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GLSO PROPOSES ACTION PLAN FOR BLUEGRASS LESBIGAY COMMUNITY

By Chuck Smith

Participants in a forum on the challenges facing lesbigay people in the Bluegrass region called for serious planning and action to change social attitudes and improve community activities. Many strengths, weaknesses, and needs of the lesbigay community were articulated at the forum sponsored by the Lexington Gay and Lesbian Organization on May 6.

A second forum planned for June 3, will focus on needs, set priorities and plan practical ways for meeting them. The forum will be between 7:30 and 9:00 p.m. at the New Morning Coffeehouse.

This forum will be oriented toward practical action. Several "action groups" will be formed at the meeting. Each of these groups will take the responsibility for developing the means of meeting a specific need in the community.

The plans will be made in response to the assets, liabilities, and needs identified at last month's forum. These are listed below.

Community Assets

- © a variety of large and small active organizations
- © a large, diverse lesbigay population
- © coalitions have formed between lesbigays and progressive groups
- © a growing number of lesbigay activities
- © GLSO maintains a phonenumber, newsletter, and speakers bureau
- © strong organizations providing AIDS education and service
- © official support from local Unitarian Universalist Church
- © a noticeable number of new faces and new energies, especially manifested in student groups at UK, Transy, Berea, EKV, and Centre
- © both individuals and groups have persevered in efforts to improve the climate for lesbigays in the face of disappointment and setbacks

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**TEN DAY PRIDE CELEBRATION
BEGINS SATURDAY, JUNE 4**

By Debbie Currie

Lexington's Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Pride Celebration gets under way June 4 with a showing of *Desert Hearts* at the Kentucky Theater, and is followed by ten event-filled days. The celebration culminates on June 14 with the TSGRA's "Salute to Lexington Volunteers Banquet."

The pride planning committee encourages you to attend the banquet. It is an opportunity to honor those who contribute to various organizations and activities that improve the quality of life for lesbians, gays and bisexuals in the area.

The insert in this newsletter provides a complete line up on Pride Celebration events. The pride committee also invites and encourages you to support Louisville's Pride Celebration, (see article on page 12).

In particular, because we do not have a march of our own yet (someday folks), you should try to make the 6th Annual March for Justice on Saturday, June 27. Unlike past years, this year we'll be marching in the streets!

Marchers will assemble at 11:30 a.m. at the Jefferson County Court House. There will be a rally beginning at noon. The march begins at 1:00 p.m. and goes from the courthouse to the Floyd Street Pride Fair. Continued on page 3



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PRIDE FROM THE CLOSET

The annual lesbigay pride events around the country commemorate the June 28-29, 1969, riots at the Stonewall Inn, a New York gay bar, where lesbigay employees and patrons fought back against a routine police raid. The ensuing riots gave birth to a politicized gay community "bent" on getting its rights. The year following the riots, 1970, saw the first commemorative parades and marches in four cities: New York, Los Angeles, Chicago and San Francisco.

The "gay pride" sparked at Stonewall had positive political effects. It is estimated that three months after the Stonewall Rebellion there were 50 gay groups in the U.S. By the mid-1970s, gay men and lesbians had formed more than 1,000 organizations. And by 1980, about 4,000 autonomous groups had sprung into existence. That's an 8,000 percent increase in ten years.

What many gay folk don't know is that the revolutionaries at Stonewall didn't represent the shiny, clean, politically correct queers often seen today, but some of the segments of our community with the lowest social status. The Stonewallers were drag queens, rough diesel dykes, and poor, working class homos out for a beer and possibly more. Not exactly the Pilgrims, but instead, people tired of harassment and legal abuse.

Perhaps as prophecy to the role the feminist movement and lesbian political activism were to play in the gay liberation movement, the first punch directed against the police was by a woman.

Although now demolished, the Stonewall Inn is seen as the birthplace of the modern gay movement. So get out to the Louisville march and celebrate how far we've come because one lesbian got fed up and the drag queens joined in. salute to them.

L♥VE MAKES A FAMILY

Lesbian mothers and gay fathers from around the globe will meet in Indianapolis, July 3-5 for the 13th annual conference of the Gay and Lesbian Parents Coalition International.

It will be a gathering of parents, partners, and children to learn, share and grow. A time for our children to learn that they are not the only kids in the world with a gay or lesbian parent. There will be workshops, a banquet, a family picnic, fireworks, speakers, a 50s sock hop, entertainment, and more.

This is a family event. There is a conference for children age 6-12, another for youth age 13 and up, and child care is provided for those under 5.

The meeting will be at the downtown Indianapolis Hotel Hyatt Regency. For information contact: "Freedom, Friends and Family! Conference," P.O. Box 50360, Washington, DC 20091. Phone: (202) 583-8029.

LEXINGTON PRIDE SCHEDULE OFFERS MANY ACTIVITIES

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Also, not to be missed is the 11th Annual Pride Week Picnic, Sunday, June 21 at the Water Tower, 3005 Upper River Road. The admission is only \$6.00, and you couldn't ask for a better time. If I remember correctly, over 1,000 people attended last year!

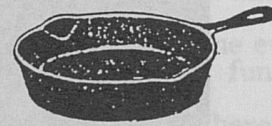
Getting back to our own Pride Celebration, we hope you will help to make it a success! We have made a real effort to come up with a slate of activities that appeals to all tastes. We encourage you to buy Pride Week buttons and Raffle tickets, which will be sold at the various events. The drawing for the pride week raffle will be held during the cocktail hour at the Banquet on June 14. You don't have to be present to win (but it will be great if you are!)

Have a terrific time during the celebration -- SHOW YOUR PRIDE!

GLSO BOARD NOMINEES NAMED

Five positions on the GLSO Board of Directors will be filled at the June meeting. At present, four people have been nominated: Linda LaPorte to serve a second term and Beth Daly, Jeff Jones, and Bob Polly for a first term. Members of GLSO are encouraged to nominate others. Call Chuck at 275-2069, up until June 20.

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Our community also must deal with a number of liabilities. Some of the external liabilities faced by the community are:

External Liabilities

- ◆ Kentucky's sodomy laws make some private, sexual acts between adults of the same gender criminal activities.

- ◆ There are no laws to protect lesbians from discrimination in employment, housing, or the provision of services.

- ◆ There is active, vocal opposition to lesbian people. The right-wing of the community, fueled by some fundamentalist Christians, aggressively opposes lesbian people.

- ◆ There is no support for the lesbian community from the mainstream media or political organizations.

Internal Liabilities

- ◆ There is widespread apathy in the community, especially in the areas of working for social and political reform.

- ◆ Attempts to raise money have been limited to small, one at a time events. No attempt has been made to develop a comprehensive, far-reaching fund raising program.

- ◆ While there are communication mechanisms in the community, there is a lack of unity and cooperation. More needs to be done to do away with cliquishness and to remove the class, gender, and racial barriers that divide us.

- ◆ Efforts at political action by the lesbian community have been limited and short-lived.

- ◆ An element of fear permeates the lesbian community that keeps most people either in the closet or jumping in and out of the closet.

- ◆ The lesbian community lacks visibility and too few prominent lesbians are willing to serve as spokespersons for us.

- ◆ We don't have a Bluegrass gay pride parade, a Metropolitan Community Church, or a community center.

Discussion of these strengths and weaknesses helped those who participated in the forum to articulate a number of needs that the community should address.

Bluegrass Lesbian Needs

- ◆ Development of a lesbian community action plan that provides an effective organizing structure, fund-raising mechanism, and communication arm.

- ◆ Creating a more open community that allows lesbians easier access to services and activities.

- ◆ More outreach to, education of, and coalition building with the larger community.

- ◆ Bridge building between the African American and white lesbian people at an organized community level.

- ◆ A gay and lesbian community center that would provide office space, meeting areas, and community visibility.

- ◆ Specific activities needed:

- a. political action committee to lobby state and local government and to endorse political candidates

- b. Queer Nation or ACT-UP groups

- c. Gay Pride March

- d. better organized and publicized sports activities

- e. P-FLAG chapter (Parents and Friends of Gays and Lesbians)

- f. Gay and lesbian parents organization

- g. Gay and lesbian youth group

- h. Lesbian chamber of commerce

- i. more support for and from lesbian owned businesses.

Those who would like to work to help meet some of these needs are encouraged to attend the June 3 forum.

KENTUCKY THEATER HEATS UP THE SUMMER WITH PRIDE MOVIES

Gay and lesbian films will be shown at the Kentucky Theater Thursday and Friday, June 4-5.

DESERT HEARTS: This 1986 grand dame of lesbian movies, Desert Hearts is a sensitive, moving drama of a middle-aged recent divorcee who goes out West to a ranch to heal emotionally. While there, she meets, is pursued by and eventually falls in love with a sensuous, headstrong young woman. Set in the 1950's, this drama explores love as it manifests itself between two women and the empowerment this relationship brings for both. The sisters will find this film and its notorious love scene both hot and intense, while the brothers will enjoy the fine story line of this excellent piece. Women alas, informants report that both leading actresses are strays.

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intense emotion and the 'socially unacceptable.' The primary story, however, deals with two men in prison who become involved in a passionate, occasionally violent, and highly homo-erotic relationship. Even those who don't normally enjoy more intellectual fare will find the steamy scenes worth the ticket.

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RELIGION & SPIRITUALITY

PRIDE WEEK FORUM TO ADDRESS RELIGIOUS CONCERNS OF GAY MEN

By Chuck Smith

How do gay Christians confront challenges to their faith raised by fundamentalism? Isn't it time for gay Christians to come out to the gay community? What problems are faced by Christian ministers who are gay? These and other subjects will be addressed in a public meeting Friday, June 12, between 7:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m., at St. Augustine Chapel, 472 Rose Street.

The forum, organized by the Gay Men's Spiritual Group, will feature a panel presentation on concerns of gay religious people. Each panelist will speak briefly, then the questions and comments of the audience.

The subjects to be addressed include:

- ◆ Challenges and problems facing gay Christians,
- ◆ Problems gay ministers face in serving the Christian community,
- ◆ The experience of being both gay and Pentecostal,
- ◆ Coming out as a Christian in the gay community,
- ◆ AIDS and spirituality.

SUMMER SOLSTICE CELEBRATION PLANNED BY BLUEGRASS WOMEN

By Mary Sojourner Crone

A group of women of diverse spiritual traditions have planned an afternoon and evening of celebration and ritual for the Summer Solstice, June 20.

Midsummer Eve is a time for play, for jumping bonfires, for bonding, and for weaving Goddess magic into our lives. The event begins at 4 p.m. with craft sales and workshops on astrology, dream work, drumming, body awareness, spiritual healing and working with crystals.

A ritual is planned to begin at 6:30 p.m. Those who wish to attend the ritual are asked to arrive before it starts.

Tickets to cover the costs are for sale (sliding scale \$3-5) at Special Media and Crystal Visions.

The solstice celebration will be on the grounds of Kentucky Horse Park, use the Camping Entrance and follow our signs to continued page 11.

METHODIST CHURCH OFFICIALS STANDBY TEACHINGS ON GAYS

By Tom Murphy

After 20 years of debate, the General Conference of the United Methodist Church decided to maintain its position that "Homosexual persons are no less than heterosexual, individually sacred." A local minister who was a delegate to the Conference said that the policy-making body attempted to seek a balance between Christian understanding of the scriptures, and compassion for all people.

While homosexual persons are of infinite worth, and as worthy of ministry as anyone else, he said, the church cannot condone a way of life which is incompatible with Christian teaching.

Opinions influencing this decision ranged from a belief that homosexuality is a disease, to the belief that homosexuality does not violate any moral truth.

The result of the debate was a ruling that does not exclude homosexuals from a church congregation but does prohibit the ordination of any professed homosexual.

When asked about this position, the delegate said, "this was not a ruling specifically aimed against homosexuals. The church simply feels it would be inappropriate to ordain a minister who was involved in any activity which fell outside of church doctrine."

The church did issue a statement in support of civil rights for homosexuals as well as legal rights for same-sex couples. Many gay and lesbian Methodists attending the continued on page 12

June GLSO Calendar of Events 1992

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 7-9 lesbigay supp. grp.	2 7pm gay/lesbian Al-Anon	3 4pm lesbian overeaters 8pm gay/lesbian AA 7:30 GLSO forum	4 Lex. Pride Week pm HIV/AIDS supp. grp. 7:30pm mens chorus reh.	5 Lex. Pride Week pm gay/lesbian AA	6 Lex. Pride Week am HIV/AIDS supp. grp. 9am frontrunners
Lexington Pride Celebration						
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Lexington Gay, Lesbian & Bisexual Celebration						
14 4pm gay/lesbian AA PRIDE Awards Banquet 6-10 p.m. \$20 233-7266	15	16 7pm gay/lesbian Al-Anon	17 4pm lesbian overeaters 8pm gay/lesbian AA	18 pm HIV/AIDS supp. grp. 7:30pm mens chorus reh.	19 Lou. Pride Week pm gay/lesbian AA	20 Lou. Pride Week am HIV/AIDS supp. grp. 9am frontrunners Solstice celebration
Louisville Pride Week						
21 Lou. Pride Week 2pm lesbian potluck 4pm gay/lesbian AA 4pm AVOL Board meet. 5:30pm AVOL gen. meet.	22 Lou. Pride Week	23 Lou. Pride Week 7pm gay/lesbian Al-Anon	24 Lou. Pride Week 4pm lesbian overeaters 7:30pm GLSO board meet. 8pm gay/lesbian AA 7:30pm GLSO Board mtg.	25 Lou. Pride Week pm HIV/AIDS supp. grp. 7:30pm mens chorus reh.	26 Lou. Pride Week pm gay/lesbian AA 7pm gay mens spr. grp.	27 Lou. Pride Week am HIV/AIDS supp. grp. 9am frontrunners
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Esmerelda's Parlour



SAFER SEX: A LESBIAN CONCERN

By Debbie Currie

I would like to conclude my editorship of Esmerelda's Parlour with a final article on safer sex practices for lesbians and focus on the use of dental dams and their alternatives. To that end I, am once again going to quote Risa Denenberg's article "A Decade of Denial: Lesbians and HIV" (*On Our Backs* July/August, 1991). I realize that this article is somewhat out of date, but progress in this area hasn't exactly been by leaps and bounds. So, I give you what she has to say, and you may do with it what you will.

"The focus of the lesbian safer sex campaign is a 6 x 6 inch square of latex most women can't even obtain, designed to be used in dental offices. The focus on the dental dam assumes that oral sex is the definitive characteristic of lesbian sex. Well, lesbian sex is much more than [cunnilingus]. Lesbians use dildos, have anal sex, practice rimming, fisting, sucking, and biting. Lesbians sleep with men. Lesbians sell sex. Until we can frankly discuss how we really have sex, the dental dam will continue to be an ineffectual symbol.

"One aspect of safer sex involves reducing the risk of exchanging body fluids during sexual activities. Dental dams have yet to be proven risk-eliminators for oral sex, but the barrier idea is on the right track. There is no reason to prefer dental dams,

which are hard to obtain and much too small, to freezer Saran wrap. Latex gloves are easier to obtain, and so are finger cots. Both can be purchased at drug stores. I actually like these products. They don't decrease sensation for either partner and are sexy to play with.

"Some girls make their own panties by removing the crotch of some sexy underthings and sewing in latex. In some fabric stores you can buy rubber by the yard, perfect for queen-size dams. Condoms have entered lesbian bedrooms in a whole new way. Cut the condom open for a larger, thinner dam You can also cut the fingers off a glove then cut it open for a dam."

And how does all of this apply to us? I don't know. I don't know how risky or adventurous your sexual practices are. For all I know, you may have quit reading this as soon as I mentioned *On Our Backs*. I hope not, because I believe the key to protecting ourselves and our community is education.

We have to be willing to think about these things, and to talk about them. So what if you're in a monogamous relationship. You have friends who aren't, and they need to know and talk about these things. I guess the main thing I'm looking for here is a willingness to learn. From there, it's up to each one of us to use our best judgement based on what we've learned. Have you ever thought of having an HIV test just to put your mind at ease? Think about it.

GAY DAY AT KING'S ISLAND

The unofficial, annual "Gay Day" at King's Island is set for Sunday, June 7. Lesbians and supporters will sport red t-shirts (although I'm trying to talk my beau into a nice candy cane stripe number.) Hope to see the Bluegrass out voguing on the rollercoasters again. -JJ

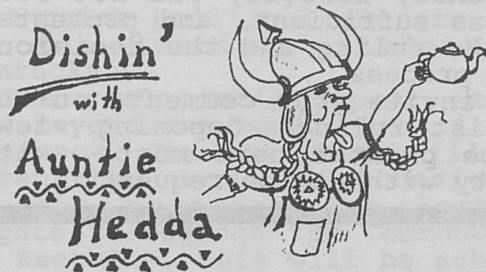
LOUISVILLE GROUP PROVIDES SERVICE TO GAY AND LESBIAN YOUTH

A Louisville organization to provide a safe environment for self-identified gay, lesbian and bisexual youths between the ages of 14 and 21 continues to expand. The Louisville Youth Group is an educational and support resource and a means by which lesbigay youth can discover healthy life choices.

LYG recently was approved to receive \$2,800 in funds from the state to assist with its programs.

A March fundraising concert by *Yer Girlfriend* netted \$323.62 for the organization.

More information about the group can be obtained by writing Louisville Youth Group, P.O. Box 4664, Louisville, KY 40204.



Dear Auntie Hedda:

Recently I was in Lexington and had a great time with one of your residents. His name is Rick and he's in his 30's but might pass for older. The rest is a blur. Can you help me locate him? Thanks. Sam

Dear Sam,

Rick who? You can't swing a cat in Lexington without hitting a Rick of some sort. Let's see...it might be Rick B. He's currently attached but who knows. Could it be a Texan with an overbearing attitude and naugahide chaps? Then there's always Rick G. but she's always got such a full social calendar that it's hard for her to meet these obligations. Then there is a Rick (aka RLCG), the initial queen. This Cincy wannabe is said to be a top (Oh, Please! Auntie's fainting!) Could it be Rick BoBo you ran into? You'd know him: baseball cap, sweat pants, throbbing love muscle? Auntie seems to recall

another Rick G. He's a denizen of Joe's but has been seen with a squeeze with enough tattoos to qualify for the Calico! There are a couple of other Ricks who play while their men are out of town. Oh, and Rick L. who is the darling of the chicken hawks. Pant, pant, slobber, drool!

Darling Auntie needs more specifics, so give me the Hot-T and I'll help you out.

Ta,

Auntie Hedda

P.S. Now girls and boys, Auntie needs your letters -- nothing is too trashy. Remember my motto: "No one is safe and nothing is sacred." Kisses! Play safe!

SOLSTICE CELEBRATION

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to the right, soon after you pass the guard house at the entrance.

You may want to bring a picnic supper if you plan to spend the afternoon and evening. Come prepared for the weather, there is no shelter. In case of rain, we plan to get wet.

This is a drug and alcohol free event. For more information call Mary Crone at 266-5904 or Carol Sommer at 269-2154.

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LOUISVILLE PRIDE EVENTS

LOUISVILLE PRIDE EVENTS INCLUDE PARADE AND STREET FAIR

The 1992 Louisville Gay and Lesbian Pride Week runs from Friday, June 19, through Sunday, June 28. A full schedule of activities is planned leading up to the 6th Annual March for Justice on Saturday, June 28.

Before the Parade begins, there will be a rally on the steps of the Jefferson County Courthouse at Fifth and Jefferson Streets. There will be music, and Dave Pallone, author and former pro baseball umpire, will speak.

The march will start after the rally and end at the Floyd Street Pride Fair. The two-day fair benefits Heart to Heart and AIDS support services with arts, crafts and music. *Yer Girlfriend* is featured on Saturday with the band *Peaches* headlining on Sunday. Anheuser-Busch is partially promoting the two day event (Sat. 2 p.m.-9 a.m. and Sun. 3 p.m. - 6 p.m.).

On the prior weekend, Sunday, June 21, Louisville celebrates

with the 11th Annual Pride Week Picnic at the water tower, 3005 Upper River Road. Tickets are \$6 with food, games, WGZB-FM, beer and *Yer Girlfriend* performing. For a complete schedule of events for Louisville, pick up a Louisville Pride flier or a copy of the May/June issue of *The Letter*.

METHODIST

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conference, however, did not feel this was sufficient, and protested both the ruling and the decision-making process.

We invite your comments on the Methodist ruling. Opposing views will be printed next month, with identity withheld on request.

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STUDENT NEWS

FIRST STATE-WIDE COALITION OF QUEER GROUPS FORMS

By Beth Daly

The Kentucky Lambda Coalition, a network of student groups from college campuses across the state, is the first state-wide coalition of lesbigay groups in Kentucky.

Kentucky Lambda Coalition's purpose is to:

- ◆ promote social and support services for already existing and newly forming lesbigay student organizations,

- ◆ provide a communication link between the student groups and other groups in the state,

- ◆ assist groups in educating the public about lesbigay issues,

- ◆ raise political consciousness in the lesbigay students in Kentucky.

The coalition's impact extends far beyond the boundaries of these campuses. The coalition will help strengthen and lend cohesiveness to the movement for lesbigay rights throughout the Commonwealth of Kentucky. This will be achieved by pooling resources, strengthening ties between Kentucky queer groups and national queer groups, and promoting communication between the coalition and various newspapers across Kentucky through press releases and articles.

Another goal of the coalition is to coordinate public responses to government, institutional, and community-based decisions which are relevant to the queer community.

The coalition is only a few months old, and hopefully will expand to include more than the college groups already involved.

At present the coalition has member groups from Centre College,

Berea College, NKU, WKU, EKU, UK, U of L, Bellerme College, and Transylvania University.

Contact person for Kentucky Lambda is David: (502) 634-9642.

UK QUEER WOMEN FORM GROUP

Women in LAMBDA, the UK lesbigay student group have formed a women's caucus. The caucus, called Womynweave, provides support for women in UK LAMBDA and other lesbian and bisexual women on campus.

Group activities are primarily social, but the group is also interested in making women's voices heard more clearly in Lexington.

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AUTUMN FESTIVAL CELEBRATES SOUTHERN LESBIGAY DIVERSITY

Between 5-8,000 people are expected for the first "Out South Feste," a cultural festival of lesbigay artists, craft people and entertainers, to be held Sept. 24-27 in Asheville, NC.

Political ethnic, and cultural organizations from throughout the South are expected. This is an opportunity for Kentucky groups to attend, represent our diversity, and make contact with other people working for change to benefit lesbigay people in the South. For more information: Out South, P.O. Box 8569, Atlanta, GA 30306.



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Pride Week Items:**

Rainbow flags, buttons, T-shirts, and, of course, leather.

COWPOKES SING IN DENVER

Denver will host two major gay event this summer. GALA, Gay and Lesbian Association of Choruses, will hold their annual meeting in the city June 28-July 4. During the meeting all men, all women, and mixed choruses will perform.

Four members of the Lexington Men's Chorus will perform with members chosen from choruses nationwide in something of an "all-star" event.

There will also be a gay and lesbian regional rodeo in Denver, July 2-5. Members of our own Bluegrass Tri-State Gay Rodeo Association will be attending.

**Notice all the
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The GLSO NEWS.**

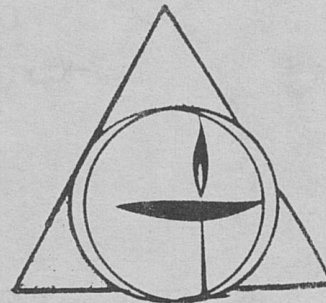
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Lexington Gay Pride Week

Awards Banquet

Recognizing outstanding achievement in
Lexington's Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Community

Sunday, June 14, 1992 6-10pm
The Marriott, 1800 Newtown Pike

6-7pm Cocktails (Cash bar)

7-10pm Invocation Diner, Guest Speaker

Lexington Men's Chorus

Awards presentation

Tickets: \$20, Available from TSGRA members
or at Crossings, 117 N. Limestone.

Info: 233-7266

Sponsored by: Tri-State Gay Rodeo Association



DARING TO BE OURSELVES!

PRIDE WEEK '92 for Lexington's Lesbian, Bisexual, & Gay Community

THURS 4 **MOVIE** "Desert Hearts" 9:30 pm at the Kentucky Theatre.

FRI 5 **MOVIE** "Desert Hearts" 1:30 pm at the Kentucky Theatre.

SAT 6 **RIDE FOR PRIDE** (Bicycle Ride) 10 am at Stoney Falls Apartments (the intersection of Man o' War Boulevard and Armstrong Mill Road). Helmets are required for both the 12 mile and 25 mile routes. Sag wagon provided. Wear purple.

BAR NIGHT Check out your favorite bar for drink specials.

SUN 7 **PRIDE CHURCH SERVICE** (sponsored by Interweave) 10:45 am at the Unitarian Universalist Church (3564 Clays Mill Road). The Reverend Kelly Flood will be participating in this service.

BARN DANCE (sponsored by the Tri-State Gay Rodeo Association) 8 pm to Midnight at Mark's on Main (135 W Main Street). Admission is \$4 and includes complimentary beer & soft drinks.

MOVIE "Poison" 9:30 pm at the Kentucky Theatre. This movie will be shown several additional times throughout Pride Week. Please consult the Kentucky Theatre calendar for dates & times.

MON 8 **BENEFIT/FUNDRAISER** for the Louisville Fairness Campaign (sponsored by UK Lambda). 7:30 pm at Alfalfa Restaurant (557 S Limestone). Refreshments will be provided.

WED 10 **BOWLING NIGHT**

FRI 12 **PANEL & PUBLIC DISCUSSION** "Religious & Spiritual Issues Facing Gay Men." Sponsored by the Gay Men's Spiritual Group. 7:30 pm at the St. Augustine Chapel (472 Rose Street).

PLAYS by Between the Acts (sponsored by Athena Productions & UK Lambda) "This Brooding Sky" and "Dos Lesbos" 8 pm at the Recital Hall of the Singletary Center for the Arts (University of Kentucky Campus). Tickets are \$8 in advance/\$10 at the door. Contact the Singletary Center for the Arts Ticket Office for further ticket information (257-4929)

SAT 13 **ARTS NIGHT** (sponsored by GLSO) 8 to 10 pm at ArtsPlace (161 N Mill Street) Artwork and Performances by Lesbians and Gay men will be featured. Admission is free and wine, soft drinks, & snacks will be available.

SUN 14 **SALUTE TO LEXINGTON VOLUNTEERS BANQUET** (sponsored by the Tri-State Gay Rodeo Association) at the Marriott Hotel (1800 Newtown Pike). The cash bar opens at 6 pm and dinner will be served at 7 pm. Tickets for this event are \$20 with advance ticket sales ONLY. Tickets may be purchased (through June 10) at Crossings, at Pride Week Events, and from TSGRA members.



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**PRIDE RECEPTION BENEFITS
LOUISVILLE FAIRNESS CAMPAIGN**

A benefit/reception for the Fairness Campaign will be held on Monday, June 8th, at 7:30 p.m. at Alfalfa Restaurant, 557 S. Limestone, Lexington. U.K. Lambda will sponsor this event.

The Fairness Campaign is a very active group in Louisville which is fighting for an end to discrimination based on sexual orientation in employment, housing and public accommodations.

A gay man and a lesbian activist will begin the event by speaking about the Fairness Campaign, in which both are involved. It is hoped that the open discussion that follows will serve as a springboard for ideas regarding strengthening and promoting the visibility of the Lexington queer community, and beginning the fight in Lexington to end discrimination based on sexual orientation.



All ideas, perspectives and viewpoints are welcome. Refreshments will be provided.

The phone number for Alfalfa's is 253-0014, for directions and other information.

KENTUCKY

GREAT MOVIES
For a gay audience!


This summer don't miss:

 Desert Hearts 

▼ Poison

☆ My Own Private Idaho

⊙ Pink Flamingos 

 Cat on a Hot Tin Roof

LEXINGTON'S SHOWPLACE

Athena Productions & Between the Acts
with UK LAMBDA

Present An Evening of Theater

"Dos Lesbos" and "The Brooding Sky"

Friday, June 12, at 8 p.m.

Recital Hall, UK Singletary Center for the Arts

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