



GLSO NEWS

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ARE YOU TRANSGENDERED?

by Mary Crone

In the ever-changing terminology used within our community, you may have noticed the term "transgendered" and wondered exactly what it means. One definition out of FLAG Newsletter which I like is: transgendered people are those who manifest characteristics, behaviors, and modes of self-expression which are typically associated with members of the opposite sex or gender. This includes transvestites, cross-dressers, bi-gendered people (presenting alternatively as men or women), androgynous people (presenting a blend of masculine and feminine traits), drag queens/kings, and transsexuals. Sexual orientation for transgendered people can be either heterosexual, homosexual, bisexual, asexual, or non sexual.

Now, is that perfectly clear? Probably not. We use the term "lesbigaytrans" some of the time in order to be inclusive. I personally hope to be inclusive all of the time, but it is an awkward term particularly when speaking. Using the term does not automatically make our community more inclusive or accepting. Not all of "us" are comfortable with each other, (or even with ourselves). And it is often our very transgendered natures and how we express them that causes us discomfort, with ourselves or within the larger community. Conversely, it is also our transgendered natures that many of us love and cherish.

Growing up in this country, it is those people who most obviously do not fit into our cultural expectations of male and female who are targeted for the most homophobic harassment and assaults. Generally, it is most

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THE CHURCH LADY

by Margaret Christopher Cartwright

In keeping with our series of discussions of traditional Biblical references condemning homosexuality, we will explore Genesis 19:1-25 i.e., the Sodom and Gomorrah passage. Some televangelists carelessly claim that God condemned the city due to homosexuality. A careful look at scripture corrects such ignorance.

God sent two angels to Sodom where Abraham's nephew, Lot, asked them to stay in his home. All the people of Sodom surrounded Lot's home. They asked that Lot's guests come outside "so that we may know them." The Hebrew word for "know" is *yadba*, usually meaning "to have thorough knowledge of". It also meant "the intent to examine visitor's credentials". On rare occasions the term implied sexual intercourse. If sexual intercourse was the author's intent in this passage, it would refer to a gang rape.

God's intention to destroy the city for its wickedness and moral decay was announced before the "homosexual" incident. All of Sodom's people were involved in the assault of Lot's house. In no culture has there been more than a small minority of homosexuals, and Lot offered to give the crowd his two daughters, implying he knew of heterosexuality in the crowd.

Lastly, if the issue was sexual, why did God spare Lot who immediately commits incest with his daughters? In Ezekiel 16:48-50, it states "Sodom was removed because of pride, excess of food and prosperous ease, and did not aid the poor and needy." This was the sin of Sodom. Come see us; "We talk about things like this at church." ▼

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AN OPEN INVITATION...

In honor of National Coming Out Day on October 11, we are hoping to print a selection of local views on coming out. You are heartily invited to submit a paragraph on what coming out has meant to you and your life. We would really like to hear from you! So "COME OUT" enough to share your views with the community via the GLSO NEWS.

Send submissions to the GLSO post-office box before September 15 (which means you need to work fast!) or email me - Peter Taylor - at: Peter@uky.campus.mci.net. ▼

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often young boys who are considered effeminate that receive that worst treatment. "Sissy" has always had a sting to it that "tomboy" just does not have. Feminists have theorized that this is a reflection of the bias toward masculine characteristics, even in girls, over feminine characteristics. But growing up "in the middle" of what are suppose to be the opposite sexes, is not easy for anyone.

There has been an increase in discussion of transgendered identity in our literature, film, research, and political work in the last decade. In *Gender Blending*, Holly Devor reports on interviews with fifteen women who were continually mistaken for boys when they were young. She is particularly interested in how we learn to be gendered, what gender identity means within our culture, and what life is like for gender blending females. There are some fascinating details in this book. For example, as teenagers several of these women had tried to conform to feminine dress only to be accused of cross dressing by strangers. As adults, most of the women, but not all, identified as lesbians. Several women have also developed anti-female, or anti-feminine, biases, equating feminine appearance with weakness or stupidity.

Leslie Feinberg, in *Stone Butch Blues*, tells the story of Jess Goldberg, a "he-she" coming out in the bars and factories of the early '60s. This novel won both the 1994 Lambda Literary Award and the 1994 American Library Association Lesbian/Gay Book Award. It is a powerful story and will teach you some of our history as well as shed light on the difficulties of being transgendered. Leslie has recently produced *Outlaw*, a video in which she speaks about her experience, and has published a book detailing the experiences of many individuals within the transgendered community. (The title escapes me, perhaps *Differently Gendered*) Minnie Bruce Pratt, who is now in a relationship with Leslie Feinberg, has written a book of essays, *S/HE*,

in which she explores many aspects of gender, sexuality, and love.

I would like to invite any of you with an interest to write more on this topic for this newsletter. We welcome your opinions, experiences, or resources for more information. This article has obviously only scratched the surface, and has included only some resources that are available in the lesbian community.

I will close with a quotation from *S/HE*. "If we dare claim our lives as our own, we must read all the poems we write with our bodies." ▼

NETWORKING EVENING

GLSO is hosting an evening for lesbigay-trans networking on Wednesday, Sept. 18th at 7:30 at the home of Mary Crone. We receive many calls from people interested in social activities, coming out group, professional interest groups, ways to meet new people, and ways to become more involved in the community. There is often not enough people in any one of these categories, or not enough leadership to start a group. Therefore, we are planning an evening to gather as many people together as possible to share ideas and plan events, groups, or simply to meet people and hang out.

Anyone interested in working on the Interweave/GLSO Autumn Social to be held in October is encouraged to attend. For more information and directions call Mary at 266-5904 or Michael at 225-1828. ▼

ACTORS GUILD

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THE EROTIC CONTEMPLATIVE

Lexington's MCC resumes its Wednesday evening workshops on September 18th at 7pm. The first offering is THE EROTIC CONTEMPLATIVE by Michael B. Kelly. This is a six-part video course published by Erosprit of Oakland, California. A successor to the Body-Electric School, the course is designed to challenge and encourage personal reflection on the relationship between sexuality and spirituality. Anyone who grew up in a non-accepting Christian atmosphere will find this course helpful in healing the wounds from the past. It is informal, personal and intended to encourage conversation. It does not offer any academic treatise or fixed theological positions. Your lives as gay and lesbian Christians have been affected by that spirituality, now learn the effect that being gay or lesbian can have on that spirituality. This course is recommended by John J. McNeill, author of *THE CHURCH AND THE HOMOSEXUAL* and Robert Goss, author of *JESUS ACTED-UP*.

The six one-and-a-half hour sessions are titled 1) The Truth of Our Experience; 2) Revisioning Sexuality; 3) Exodus and Awakening; 4) The Desert and the Dark; 5) Liberation; and 6) The Road to Emmaus. Everyone is invited to participate. ▼

INTERWEAVE GLSO AUTUMN DANCE SOCIAL

October is Coming Out Month and GLSO and Interweave are planning a celebratory event for Saturday October 19th at the Unitarian Church. We are looking into having live music, perhaps a coffee house atmosphere with a variety of entertainment. If you are interested in helping us plan this event call Michael at 255-1828. More information will be printed in the October GLSO. ▼

BIG CHANGE

We are pleased to announce a new old group. The Kentucky Wranglers. "Who's that?" you ask. Well it is the old Tri-State Gay Rodeo Association. We have changed our name and our focus. We are no longer associated with the International Gay Rodeo Assoc. or rodeo in general. But, we are still maintaining a western lifestyle organization whose purpose is to provide a fun social organization dedicated to raising money for local charities.

We are planning some great events and would like to invite everyone to join us in having fun and raising money.

The first thing we are planning is purely a social event. We are going camping and horse back riding the 3rd Saturday in September. If you like these activities you are welcome to join us whether your a member or not. The next event will be a fundraiser, a Christmas car night at Crossings the first Saturday in December. Then we are planning peoples play day for Spring. If you were at our last one or the mini one we did at the 95 Pride Picnic you know how much fun this event can be.

If you want more information on any of these events or the organization itself call Bill at 255-5469 or in the evenings call Mark at 233-7266.

Lastly we are very happy to announce that

we have given money to our favorite charities: AVOL, The Health Dept's AIDS Medication fund, and breast cancer research. A total of \$1,038.00. We wish it could be more and with you help maybe next time it will be. ▼

PARENTING GROUP

The next Gay/Lesbian Parenting Group is planned for September 17th at Unitarian Church. For more information call Michelle 255-7206 or Laura 276-2685. ▼

AN IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT FROM EBONY MALE

The folks at Ebony Male would like to warn all community members and merchants that Wesley Hardin (a.k.a., Juno Wesley Hardin, Juno Wesley, Juno Hardin, Chuck Berry, Charles Berry) is NOT affiliated with Ebony Male and is NOT sanctioned to solicit donations on behalf of Ebony Male. DO NOT donate items or cash to this person.

If you have any questions please contact Bill with Ebony Male at 254-9812

Are you being discriminated against in Kentucky due to your sexual orientation?

REPORT IT NOW.

Call the GLSO Discrimination Project, and help to put our discrimination on the books.

THE '96 SPONSORS

The GLSO Board decided that in order to achieve true financial stability, it would seek a sponsor for the costs of the newsletter for one month, and use its other advertising income for a number of other ongoing projects.

For more information, please call Mary at 266-5904.

The GLSO News is proud to announce our supporters so far for 1996:

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 11:30 a.m. Metropolitan Comm Church 4:00 p.m. Kentucky Wranglers Mtg. 7:00 p.m. Dignity	2	3	4 HIV/AIDS Support Group 6:00 p.m. Frontrunners(Woodland Park) 7:00 p.m. Metropolitan Comm Church 8:00 p.m. Gay/Lesbian AA	5 8:00 p.m. HIV/AIDS Support Group	6 7:30 p.m. Gay/Lesbian AA	7 9:00 a.m. Frontrunners(Arboretum)
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29 11:30 a.m. Metropolitan Comm Church	30					

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GLSO ANNUAL CAMP-OUT IN SCOTT COUNTY

The 16th Annual GLSO Campout is scheduled for Saturday September 28th. Once again, Eddie will host the campout at his secluded farm in rural Scott County. Campers will begin arriving at 4 p.m. There is no rain date this year.

The event attracts people from both central Kentucky and Louisville. Regulars at the event say it is a great way to meet and enjoy new friends and old, and it's just 30 miles north of Lexington.

Campers will "rough it" - there are no facilities. Those attending are to bring your own supplies: warm clothes, sleeping bags, and food for dinner and breakfast.

Eddie will provide a comfortable ground to sleep on, a campfire, and a clear sky.

Because the campsite is not visible from the road, if you have not attended a previous campout, please call Eddie at his Lexington

home - 259-0878 - for detailed directions.

The map provides the basic directions for finding the farm. ▼

Dear Gertie Mae...

Dear Gertie-Mae

Is there any rhyme or reason for my being gay?

Signed

Curious George

Dear Curious

You are gay, and that's okay, because God made you that way. Now go tell it on the mountain!

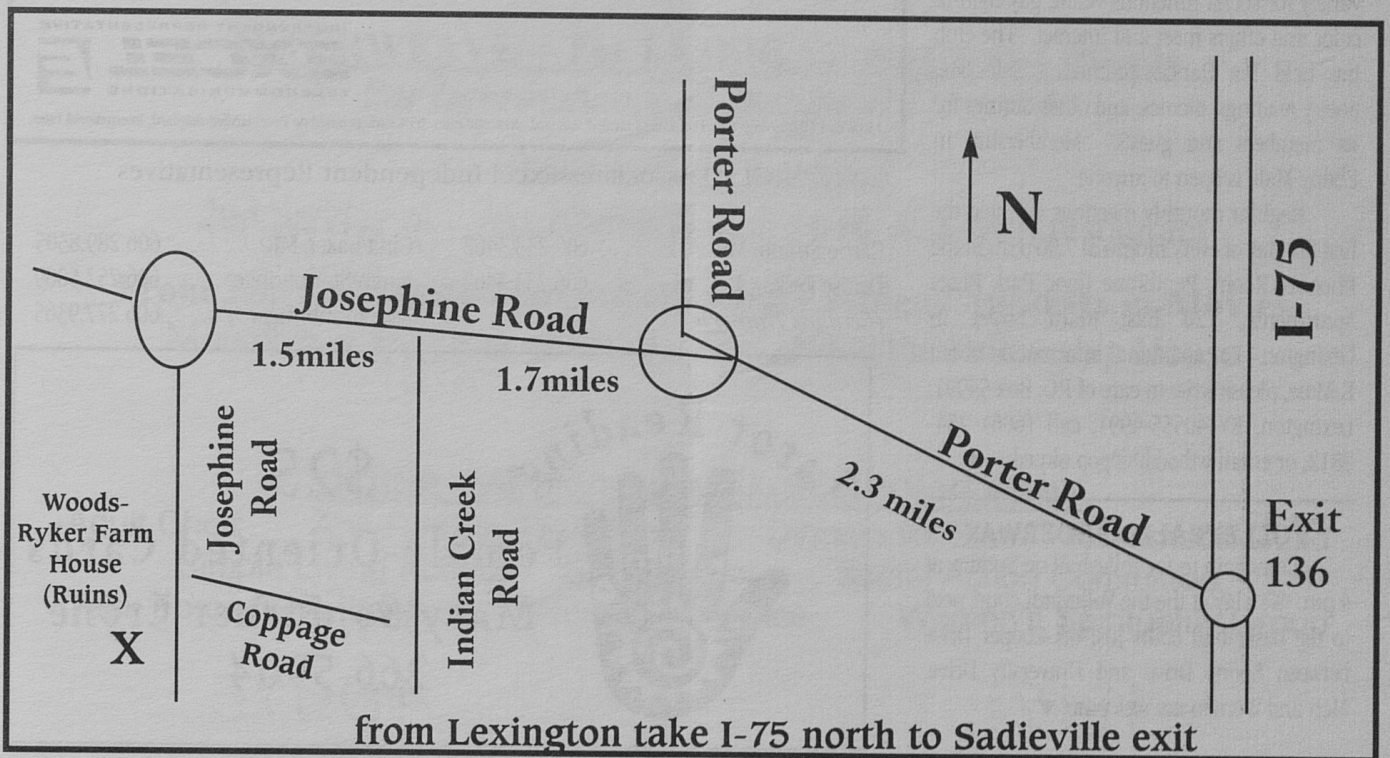
Love and Kisses

Gertie-Mae

Quote of the Month

If male homosexuals are called "gay" then female homosexuals should be called "ecstatic".

-from Shelly Roberts' new book *Roberts Rules for Lesbian Living*



DIVAS ANOTHER BIG SUCCESS

Ebony Male held its second benefit drag show on Wednesday, August 14 at The Bar Complex in Lexington. The show, "DIVAS," was a tribute to the late Miss Gloria BaCall, with over \$400 of the proceeds going to the HIV/AIDS Care Coordinator Program of the Lexington-Fayette County Health Department. Featured performers included Natasha Colby, Renee Ross, Rochelle, Rayna Starr, Venita LaBelle, Davina, Kanelle, Arista Nicole Jackson, Vanessa BaCall, Tia BaCall-Fontaine, and LaToya BaCall. The previous show also raised over \$400 for the Care Coordinator Program. The club presented plaques of appreciation to Patty Martin and Amanda Woods, the AIDS Care Coordinators, for their work above and beyond the call of duty.

Ebony Male is a not-for-profit organization comprised of gay and bisexual men, primarily of African descent, and united to promote awareness of issues pertinent to the community. In addition, E-Male sponsors a variety for social functions where gay men of color and others meet and interact. The club has held Tea Dances promoting Safer-Sex, poetry readings, picnics, and other outings for its members and guests. Membership in Ebony Male is open to anyone.

Regular monthly meetings are held the first Sunday of every month at 7:00 p.m. in the Phoenix Room, Penthouse floor, Park Plaza Apartments, 120 East Main Street in Lexington. For additional information about E-Male, please write in care of P.O. Box 54991, Lexington, KY 40555-4991, call (606) 254-9812, or email wbodd0@pop.uky.edu . ▼

VOLLEYBALL UNDERWAY

Come join us for Volleyball on Sunday at 4 pm. We play at the the Volleyball court next to the basketball court just off Cooper Drive between Sports Drive and University Drive. Men and Women are welcome. ▼



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Interweave Luncheon

2nd Sunday of Every Month at 12:30 p.m. at a local restaurant

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Mondays at 7:00 p.m. (Sept. 9 - Nov. 25) in the Fellowship House

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STUDENT GROUPS

ACE League:Berea (Ed).....	623-7312
AGLF: NKU (Pat).....	572-5604
B-GLAD: Centre College (Mykol).....	238-5332
GUESS: EKU (Neil).....	622-5816
Morehead State (Angela).....	783-2950
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	278-7494
AVOL Legal Advocacy Program	278-7494
Health Department HIV Support Programs	
(Patty).....	288-2377
(Amanda).....	288-2374
HIV/AIDS Legal Project	(502) 584-1254
HIV-Education Youth Group	278-7494
HIV Support (Somerset)	679-7578
.....	678-5814
Kentucky AIDS HOTLINE	(800) 840-2865
Thursday HIV+/AIDS Support Group	
(Hospice of the Bluegrass).....	276-5344

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800-347-TEEN
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COMMUNITY

Bluegrass COLTS (Mark).....	233-7266
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E-Male (Bill).....	254-9812
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Front Runners (Keith).....	254-6850
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G/L Defense Fund	(502) 589-2896
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Kentucky Legislature	
Bill Status Line	(800) 382-2455
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Meeting Info Line	(800) 633-9650
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(Terry).....	255-5469
(Bill).....	278-8023
Lexington Men's Chorus (Shelby).....	231-0090
Louisville Youth Group	(502)894-9787
Names Project, Lexington (Katie).....	272-2588
Newcomers Group (Joe).....	233-4432
P-FLAG (Ruth).....	272-7075
Pegasus Travel	253-1644
Rainbow Bowling League (Shawn).....	255-7379
RISC of KY (Paul).....	225-5151
(Steve).....	255-46364
The Women's Chorus (Connie).....	276-2554

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
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MCC-Paducah	(502) 441-2307
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