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CHANGES FOR NEWSLETTER IN STORE

contributed by Mary Crone

Big changes are in store for the GLSO newsletter. First, you may have noticed the new articles and new contributors of articles, making for a more locally interesting bit of monthly reading. The other changes are aimed at making the newsletter more financially stable.

First, we are soliciting monthly sponsors. What this will consist of is a business or organization paying for the printing cost of the newsletter for one month in 1996.

What they get in return is a mention on the front page of the month they are sponsoring, plus a full page ad inside. Also, they will be listed as a sponsor in each newsletter of 1996.

Several businesses have been contacted by mail concerning this opportunity and we are gratefully getting responses. If there is any business or organization that has not been contacted and you are interested in helping us out and getting this great advertising bargain, please contact Terry at 255-5469.

The months are filling up, and we now see no problems in keeping the newsletter going.

The second big change in making GLSO more fiscally sound is to do away with the \$10 "subscription only" price. We regret having to do this, but

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POINT OF VIEW

contributed by Joshua JT MacFarlane

Recently, I had the opportunity to sit with three of the International Gay Bowling Organization's twelve AIDS Quilt panels. This was the first time that I had seen any part of the Names Project's AIDS Quilt and it's an experience which I won't forget. After laying down the Quilt I did little more than sit and watch those who come to view it; making sure that none in their ignorance attempted to destroy or desecrate those three panels, representing almost persons who have been consumed by AIDS.

One man in particular caught my attention. He was a hotel employee. Entering through the room's service entrance, probably sacrificing his much deserved break to bear witness. He was bearing witness to the fact that AIDS is a truly horrifying killer, or possibly bearing witness to his own fate or possibly like myself, simply contemplating everything; human existence, death, dying, disease, love, nature. Silently he moved between the panels, apparently searching for a name. Finally, he revealed to me that he was looking for his cousin's name. I am unsure whether he found it or not, but like so many others that day, he exited the room, tears flowing from his eyes.

Seeing the AIDS Quilt on

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We have had a steady response to our recent requests for new or renewed subscriptions, with twenty or more coming in each month. We have been particularly pleased that most subscribers are joining at the membership rate. Thank you for your support. Since we are no longer paying for our phone bill, we now see no problem keeping the newsletter afloat. We will not add any other services that cost money until we have a substantial bank account.

This month, we have removed all those subscriptions that ran out three or more months ago. As a

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"GLSO Changes" *from the front page*

it has become a financially unsound business practice to offer this option. Since the newsletter is the largest expense GLSO has, and since the mailing rate went up this year, we determined we were losing money on the "subscription only" rate, and as we did not want to raise rates across the board, we dropped it.

So, starting January 1, there will be only two prices for GLSO: \$15 for an individual, or \$20 for a couple, both of which make you a full voting member.

We also plan to organize social events, to which members will receive reduced admission. Eighty percent of recent subscribers have joined at the recent rate, so it seems the community is ready for this. By using the subscription form in this newsletter, you can still subscribe at the \$10 through January.

Stay tuned for more changes in your newsletter - we are striving to make it as interesting and exciting as you can stand. Also, GLSO is planning fun events and fundraisers for our members in '96. We are determined not to see the demise of the oldest lesbian organization and publication in Kentucky. ▼

"Point of View" *from the front page*

television or simply knowing of its existence does little to bring its true nature into perspective. The quilt is made of 26,000 individual panels, not including organizational panels, most representing a different person. But even if there was no duplication, this would represent less than 10% of the 270,870 persons estimated by the CDC to have died of AIDS through 1994 in the USA alone.

GO FIGURE...

contributed by Elizabeth Gilliam

If you recently visited a Movie Warehouse in Lexington, you may have noticed that the lesbo epic "Go Fish" is now on the shelves. The store on Euclid even has two copies!

I will forever be a fan of this film, a black-and-white piece done by a group of women in Chicago who were tired of the lesser garbage that was getting passed off as "classic" lesbian film-making, like "Claire of the Moon" that has about five hetero sex scenes, and a hard-to-believe lesbian one at the very end.

And speaking of inferior, "Bar Girls" is also available under the New Releases section. I think this is the epitome of excruciatingly bad film, and I walked out of it after 25 minutes. It seems to be a series of inside jokes that the audience, sadly, was never there for.

If you see any hetero folks about to rent it, stop them! Believe me, we wouldn't want anyone to think that it's in any way an accurate portrayal of our community.

Anyway, go rent a film and thank someone at Movie Warehouse for waking up! ▼

When I first entered that room at the Hyatt, I saw no more than three blue clothes, each stenciled with roughly 83 names. When I left that room, four hours later, I saw a monument, a virtual shrine to represent the lives, achievements, failures, families, and friends of 250 human victims, each undeserving of that befell them. ▼

COMMUNITY NEWS

LESBIGAYS MAKE PROGRESS IN NOVEMBER ELECTIONS:

contributed by Peter Taylor

This year's elections nationwide saw not only a more vigorous voter turnout than in the last election but also a slight correction of the Republican mandate. The big win of the year for lesbigays was in Maine, where an effort to outlaw anti-discrimination laws for lesbigays was defeated.

Conservative Republicans were held back and failed to gain control in several key races both here and in adjoining states. Here in Kentucky, Paul Patton, who would not endorse lesbigay rights narrowly defeated Larry Forgy, who made conflicting statements about these issues, but who is a political ally of one of the arch-homophobes of the radical wrong in the state - the Reverend Frank Simon.

While I would hardly call these slight gains a repudiation of the Conservative Republican agenda, I am heartened nonetheless. Last year the Contract with America was touted as panacea for our current social and political problems with barely twenty percent of the electorate voting for it. The consequences of that presumption appear to have at least helped combat voter apathy. It's a glimmer of hope in a pretty dark year politically.

Oh... To all of you who labor so tirelessly to get out the vote and inform the voters of the issues and where the candidates stand, I salute

you! Meanwhile, the struggle continues.... ▼

MEN'S CHORUS PERFORMS CHRISTMAS CONCERT WITH SPIRIT DRUMMERS

contributed by Keith Lovan

The Lexington Men's Chorus is beginning its sixth season and has scheduled its winter concert. "The Child in All of Us" will be presented on two dates at the Singletary Center for the Arts. The times are:

Saturday, December 16, 8:00 pm, and

Sunday, December 17, 3:00 pm

Music, especially during the holidays, seems to bring about special memories. We return, if only in those memories, to the child that we once were, or wish to be. Our music is full of emotions and wonderment. We move through dreams and transitions. We sing with the best of voices, but more importantly, the best of our hearts. So join the Men's Chorus... and find the child... in all of us.

The concert will consist of traditional Christmas music with a contemporary flair, old English Christmas Carols, and several Latin pieces.

This year's concert will also be the debut of the Ensemble - an audition group made up of members from the Chorus. And as always, Fourné will perform several light humorist pieces. You just never know what they will do next.

The concerts will be filled with a variety of soloist and instrumental

compositions and will be joined by The Spirit Drummers under the direction of Lucina Arachne for one rip-roaring time production with drums pounding and plenty of energy.

Tickets are \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children, and are available by stopping by or calling the Singletary Center at 606 - 257-4929.

Lexington Men's Chorus is a proud member of the International Gay and Lesbian Association of Choruses and is making plans to attend the international convention in Tampa in 1996. ▼

INTERWEAVE IN DECEMBER

Interweave is planning an evening "On the Town" on Saturday, December 2. Meet at Joe's (120 S. Upper) for pre-dance drinks and conversation between 9 and 10 pm. At 10, we will move to another bar for dancing.

Sunday, Dec. 10 is the monthly Interweave luncheon at 12:30 pm at Don Pablo's Mexican Restaurant (3737 Nicholasville Rd).

On Saturday, Dec. 23, we will have a holiday potluck at Davina's home at 7:00 pm. Call Davina for directions (271-6174).

Interweave is a group connected to the Unitarian Universalist Church, and we are open to members from the larger lesbigay community. ▼

NATIONAL NEWS

Clinton Ends Anti-Gay Security Clearance Policy and Supports Prohibition of Lesbigan Job Discrimination Nationwide...

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton officially ended the government assumption that homosexuals can't be trusted with national secrets by ordering an end to discrimination based on sexual orientation in granting security clearances. He has also lent his support to ENDA, legislation designed to prohibit hiring and job discrimination based on sexual orientation.

Homosexual rights groups praised the order to end the discrimination in granting security clearances. Elizabeth Birch, executive director of the Human Rights Campaign Fund, called it "an important step toward ending governmentally sanctioned job discrimination against gay and lesbian people."

But Rep. Bob Dornan, a long-shot candidate for the GOP presidential nomination, called Clinton's action "something else he didn't have to do that's gotten in our face."

"I wouldn't trust them with a \$5 loan, let alone the nation's secrets," Dornan, R-Calif., said of homosexuals, whom he also labeled "promiscuous by definition."

The 13-page order adds the words "sexual orientation" to the non-discrimination clause covering access to classified material. It also states, "No inference concerning the

standards in this section may be raised solely on the basis of the sexual orientation of the employee."

"The order completes a process of careful honing, spurred by findings of the Joint Security Commission in February 1994, by the Intelligence and National Defense agencies in their reviews of such espionage cases as that of Aldrich Ames," White House press secretary Mike McCurry said in a statement.

An executive order has the force of law, but it can be overturned by Congress.

Rep. Barney Frank, D-Mass., one of three openly gay members of Congress, welcomed the order. He worked with the Bush and Clinton administrations in an effort to change the policy on homosexuals.

"We all know that innumerable lesbians and gay men have served their country loyally and well throughout its history without betraying its trust or giving away its secrets," Frank said in a statement. "But, shamefully, until now, the federal government was unwilling to acknowledge this fact."

A memo dated Aug. 3 from Marsha Scott, deputy assistant to the president for political affairs, said the order would be effective immediately upon its publication in the Federal Register. The memo was released by the Human Rights Campaign Fund.

THE MILITIA MOVEMENT IN KENTUCKY

There are two main militia groups in Kentucky, both of which are newly formed and relatively small.

Danny and Diane Snellon are, respectively, coordinator and the secretary/treasurer of the Kentucky Citizens Militia. Formed in Fall 1994, the group does not "have uniform or gun requirements," says Danny Snellon. Recent meetings have taken place at the main branch of the Lexington Public Library and at a sportsman's shop in Paris, northeast of Lexington.

Attendance at these meetings has ranged from 10 to 20 people. In Boone County, in northern Kentucky, a militia called the Defenders of Liberty is believed to have a core group of 30 to 40 individuals. Unlike the Kentucky Citizens Militia, the Defenders of Liberty do wear uniforms and undergo paramilitary training. ▼

Quote of the Month

The "religious right talk about gays bothers me tremendously. . . If Jesus were here, he'd be very tolerant of Gays and others. . . a lot of the religious right is living in glass houses." Rick Pitino quoted in a recent interview in the Herald-Leader

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GLSTN

contributed by Mary Crone

The Gay, Lesbian & Straight Teachers' Network has come up with a wonderful idea to educate educators about the difficulty of being a young gay, lesbian, bisexual or transgendered student. They are asking any of us who are willing, to write letters to a teacher or an administrator of elementary, middle or high schools we attended, explaining what school days were like for a child or teen who was different.

Whether your experience was one of harassment or of "passing," we need to raise the consciousness of school personnel. If you write such a letter, please send a copy to: GLSTN, 122 W. 26th St., Suite 1100, New York, NY 10001.

Here is a part of the letter I am sending to schools I attended in Lexington:

"I spent some of my days at Cassidy with a friend who lives close to me named Richard. We were in the same class in fourth through sixth grade, and played together often in our neighborhood and sometimes in school. As early as fourth grade, I remember not understanding why Richard seemed to be the object of teasing. The boys that picked on him probably didn't understand, either: they just knew he was different. On one occasion in sixth grade, I remember objecting when he joined a pack of boys that were taking pleasure in disrupting the girls' games of jacks. He looked at me (as he was simultaneously trying to look tough without actually breaking our jacks) and whispered, "I have to, Mary." I got in an intuitive flash. I saw into his misery I haven't taken in before,

and understood that he had to pretend to belong, to be a "normal" boy. I still didn't understand how he was different, but I knew he was and that it didn't get in the way of our friendship.

By the time we went to Henry Clay, we were no longer close friends. I don't know a lot about what he endured in junior and senior high school, but I know that Richard was no longer the cheerful, outgoing young person I had enjoyed so much. The teasing had become more threatening and Richard was introverted, quiet, and mostly alone.

There are children like Richard attending Cassidy (Henry Clay) today, and many of them are experiencing more hostility, harassment, and violence than Richard did. Homophobia has not disappeared, it has intensified. As part of my work with the gay/lesbian community in Lexington, I have read a good deal about gay adolescents and have made some presentations on the topic. I am particularly concerned about the relatively high rates of depression, school drop out, suicide, homelessness, and family violence there young people face.

One way to help gay youth is for school counselors and other personnel to receive some training in working with gay/lesbian youth. If you don't know much about what they are facing, they are unlikely to turn to you for help. You might work towards the establishment of gay-straight alliance support groups that have been successful in high schools in twenty states."

I have another memory of Richard I'm not sharing in this letter. My senior year, I was in Kaufman's

Beauty School getting my hair cut, and Richard was there with the young woman he was taking to the senior prom. I watched from across the room, surprised to see Richard being outgoing and even flirtatious. Then I realized it was not the young woman that was bringing out this side of him, it was the young man learning to set hair. They were having a great time, and it was clear that Richard knew who he was and would make his way in the world.

Soon after graduation he left for San Francisco, where he still lives. ▼

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from the front page

result, the number of newsletters we are sending out through bulk mail is too low. We need a minimum of 200 pieces to receive the bulk mail rate.

Surely we should be able to have a subscription list of 200 in a city with so many lesbigay people! If you have a subscription, give the enclosed form to a friend and ask him/her to subscribe. If you have been picking up the newsletter for free, please consider getting a subscription.

If you are short on money, do it now - before the end of January - at which time the non-membership rate of \$10 will be eliminated (see related article, front page). As more people subscribe, there will be fewer free copies to distribute (since we print a fixed number), so get on the mailing list now. ▼



December 1995

Happy Holidays



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contributed by Jon Shelton

As I was saying in my last review, Hollywood has got a long way to go in portraying lesbigay people fairly and accurately without resorting to stereotypes. To reiterate, the full spectrum of the rainbow flag, a metaphor symbolizing the diversity of the lesbigay culture itself, is not being mirrored by the silver screen. In order to clearly reflect the diverse universe for which this banner waves, the movie industry must broaden its narrow scope. This raises the issue of how lesbian, gays and bisexuals wish to be represented on the screen. The leading characters in recent films like *La Cage aux Folles*, *Priscilla*, or *Wong Foo* only represent a small part of gay culture. Conversely, cross-dressers like Ed Wood or Jack Lemmon or Tony Curtis (in *Some Like It Hot*), serve as wonderful role models for straight culture. There are few (if any) gay role models, which raises yet another issue: What kind of role model (if any) does the gay community wish to have? As the title character in Paul Rudnick's *Jeffrey* so eloquently states, "I hate that gay role

models are supposed to be just like straight people. As if straight people were even like that." It is a point well taken.

The screen adaptation of Paul Rudnick's award winning play *Jeffrey* is of major importance to the gay community. This is due to the fact that this one film takes giant leaps in filling any gaps caused by a lack of gay role models. Every type of individual in the culture of desire, from the sexually starved Catholic priest to the most flamboyant drag queen, is examined. Even pre-operative transsexual lesbians are given equal time. If you are looking for a role model, just take your pick! Seriously, showing a broad spectrum of different types of lesbigay people is important.

In *Jeffrey*, the title character (played with an evident air of discomfort by Steven Weber) is a gay actor/waiter in New York City who gives up sex for fear of contracting AIDS. Convinced that Jeffrey is unhappy with this decision, Jeffrey's friends play matchmaker by fixing him up with the gorgeous Steve (played by Michael T. Weiss). Before agreeing to go out with Steve, Jeffrey admits that he has "fantasized about

him and dreamed of doing with him what he has "only permitted with five-thousand other men." Then Steve reveals, "Just so there are no surprises" that he is HIV positive. Jeffrey reacts by getting cold feet. The issue that is raised by Jeffrey's reaction to Steve's condition is this; why should a disease like AIDS make a person any less desirable or lovable, or why should Jeffrey find Steve any less attractive because his HIV status? It is a question that Jeffrey must wrestle with throughout the show.

One of the major flaws in the movie is that Steve doesn't quite come across as the lovable persona that he is in the play. This is due to the fact that a key scene from the play in which Steve displays his humor, grace and love of humanity has been cut from the movie for no excusable reason. After hilariously mimicking a fashion show in a hospital gown, Steve tells Jeffrey, "I'm happy in my way to see the tenth floor to see the AIDS babies." Concluding "We're all AIDS babies, Jeffrey... and I don't want to die without being held." Steve's antics and poignancy in this scene make him enduring not only to Jeffrey, but to the audience as well.

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Therefore, it is our hope that they get together in the end. Without the scene, moviegoers are given less of a reason to feel this way. What an oversight!

The character of Steve epitomizes Paul Rudnick's philosophy of humor overcoming any adversity. As Rudnick states in the introductory pages of the play, "Death and illness are far from my favorite pastimes; jokes and personality are my preferred antidotes. A wisecrack is not an evasion, but a weapon; smart remarks can defeat even a hospital's green-gowned terror. A snappy comeback or a paisley ascot, or a yellow-tulip, preserves humanity..." in other words - laughter, in the age of AIDS, is not an accessory item. It's the whole wardrobe!

For anyone familiar with the play, watching *Jeffrey* on the screen is like watching a favorite movie that has been edited for television. You wait for certain parts to come up and they never do. That isn't to say that the movie should be dismissed. For all the brilliance lost, there are plenty of cleverly devised substitutions. An eye-popping square dance number, a hilarious bit with Mother Theresa, and Patrick Stewart's Oscar caliber performance alone are worth the price of admission. However, at a running-time of 92 minutes, more of the play's poignancy could have been preserved. *Jeffrey* the play has audiences laughing one minute and crying the next. *Jeffrey* the movie is less grounded in reality bypassing the heart for the funny bone. *Jeffrey* the movie is no substitute for the play, it is more like *Jeffrey* lite or *Jeffrey* helper. *I Can't Believe It's Not Jeffrey*, it's not. ▼



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DIVORCED PARENTS: COMING OUT TO CHILDREN (Help for the Children) Part 2

contributed by Sue Strong

A parents coming out to his or her children from a heterosexual marriage can be very stressful for the children. Children may need assistance in successfully resolving this issue. Several books have been written on gay and lesbian parenting, *Gay Fathers* (1990) and *Gay and Lesbian Parents* (1987) both of which offer information on coming out to children and helping children understand their gay and lesbian parents. The Gay and Lesbian Parents Coalition International started COLAGE (Children of Lesbians and Gays Everywhere) in 1988 to offer a support program for adolescents and later sponsored COLAGE Kids Club for younger children of lesbians and gays. These organizations are aimed at reducing the stigma, prejudice and discrimination experienced by the children of lesbian and gay parents.

Consider the following points in helping children understand their gay and lesbian parents:

1. Coming out and divorce issues are often intertwined, but they need to be discussed separately. Children need reassurance that their emotional relationships with both parents need not change. If possible, relationships with both parents need to be encouraged and supported by both parents. If possible, both parents need to continue to co-parent their children.
2. Children may need to grieve the loss of the heterosexual parent, the nuclear family, the "American Dream". Grieving takes time, and often goes through stages such as shock, denial and anger before

resolution. Grieving is an ongoing, spiral process. All family members need time to adjust.

3. Children may feel positive about their family relationships and still feel conflict because of the negative social stigma due to heterosexism. Redefining or reframing the concept of family may be useful. Families can be created by choice as well as by sexual chance. Any group of people who share and care can be defined as family.

4. Children may question their sexuality, especially with the current focus on biological determinants of homosexuality. Educate your children openly and discuss their fears.

5. Children will go through a process of coming out as a child of a gay or lesbian parent. They will need assistance in navigating this process. Tradeoffs between carrying a secret and risking humiliation need to be discussed. The process of coming out will be on going for the parent.

6. Children need peer support and networking with other children of gay and lesbian parents. Informal socializing with other gay and lesbian families, joining a P-FLAG support group, joining the COLAGE Kids Club for pen pals are all options for

reducing the social isolation our children feel.

7. Children need to recognize both the stresses and positives of growing up in a gay or lesbian household. The results of the studies over the

past 20 years are clear. Research cannot identify any differences in developmental, sexual orientation, or evidence of pathology. Charlotte Patterson, a professor of psychology at the University of Virginia, researched children from gay and lesbian households and recently published the results in *Lesbian and Gay Psychology: Theory, Research, and Clinical Applications*. She concludes that "these children may encounter higher stress than other kids, but because they're able to learn how to deal with it, they feel better about themselves."

The May 30, 1995 Advocate features gay and lesbian parents and their children. The executive director of COLAGE grew up in a gay household and describes herself as "culturally gay but erotically straight". She best sums up the situation by stating that children from gay and lesbian families "have a really wonderful potential to be the bridges between an ignorant straight world and the gay world. They know the issues intimately and have a real investment in combating homophobia. They are potential emissaries to mainstream America." ▼

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PROACTIVE HEALTH ALTERNATIVES

Vaxa International, Inc. is an 8-year-old company which produces totally natural, uniquely potent, and nutritionally powerful homeopathic nutraceuticals. These products actually feed the body at the sub-cellular level, providing biochemically available, specific nutritional formulations for both general and particular needs. **Vaxa** Nutraceuticals consist of pharmaceutical grade free form amino acids, pure herbal extracts, minerals, vitamins, synergistic cofactors, catalytic metabolizers, and some contain homeopathic complements.

Vaxa provides these specifically engineered nutritive supplements for the special dietary needs arising from pain, arthritis, bacterial and viral infections, allergies, stress, poor digestion, lowered immunity, low energy, high cholesterol, depression, agitation, and more. It is truly remarkable how much the body can do when critical nutritional materials and homeopathic medicines are present in abundance and biologically available. All of this with **NO DRUGS!** **Vaxa's** extensive line of human products also includes cosmeceuticals and a dynamite weight-loss program. All of the **Vaxa** products come with a money-back guarantee.

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GLSO: News (Peter).....	273-5845
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GLSO Support Group (Mary).....	266-5904
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STUDENT GROUPS

ACE League:Berea (Ed) ext. 7472 evenings only	986-9314
AGLF: NKU (Pat).....	572-5604
B-GLAD: Centre College (Mykol).....	238-5332
GUESS: EKU (Greg).....	622-3764
UK Lambda (Julien) before 10pm	272-7232

ANONYMOUS AIDS TESTING

Jessamine County.....	885-4149
Lexington-Fayette County.....	288-2437
Madison County.....	723-7312
Woodford County.....	873-4541

AIDS INFO/SERVICES

AIDS HOTLINE	231-7545
AIDS Volunteers of Lexington	254-2865
AVOL Legal Referral Program	254-2865
Health Department HIV Support Programs	
(Patty).....	288-2377
(Amanda)	288-2374
HIV/AIDS Legal Project.....	(502) 584-1254
HIV+ Youth Support Group	254-2865
Kentucky AIDS HOTLINE	(502) 564-6539
Saturday HIV+/AIDS Support Group	
(AVOL)	254-2865

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COMMUNITY

Bluegrass COLTS (Mark)	233-7266
Country Dykes (Debbie).....	(606) 871-7452
Cumberland Cares	(606) 678-0587
E-Male (Juno).....	252-2353
Fairness of Lexington HOTLINE.....	275-7812
Fairness of Louisville	(502) 893-0788
Front Runners (Keith)	254-6850
G/L Al-Anon - Tuesdays (Charlie)	224-4067
G/L Defense Fund	(502) 589-2896
IGBO Mid-Year 1995 (Steve).....	276-3058
Kentucky ACLU (Keith).....	281-1482
Kentucky Fairness Alliance (Keith).....	281-1482
Kentucky Legislature	
Bill Status Line.....	(800) 382-2455
Legislator Message Line.....	(800) 372-7181
Meeting Info Line.....	(800) 633-9650
Lexington Men's Chorus (Shelby)	231-0090
Louisville Youth Group.....	(502) 635-1302
Names Project, Lexington (Katie).....	272-2588
Newcomers Group (Joe)	278-5032
P-FLAG (Ruth)	272-7075
Pegasus Travel	268-4337
Rainbow Bowling League (Teri)	268-8563
RISC (Mike).....	225-5151
(Jack)	272-8354
Tri-State Gay Rodeo Assn. (Terry)	255-5469
(Paul).....	278-8023

RELIGIOUS GROUPS

Dignity [Catholic] (Don)	299-4458
Episcopal Diocese AIDS Ministry (Steve).....	233-1782
Honesty [Southern Baptist] (Eddie).....	(502) 637-7609
(Dorothy).....	(502) 458-5392
Interweave [Unitarian] (Davina).....	271-6174
MCC-Hopkinsville & Horse Cave.....	(502) 897-3821
MCC-Lexington (Rex)	271-1407
MCC-Louisville	(502) 775-6636
MCC-Paducah	(502) 441-2307
Pagan Forum (Pat)	268-1640
Quaker FLGC (Connie).....	276-2554

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