

# G.L.S.O. NEWS

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## OUT OF THE CLOSET AND INTO THE STREETS

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This year's Lexington Independence Day Parade was rather special. This year's parade proudly included the first contingent of lesbian and gay people. At the start of the parade, the group dubbed "Fairness on the Fourth" contained 88 people. With leathermen, people living with HIV, lesbian mothers, straggling supporters, students, hairdressers, bisexuals, people of color, and gay children with their parents, the group showed the diversity of our community. Not only was this contingent the largest one in the parade, it was undoubtedly one of the most colorful with the rainbow gay flag, the black and blue leathermen's flag and the ol' stars and stripes heading up the group.

Along the route and especially the enthusiastic crowd in front of the Bar Complex, dozens of people joined the marchers as they chanted and waved their way through the packed streets of downtown Lexington. 153 people were counted as being in the parade at its end. Aside from some insults, a tennis ball, a wine glass, and a beer can thrown at the marchers, observers and marchers alike commented on the generally supportive onlookers. Several marchers stated that the parade was the most empowering experience of their lives. Visitors from Louisville commented that the Louisville March for Justice was not

nearly as exciting because of the lack of an audience there.

The idea for joining the 4th of July parade began at a June GLSO Forum at the New Morning Coffeehouse when individuals met to decide on a response to a then expected July 2 judgement by the Kentucky Supreme Court on the sodomy issue. This decision is now expected in the Fall. Headed by the organizational skills of Brad G., donation of use of flags by the Bluegrass COLTS and enlistment of marchers from the area commenced. The COLTS and Hey Good Cookin' Deli together paid the registration fees for the marchers. Brad G. stated that the mayor's office and city government were very supportive and pleased by our inclusion in the parade.

Parade judges have told members of our community off the record that the contingent would have won the award for the best marching group. Unfortunately, during a planned moment of silence in front of the judge's stand to honor people with HIV, an apparently intoxicated, unknown man who had joined the parade along the route insulted the mayor and other judges. Also unfortunate was the complete lack of coverage by the local press of what amounts to the first Lexington Gay Pride march. Still, overall the parade was a major sign of the increased awareness and pride our community has in itself.

## GLSO NEWS

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### Dear GLSO Editors:

At first I thought the Auntie Hedda column was amusing. But after thinking it over I can see no purpose it serves other than to hurt and humiliate people, and promote catty infighting.

The disclaimer "Don't blame us - The Editors" may be appropriate for editorials written by non-newsletter staff, but if the editors do not take responsibility for the content of one of the newsletter's own columns, then what do they take responsibility for?

And who is this cowardly person or persons hiding behind the guise of some fictitious character? I suppose it's easier to make barbed accusations when one's identity is unknown. Come on out of the closet, Auntie Hedda, and let's see what skeletons come tumbling out with you. In short, I give Auntie Hedda one snap down.

Now, on to more mundane issues. I'd like to make one small request of the new editors. I realize that continuing an article from one page to another is often necessary, but I was wondering whether it could be curtailed to some extent.

I can't end this letter here, however. I think the editors of GLSO News must be applauded for taking on the

often thankless job of pulling together such an overall decent publication. The newsletter staff is not made up of paid professionals. It is simply a small number of dedicated volunteers who are willing to put their community ahead of their own personal interests.

I am particular pleased with the number of ads being solicited. It not only helps to make it a more self-supporting publication, but also lets us know who the gay-friendly businesses are in our community. Three snaps up to the dedicated efforts of the newsletter staff.

Sincerely,

A concerned Nephew of Auntie Hedda

*Dishin' With Auntie Hedda*

Dear Auntie

Alas, I'm a desperate Sagitarian in love with a Pisces. I know he's no good for me, but I can't help myself. You know how the sexual fire of this sign outshines all the rest. What's a girl to do?

Sad Sag Fag

Dear Saggy Fag,

First of all Auntie Hedda takes exception to your characterization of other signs as pallid, Auntie is a Scorpio with Leo rising and you may be sure she has enough fire left in her. Actually, Auntie consulted her favorite astrologer Madame Zerlina Arucena, her advice follows: "Darling, tell that pushy Sagittarius to shut up and listen to that poor Pisces. Sag didn't say who was the obsessive partner in those relationships, but Madame can guess. Relax! Pisces is a beautiful but moody sign. It is critical to let the emotional storms pass and don't get your good thing in a knot. Also Pisces tends to want to settle down and that's often tough for flashy Sagittarian's. Here's a hint, if your Pisces is being difficult, rub his feet and his heart and mind will follow."

Well now in the news this month your favorite Auntie wants to know why you know who no longer works at Lexington's premier leather bar. The rumors are rampant. One is that she has been seen at the Cha-Cha Palace too much to suit the bosses. Another is that she wasn't pretty enough - please get a mirror! Still another is that she was too married and didn't show enough flesh and suck up to the cliental so to speak. Well what ever the reason, she was the only one there that could pour a drink and you could taste the alcohol.

And by the by, did you boys and girls know that Auntie Hedda's column was censored last month? Several of Auntie's associates have asked her why she didn't cover the hot story last month. Well trust me kids, she did and the editors took it out. Apparently some of the editors have their heads so far up their politically correct orifices they don't know how to have fun. What happened to free speech and the first amendment? Auntie is considering a special hot line with all news. Don't forget, Auntie's QUEER, she's here and she will be in your face.



## Come Chat on the Radio

WRFL-FM is sponsoring a town meeting radio show at the New Morning Coffeehouse on Aug. 12 at 6:30pm to be broadcast the following Wednesday. The topic for this show will be transportation in Lexington.

## Computer Network Online

A new computer network for information exchange and discussion of local issues within the Kentucky lesbigay community has started. LAMBDANET is accessible by anyone with electronic mail capabilities and is confidential. To join, email to: JAJONE02@ukcc.uky.edu

## Local Bar Closes...and Another To Open?

The Metro, Lexington's primary women's bar and alternative music dance club, closed in mid-July. After a series of financial problems,

the bar was sold to Mark Wilson. Mr. Wilson has chosen to remodel the building and transform it into a country/western music club called Austin City Downtown.

After the loss of The Metro as a primarily gay bar, the community may be hopeful about a possible new facility to open on Main Street in about a month catering to an "alternative" patronage. Owners of the new facility are still in the planning stages at this point.

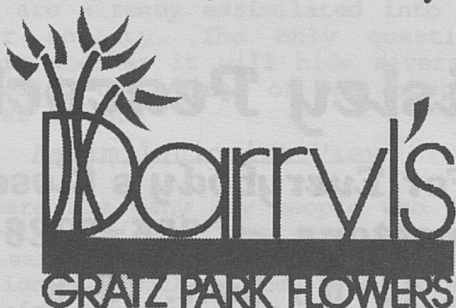
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Contact the Tri-State Gay Rodeo and thank the Rodeo (and especially Terry and Cathy) for organizing Lexington's first volunteer awards banquet.

Write the Lexington Herald-Leader and inquire as to why the first inclusion of a large lesbigay

contingent was not mentioned in coverage of the 4th of July parade. Letters/postcards must include writer's address and telephone #.

**Editor, Herald-Leader**

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Write Councilmember at Large Teresa Isaac and thank her for her rousing keynote speech at the Tri-State Gay Rodeo Awards Banquet.

**Teresa Isaac**

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## What is the Homosexual's Role in Society?

There are two schools of thought concerning gay life and the society as a whole. One holds that homosexual people should defy the social norm and live as a part of a separate sub-culture. The other maintains that homosexuals are only slightly different members of that society, and should accept it as a whole. These two extreme viewpoints are presented here not as a means for deciding which position is correct, but as a reference in deciding which points of each argument you believe.

### Affirmationist View

The early gay movement adopted as its Ideology a variant of liberalism. This strategy assumed that gay liberation would result from modest adjustments to the status quo: if only the government would repeal sodomy laws, if only the military would "tolerate" gays, and so on. Recently, however, a debate has arisen regarding the politics of "difference." Unfortunately, the Lexington gay community has yet to address seriously this important issue.

The concept of "difference" serves as the inspiration for the so-called "affirmationist" school. Affirmationists recognize that our society consists of a diversity of cultures and sexualities. Moreover, the reality of this diversity has been hidden by the myth of "the mainstream", straight, middle-class Anglo-Saxon men. Thus, an affirmationist argues that the mainstream is nothing more than a mask that attempts to hide the power of one small group over everybody else.

A solution lies in affirming how you, as an individual, differ from the myth of the "mainstream." In so doing, you refuse to allow bourgeois ideology to categorize or repress you. In other words, an affirmationist takes pride in her or his "queerness." Again, a society based upon difference recognizes that queers are already assimilated into the greater society. The only question, then, is whether it will hide diversity by imposing the values of one group on the rest of us.

### Assimilationist View

There are many gay people who feel that being gay means they must advertise their sex lives. By attracting as much attention as possible, they force details of their personal lives on complete strangers. Something which is a private

matter is then made the public focus of the person's life. These people then reduce themselves to a stereotype whose identity is solely based on their sex lives.

Besides the fact that it is demeaning for people to build their existence around one small facet of their lives, they also ignore the need to communicate with other people. We are all dependant on our society and therefore must be able to interact with it. Societal norms are a means by which humans do this. Since much of who we are is formed by the society we live in, we have no reason to reject that society just because certain close-minded individuals object to a single part of our lives.

Individuality is a matter of being who you are. Since who we are at least partially depends on the people around us, there is no reason to resent our similarities to the society as a whole. By accepting these similarities, we can freely interact with anyone we chose, without hiding behind a mask made as a rebellion against someone else's beliefs.

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Blanche McCrary Boyd

2. *Gilda Stories*, Jewelle Gomez

**Gay Men's Fiction:** *What the Dead Remember*, Harlan Greene

**Children's/Young Adult Literature:** *The Duke Who Outlawed Jelly Beans and other Stories*, Johnny Valentine

**Gay Men's Sci-Fi/Fantasy:** *The Dark Beyond the Stars*, Frank Robinson

**Lesbian Poetry:** *Atlas of the Difficult World*, Adrienne Rich

**Gay Men's Poetry:** *The Road Before Us: 100 Gay Black Poets*  
Assoto Saint

**Lesbian Mystery:** *Murder By Tradition*, Katherine Forrest

**Gay Men's Mystery:** *Country of Old Men: The Last Dave Brandstetter Mystery*, Joseph Hansen

**Gay and Lesbian Humor:** *Putting on the Ritz*, Joe Keenan

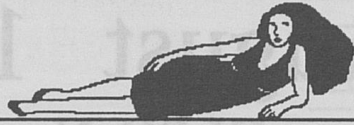
**Lesbian Anthologies:** *Chicana Lesbians: The Girls Our Mothers Warned Us About*, Carla Trujillo,

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## Esmerelda's Parlour

By Laura Jones

When I last wrote Esmerelda's Parlour in the spring of '88, the Ryder truck was packed and I was on my way to Atlanta to join my partner, Ann. Our experiences there were a mixed bag. A large gay community that felt too broad and scattered to access contrasted with a few close and special relationships. Suffice to say, we returned for many reasons, not the least of which was the community here we could not replace.

But we did not return alone. Enter Richard Alexander (Alex) 18 mos. and 32 lbs. of energetic toddler. Atlanta did offer us many options towards my life long desire for children and fortunately, Ann was willing to consider adding a child to our family.

And consider it we did. I guess that's where I'll start this series on Lesbian Parenting. Over the next few months I'll include How-To's, relationship issues, lesbian pregnancy and raising Alex info.

In the spring of '89 we contacted the Atlanta Feminist Women's Health Center and heard about "some lesbians were getting together to talk about having kids." "Some lesbians" turned out to be about 50 women- some with kids, some pregnant, some not so sure, some, adopting, some fostering. It was incredible!

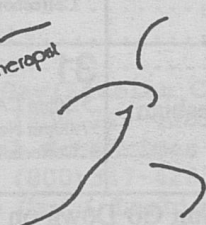
We traded phone #'s and eventually divided into "baby groups" of 608 couples and began to meet every 2-4 weeks to discuss creating families. Our group helped Ann and

me in a lot of ways. First, we were talking with other women who wanted children as passionately as we did. It was fun to talk about our dreams of big wheels and bottles. Secondly, donor insemination (D.I.), adoption and fostering can be long, hard roads. These processes drain you financially, physically, and emotionally whether its dealing with homophobic departments of child welfare or waiting (again) for your third D.I. attempt to see if you are pregnant. We could offer support and information to each other. Not only could my friend Mary understand how conflicting it felt to be an 8 months pregnant dyke (no dear, I don't want to go out dancing at the bar tonight), but we could also offer each other references for supportive attorneys or ob-gyns and other options for having children.

Thirdly, by using a group discussion format along with a book called Considering Parenthood by Cheries Pies (for lesbians), we could discuss parenthood issues we had not thought of, or perhaps, even avoided. There are so many things to consider- all of the options available to have or find children,

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whether both partners are really freely choosing to participate in parenting, work and family responses, your own expectations vs. reality, life after kids with finances, child care, time management, where do you fit in to the gay community with an infant and the dramatic effect on your relationship.

In our Atlanta group two couples had sons- Alex and Andrew. One couple decided not to have children and one woman realized she was only agreeing to parent because she feared if she did not, she would lose her lover. One woman realized how important it was to her to have a girl child and that she needed to ensure that by choosing different options for D.I. Another couple had a major upheaval in their relationship but

our friend is still inseminating and is willing but not hoping to be a single mom.

If there is one lesson I've learned through this, it is that discussion is necessary. If you're in a relationship and both partners are not making a free and informed choice to have kids then you are setting yourselves up for bitterness and anger. And, if you are single, I hope you create a consistent and broad support network. Parenting is hard work peppered with joys. We are fortunate in that we both wanted kids and have had such great support from family and friends. I would be happy to host an organizational meeting for a Lexington "baby group." You can contact me by writing GLSO News. NEXT MONTH: Turkey Basters 101: the How-To's

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## PRIDE CELEBRATION MADE US PROUD

by Debbie Currie

Lexington's 1992 Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Pride Celebration was a success, with nearly every event well attended. The total attendance for the 10 day celebration was just over 2,000, which is up dramatically from last year. In large part, we have the Kentucky Theater to thank as the showings of "Desert Hearts" and "Poison" accounted for close to half of that total. Another standout event was the presentation of "Dos Lesbos" and "This Brooding Sky" by Between the Acts. The plays were a sellout with a total attendance of nearly 400. Arts Night and the Pride Church Service at the Unitarian Church were also quite successful with each topping 100 in attendance. We hope that these big numbers excite you as much as they do us!

We are pleased to report that the Pride Celebration also did well financially. The 1992 Pride Committee will be turning over a larger bankroll to the 1993 Pride Committee than the 1992 committee received. Part of the reason is that the Tri-State Gay Rodeo Association and Athena Productions took total responsibility for three of the celebration's largest undertakings: T.S.G.R.A. with the Salute to Lexington Volunteers Banquet and the barn dance, and Athena with the plays by Between the Acts. This year's celebration could not have been all that it was without the commitment of those two groups, and we thank them.

We also have the Pride Raffle to thank for the improvement in our financial position. There was a total of 19 prizes raffled off, and we raised over \$300.

The community's support was invaluable in making this year's

celebration a success and we would like to express our sincerest thanks to: The Pampered Chef, Crystal Visions, Everybody's Natural Foods and Deli, Lexington Taekwondo Center, Ann Olliges, Chuck Smith, Mary Crone, Steve Heinrich, Timothy Branham, Darrell's Hair Design, Linda's Sandwich shop, Thomas Harvey Salon, Darryl's Gratz Park Flowers, Athena Productions, Joseph-Beth Booksellers, Fred Mills, Teresa Isaac, the Rev. Kelly Flood, Lexington Men's Corus, Interweave, Alfafa's, UK Lambda, Louisville Fairness Campaign, Gay Men's Spiritual Group, Imperial court of the Bluegrass, Harp Enterprises, AVOL, The Bar, The Metro, Crossings, Joe's Cafe and Bar, the Rainbow bowling league and all the other people we would like to name but can't. Once again our sincerest thanks. We would have been lost without you!

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Louisville- This year's Stonewall Awards for service to the bisexual/lesbian/gay community named Carla Wallace and Ken Herndon, the Co-Chairs of the Louisville Fairness Campaign, the Lesbian and Gay Man of the Year respectively. Tracy Fox of U. of L.'s GLOBAL student group received the first Bisexual of the Year award with Melissa Mershon, President of the Louisville Board of Aldermen, winning the Non-Gay Person honor. The Connection Complex won the award for Organization of the Year with Heart to Heart/ AIDS Support Services receiving the Service in the Area of AIDS award.

New York- A monument to the Stonewall Riots was unveiled June 23 in New York's Christopher Park. Commemorating the riots that gave birth to the modern gay rights movement 23 years ago, the statue by George Segal shows two seated women on a park bench touching lightly with two men standing next to each other.

Chicago- Lenny Broberg, a San Francisco hotel caterer, was awarded the International Mr. Leather. The National Leather Association also announced plans to start a Leather Archives and Museum in Chicago. For more information on donating to the archives, call (312) 878-6360.

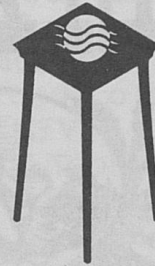
Boston- Gov. William Weld of Massachusetts swore in the nation's first Governor's Commission on Gay and Lesbian Youth on June 11. This commission will advise the governor on stemming suicides, homelessness and violence against lesbian, gay and bisexual youth. In his opening speech, Weld called attention to a 1989 U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services Report on youth suicide

which finds that 30% of completed youth suicides are among homosexual teens. Weld also addressed the finding that 25% of gay youth are forced to leave home for their sexual orientation.

Sacramento- Rep. William Dannemeyer (R-CA), the arch-conservative known as the "Jesse Helms of the House of Representatives" for his attacks on gays, lost his bid for the Republican nomination for a seat in the U.S. Senate. Having given up his House seat to run for the Senate, Dannemeyer is now out of Congress.

Louisville- The HIV/AIDS Legal Project of Kentucky received two grants to provide free legal services to Kentuckians who are HIV+. The grants will allow the Project to assist with entitlement programs, insurance benefits, and other legal issues.

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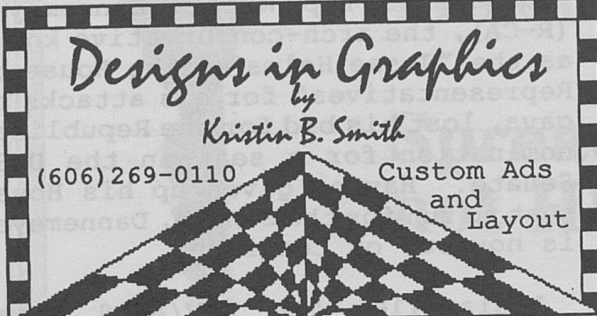
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The Fairness Campaign, based on the original Louisville organization to add "sexual orientation" to protected categories in the city's anti-discrimination ordinance, is forming here in Lexington. This clause seeks to protect lesbians and gays and strays from discrimination in housing, employment, and public accommodations. The initial organizational meeting will be Monday, August 24 at 7pm at Alfalfa's Restaurant. Come out, bring your skills and enthusiasm, and protect human rights in Lexington.

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