the Center is still on a volunteer basis; we have written another Gill grant request to enable us to increase her hours. Volunteers help keep the Center open including Saturday hours. The decision to maintain daily office hours ...continued on page 2

Pride Center Party page 3

World AIDS Day-Dec 1

The fourteenth annual World AIDS Day will be observed around the world and in Lexington on December first. World AIDS Day aims to increase awareness of HIV/AIDS both globally and in the U.S. This year's theme is "I Care... Do You? Youth and AIDS in the 21st Century."

There will be several local events: in observance of World AIDS Day. AIDS Volunteers, Inc. (AVOL) will have a walking contingent in the Lexington Christmas Parade on Dec. 1. AVOL encourages any interested community members to join our contingent

The Episcopal Diocese of Lexington AIDS Ministry and AVOL will be sponsoring "A Service in Remembrance and Hope" at 5:30 pm at Christ Church Cathedral 166 Market St. ...continued on page 2

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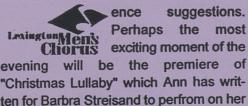
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first CD of holiday songs in 30 years.

World AIDS Day

Immediately following the service there will be a candle-light procession to Cheapside Park and a candlelight vigil. For more information about local activities call AVOL at 225-3000.

This year's focus on youth is vital; half of the people newly infected with HIV in the U.S. are under age 25. Every minute, five young people become infected. More information on page 8

GLSO continued form page 1 has paid off, many people drop in to chat, to pick up a newsletter, check out the calendar, or to peruse our Library.

And the Library is another success. It currently includes over six hundred books, and twenty audio and video recordings, all donated by members of our community. Opening in June, the library has issued over 100 cards, and is used by university students, parents, and other non-GLBT folk as well as members of our community.

In April GLSO started a Gay Straight Alliance for Youth. We have had approximately 26 young people attend with 12 active members at this time. We have programs with the help of various volunteers in the community, show movies, play games, and discuss coming out issues. The six adult mentors that have worked with the youth are having as much fun as the kids. Although most of the youth find their way to us by word of mouth, we have also sent flyers and information to school counselors and social workers, mental health centers, and youth organizations in central Kentucky.

Pride Month provided all of us with a variety of activities organized and produced by many community organizations. We particularly appreciate Scott Ackerman and the Bar Complex for becoming Pride Month Sponsors, giving us the financial backing that supported advertising, picnic and play costs, and an opening gala for the Pride Center. We also thank the Health Department for the financial support that helped Sistahs in the Life, Ebony Male, and GLSO produce a Unity Dance.

There have been additional accomplishments in 2001. The GLSO News has increased in size and in distribution numbers. We have begun an outreach program into southern and eastern Kentucky, sending the GLSO News to libraries, tertiary schools, public health departments, and mental health centers. The newsletter is now being produced in house with the help of the copier we have been able to rent.

The GLSO Board is proud of our accomplishments this year and we are indebted and grateful to all of you that contributed to these successes. Lets keep moving forward.

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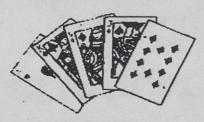
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Entertainers for the evening are: Tiffany Andrews, Rayna Starr, Mescha, Miss Sheena, Tracy Taylor, Randi Layne, and Cheyanne. Crossings is located at 117 N. Limestone. Please join us and show your pride and support with the spirit of giving to those who have suffered such a great loss.



Williams-Nichols Institute Seeks Donations for GLBT Archives

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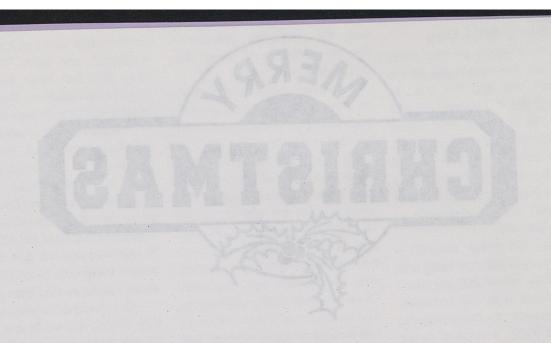
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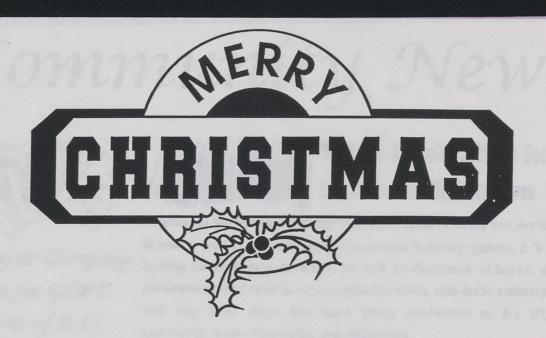
Miriam and Kiya will be playing in town at least twice this month. On Wed. Dec.19 at Lynagh's Music Emporium with Mother Jane at 9pm. On Saturday, Dec. 29 at Mia's at 9 pm. Wishing Chair CDs are available online goldenrod.com amazon.com. and cdbaby.com. In Lexington Joseph-Beth Booksellers and, of course. from us www.terrakin.com.



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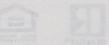
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World AIDS Day

As we observe another World AIDS Day, the magnitude of the pandemic has led the U.S. to declare AIDS a national security threat. As of 2000, 36.1 million men, women, and children worldwide are estimated to be living with HIV/AIDS, and 21.8 million have died from AIDS. Approximately 1 in every 100 adults worldwide is infected with HIV.

In the US alone, 800,000 – 900,000 people are now living with HIV or AIDS, and 40,000 are newly infected each year. All communities are affected by the continuing spread of AIDS. According to the Cabinet for Health Services, as of June 30, 2001, 6,041 people have been diagnosed with HIV/AIDS in Kentucky. Of that number, 1707 have died. (For more local statis-

tics, Ky HIV/AIDS Semiannual Report at http://publichealth.state.ky.us/hiv-aids.htm).

This year there is an emphasis on increasing awareness of youth and AIDS. Half of the people newly infected with HIV in the U.S. are under age 25. There is also a growing number of young people who were invected with HIV in utero. Before the mid-1990's children with H.I.V. lived to an average age of 9. But thanks to breakthroughs in antiretroviral medication, the average age has risen. There are now 2,400 adolescents who were born with H.I.V. infection, and thousands more who will turn 13 over the next five years.

Many infected teenagers have had extremely difficult, fractured lives. Dr. Futterman says this group is particularly vulnerable. "Many have lost their mothers, so they have to deal with that tremendous sadness," she said. "They may have also lost other friends who were H.I.V.- positive. The roots of trauma are deep in their lives."

World AIDS Day will link communities throughout the United States in a unified observance when the White House dims its lights on the evening of Dec. 1. This visual demonstration will signify the commitment to fight the AIDS global epidemic and will give tribute to people living with HIV/AIDS and to those who have died from AIDS.

One hundred ninety-one countries around the world are observing this day to draw attention to the AIDS pandemic. Lexington observances are detailed on the front page. For more local information, please contact AIDS Volunteers, Inc. at (859) 225-3000.



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Gay Heroes: Alexander The Great



Alexander The Great was King of Macedonia and conqueror of the world. He overthrew the Persian Empire and extended his rule from Greece to Egypt and all the way to India. Alexander's achievement laid the foundation for the

Hellenistic world, the Roman Empire, and even the spread of Christianity; all the New Testament writings were in Greek as a result of Alexander's influence.

2,300 years ago men in Greece had wives, mistresses, and lovers of either gender. Alexander's father, Phillip of Macedon, had male lovers and also many wives, a problem when half-brothers would fight to the death over the throne. Alexander refused to marry and beget an heir when he left Macedon to conquer the world.

Alexander loved his boyhood friend, Hephaestion. Both brilliant boys, they were tutored by Aristotle, with whom Hephaestion kept up a lifelong correspondence. Alexander and Hephaestion felt like the two heroes Achilles and Patroclus, from "The Illiad," which was Alexander's favorite book.

Hephaestion started off as a regular cavalry soldier-Alexander did not play favorites-and rose through the ranks on merit and carried out the most important military and administrative assignments. Later, Alexander also fell in love with a courtier from the conquered Persian court, scandalous not because the courtier was male, but because he was Persian--most Greeks thought that other people were barbarians. Alexander married a princess from a far away mountain kingdom of Asia, but it's unclear if he loved her because their only child was born much later. He also married the defeated Persian king's daughter, a purely political marriage, and Hephaestion married her sister, since he and Alexander wanted their children to be cousins.

After they conquered Asia, Hephaestion died suddenly of typhus. Alexander's grief was monumental. He asked the oracles if Hephaestion was a god (back then people could become gods by achievement) and was told that Hephaestion was indeed a hero, a lesser type of god. Now Alexander, who had no doubt about his own divinity, knew that he would meet his beloved again in the Blessed Realm, where gods and heroes live.

Alexander impregnated his first wife and died before the child was born within eight months of Hephaestion's death, just as Achilles had followed Patroclus in the Illiad. He was 32 years old.

As a general, Alexander is among the greatest the world has ever known. He commanded from the front, leading the cavalry side by side with Hephaestion. Alexander was wounded by every weapon of war known at the time. He even jumped down alone into an enemy citadel and fought until he could be rescued-taking an arrow in his chest for his trouble. These traits inspired love and devotion in his army who followed him 22,000 miles (on foot) for eight years!

You can learn more about Gay Heroes from the website GayHeroes.com, which is where this article was obtained.

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Miss National At Large

For the last year, Mark Johnson, Miss LaToya BaCall, has reigned as Miss National At Large and has just crowned the new title holder at the Parliament House in Orlando, Fla. "It has been an honor and a joy to hold a national title," LaToya says. "It has enabled me to travel and to perform in eight states. I love entertaining."

Mark's first experience with drag was in college when he was just coming out. He soon came face to face with the prejudices and misunderstandings directed at drag entertainers. The most common myth, than and now, is that drag queens want to be women. Men and women have experimented with wearing clothes designated for the "other" gender for centuries, and their reasons are as varied as the styles they adopt.

Mark was effected by the neg-

ative comments about drag and stopped entertaining after a few shows. Then in 1994, Ebony Male put on a drag show as a fundraiser which rekindled Mark's interest. He became committed: "If I was going to do it, I wanted to do it right." LaToya Becall was reborn.

LaToya first represented KY at the Nation At Large Pageant in 1999. She wanted to compete again so entered the Miss Ohio At Large Pageant. After winning that title she was again eligible for the national competition. LaToya was crowned Miss National At Large in Orlando in November of 2000.

Drag shows have been a mainstay of gay entertainment for decades. National Competitions and titles have become more numerous within the last ten years and have also been customized to be inclusive of a variety of contestants. The Miss National At Large pageants are limited to contestants that are a least 200 lbs. The Miss Classic pageants are for entertainers who are at least 35 years old. There are also pageants for African American and for Hispanic drag queens.

Lexington has produced several other national title holders including Miss USA At Large-Chelsea Pearl, Miss National 98-Ashley Kruize, and Miss Continental-Cesanne. All these who started in career in KY.

For Latoya, winning a national title has been personally gratifying. It has also helped Mark in his work (HIV AIDS education and prevention). Mark is able to meet people as LaToya he would not have met as Mark. LaToya's competitive spirit will probably keep her entertaining for years. Mark is particularly pleased that his mother has attended one of his shows and has become more accepting of his talents in this area.

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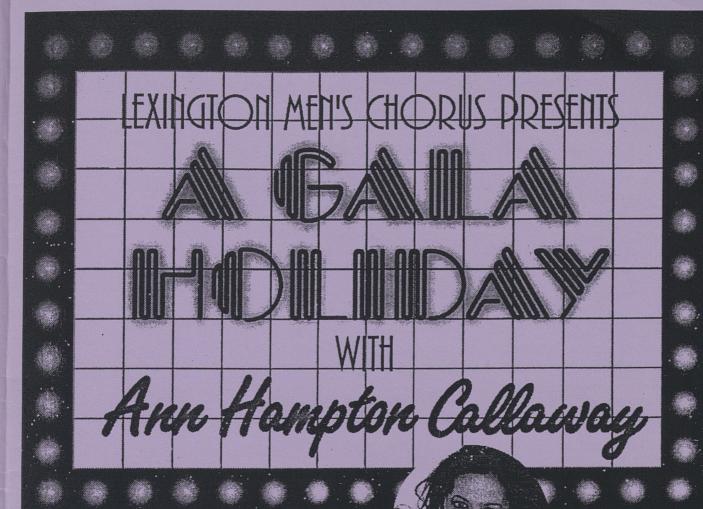
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