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BROADWAY BOUND

Lexington Men's Chorus is *Broadway Bound* with performances Saturday April 25th at 8 p.m. and Sunday April 26th at 3 p.m. This all singing, all dancing concert will be held at the Recital Hall of the Singletary Center for the Performing Arts.

Under the direction of Lorne Tice and in their 8th concert season, LMC will perform selections from such Broadway hits as *A Chorus Line*, *South Pacific*, *West Side Story*, and *La Cage aux Folles*. Highlights include a traditional Broadway overture by LMC accompanist Tedrin Blair Lindsay. -*Where is Love* from *Oliver* as arranged by resident composer Brian Throckmorton, a medley of song from Jerome Kern's classic *Showboat*, a *Sound of Music* parody with guitar and all, by the quartet Fourte with apologies to Julie Andrews and the Von Trapps, and *Big Spender* from *Sweet Charity* performed by the ensemble Sweet Evening Breeze.

The chorus is a volunteer community organization providing opportunity for gay and gay supportive men to sing together. Its primary purpose is musical excellence in performance. It also seeks to provide fellowship and a sense of pride and unity within the gay and lesbian community.

Tickets for *Broadway Bound* are \$12 for adults, \$10 for seniors and students with ID, and \$5 for children under 10. Tickets are available from chorus members or from the Singletary Center box office, 606-257-4929. Come out and enjoy a great concert!

APRIL EVENTS

Quite a few community events are happening early this month, so we are starting community news with this front page space to keep you up to date.

Turn About

The Bar Complex annual Turn-About will be Wednesday, April 1 in the Cabaret Showroom. The money raised this year will go to the AIDS Walk for Life, scheduled April 19. AVOL will have a table with information about the Walk for Life including sign up sheets. The door will open at 8 p.m. and the show will start at 9:15. Admission is \$5.00.

Actors Guild

Opening night for *Blues for an Alabama Sky* by Pearl Cleage is set for Thursday, April 2nd. Set in 1930, *Blues* tells the story of a free-spirited Cotton Club singer and the flamboyant gay costume designer who takes her under his wing. Cleage is also the author of *Flyin' West*, a much appreciated play from last season. *Blues* will run through April 26. For tickets call Actor's Guild at 233-7330.

Spring Fling Dance

On Saturday, April 4th at 8 p.m. GLSO and Interweave are co-sponsoring a spring dance at the Unitarian Church (3564 Clays Mill Rd). Doors open at 8 p.m. Admission is \$5 with part of this to benefit the Pride Center of Lexington. This is a dance for everyone, LesBiGayTrans and yes, even straight people!

The Unitarian Church has a new addition including a kitchen and multipurpose room. There will now be space for quiet talking as well as the Great Hall for "get-down" dancing to a wide range of sounds including disco, tecno rock, and women's music. Cold drinks, beer, and snacks will be sold. Please do not bring alcohol.

Faux Oscars '98

This year's Faux Oscars will be Sunday, April 5th at the Kentucky Theatre. Beginning at 7 p.m., the event includes a drag show featuring the state's best entertainers. This show will be followed by the movie *Total Eclipse* starring Leonardo DiCaprio.

Fabulous female impersonators from around the region will be performing at the grand venue. The event is a production of the Royal Sovereign Imperial Court of All Kentucky with proceeds to benefit the Y.W.C.A. Spouse Abuse center. Tickets are now available for \$8 at the Ky Theatre.

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MATURE PEOPLE

MAKE THE BEST PARTNERS

Third in a series by Kelly O'Ferrell

"I think mature people make the best partners. [Among other] attitudes...they do not depend on each other for emotional stability..."
From *Living with Sobriety*

I came home from a job interview yesterday morning that started at 10:00. I was sitting on the couch crying at 10:06. I've had shorter interviews than that, believe it or not. Actually, the interview consisted of simply being asked to return at a more convenient time. But you see, I had shown up with my own agenda, and this change in plans simply set into motion the infamous "forever/never" thinking. That's when I hear, "I'm never going to..." or "It will take forever."

Tammy, my partner, was sitting on the couch eating breakfast when I came in and listened as I felt the sadness and fear of my thinking: "I'm a 36 year old woman who works a couple of days a week at a video store so I can shrink wrap movies and run a cash register; I have no idea what job I want to do next; won't fully pursue what I truly love (no doubt because of fear of success or imperfection) and now I can't even get a job bagging groceries and bringing in carts from the parking lot."

Tammy knows my job history better than anybody, and she knows that I am seeking to be of service and feel alive whatever jobs I choose. She told me she knew how I felt and to trust that we would be okay financially. She believes that I am not lazy just because that's how I feel. She reminded me of some of her own job history struggles and we were laughing (a little) after a while.

A few minutes later, someone called with a "business proposition" for me to consider. Today, another person called with another opportunity to be service in exchange for money. I am still afraid. My "emotional stability" is my responsibility.

Our response to one another may vary from "I know how you feel; remember when I..."

to "I need for you to talk to someone else about this." There are times when Tam or I might feel angry (a by-product of fear) when the other chooses not to be available. We can get into wanting what we want when we want it.

But, when we choose to seek the experience and strength of others, we can return to our relationship anew, with something exciting to discuss-maybe a new awareness or a changed attitude. It is the willingness to "change the things we can" that keeps new life in our relationship. When Tam and I are willing to do what we can to take care of ourselves and accept the other's decision, we get just exactly what we need from someone else. Tammy is not the only person in my life, and I am not her only source of strength.

In all my previous relationships, my life was whatever the other person was or wanted. There was no you/me/us. There was only you. And their friends were my friends, even if we had nothing in common, even if I didn't like how I felt when I was with them. And when I sought the experience and strength of these "friends", we usually ended up putting the entire focus on my partner and how, if they would change, then I would be happy.

Tam is more often able to hear my fears and experiences than I am hers, even if they mirror her own. I don't know why that is, but I'm very grateful she has that capacity.

No matter how much we listen and support one another, the feelings we're feeling may linger, the situations we're experiencing may appear to worsen. We are each responsible for finding our own touchstones of strength. Though my comfort level is deepest with Tam, I cannot depend on her alone to see me through this life.

Our friends vowed to Tammy and me, as part of our wedding ceremony almost three years ago, to "be honest, caring and open...to take care of ourselves in your presence so that you will know what to expect from us...(to) listen to the words of your souls, remembering our presence and purpose here, today...(to) treat you the way we want to be treated." Tam and I take the vows of that day to heart when we "do not depend on each other for emotional stability." Thank goodness, maturity is about progress not perfection.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Second Annual Draggin' For Jesus

If you were at the first one, you already know that you don't want to miss this one. If you weren't there, you missed one of the most entertaining drag shows in Lexington last year. *Draggin' for Jesus* also known as *A Draggin' Jubilee for LMCC* (Lexington Metropolitan Community Church), is a unique concept in fund raising. The whole show dedicated to Gospel, old and new, including some additional uplifting music.

Of course, Angel and the Heavenly Rays will again be headlining the show. Some of the other performers will be Miss Mary Christmas Latoya Bacall, Miss Ebony Male Rayna Starr, sisters Sunday and Tuesday DelaRouge, Devina Littrel, Devon Lee and many more. Your Hostess and MC for the evening will be Miss Lurn Wells.

In addition, you won't want to miss the first public appearance of Gertie Mae Noe, the GLSO advice columnist. We understand that she is a sight to behold, a true vision of eastern Ky loveliness.

There will be 32 door prizes and a wonderful spread of hors d'oeuvres. The show will be at the Bar Complex on Wed., April 22nd and begins promptly at 8 pm. Admission is \$5. Tickets can be purchased in advance from Kenneth at the Bar or at the door the night of the show.

AIDS WALK FOR LIFE

The Aids Walk is scheduled for Sunday, April 19. Before that day, pledge sheets can be picked up at any of the three Incredipet locations, at the Ky. Theater or at AVOL, 152 W. Zandale, Suite 201. For team packets and information, call 278-6274. Encourage friends to support you with pledges and then bring your sheets and money with you to registration.

Registration begins at 12 noon at the UK Commonwealth Stadium Parking Lot. Team photos will be taken between 1 and 1:30, aerobics will be at 2:15 and the walk begins at 2:30. Wear comfortable shoes and clothes to match the weather. **You can make a difference!**

Free Alternative Health Workshop

The Living Arts and Sciences Center at 362 North Martin Luther King Blvd is hosting a workshop on health options for dealing with threatening illness on Saturday, April 25 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. This workshop will be most useful to those who are seeking valid and unbiased information about alternative medicine practices.

Some professionals sharing their experience through short presentations and discussions include Cathy Sparks, PhD., Rev. Charlene Hart, and Harold Cole. You won't want to miss this unique opportunity. This workshop is free and seating is very limited. For reservations call 225-9451 or 881-9022.

Partners in Pride

Partners in Pride is the title of this year's celebration which will be held Friday, June 6th through Sunday, June 21st. The next pride planning meeting is Tuesday, April 14th at 7 p.m. at the Pride Center (387 Waller Ave.) All interested individuals are welcome.

April 15th is the deadline for events to be listed on the Pride Calendar. There is still room on the schedule for more events. Please bring your event information to the planning meeting or call Terry (255-5469.) Events that are planned after this deadline may be added to later editions of the calendar if space is available.

It is time to make nominations for the Wasson and Rainbow Awards. If there is a person or group that you wish to nominate, please use the insert form. Members of the pride committee, which you can still join, vote for these awards that will be presented during the banquet at the end of Pride Month.

The Picnic Planning Committee has signed up a number of individuals to perform at the picnic Sunday, June 14th. If you are interested in entertaining us, please contact Davina at 271-6174. If you are interested in setting up a booth for your group or business, call Kelly at 277-6168.

Hiking

An outdoor activity group for women may be successful this time. A group of us got together last month for a hike at Natural Bridge. Ramona is planning two more hikes this month and invites all interested women to give her a call for more information. On April 18th we will hike at Raven Run; it should be an excellent time to enjoy the spring flowers.

On April 25th we will travel to the Cumberland area and hike to the Pinnacle. Some of us will camp, others can stay in a motel or even make the trip in one day. We have heard that there are women in the Somerset area that might want to join us. Please give Ramona a call and we will make arrangements.

If you're interested in either of these hikes, call Ramona at 277-9429 for details. If no one answers, please leave a message.

Interweave

So as not to conflict with Easter, our next Interweave luncheon will be Sunday, April 5th following the church service at 12:30 p.m. in the Fellowship

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House. Please bring a dish to share. Call Davina 271-6174 for information.

Networking Meeting

We are now holding Networking meetings monthly on the third Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the Pride Center. This month's meeting will be April 21st. We start with a potluck and move on to getting to know one another and the groups we represent. This is a great place for newcomers to become involved in our community. Bring a dish and a friend, and find out what's happening! For more information call Mike 225-1828.

Louisville Youth Group

There is now a group meeting regularly in Louisville for self identified GLBT young people under the age of 21. This is a peer support group with adult facilitators present at each meeting. Meetings are on the 1st and 3rd Fridays of the month. Call (502) 894-9787(LYG message line) or the GLBT Hotline

at (502)454-7613 for location and information. The mailing address is: Louisville Youth Group P.O.Box 406764 Louisville, KY 40204.

Local Writers

Local writes are invited to read their work at the second annual Gay Pride Working Class Kitchen. This event was a big success last year and we are pleased that Kelly has agreed to organize it a second time. She can be reached at 277-6168 for more information.

ACT OUT

Act Out is looking for women and men who would like to act in a pride month production. We are looking for people who enjoy singing (you don't even have to that good!) This play is a series of short skits so no one person will be asked to do too much. This promises to be a fun experience. If you are interested, call Bill at 255-5469.

CUUPS

The Covenant of Unitarian Universalist Pagans (CUUPS) meets once a month after the Sunday service (approximately 12:15) at the Unitarian Church. This meeting is open to pagans of any tradition and to people wanting to know more about the pagan path. For more information, call Patrick 268-1640.

Ky. Fairness Alliance It's Elementary

The Kentucky Fairness Alliance is showing the film *It's Elementary* on Sunday April 5th at 12 noon, at Windy Knoll Farm, 2363 Cleveland Rd. This film looks at how and whether gay issues should be discussed in schools. It examines how six schools have worked to improve their understandings of anti-gay prejudice and violence. It focuses on the experience of the children.

This showing and following discussion is particularly for lesbigay parents or individuals considering parenthood. Any interested people are welcome to attend. Call Jennifer for directions (299-7410)

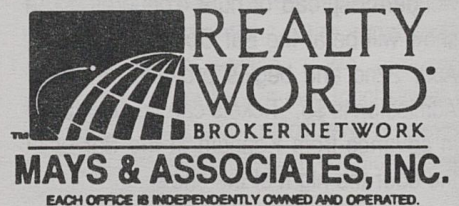
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GLSO 1997 Financial Summary

Once a year, we like to publish an overview of our financial situation to inform our readers. Over the past three years we have gained financial stability due in large part to the success of our sponsorship program. We would like to thank all the individuals, businesses and community organizations that have sponsored us. We have had 23 sponsors over the past three years. They each have donated \$175 to receive a full page ad and inclusion in our sponsorship list. This amount covers our basic printing cost but does not cover the cost of adding color, extra pages and the other

expenses that go into getting the newsletter into your hands. **We still need subscribers to support this publication.** If you are not a subscriber, there is a form on the insert that we would love to have you mail in to us.

As you can see from the box below, during 1997 our monthly income exceeded our monthly expenses. This summary does not include one-time expenses that we took on as part of our work. These expenses include: purchase of P-FLAG pamphlets for \$70, Council for Peace and Justice Membership for \$100, and legal services for \$75.

Having financial stability and having

some extra money at the end of the month has enabled us to extend our work in the community and to expand our vision. We could not have taken on the management of the Pride Center, for example, if we were still struggling to make ends meet ourselves.

Having money on hand also helps us do fund raising. We had to pay in advance for T-shirts that we have sold and will continue to sell at GLSO events. Starting the production company Act Out will take some up-front money but will eventually be a great fund raiser (not to mention a lot of fun for participants and audiences).

In 1998 GLSO would like to increase the number of newsletters we print and to increase the number of subscribers. **We still need at least 200 subscribers to maintain bulk mail rates. We lack about 15 at this time.** We would also like to hold more social events such as dances and coffee houses. We have already increased the frequency we print extra pages and we now regularly print the cover of the newsletter in color, taking whatever color is available to cut costs.

The Pride Center's bank account is kept independent of GLSO's, although the Center is under our auspices. At this time the Pride Center does have more expenses than income, and its bank account is dwindling. In addition to the \$2,370 remaining in its account, the Pride Center also has a certificate of deposit. If more income is not generated, the Pride Center will not be able to remain open.

We are in need of more groups willing to pay rent to use the facility and to do fund raisers for the Center. The Men's Chorus pays rent of \$400 a year to use the space for practice and several groups have donated money. We thank Ebony Male for its recent donation of \$150. *The Pink Pages* is the major fund raiser for the Pride Center. If you have not sent in your order for advertising space, please do so soon. If you need information about the Pink Pages contact Charlie (389-9352) or John (269-7206) or on line pinkpages@hotmail.com.

Average Monthly Expenses

Newsletter

Printing (3 pages, 550 copies, with 10% discount)	\$168.00
Extra page(s) some months insert \$35.00 full 4th page \$59	
Color (less if we take whatever they have available)	\$45.00
Envelopes (printed)(215/mo. @ .04)	\$8.60
Mailing (bulk non-profit rate)	\$22.00
Annual Bulk Mail Fee (@\$85 a yr)	\$7.10
Mailing Labels (purchase and printing)	\$6.00
Post Office Box Rental (\$40)	\$3.30
Ink cartridge, paper for computer	...\$2.00
Monthly Newsletter Expense	\$262 to \$321

Other Monthly Expenses

Donation to MCC for space for meetings	\$25.00
Advertising in other community publications	\$35.00
Office supplies, copying, flyers, postage, etc	\$12.00

Other Monthly Expenses \$72.00

Total Monthly Expenses \$334 to \$393

AVERAGE MONTHLY INCOME

Sponsorships	\$175.00
Memberships/ Subscribers	\$115.00
Advertisements	\$70.00
Donations	\$75.00
Dances, Sales of T-shirts etc.	\$35.00
Total Monthly Income	\$470.00

Pride Center

Rent/Utilities for Year	\$4,800
Amount now in Account	\$2,370

FROM THE VILLAGE PEOPLE 2 DIANA ROSS, IT'S A BOY'S LIFE

by Jon Shelton

As a boy growing up in the Bristol TN-VA in the late '70's, I absolutely worshiped the disco group The Village People. Maybe it was something about the way that Indian gyrated his hips, or the cowboy wore his hat, or the construction worker worked that tool belt, or the way the cop twirled his truncheon and sang. There was just something about their songs and stage presence that gave me goosebumps and good vibes.

I didn't know why at the time, but I do remember, at the age of ten being the only kid (or person for the that matter) in the movie theater to see their 1980 feature film *Can't Stop the Music*, directed by the late, great Nancy Walker no less. I didn't pick up all of the film's gay innuendoes at the time, but I could identify with these flamboyant yet macho men called the Village People. I didn't know exactly which village these people came from, but I did know that if I ever wanted to find friends like these, I would have to stay at the YMCA, join the Navy or simply go West. At the age of ten, I knew exactly what I wanted to be - either one of the Village People or one of Charlie's Angels (but that's another story!). Not having another boy to share similar interests with, I became (out of necessity) my own best friend.

I recently had the pleasure of seeing this period of my life captured on screen in *Trevor*, the fourth (and best) episode of *Boys Life 2*, a compilation of short films with gay themes which was recently shown at the Kentucky Theater. *Trevor*, the title character is a boy who worships Diana Ross. He also has a crush on a straight boy called "Pinky" (go figure) and loves the TV show *Fame*. He likes himself, but is shunned and teased by other kids for his apparent gayness. Naturally, he becomes his own best-friend. If P-FLAG needs a poster child, *Trevor* would be a prime choice.

Trevor is brilliantly portrayed by Brett Barsky. He deserves a Special Oscar for so pleasingly reminding us of what it's like to be gay at such a young age. I think *Trevor* is easily the best short film on the subject of growing up gay since Kenneth Anger's 1947 film *Fireworks*.

The other three films in *Boys Life 2* are also quite good. They do seem incomplete, probably due to a lack of funding. Never the less, it's good to see some big name actors like Eileen Brennan and Mary Beth Hurt supporting the arts by making appearances. Hopefully the directors of these fine works will be making feature films soon.

Be sure and look for these films and future features by their directors: *Alakai, Iowa* by Mark Christopher, *Nunzio's Second Cousin* by Tom De Cerchio, *Must Be in the Music* by Nickolas Perry, and of course, *Trevor* by Peggy Rajsky.

GERTIE MAE NOE

Dear Gertie Mae

I am going through a rough time in my life right now and I have been and contemplating the age old question: why am I here? You see, I have lost three lovers and by lost I mean they have died. So every time life gets tough, I start wondering why have all of them gone and I am still here. Do you believe we all have a purpose here as some would tell us or is there no real meaning to life at all?

Wondering

Dear Wondering

Yes, Virginia, there is a higher power. In my not so humble opinion that power has a reason for you to be here. It may be something very simple like lightening someone's day with a smile or a joke, or the help you offer through charity work. The fact that you have given of yourself to three lovers who have died is a great service. The more love we add to this world, the better off we leave it.

It is often difficult to face life after such losses. You can heal yourself through the expression of your grief, (it may not not seem butch, honey, but crying actually releases endorphins in your body to give you a lift!) through music (sing, dance, or just listen), through noticing the beauty around you, and if necessary, through anti-depressants! Healing is a gift you give to yourself and to the universe that needs your ability to love again.

Then again, your reason for being could be something slightly more complex. You may be walking down the street one day and have a nasal blockage which you decide to dislodge with the index finger of your right hand. The woman walking toward you notices and decides to cross to the other side to avoid walking in any close proximity of you. As she moves off the sidewalk, a piano that was in the process of being moved into the fourth floor window slips its moorings and (Continued on next page) →

Pride Meeting

Tues. April 14th 7:00 pm

Networking Meeting

Tues. April 21st 6:30 pm

Pride Center 387 Waller Ave.

crashes o the ground right where she would have been standing. A life saved.

Now, that woman owns a house in the suburbs with a big back yard and she meets nice woman that loves big dogs and, after the second date, invites her to move in with her. They purchase a Great Dane who spends a lot of time in the yard. Months later, that dog scares away a thief that was trying to steal a neighbor's motorcycle.

If that thief had successfully stolen that motorcycle, officer O'Malley who was on duty and cruising about a block away would have tried to stop the cyclist for not wearing a helmet and a chase would have ensued. The chase, had it happened, would have ended with the good officer running his cruiser into a tree. This in turn would have brought twelve other cops to the scene, taking them away from their regular areas of patrol.

If officer Murphy was not on his regular beat that night in the seedy part of town he would not have stopped a drug dealer from knocking off his rival in a drive by shooting. A stray bullet from that shooting would have gone through the window of a house killing little Missy Morgan Missy, remaining alive, grows up to be a doctor and saves ten year old Timmy from choking to death on the marble he was trying to clean in his mouth so it would shoot straighter.

Timmy in turn grows up to father Jane who as a teenager is the baby sitter who pulls little two year old Domonic out of the deep end of the neighbors pool. And low and behold Domonic grows up to be the worlds first honest used car salesman. So if you had not been picking your nose in public the world would not have Domonic to set the standard for car salesman into the 22nd century.

Now, as you see from my example you may never know what purpose the universe has for you but there is one thing you must know, while waiting to fulfill that purpose you must be kind to all living things, you must be honest and trustworthy, and you must give generously with a happy heart of your time and money to help those less fortunate. You do these things and the powers that be will be good to you.

*Love and Kisses,
Gertie Mae*

"The true meaning of life is to plant trees under whose shade you do not expect to sit."
Nelson Henderson

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APRIL CALENDAR

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10:45 a.m. Unitarian Universalist Ch. 11:30 a.m. Easter Service & Potluck (Lexington's MCC) 12:15 p.m. Interweave Pot Luck (UU Church)	7:00 p.m. GLSO Board Meeting (Pride Center) 8:00 p.m. AA Step Study	7:00 p.m. Pride Planning Comm. (Pride Center) 7:30 p.m. PFLAG (Chapel Hill Presby. Ch.) 8:30 p.m. Rainbow Bowling League	6:00 pm Frontrunners (Woodland Park) 6:00 pm HIV/AIDS Support Group 7:00 pm MCC Study Group 8:00 pm Gay/Lesbian AA	7:00 p.m. Men's Chorus Rehearsal (Pride Center)	7:00 p.m. Good Friday Service (Lexington's MCC) 7:30 p.m. Gay/Lesbian AA	9:00 a.m. Frontrunners (Arboretum) 7:30 p.m. Gay/Lesbian AA
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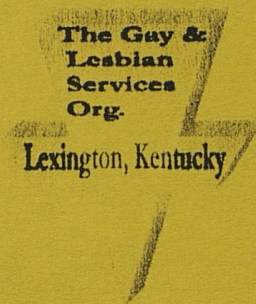
**FREE EVENING
PARKING.**



Time once again to make your nominations for the Wasson and Rainbow Community Service Awards. The Wasson Award is for the individual that through volunteerism has done the most for the Lexington area GLBT Community.

The Rainbow Community Service Award is for the organization that meets the same criteria.

Please write your nominations on the back of this page and while you're at it use the bottom to subscribe or renew your subscription to the GLSO Newsletter and mail to... GLSO P.O. Box 11471 Lexington, Kentucky 40575 by June 1, 1998.



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GLSO Board

The GLSO Board has recently filled two vacancies. In February, Anita joined us to become our treasurer. This is a big job and we appreciate her help. In March, Mindy agreed to serve. Mindy has been in Lexington for fourteen years, has been a Fairness phone captain, and has been working on the Pride Committee in the last few months. Thanks to both of these women for joining us. We welcome your female energy, Kelly was getting lonely.

On June 14th at the Pride Picnic all members of GLSO will have the opportunity to vote for representatives to the Board. Every year, five of the ten board positions are up for election. Anyone in the community is eligible to run for these positions. Some individuals now serving on the board will run again and we are always looking for new people. Call Terry to express your interest or to ask for more details.

GLSO Board meetings are open to

anyone interested in attending and are held on the second Monday of each month. If you are not ready to commit to being a board member, we could use you as a volunteer on one of our committees. We need people to help with social events, with Act Out productions, and with this newsletter. There are many opportunities to be involved. Look at the directory and give one of us a call.

Museum of Culture and Diversity

The program planning committee for the Museum of Culture and Diversity is looking for interesting informational tid-bits about the lesbian/gay/trans community. We are putting together a set of cards that will reflect the diversity of our area.

An example might be "Dragin For Jesus," premiered in 1997 as the first drag show to raise money for a church, the Lexington Metropolitan Community Church. It was a great show and has become an annual event." We are looking for

information about historic individuals and events, examples of discrimination, and other interesting details of our lives

Since we are not likely to be included in the history books or on the social page of the Herald Leader any time real soon, this is an excellent opportunity to educate the public. This museum will not be opening for a while and there will be other opportunities for the involvement of our community. If you would like information or have ideas to share, please call Mary Crone at 266-5904.

Lexington Fairness

We would like to thank all individuals involved in Lexington Fairness for the time and energy they have put into this year's work with the Kentucky State Legislature. It has been a discouraging session but the voting record is not truly reflective of the impact you are having. More and more people are supporting our right to be treated equally and the legal system will eventually follow the will of the majority.



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The Trial Of Jimmy Creech

Gleaned by the Reverend Rex Van Alstine from the daily reports of the Reverend Mel White to his MCC congregation in Kearney Nebraska

The First United Methodist Church of Omaha's pastor, Reverend Jimmy Creech celebrated a lesbian couple's Holy Union in September of 1997 after being advised by his bishop that if he proceeded "charges would be brought against him." Prior to 1996, the United Methodist Church had no prohibition against such unions. At that time, the words "Ceremonies that celebrate homosexual unions shall not be conducted by our ministers or conducted in our churches" were added to the 22-page introduction to the Book of Discipline.

Because of Reverend Creech's deliberate violation of this edit, he was charged with conducting the commitment ceremony and violating the "order and discipline" of the Methodist Church. The latter charge serious enough to warrant his being removed from the ministry if convicted.

In reaction to being charged, Reverend Creech said, "I don't feel that I'm in trouble. I

feel the Church is in trouble for choosing to deny God's blessings of grace, support and care to anyone.

The trial began March 12th in the gymnasium of the Methodist Church in Kearney, Nebraska. The charges were heard before a jury of thirteen of Creech's "peers" which had to be selected from a panel of thirty-five Methodist clergy. Creech's defense was led by Doug Williamson, a Professor of Religion at Nebraska Wesleyan University.

Mr. Williamson began by asking each member of the jury panel to answer one question "Have you known any gay people and if you have, how have they affected your life?" One by one, the stories of sisters, brothers, sons classmates, even former spouses and fellow ministers were heard. Some were stories of getting past religious issues to building lasting friendship, others told of regrets that they hadn't handled the knowledge better.

The testimony of these jury candidates and ministers at last gave voice to the hopes, fears, and pain of gay and lesbian Methodists within their own church. If nothing else had come from this trial, the recognition that such people do and have always existed within the church of Jesus Christ was now a part of the official record!

On Friday, the trial audience was packed with members of Reverend Creech's congregation, wearing pins, stickers, or shirts reading "Support Jimmy". They had driven three hours from Omaha to stand with their pastor during his "inquisition". His wife, Chris was always at his side or seated in the first row behind him. On the stand, Creech admitted that during his 29-years of ministry, he had presided over dozens of "covenanting ceremonies" celebrating the love and fidelity between two lesbians or two gay men." He also testified that regardless of the verdict, he would be "compelled by his commitment to the unqualified and all accepting love of Jesus" to continue that practice faithfully.

When the Reverend Kenneth Hicks, a retired bishop, implied quite clearly that if

Creech couldn't obey church discipline, he should leave the church, Creech replied quietly "My credentials will have to be taken from me. I will not surrender them. It is my responsibility to give support to all people to share the message of God's grace with everyone. The United Methodist Church is wrong in its position. I cannot abide it. To abide it would give credence to it. Had I chosen not to do the covenant ceremony, it would have been the same as turning my credentials in, saying I am no longer a pastor, of really forfeiting the call from Christ that has come to me."

The jury returned the verdict at 6:40 PM. "On the specification that Creech had conducted a covenant ceremony for the two women, 11 not guilty, 2 not guilty. On the charge that he had violated the Order and Discipline of the UMC 8 guilty 5 not guilty."

There was a stunned silence as the audience members did their math. Two-thirds of the jury would have had to vote guilty on the second charge, which would have been 9. So, while Reverend Creech was guilty of performing the forbidden service, but not guilty of violating the intent of the Order and Discipline. It will be interesting to see if the next Methodist General Conference will include a conservative to change the majority required for conviction, but for now, perhaps Pastor Creech summed it up best, "This is a victory for both sides. No one loses here."

If you are interested in receiving a copy of Mel White's new 30-minute video, "The Trials of Jimmy Creech" send a check for \$10 made out to Video 3, Soulforce Videos, PO Box 4467, Laguna Beach, CA 92652. Half of the proceeds from the sales will go to help Reverend Creech pay his trial expenses. Although the presiding bishop refused to let Mel's camera crew video tape the actual trial, the press conference and interview with Reverend Creech and the quotations from others who testified is deeply moving. (For a story concerning another Methodist Church, see the next page.)

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Nashville Methodist Church Bans All Weddings

summarized from Vicky Brown, Associated Press

Suzanne Prince married Hunter Allen at a friend's home. That wasn't the plan, but the couple had no choice because their church, Edgehill United Methodist, doesn't allow marriage ceremonies. The Edgehill congregation decided that until the United Methodist Church allows gay marriages, no marriage ceremonies of any kind will be performed in their chapel.

"If the United Methodist Church wasn't going to allow gay people to get married in the church, I agree that straight people shouldn't either," said Prince, who's been married nine months. Similar acts of protest have been reported elsewhere. The National Council of Churches has no information on how many individual churches perform gay marriage ceremonies, or refuse to allow traditional marriages to protest bans on gay marriages.

In 1996, The United Methodist Church General Conference adopted a prohibition against ministers conducting same-sex unions. Before this ban, some Methodist ministers conducted union ceremonies for gay members. Since 1996, ministers can face disciplinary action if they do not comply. (The recent trial of Rev. Creech who did not comply is reported on page 11.)

Edgehill's policy was drafted when a pastor in Atlanta was disciplined for blessing a homosexual couple's wedding, said Kathryn Mitchem, who chaired Edgehill's Administrative Council which adopted the policy. "We didn't feel we were taking something away, more that we were making a public witness to the denomination," she said.

Deen Thompson, a gay congregant at Edgehill, prizes the support of fellow parishioners. "It's a feeling that the church is making a statement about a wrong within the church," he said.

Editorial Comment

Why are we giving so much space in this month's *GLSO News* to these events within the Methodist Church? Because too often we think of christian churches as being hotbeds of homophobia. There is growing support for us in all parts of the country, including within churches. We need to recognize and acknowledge our supporters and our progress. The Kentucky State Legislature's homophobic opinions and voting records do not tell the whole story.

Rape Crisis Center Volunteer Training

The Lexington Rape Crisis Center will begin a training session on Friday, May 15th. Training continues on Sat., May 16 and for several weekday evening sessions. They are looking for women over the age of 21 who will answer the phone line in their homes and be available to go to the emergency room with victims. The training will enable you to give support, accurate information, and guidance to women who are in crisis.

This training is free of charge and is excellent for anyone considering careers in social work, psychology, counseling or in other related fields. You do not, however, need to be in a related field to be a good volunteer. Call the Rape Crisis Center at 253-2615 for

an application and to set up a preliminary interview.

Men's Group Forming

The Center for Traumatic Research at the University of Kentucky is beginning a research study to test the effectiveness of an innovative treatment for adult male survivors of childhood sexual abuse called Cognitive Processing Therapy: Sexual Abuse (CPT-SA). We have successfully completed several groups with female survivors of abuse and we are now offering the treatment for men.

Childhood sexual abuse is a tragically common occurrence. Approximately one in every eight men have been exposed to some form of inappropriate sexual contact as children. Preliminary studies have shown CPT-SA to be extremely effective in treating the symptoms that frequently accompany child sexual abuse, including Post-traumatic Stress Disorder. This treatment is markedly different from others in that it consists of both group and individual therapy and is short-term, lasting only 17 weeks. We are offering this therapy FREE OF CHARGE to men who qualify. Specifically, we are looking for men at least age 18 or older, who experienced sexual abuse as a child. If you are interested, and think you might qualify, call Andrea Blount, MS at (606) 257-9338.

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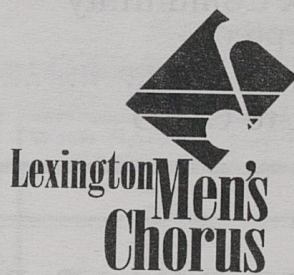
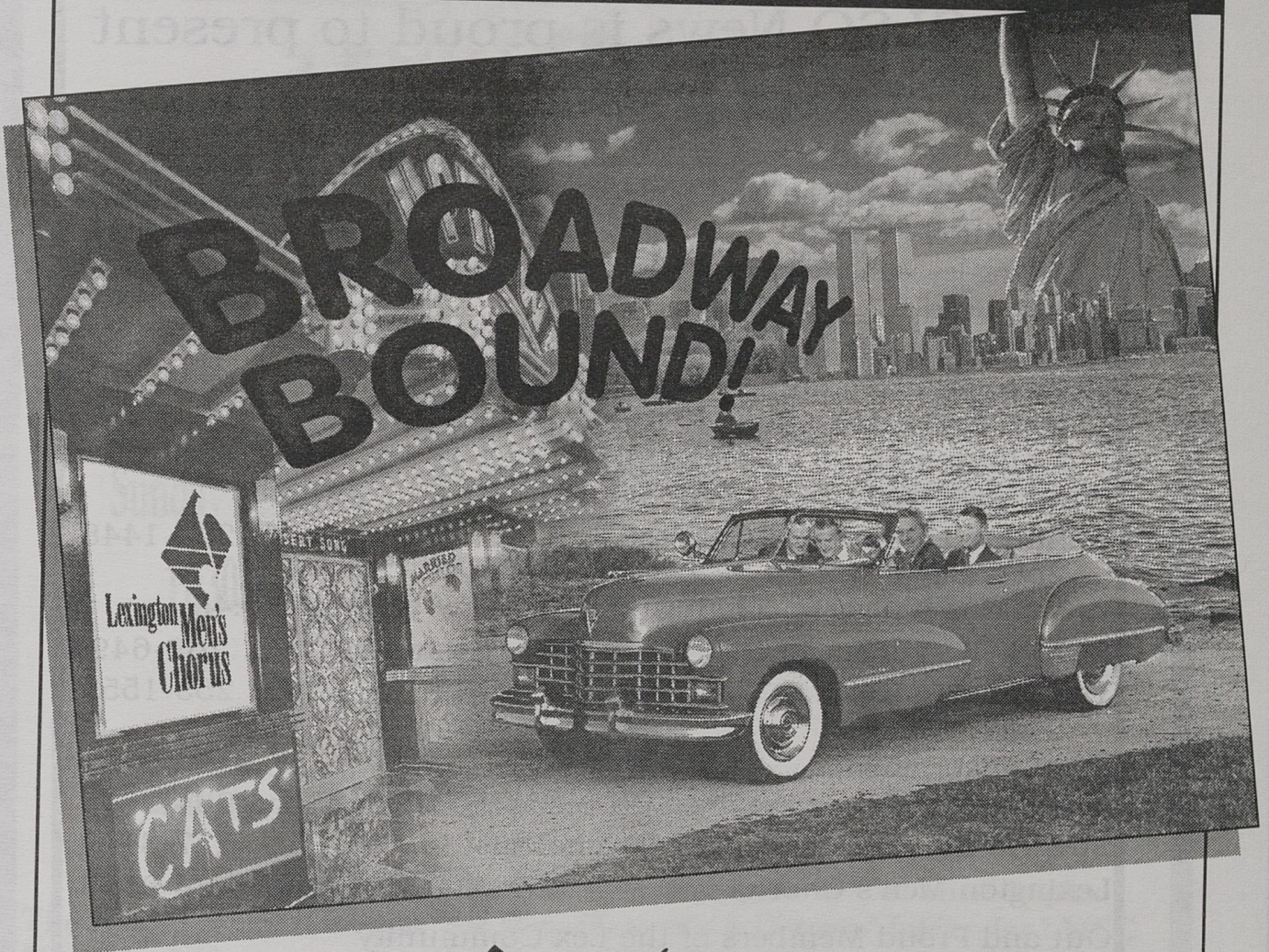
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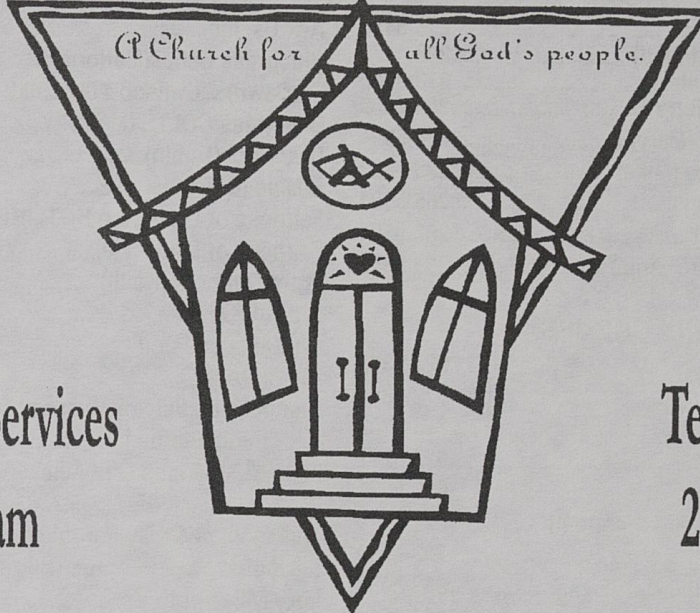
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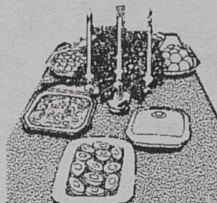
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