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Pride Festival 2008 We Are Family

The Pride Planning Committee of GSLO met in March and decided that it was time for a downtown festival in celebration of Pride Month. We are planning an exciting event complete with entertainers, music, shows and vendors. We Are Family is our theme.

We were thrilled that so many representatives of organizations and businesses attended. We also welcome individuals to meetings, and we need volunteers at events. If you are interested in helping, call the Pride Center at 253-3233 and leave your name, phone number and email address. If you have a specific area of interest, you can let us know that also.

Organizations and Businesses that were

represented at the first Pride Planning Meeting, 2008

GLSO Bluegrass Fairness
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Kentucky Stonewall Democrats

Organizations that are planning their own Pride Month event should get us information about date, time, place, and a discription of the event ASAP. We are building a calendar and weekend days will fill up quickly. The deadline for advertising in our pamphlet is May 1.

Everyone is welcome to the first meeting in April, on Saturday 12, at 1 pm at the Pride Center. We need everyone's help. Please join us.

For the Bible Tells Me So

Is there any way to build bridges between the LGBT community and those who believe that Christians should stand in opposition of everything gay? How is our cultures changing as more and more families realize they have gay, lesbian, bisexual, intersex or transgender people "at their table"? These are the questions at the heart of Daniel Karslake's documentary "for the Bible tells me so"

The Kentucky Conerence for Community and Justice (KCCJ) is hosting screenings of this film at the Kentucky Theater on Tuesday, April 29, at 5:30 and 7:30 p.m. The admission cost will be the same as that usually charged by the theater.

This documentary explores how people of faith handle, or sometimes fail to handle, having a gay child. It focuses on the experiences of five Christian American families who have a gay family member. including the families of Episcopal Bishop

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Community News

"for the Bible tells me so" Tuesday, April 29 KY Theater

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Gene Robinson and House Majority Leader Richard Gephardt.

Informed by such respected voices as Bishop Desmond Tutu, Harvard Theologian Peter Gomes, Orthodox Rabbi Steve Greenberg, and Reverend Jimmy Creech, "for the Bible tells me so" offers healing, clarity and understanding. Please support KCCJ in this endeavor.

Russ Coulter Becomes Mr. Kentucky Leather 08

Slade Andrews, chosen Mr. Kentucky Leather 2008 last October, has resigned the title for personal reasons. His successor is Russ Coulter of Louisville, KY who was first runner-up. Russ will represent Kentucky at the International Mr. Leather 2008 contest in Chicago, IL, May 22-25, 2008.

Claw Nation Tour

Congratulations to Bill Howard, Mr. Kentucky Leather 07, for coordinating and hosting the Claw Nation Tour at Club Bang on February 16, 2008. A total of \$1,226.00 was raised, half of which will be divided between GLSO and Moveable Feast with the balance going to CLAW for their national charities.

Special guests assisting were: Slade Andrews, Mr. Kentucky Leather 08; Russ Coulter, Mr. Kentucky Leather 08 runner-up; Crisco Schiefer, Mr. Dixiebelle Leather 07; Mike Blankenship, Mr. Queen City Leather runner-up; Brian Plagge, Mr. Best Basket 07; Roy Smith, Mr. Midwest Bear 03; and Scott Perry, International Mr. Bear 2001.

Bluegrass Women's Network

Bluegrass Women's Network is a social group for women of all ages. We have gone camping, shared dinner at local restaurants, and gone to the comedy Club together. To receive emails about events. Contact debbywoman@gmail.com.



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IMPERIAL COURT APRIL EVENTS

The Imperial Court of Kentucky continues another strong year of fundraising with several upcoming April events. The first event is the culmination of the Entertainer of the Year series with several contestants from Empress Lawren's female line vying for the title of 2008 Entertainer of the Year. Throughout this year, Naomi Wilde, Adrianna Armand, Eve St. Mychal, and Adriana Fuentes have hosted individual shows and have collectively raised over \$3400 already.

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The final show will be held on Wednesday, April 16, at Main Street Live. Doors open at 8:30 pm with the show beginning at 9:30 pm. Cover is a suggested \$5 donation to the Court. Entertainer of the Year 2007, Georgia Peach, will step down that evening. Each contestant will have performances that will add to their fundraising totals, with the contestant raising the highest cumulative total being named Entertainer of the Year 2008. Along with the title and crown, the winner receives a command performance at Coronation 27, on June 8th.

The other April event will be the annual Miss Derby Pride Pageant. Contestants will compete in various Derby-themed categories, including Derby Presentation, Talent and Creative Evening Wear, Derbystyle. Entry fee is \$10. For an application or more information, please contact Empress Lawren at lawrenlamoore@insightbb.com. The event will be held at Bluegrass Connections on Winchester Road, with doors opening at 8:30 pm and pageant beginning at 9:30 pm. Cover is a suggested \$5 donation.

In March, the glitz and glamour of Hollywood was present at the Kentucky Theater as the Imperial Court of Kentucky hosted its 12th Annual Falsie Awards. The evening was a celebration of the accomplishments of our local drag community, with numerous awards presented throughout the evening. Local entertainer and community activist, LaToya Bacall, was presented with the Lifetime Achievement Award for her many years of service and accomplishments. Empress 26 Lawren and Emperor 26 Brad also made check presentations to Moveable Feast Lexington, AIDS Volunteers of Lexington, and the GLSO, from donations given from Reign 26 thus far, which totaled over \$6,000.

Look for other upcoming events and information from the court including a newly launched website at www.imperialcourtkentucky.org and information regarding Coronation 27, Wonka's Circus Trip, which will be held on June 8th at the Radisson Plaza Hotel.

Visit the court's Myspace page at www.myspace.com/imperialcourtofkentucky. Pictures from all events are on the page, so you can see how much fun the court has raising funds for its charitable causes. If you would like to become more involved with the Imperial Court of Kentucky, contact the Board of Directors at limpCtKY@aol.com.

Lex. Fairness Thanks Legislators

Lexington Fairness, formerly known as Bluegrass Fairness of Central Kentucky, shouts out a loud "THANK YOU," to the legislators who killed HB112 in committee in March. The bill would have forbidden public universities from providing domestic partner benefits.

UK and UofL already offer such benefits under different names such as "dependent sponsor benefits," but HB112 would have forced them to discontinue offering those benefits. This defeat of the bill allows the universities to continue offering their benefits and serves as a major win for fairness issues.

Look for the latest in developments at www.bgfair.org or www.lexfair.org.

Bitch

& The Exciting Conclusion

Bitch will be playing and singing at The Dame, 156 West Main, on Friday, April 4 at 7 pm. Tickets are \$8, call 226-9005. You can check Bitch out on www.BITCHMUSIC.com.

I have seen Bitch perform at Michigan over the last several years and she is great. She use to be part of Bitch and Animal and now plays with The Exciting Conclusion. She will be at Michigan this summer playing with Ferron.

Lexington Lyons Leather/Levi Club

The Lexington Lyons meet the second Monday of each month. Join us on Monday, April 14 at the Pride Center, at 7 pm. The Lyons are a group of friends who celebrate strength, unity, and diversity for those who enjoy the Leather /Levi Lifestyle. For information visit http://www.lexlyons.org.

Couple Research Seeks Participants

Sherry Rostosky, PhD, and Ellen Riggle, PhD, are looking for couples to participate in a new study about relationship challenges/issues related to being a same-sex couple. You will be asked questions about family of origin, work, religion, discrimination, or other external pressures, and how couples respond to those challenges.

A monetary stipend is offered to compensate couples for participating. All information will be confidential. If you and your partner are at least 25 years old, have been together at least 4 years, and would both like to participate, please go to www.PrismResearch.org for more info. or email rostosky@coe.uky.edu.

Art House Movies

Davina and Kathy have started an Art House Movie and Discussion Group through the Unitarian Universalist Church. You do not have to be a church member to join us for an evening of independent film and discussion.

The group meets the first Thursday of the month to view a film at approximately 7 p.m. at the Lexington Green Movies 8 or the Kentucky Theater. Afterwards the group discusses the film at a nearby restaurant.

An e-mail listing the movie, theater and meeting time is sent the Monday before the group's meeting date. To be added to this notification list or for information, contact Davina at artemis 427@yahoo.com.

LOGO Channel = Gay TV

If you have seen the articles about the Logo channel printed in the newsletter, you know that there is interest in our community for encouraging Insight to add this channel to their line-up. They will be considering what channels to add to their list in May. So this is the best time to make requests.

You can call Insight at 859 514-1400 or visit them at www.insight-com.com. From the homepage go to the HELP tab at the top right and click on CONTACT US. If they receive enough calls, we may gain access to this wonderful channel.

If you are not familiar with LOGO, check out www.logoonline.com.

OUTsource

OUTsource is for GLBTQQA students at U. K. Their mission is to provide an affirming, safe, and confidential space where students can learn more about gender identi y, human sexuality, and related issues. For more information email outsourcequestions@gmail.com or call the office at 323-3312.

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GLSO Pride Center

389 Waller Ave. 859 253-3233 Open 10 to 3 Mo - Fr 12 - 2 Sat.

Discussion Group

Every Wednesday Night Pride Center 7 to 9 All Are Welcome

Lexington Insight

Lexington Insight will meet for our regular potluck on the first Friday, April 4, at 7 pm at the Pride Center. We will plan an InsightOut activity for April 18. For info call Dana at 859-230-2428

Michigan Womyn's Music Festival

The Michigan Womyn's Music Festival will be August 5-10. To see the performance schedule, ticket costs, etc. go to www.michfest.com. This festival can change your life.

You can actually get on to the land on Monday, Aug. 4 at 1 pm. The line on Monday will be long; we get in line at 6 am and get through the gate at 3:30 or 4. Some people get in line at 3 am. On Tuesday, gate opens at 8 am and there will not be much of a line.

Why do people want to wait in line rather than go on Tuesday? They want to sign up for workshifts before the best ones they fill up, they want to get their tent or their collective of many tents including living room set up, or they just yearn to be "home" as soon as possible.

One thing that I will not miss this year is a production of the Vagina Monologues with Alix Olson directing. Marga Gomez, Staceyann Chin, Elvira Kurt and Alex Olson will perform. Musicians that will be performaing include Ferron and Bitch, BETTY, Ubaka Hill, Laura Love, Holly Near, Chix Lix Flix, and many more.

Spring Fling

Got your taxes done yet? If so, come on down to the Pride Center and CELEBRATE April 17th!!! The GLSO is hosting a Spring Fling, a mixer for Singles. Pizza and soda will be provided. BYOB if you so choose. Party begins at 7 PM. See all you Singles there!

Emotional Abuse support Group

A support group is forming for women who have suffered emotional abuse in the past or in the present. It can be difficult even to think of what is happening as abusive. If you are questioning what is happening or has happened to you and want to know more, call C.W. at 539-4229.

This group may be appropriate for women who experienced abuse in childhood. Please give me a call. It can be healing to talk with other women.

TransKentucky

TransKentucky is a support, social, and resource group serving Lexington and Kentucky. Our mission is to provide a safe place for transgender individuals and others who do not fit the standard gender norms. At meetings we will support each other, offering advice, resources and insights from our own unique experiences. This is not a therapy group.

Family, friends, and supportive community members are invited to attend to gain understanding of issues concerning gender presentation, identity, and variance. We meet on the first Saturday of each month at 7:30 pm in Lexington. Meetings are free and you may dress however you feel comfortable. For info and meeting place email TransKentucky@gmail.com

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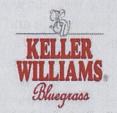
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Recovering our History Dr. Franklin E. Kameny

Dr. Franklin E. Kameny, born May 21, 1925, has been a gay rights activists for the last fifty years. His work has impacted how I have lived my life and how you live your's.

In 1957, Kameny was dismissed from his position as an astronomer in the Army Map Service in Washington, D.C. because he was gay and therefore a security risk. . At that time there was not a gay rights movement, only a few individuals that published under pseudonyms and rarely took public positions.. Many GLBT people accepted what they were told by the "expert":: that they were sick, sinful and/or criminal.

Meek acceptance was not Frank Kameny's response. This World War II combat veteran did not walk away from the injustice. In 1961, he petitioned the Supreme Court describing his firing as "a persecution and discrimination not one whit more warranted or justified than those against . . . other minority groups." The Supreme Court declined to hear the case,

That same year Kameny and Jack Nichols co-founded the a chapter of the Mattachine Society in Washington, D.C. Under Kameny and Nichols, this group launched numerous campaigns in opposition of::

Denial of government security clearances to homosexuals,

Removal of homosexuals from the military,

Denial of employment by the federal Civil Service Commission,

Criminalization of homosexuality and homosexual practices,

Entrapment and harassment by police and other civil authorities, and

Classification of homosexuality as a psychiatric disorder in the American Psychiatric Association's DSM 2.

In 1963, Dr. Kameny and the



In 1971 Dr. Kameny became the first openly gay candidate for the U.S. Congress.

Mattachine Society launched a campaign to overturn sodomy laws and to remove the classification of homosexuality as a mental disorder from the American Psychiatric Association's manual of mental disorders.

Kameny and Nichols launched the first public protests by gays and lesbians with a picket line at the White House on April 17, 1965. New York's Mattachine Society and the Daughters of Bilitis, headed by Barbara Gittings, expanded the picketing to the Pentagon, the U.S. Civil Service Commission, and to Philadelphia's Independence Hall for what became an annual event

Dr. Kameny was a panel member along with Barbara Gittings and John E. Fryer (Dr. Anonymous) at the 1973 American Psychiatric Association symposium on homosexuality and psychiatry, a key event in getting homosexuality de-listed as a mental illness

It took nearly a decade to change the Psychiatric conception of GLBT people as mentally ill. Dr. Kameny has written about this struggle. Part of his first hand account is on page 12.



Domestic partners may share similar goals with married individuals, yet they face unique challenges when it comes to financial planning. We will help you develop a plan that's appropriate to your needs—one that takes into account not only where you want to go, but also how you want to get there.

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You & Us



GLSO Newsletter Calendar APRIL 2008

To schedule events at the Pride Center, call Bill at 253-3233 Visit us on the web at: www.GLSO.org

Thursday

Sunday Monday Our Thanks to This Month's Newsletter Sponsor Ernesto Scorsone Attorney At Law 859 254-5766 8p - 9p Gay/Lesbian AA Call for place 948-3434 10:30 a St. Mychal's 11a UU Church 6:00p SisterSound Rehearsa

Tuesday 7p GSA (call for place 266-5904) 9p Karaoke @ The Bang a fund-raiser for The PC

Wednesday 7p GLSO Discussion Group-PC

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7p Art House Movie

Friday 7p Pot-Luck @ Cente LEXINGT • insight • 7p BITCH @ The Dame

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Saturday Center Open 12n-2p 7p TransKentucky contact for place:



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Committee Mtg @ PC

7p GSA (call for place 266-5904) 8p Line-Dancing @ The Bang

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7p GLSO Discussion Group-PC

7:00p GLSO Board Mtg.

7:30p-8:30p Gay/Lesbian AA Call for place 948-3434 Center Open 12n-2p

Wednesdays: 7pm - GLSO Discussion Group

Mondays:

Tuesdays:

Fridays: 7:30p - 8:30p Gay/Lesbian AA (Call for Location) 278-7103

Weekly Activities:

8p - 9p Gay/ Lesbian AA

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Discussion/Speaker(Call for

7pm - GSA (Gay Straight Alliance)

9pm - Karaoke Tunesday @ The Bar Complex

Saturdays:

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Sundays:

10:00 am - UU Church Worship Services. 10:30 - Mass, St. Mychal The Mart

6pm - SisterSound Rehearsal @ Landsdowne Presby. Church.

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

9p-1st & 3rd Tuesday Karaoke @ The Bang A fund-raiser for The PC

Monthly Activities:

Mondays: 7pm - Lexington Lyons (2nd Mon.) Friday: 7pm - Lexington Insight (1st Fri.)

Thursday: 7:00pm - GLSO Board Mtg (2nd Thurs.) Saturday: 7:00p - TransKentucky (1st Sat.)

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, please see the directory for phone listings.

Pride Center may be abbreviated - PC

Call for Place may be abbreviated- CFP

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Dr. Franklin E. Kameny The fight to change the DSM II in his own words.

"After the Mattachine Society of Washington (MSW) was organized in November, 1961, and we began to assess the issues facing us, we realized at once that we had to deal with the "sickness theory" of homosexuality, as formalized in the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual (DSM II) of the American Psychiatric Association (AMA).

I had no idea of the scientific basis for the sickness theory, but, as a scientist by training and background, who knows good science and bad science when he sees them, I commenced to explore not knowing where I would come out.

I was appalled by what I found: shabby, shoddy, sloppy, sleazy pseudo-science. Moral, cultural, and theological value judgements, cloaked and camouflaged in the language of science without any of the substance of science. Abominable sampling techniques. As psychiatrists, they only saw patients who, of course, were troubled people or they would not have been coming to a psychiatrist, so the psychiatrists never saw happy, well-adjusted homosexuals and assumed that we were all emotionally disturbed.

Therefore I drafted the MSW statement which included this statement: "In the absence of valid evidence to the contrary". What that did was to shift -- to reverse -- the burden of proof from us to the sickness theorists, to provide valid evidence. In the entire ensuing decade they never did provide evidence. ...

That (now) famous panel discussion with the masked Dr. Fryer at the 1972 AMA meeting in Dallas had quite an impact. (We also had a) "Gay, Proud, and Healthy" booth created by Barbara Gittings, a leaflet of the same title, and I danced with another gay man at the APA banquet.

There was a seminar on the "sickness theory" at the 1973 APA meeting in Honolulu. Bob Spitzer, Ron Gold, and I, sitting in a nearby gay bar surrounded by frightened, closeted gay psychiatrists, drafted two resolutions... both of which were adopted by the Board of Trustees that December.

Those who remained sickness proponents, were able to keep the category "Ego-dystonic Homosexuality". It made a disorder out of discontent with being gay. This category was finally deleted around 1987, closing out the entire issue in a formal sense.

The APA now has a recognized Gay and Lesbian Caucus, consisting of very "out" gay psychiatrists, who will be presenting an award this October (2006)jontly to Barbara Gittings and me, in recognition of our past contributions to the cause. Much of that enormous progress and the advances which the gay community has enjoyed over the past three decades just simply would not have occurred had we remained a bunch of "loonies".

Bernitt Nominated

The 20th annual Lambda Literary Awards, honoring the best in LGBT literature, has released the names of more than 100 finalists. Dan Bernitt of Lexington is nominated in the LGBT Drama/Theater category for "Dose: Plays Monologues", Many of us that have seen his work in Lexington are not surprised at his success.

Dan has just finished a series of performances in New York City's Fringe Festival where he received excellent reviews. He returns to Lexington soon to finish his senior year at UK.

The Award Ceremony, the "Lammys," will be held May 29 in Los Angeles. Dan will be in competition with three other people nominated in his category. Congratulation on the nomination Dan and will be roting for you in May.

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GO TO HELENA HANDBASKET

Q: Dear Helena, My boyfriend says that carrying a man purse in Lexington is in poor taste and is just asking for ridicule and discrimination. Your thoughts?

"Man With A Baq"

HH What? No Purse? Well, I know that I just couldn't live. Oh a "man" purse. Honey, as long as the shoes match, I say go for it. Wear it proud. Lexington is a college town and lots of guys carry shoulder bags. If yours is fur trimmed or made of lace however, you might open yourself up to negative comments. How thick is your skin?

Q:: Dear Helena, My boyfriend insists that being 30 to 45 minutes late for a party is stylish in the gay community. What do you think?

"Missing Manners"

HH: Although it seems to be common practice to live on "gay time", late is late and that is rude. Not to say that showing up to an open party after the start time is a bad thing. An open party means that it STARTS at a certain time but you can come and go when you want. But, if it is an event with a start time and an end time, try remembering the manners that your grandma tried to teach you. Be on time. Being late is disrespectful and an insult to those that sit around waiting for you. An enlightened person-gay or straightunderstands this concept. Remember, staying past the end time is also rude, unless you've been asked to hang around for "after party activities".

Q: Dear Helena, I just turned 30 and feel my life is over. With gay culture being about youth and Adonis bodies should I just end it? I don't see much of a future.

"Hopeless In Harrodsburg"

HH: Sweetheart, hang in there. Because of the 80's AIDS epidemic we lost a large part of a



generation, therefore losing many of those who would have been the men of a "mature" age in our culture. I believe that this is why youth has become more of a commodity than it used to be. With education and awareness of prevention has come a new generation of "mature" gay people who are reaching new heights and redefining what sexy and desirable really means. Honey, give me a sexy man with a little grey in his hair and some experience under his belt and this old girl is in gay heaven. You do your hair and get out there baby. The ride has just begun. Its far from over.

Q: Dear Helena, Recently I inherited a sizable sum of money from an old lover. This was a pleasant surprise. Should I be truthful and let my current partner of 3 years know the true identity of where the money came from?

"More Dollars Than Sense"

HH | Listen girl, if you have been with this person for 3 years already and want to continue to stay together, you better tell.

Take it from me, you know that with some of the big mouths in this town it will come out sooner or later anyway and it will be better coming directly from you. If they over-react about it, be reassuring that a dead ex-lover is hardly a threat. Hopefully you're not into that. Mommy thinks that is just sick.

*** Do you have a question for Helena or a comment about one of her answers? Email her at AdvicefromHelena@aol.com and maybe she will use it in next month's column. We all love to be used, don't we?

Ever Wonder...? By Jane

You know when you see a herd of horses racing madly across a field, seemingly for no reason. Ever wonder what makes them act that way? The obvious reason is *that* they are frightened of something. Somethin' spooked 'em.

Makes sense. They are, after all, categorized as prey animals and the fight or flight instinct is highly developed in herd animals. But still, there really isn't anything to be scared of on these quiet Kentucky farms around here.

What about those amazing border collie dogs? They will herd almost anything from sheep to ducks without much training, all on their own. They don't do it because they are predators, or maybe they do and it is directed in a more productive fashion by their human counterparts. They still really seem to enjoy chasing things just as our aforementioned horses enjoy running from things.

Is it instinct? Would they act this way in the wild? Sure they would, but WHY? Why does a cat, who has never been outside, sit in a window and chatter and



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White Buffalo Woman Humans have often revered white animals, even seeing them as spiritual.

stare endlessly at a bird perched in a bush outside in the yard? Maybe there is something in the "collective unconscious" from a million years ago that has mysteriously survived that we don't really need today, but still it is present and somehow is an natural as our genetic or learned attributes or capabilities. Maybe that is why we feel comfortable or familiar in certain situations or settings. Sixth sense, ESP, deja vu, or maybe it's just human nature.

Who really knows and why is it important now? Maybe we are not so far removed from the dictates of the animal continued on next page

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kingdom as we would like to think. Ever wonder why that white horse is standing all by her self in one corner of the field? The other horses (bay, brown, and black) don't want to hang out with her because she is different. A white she-wolf will be shunned and will find it hard to reproduce and survive without the support of the pack.

And yet, we humans, in many cultures, past and present, revere "white" animals in nature, just because they are rare. ADD? Sometimes they take on spiritual significance to us. Maybe that is why they don't survive.

Maybe that is what happens to gay people when we "come out". We expose ourselves to the accepted "normal" majority and find our selves ostracized because others have no point of reference from which to identify. Of course, if everyone were allowed to grow and develop without prejudice, there would be no point of reference.

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Sadly, this isn't to be. Those "inborn" prejudices are just too hard to overcome for many people. I hate to put humans back on the level of beats but, that is where some of us belong. We just can't help ourselves, its just our nature. Not making an excuse, just stating a fact.

By now you are probably wondering where all this is headed. Well. I think our (gay people) collective unconscious has survived millennia in the form of GAYDAR. It certainly would explain a lot. We don't know how or why it works, we just trust it and it makes us feel confident in searching out our own kind. That certainly would be considered a survival tool. For me, it's that instant when eye contact makes a mental leap of recognition and familiarity over comes anything threatening. Try it next time you meet someone new. See if you can identify the moment the cognition When I see that recognition starting back at me, it's the most obviously thing in the world.

Getting The Love You Want Couples Workshops

Jessica C. Bollinger, LCSW, MSW, is a licensed clinical social worker and a certified Imago Relationship Therapist. She works with individuals, couples and families. She helps clients discover the patterns that affect their fulfillment and connection with themselves and loved ones. She can be reached at 552-6533

Jessie offers Imago "Getting The Love You Want" weekend workshops for couples that will enhance good relationships or heal a relationship that is in trouble.

Gross Dressing Ken

This is an old story but fun. A mother and her daughter went shopping at a Toys-R-Us in Florida. Among the Barbie and Ken dolls they found a sealed package with a unique Ken decked out in a purple tank top, a polka dot skirt and a lace apron.

Being avid collectors, they immediately took the Ken up to check out. The sales clerk said it indeed looked like a Mattel product and sold it to them for \$8.99.

Within days news of the cross-dressing Ken reached the national media. It was featured on several national shows including The Joan Rivers Show. Mattel was at a loss to explain how this one doll had managed to break rank and shine forth in his true colors. Pundits theorized that Ken had gotten sick of living in Barbie's shadow and had come out of the closet.

A collector offered the family \$2,000 for the doll, quite a mark up from the \$8.99 they had paid a short week earlier. Someone uped the bid to \$4,000. Then a night clerk, Ron Zero, admitted that he had dressed the Ken doll as a prank and had carefully resealed the package. Toys-R-Us was not amused Zero was fired.

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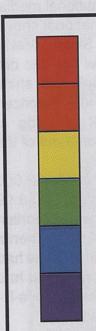
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The local Integrity group has been revitalized. For information contact David Cupps at david@david cupps.com

Jubilee Fellowship

Jubilee Fellowship welcomes members of the GLBT community and their friends to join us in growing as a community of believers in Christ. We are fanatical about loving people with God's unconditional love. We meet at St. Michal The Martyr's location.

If you have questions about our fellowship, do not hesitate to contact Pastor Cori Wood a 859 514-5518 or jfellowship@windstream.net. If you left the church of your childhood church because of its rejection of GLBT people,, you may find hope and joy in celebrating with us. We have a big vision and a big God.

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Our Sunday Worship service begins at 11 am. There is a Sunday morning Buddhist sitting practice at 9 am and a Buddhist discussion group (Sanga) at 9:45 am, both in the Allen House next to the church. There are also adult religious exploration classes on Wednesday nights.

Our U.U. Church is a Welcoming Congregation. Unitarian Universalists have long called for the full inclusion of bisexual, gay, lesbian, and transgender people in church and society. UUs believe that the life experiences of GLBT people include sacred stories that need to be heard and celebrated. Please pay us a visit and share your stories with us.

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