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PRIDE CENTER OPENING

The Pride Center is opening and sharing space with the Metropolitan Community Church at 387 Waller Ave. This is wonderful news for the lesbian/gay/trans community of Lexington. There will be an **Open House** for celebration on Saturday, June 21st from 2:00 until 4:00. This is not on the Pride Schedule so commit it to memory.

MCC has been at this location for about a year and has been allowing various community groups to use their space for meetings, religious services, and so forth. MCC is now outgrowing their space, and the MCC Board was considering if renting another office in the same building, thus doubling their size and their rent, was within their financial ability.

The offer by the Pride Center Task Force to share the rent and open an office came at the right time. The Center's non-profit status has not quite been completed but when that is in place, representatives from all community groups will be invited to help organize a Board of Directors. If anyone out there is longing for a leadership role in the community, this is a perfect opportunity! Whoever serves on this board will be guiding our community at a crucial time.

The open house will be on the last weekend of our Pride Month celebration. Come see the space and join the fun. We are hoping that more community groups will use the facility, contribute some money, and help build stability and permanence. We are on our way!

PRIDE PICNIC

Windy Knoll Farm is the place to be Sunday, June 15 from noon until 4 P.M. for what promises to be the biggest event of this year's Pride Month Celebration. The Pride Picnic boasts the largest queer potluck in Kentucky, so we'll need your help to make it a success. Bring your lawn chair or blanket, and your favorite dish to share. We will have some paper products but it will help us and the environment if you bring utensils and plates. Cold drinks will be sold. This is an alcohol free event.

Entertainment begins at 12:30 with Wishing Chair, the fabulous folk duo of Kiya Heartwood and Miriam Davidson who recently released their first compact disk, *Singing with the Red Wolves*. Entertainment will continue throughout the afternoon with the Squash Beetle Dancers, The Spirit Drummers and Karen Scalf.

Vendors from gay owned and gay friendly businesses will sell a variety of pride items including jewelry, t-shirts, calendars, and bumper stickers. Don't forget to purchase a raffle ticket from GLSO (proceeds to cover next year's picnic). Prizes include gift certificates from Imperial Flowers and Gifts, Great Harvest Bread, Alfalfa, Comedy off Broadway, and Blockbuster. The picnic is free but it costs us over \$600 to bring it all together so we really need your support in buying raffle tickets and cold drinks. Donations also accepted!

So, join us for a day in the country. You can find direction in the box on page 2. There's plenty of parking, lots of privacy, great food, outstanding entertainment and an indoor arena if it rains. Come on OUT (if Ellen can do it, so can you). Bring your friends and family. We'll have a gay ol' time.

VOLUNTEER AWARDS BANQUET

The Sixth Annual Volunteers Awards Banquet is shaping up to be the best yet! First of all, the entertainment will be spectacular. For the first time the Lexington Men's Chorus and Sister Sound will perform in the same venue. It's fantastic! an event that by its very nature is designed to bring the community together to celebrate accomplishments will be the first to host these two talented groups together.

Next, the speaker is the dynamic Marta Miranda. Marta is a Social Work faculty member who also has a private clinical practice. She is a member of the state steering committee of the Ky. Fairness Alliance and the co-chair elect (and one of the founders) of the Foothills Echo for Fairness Chapter. She has been a key speaker at both the Louisville Pride Rally and the Come Together Kentucky Conference. And these are just a FEW of her accomplishments!

Another reason you won't want to miss this one is to see who wins this year's Wasson Award. As you probably know, the Wasson Award is Lexington's

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Volunteer of the year Award. It is given to the person who has given the most of their time and talents for Lexington's LGBT community either during the last year or through a lifetime of accomplishments. The first winner (for whom the award is named) was Jeffery Wasson, who successfully challenged Kentucky's sodomy law. Other past winners include Keith Elston, Linda West, and Mary Crone.

This year, there are more nominees than ever before. They include Bill Chandler, Steven Foster (AKA Natalie Gaye), Mark Johnson, Jeff Jones, Diane Lawless, Keith Lovin, and Terry Mullins. Nominations are being taken until June 1st, so there may be more.

The location of the banquet this year is at the Hilton at Lexington Green. It will be held on June 22nd, with cocktails starting at five o'clock. Tickets are available at Crossings, from Kenneth at The Bar, or by calling 255-5469. The cost is \$25.00 per person or \$22.50 a person for groups of eight or more. Don't miss this one! Be sure to get your tickets NOW, because only 100 tickets will be available.

OUT ON VIDEO

By Davina G. Warner

Celebrate PRIDE month by renting *STONEWALL*, a recent film set at the famous bar during the turning point in the gay rights movement. It tells the fictional story of a midwestern gay man, Matty Dean, who comes to New York. Shortly after his arrival, he becomes actively involved in gay rights and finds himself torn between the professional middle class queers who stage peaceful demonstrations and the drag queens of Stonewall Bar who insist on being themselves despite police harassment.

When I first saw this movie last fall at the Kentucky Theatre, I had an overwhelming feeling of pride about being a lesbian, something I have never experienced at any lesbigaytrans themed film, I could blame it on the outstanding sound track of 1960's girl group

songs. Those upbeat tunes had my feet tapping. But, it is the characters in this film----they were REAL queers I could care about: a midwestern boy trying to find his place as a gay person; a professional man wanting mainstream America to see gays are just like them; and the drag queens who keep on living their lives despite being outcast by other queers and society

Most of all, *Stonewall* gave me an admiration for the drag queens, lesbians and gay men who, one June evening, decided they just were NOT going to take it any more. They began the fight for respect and equal rights that continues today.

Later this month, the lesbian love story *When Night is Falling* will be released on video. It will be available at Blockbuster Video on Richmond Rd.. During PRIDE month, the Richmond Rd. Blockbuster will carry several lesbigay titles for sale including *Longtime Companion*, *Desert Hearts*, *The Adventures of Priscilla*, *Queen of the Desert* and *The Crying Game*.

So celebrate WHO you are this month by checking what's *OUT* on Video.

BRING TO PICNIC

Potluck dish Utensils and Plates

Chair or Blanket Used Books to donate

Money for drinks and raffel tickets

No alcohol please.

DIRECTIONS TO PICNIC

Windy Knoll Farm is located at 3263 Cleveland Rd, North. From Lexington, Take Winchester Rd. Cleveland Rd is the first left after the second blinking light. This is also 5 1/2 miles from New Circle Rd. You'll find the farm on your left a half mile down the road.

COMMUNITY NEWS

PRIDE PLANNING WASSON AWARD

There is one remaining meeting of the Pride Committee which will focus on the selection of the winner of the Wasson Award. It will be held at the MCC building at 387 Waller Ave, behind Imperial Plaza from 7:00 until 8:00

Any and all community groups are invited to send one additional representative to this meeting. Which means, if you already have a representative working on the pride planning committee, you may send one more.

There are many dedicated people nominated this year (see page one) and a good turn out at this meeting will help us all learn about their accomplishments before we vote. ☪

INTERWEAVE LESBIGAYTRANS FILM FESTIVAL

Please join us for our Pride Service on June 8th at 10:45 at the U.U. Church, 3564 Clays Mill Rd. Then stay for our pot luck luncheon immediately following the service (app. 12:30 pm.). We'll eat at the picnic tables outside, so please bring a dish to share. If you forget to bring a dish, join us anyway., there will be plenty of food.

Also in June, Interweave will be hosting a Lesbian Gay Trans Film Festival. Starting with *The Celluloid Closet* on June 3rd, we will be showing a variety of films every Tuesday night in June at 7:00, in the Fellowship House.

The second Tuesday, June 10th, we hope to watch *Stonewall* (if it is available), an excellent movie that fictionalizes the events leading up to the Stonewall Riots in June and July of 1969. This is a very effective and moving account of that period in time when "we" became willing to resist the oppression that was so omnipresent.

Check our Davina's review in Out On Video on page 2.

We also plan to see *Man of the Year*, a comedy filmed in documentary style about a young gay man who is chosen Playgirl's "Man of the Year". As well as being funny, this film gives some serious attention to how passing can affect our lives.

For the final film we are considering *When Night Is Falling* or another lesbian focused film. Come join us at the Fellowship House of the Unitarian Church.

For more information about Interweave or the Unitarian Church, please call Davina at 245-5301. ☪

BOARD ELECTIONS

The GLSO Board has an election every year in June for half the board positions (5). This year we have several current Board Members running for reelection. They are:

Terry Mullins President,
Peter Taylor Vice President,

New people who will be running for at large positions are as follows:

John Moses
Kelly O'Ferrell
Stephen Foster

If you have not indicated an interest there is still time. Call Duane (271-1407) or come to the next Board meeting at the MCC building on June 9th at 7pm.. The election will be held at the picnic, all members of GLSO are eligible to vote. ☪

4TH OF JULY PARADE

The annual 4th of July Parade in downtown Lexington will be joined this year by the Lexington Fairness Campaign and all of you who want to **COME OUT** and join the fun.

This year's theme is Sprit of America

and there is plenty of spirit in the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Community, so let's show it!

The parade begins at 2:00. All who are interested in marching in the parade need to congregate at 1:00 on Midland Ave. You will find us by our LFC banner, pink balloons and rainbow flags, in addition to our beautiful spirit. We need VISIBILITY. Bring your friends, lovers, family, children and **COME OUT!** ☪

WORKING CLASS KITCHEN PRIDE EVENT

Working Class Kitchen is planning a reading on Sunday, June 8th at Alfalfa's Restaurant from 6 to 9 pm. There will be a \$6 cover that will include coffee, tea, and dessert.

Some of the men and women who will be reading their work are Linda Curd, Eileen Dare, Vira McGeorge, Kelly O'Ferrell, Beccie Lyon, Davina Warner, and Laverne Zabilski.

There is still room for more readers. There will be music provided by Karen G. Scaff. For more information, please call Kelly at 277-6168. ☪

USED BOOK SALE

There will be a gay/lesbian used book sale at the picnic this year. Go through your shelves and see what you can donate. You can call Laura (266-6568) for pick up or bring them with you to the picnic.

We will sell the books for \$2 or so and donate the money to next years Pride Month Fund (and we do need money to continue putting on a free picnic). Any left over books will go to the Pride Center. ☪

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REDISCOVERING OUR HISTORY

TRANSGENDERED AS SACRED

by Mary Sojourner Crone

In the American culture we are taught that there are two genders, male and female. This "fact" is presented as so obvious that to question it seems absurd. Additionally, if you do not fit within the narrow definition of one of the two choices, you can be operated on at birth and forced to fit, stared at, harassed or even murdered.

In *Transgender Warriors*, Leslie Feinberg documents the predominance of much looser gender categories in cultures throughout the world. I am using the term transgender to refer to all of us that exhibit any "cross" gender characteristics, behaviors, or interests. That's a lot of us.

According to Feinberg and other writers, many societies have recognized more than two genders, or perhaps saw gender as a continuum with many possibilities of self definition and self expression. Various customs allowed people to move from one definition of themselves to some other as they matured or finished with one aspect of their life.

The sacred stories and spiritual practices of various cultures have included transgendered individuals and same gender love. Think about some of the myths and creation stories you have heard from other cultures. Yes, a lot of them speak about first man and first woman, but many others speak of gods, goddesses, or humans that have gender characteristics and behaviors associated with "both" genders. (How about if I stretch our conception by saying "all" genders)

For Example, Athena, a Greek Goddess, is depicted both as female and male and usually as a warrior. Cupid, although later pictured as childlike, was originally a god/dess portrayed as having both male and female anatomy. This offspring of Hermes and Aphrodite, gives us the term "hermaphrodite".

Today, individuals born with physical and genetic components of "both" genders use the term intersexual in defining themselves. Why don't we ask Halmark to make valentine cards with a little intersexual cupids carrying our love messages to our love ones?

In a number of ancient cultures, the first creator god or goddess is depicted as multi-gendered and for others, as a primordial goddess who gives birth to a first all gendered human being. The Roman historian, Plutarch suggested that the Great Mother was a deity in whom the sexes had not yet been split. (Of course, this may be simply a male not wanting the primordial Creator to be conceived of as female.) In any case, a multi-gendered God/dess is appealing to me.

Feinberg documents and discusses the evidence of male to female transsexual priestesses who served the Goddess in Mediterranean, Middle Eastern, and African societies. Goddesses such as Astarte, Artemis, Ashtoreth, Ishtar, Hecate, Diana, and Cybele were worshiped and cared for by trans-sexuals.

Priestesses who served these Goddesses may have been all female at one time, or may have always been those individuals within the tribe that portrayed transgendered characteristics. It is clear that for many communal societies transgender expression was considered sacred.

It is also well documented that some men who wished to follow the sacred path underwent castration. They may have been encouraged toward this because of their internal gender identification or because of the honor of being a priestess, or for both reasons. It is interesting to consider that being female in a time of Goddess worship, was seen as closer to that which was sacred and, therefore, desirable.

Evidence of transsexual practices can be seen in statues of the Greek Goddess Diana, which were often represented draped with necklaces made of the testicles of her priestesses. They skipped over that part when we studied mythology in fifth grade, didn't they?

Transsexual priestesses known as *gallae* were also recorded in great numbers in Anatolia, an area which is now part of Turkey. Some classical historical texts report as many as five thousand in some cities (and these were small "cities", folks.). The *gallae* served the Great Mother known to them as Cybele, whose worship is believed to date back to the Stone Age.

In an interview published in *Gay Soul*, Will Roscoe also speaks about the *gallae* who, he says, brought their religion to Rome in 200 BCE. Their rituals and beliefs were particularly popular among the slaves and the poor, that is, the oppressed. Roscoe states that they were one of the last pagan beliefs systems to challenge the rise of Christianity in this area.

Roscoe compares the *gallae* to the Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence (a cross-dressing group in San Francisco) because of the similarity of their public performances, their ecstatic dancing, and their ability to needle the more fundamental Christians of their respective time periods. The more things change...

Native Americans also have a rich history of transgender spirituality. Sometimes referred to as *Berdache*, the term more commonly used by modern native Americans is *Two Spirited*. Historically, transgendered people of many tribes were recognized for their ability to be spiritual leaders. Because their very nature was a combination of the two ends of the gender continuum, they were thought to be able to understand and mediate the contradictions and divisions within the community.

The point of this historical exploration is not that transgendered people today are the same as those of our past, although there are some interesting parallels. It is, however, important to know we **have** a past, we are an important part of the history of humanity. And in some places and at some times we have been honored for the ways in which we were and are different.

1 SUNDAY	2 MONDAY	3 TUESDAY	4 WEDNESDAY	5 THURSDAY	6 FRIDAY	7 SATURDAY
10:45 a.m. UU Church 11:30 a.m. M.C.C. 6:00 p.m. R.I.S.C. Coronation 7:00 p.m. Ebony Male 7:00 p.m. Dignity (MCC)	7:30 p.m. Pride Center Task Force 8:00 P.M. AA Step Study	7:00 p.m. Coming out Support Group (MCC Suite) 7:30 p.m. P-Fog (Chapel Hill Presbyterian Church) 8:30 p.m. Rainbow Bowling League	6:00 p.m. Frontrunners (Woodland Park) 6:00 p.m. HIV/AIDS Support Group 8:00 p.m. Gay/Lesbian AA 8:00 p.m. Two Step and Swing (Club 141)	7:00 p.m. Men's Chorus Practice (Central Baptist Church)	7:30 p.m. Gay/Lesbian AA 11-9 p.m. A.V.O.L. Appreciation PRIDE WEEK JUNE 6-22	9:00 a.m. Frontrunners (Arboretum) SEE SPECIAL PRIDE '97 SCHEDULE ON REVERSE SIDE FOR FURTHER DETAILS
8 10:45 a.m. Pride Service- UU Church 11:30 a.m. M.C.C. 12:30 p.m. Interweave Potluck (UU Church) 6-8 p.m. Working Class Kitchen	9 7:15 p.m. GLSO Board Meeting (MCC Suite) 7-9 p.m. Lifemaps 8:00 p.m. AA Step Study	10 7:00 p.m. Coming out Support Group (MCC Suite) 7:30 p.m. P-Fog (Chapel Hill Presbyterian Church) 8:30 p.m. Rainbow Bowling League	11 6:00 p.m. Frontrunners (Woodland Park) 6:00 p.m. HIV/AIDS Support Group 7-9 p.m. Queer Awareness 8:00 p.m. Gay/Lesbian AA 8:00 p.m. Ball Room (Club 141) 8:30 p.m. Tum About	12 7:00 p.m. Men's Chorus Practice (Central Baptist Church)	13 6:00 p.m. Dignity Potluck and Mass 7:30 p.m. Gay/Lesbian AA Thoroughbred Invitational Bowling (June 13-15)	14 9:00 a.m. Frontrunners (Arboretum) 6:00 & 8:00 p.m. Lexington Men's Chorus Pride Concert (Arts Place)
15 10:45 a.m. UU. Church 11:30 a.m. M.C.C. noon-4 p.m. Pride Picnic Wendy Knoll Farm 7:00 p.m. Dignity (MCC Suite) 8:00 p.m. Pride Prom	16 7-9 p.m. Lifemaps 8:00 p.m. AA Step Study	17 7:00 p.m. Coming Out Support Group (MCC Suite) 8:30 p.m. Rainbow Bowling League	18 6:00 p.m. Frontrunners (Woodland Park) 6:00 p.m. HIV/AIDS Support Group 8:00 p.m. Gay/Lesbian AA 8:00 p.m. Line & Partner Dancing (Club 141)	19 7:00 p.m. Men's Chorus Practice (Central Baptist Church)	20 7-9 p.m. Solstice Celebration 7:30 p.m. Gay/Lesbian AA <i>GLSO NEWS DEADLINE ALSO SUBMIT ADDITIONS, UPDATES AND CORRECTIONS FOR JULY NEWSLETTER 273-5845</i>	21 9:00 a.m. Frontrunners (Arboretum) 2-4 p.m. Open House at Pride Center (MCC Bldg.)
22 10:45 a.m. Unitarian Universalist Church 11:30 a.m. Metropolitan Community Church 5:00 p.m. Volunteer Awards Banquet	23 8:00 p.m. AA Step Study	24 7:00 p.m. Coming Out Support Group (MCC Suite) 8:30 p.m. Rainbow Bowling League	25 6:00 p.m. Frontrunners (W. Park) 6:00 p.m. HIV/AIDS Support Group 8:00 p.m. Gay/Lesbian AA 8:00 p.m. Open Dancing (Club 141)	26 7:00 p.m. Men's Chorus Practice (Central Baptist Church) 8:00 p.m. Bluegrass Colts members 9:00 p.m. B.C. non-members	27 7:30 p.m. Gay/Lesbian AA	28 9:00 a.m. Frontrunners (Arboretum) 11:00-4:00 p.m. Dance Party, R.I.S.C.
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Friday, June 6th.
A.V.O.L.

"You must be putting me on" Friend to Friend-Appreciation Night-reception etc. Thank you Club 141 & The Bar Complex 9:00 - 11:00. No charge.

Sunday, June 8th 10:45am
Unitarian Universalist Church
Interweave Pride Service. 3564 Clays Mill Rd. Interweave pot luck to follow service for members and visitors.

Sunday, June 8th 6:00-8:00pm
Working Class Kitchen

At Alfalfa's \$6 cover. Lesbians reading their own poetry, essays, or short stories. For more info, please contact **Kelly O'Ferrell** (606) 277-6168.

Monday, June 9th & Mon. June 16th.
Lifemaps 7-9pm \$10.00 per person.

Lifemaps is a workshop in which we will draw and write road maps of our lives and use these to tell about our experiences that have brought us to where we are today. Please contact **Kelly O'Ferrell** to preregister for the evening of your choice (606) 277-6168.

Every Tuesday in June at 7:00pm

Interweave

Out On Video (Lesbians Film Festival). Join Interweave each Tues. in June as we view a recent Lesbians-themed film. No charge. (*Donations will be accepted to cover cost of video rentals & popcorn.*)

Wednesday, June 11th.

The Bar presents "TURNABOUT '97"

Door 8:30pm - Show 9:30pm
\$3.00 (Donation for Pride Center).
Bar employees who don't usually do drag (in public) turnabout and perform their favorite numbers... "It's a beautiful life."

Wednesday, June 11th.

Queer Awareness - Unitarian Adult Forum

7-9pm. Join us for this panel discussion of the many ways we are queer. No charge.

Friday, June 13th. 6:00pm.

Dignity Lexington 533 Cane Run Road
Pride Mass & Pot Luck

An outdoor Mass of Pride and celebration followed by a pot luck barbecue. Open to all. Bring a dish & a friend, Dignity will supply meat dish.

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'97 Pride Schedule of Events

Saturday, June 14th

Lexington Frontrunners

"Fun Run/Walk".
UK Arboretum, 9:00am. No charge.

Saturday, June 14th

Lexington Men's Chorus

Pride Concert at Art's Place. \$5.00 cover performances at 6 & 8pm.

Sunday, June 15th.

Pride Picnic. Noon - 4pm

Windy Knoll Farm. 3263 Cleveland Rd. N. 387 Waller Ave.
(*See article on page 1.*)

Friday, June 20th

Solstice Celebration

Unitarian Church 7 - 9pm.

Join us on the grounds of the Unitarian Church 3564 Clays Mill Rd. for a Solstice Ritual.

Saturday, June 21st

Lexington Bar's Night

It's a Pride Bar Crawl!

Your favorite local bars will be offering specials throughout this night. The Crawl kicks off at **Crossings** from 8 to 9pm, wet your whistle once again at the **Watering Hole** from 9 til 10, then from 10 to eleven o'clock let **Club 141** make your cocktail and body rock, now you've got just one more stop with draggin' at the bottom and dancin' on the top, **The Bar Complex** will end the Crawl,

with yet another special it's sure to be a ball, so don't miss out, come one, come all. 11pm - 12am. Come out and do the *The Crawl* but please don't drink and drive.

Saturday, June 21st

Q Empire presents Rise

A dance party! 11pm - 5am at 177 N. Mill St. No charge.

Sunday, June 22nd

Lexington Metropolitan Community Church

Pride Service 11:30am

387 Waller Ave.
Recognition and commemoration of those figures in the Judeo-Christian past who proved Lesbians people have always been apart of this tradition in a service of holy communion. For more information call (606) 271-1407

Sunday, June 22nd

Lexington Volunteer of the Year Awards

Banquet at the Hilton in Lexington Green 5:00pm. (*See article on page 1.*)

Actor's Guild

Angels in America, part 1 June 5-29 Th., Fri., & Sat. evenings at 8:00 and Sunday matinees at 2:00 (June 15, 24, 29) 139 W. Short St. Call for reservations (606) 233-0663

The Kentucky Theatre

Please watch the theatre's calendar for scheduled movies of interest.

MADISON COUNTY GAY PRIDE EVENTS

The Foothills Echo for Fairness chapter of the Kentucky Fairness Alliance will be sponsoring Gay Pride events during June 19-21 in the Madison Co. area. These events will include an interfaith service, an art salon, and a LGBT Pride picnic.

If you want to get involved or if you want more information about the. Foothills Echo chapter contact John Cutright at 606-623-5763 or Marta Miranda at 606-986-2470.

METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCH

The Great Lakes District of the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churchs commissioned Lexington's MCC as a church with full voting privileges in the denomination's governing conferences during the District Conference in Perryburg, Ohio which started May 29th.

This ends the mission phase of the local congregation during which delegates could speak but not vote. The District's action is a recognition of the church's growth and stability.

Reverend Rex Van Alstine, the Pastor of LMCC said "Our church's status has changed, but its mission to do justice, love, kindness and to walk humbly with God remains the same. We are here to comfort the afflicted and, when necessary, to afflict the comfortable." LMCC was founded April 1993.

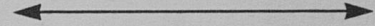
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Favorite Quotation of the Month

"My goal is take my magic wand and say to all gay people 'You're all Berdaches'." Will Roscoe in Gay Soul



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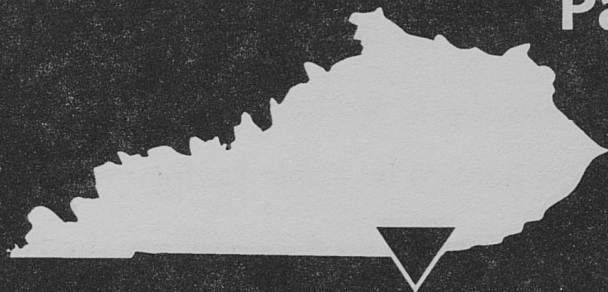
Friday, July 4th

for the **Annual Parade**
downtown Lexington

Parade begins at 2:00

meet at 1:00

on Midland Ave.



- ▼ Give a contribution
- ▼ Become a KFA member: \$25 suggested annual dues
- ▼ Get on the Community Mailing List
- ▼ Get involved in activities

Contact the Lexington Fairness Campaign

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THE CHURCH LADY

By: Margaret Christopher Cartwright

(TEXT: Matthew 8: 5-13)

During Biblical times, women were married at an early age. Barely pubescent in most cases. Men however, were treated as boys until well into their late twenties. These "boys" sometimes travelled with military men as servants or slaves. In describing this relationship, English translators danced around a little bit, trying not to use the Greek word that is associated in other Greek literature as the Greek homosexual relationship. The servant traveling with a Centurion (Roman military man), was unlikely to be a "minor" as we know the term today.

The Captain commanded at least 100 soldiers and was a member of the occupying military force. The "Boy" of the Centurion became ill. The Centurion sought Jesus, telling him "My servant is lying paralyzed in terrible distress." Jesus replied, "I will come and cure him." To which the Centurion answered, "I am not worthy to have you in my house. Just speak the word that my servant may be healed."

Jesus praised him for this saying, "Nowhere in Israel have I found such faith. I tell you, many will come from east and west and will eat with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in heaven while the heirs of heaven will be thrown into the darkness where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth." Jesus then told the distressed Captain, "Go; let it be done for you according to your faith." The servant was healed within the hour.

The important aspects of this story are: 1) Jesus did NOT judge the relationship between the Centurion and his servant. Jesus admired the Centurion for having the courage to seek him out to request healing. 2) Jesus praised the Centurion again by declaring "Nowhere in Israel..." had he found such faith. 3) Throughout the entire story there is love, faith and courage regarding a strong, loving relationship that Jesus admired.

"Draggin' for Jesus" was an attempt (and a very successful one) to raise money to have the ability to reach out to our lesbi-gay-trans brothers and sisters. They will not be judged regardless of internal or external differences. Our church is a church for "All God's people." Come see us. We talk about things like this at church

GERTIE MAE NOE

Uh Oh! Y'all messed up. You didn't write me a letter this month so now you have to pay the consequences. Because, you see, they give me all this space, and of course, I AM going to use it! So, you're all going to get some random stream of consciousness about Lexington's LGBT community, and some of the groups in that community. First of all, if you don't know, this is PRIDE month, and IF you didn't know that, you can go ahead and stop reading now, because you're too out of touch to know jack about our community anyway!

The sure "don't misses" this year include the **PRIDE Picnic** which is at a different location this year and should be way more exciting for the change. I don't know if you agree or not (and frankly I don't even give a squat) but last years' picnic was a little dull. This time, there are some people who KNOW how to have some fun planning it.

Next, be sure to get to the **Lexington Men's Chorus** concert. The Chorus is always entertaining and their PRIDE Concert is always a hoot. While I'm on the subject of the Chorus, I want to tell you all their continued improvement has been fantastic!But, why in the hell don't they have an encore prepared for their concerts??? A concert without an encore, is a little like having sex without the afterglow!

The **Volunteers Banquet** should also be better this year, with both **Sister Sound** AND the **Lexington Men's Chorus** providing the entertainment. The speaker this year is rumored to have all the **GOOD** qualities of a Baptist Revival preacher **WITHOUT** the **NEGATIVES**. And Lordy! Lordy!, I had a sneak preview of that article on page one about the banquet, and that is **ONE TALENTED GROUP OF PEOPLE** who have been nominated for the **Wasson Award!** I don't know who I'd vote for IF I had a vote, but just think how much poorer this community would be without them!

You know something else that would be a whole lot of fun if a "hundred" or two of us did it? **The Bar Crawl**. We could have our very own version of the Gay Pride Parade by marching, let's say 150 or so Queens and Kings that are three sheets to the wind, from one bar to another. Let me also throw in the idea that Vertigo has opened since all this was planned, so let's start there at 7:00 pm. I will, so meet me there!

Lastly, I would like to say something about **Coronation XVI.**, the first thing listed on the PRIDE Schedule. From what I understand, it should be a grander affair than usual, if that's possible. Past Coronations have been a bit over the top for us "Commoners". But, the main thing I want to say is THANKS to Natalie Gaye for a great reign! She has done a lot to restore a measure of respect that the Court seemed to have lost over the past few years. The new Empress and Emperor will be crowned the evening of June 1st. Since I am one nosy bitch, with both my nose and my ears in everyone else's business around here, my one request of those chosen is that they not continue to operate as if their Royal Crap don't stink! The Court does so many good things for the community, but they could take it a step further, and actually become a part of the community.

I warned you at the beginning that you would be sorry you didn't ask me a nice, harmless question, but I guess, GLSO, Front Runners, LMCC, Etc., can all thank their lucky stars I left them alone. And you have NO IDEA how lucky the Bar Crossing, 141, and the Watering Hole are!

Love and Kisses!!!

Questions, Comments SUBPOENAS for Gertie Mae?

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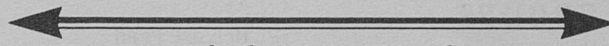
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Pride Service

Sunday, June 8th--10:45 a.m.

Potluck Following This Service

Lesbigaytrans Film Festival

Every Tuesday Night in June at 7:00p.m.

June 3rd at 7:00 p.m.---*The Celluloid Closet*

Adult Forum

Every Wednesday at 7:00p.m.

Wednesday, June 11th--"Queer Awareness"

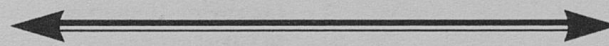
Wednesday, June 20th--Solstice Celebration

Interweave

For Lesbigaytrans People and Friends

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For Information, Call Davina at 245-5301



Other Opportunities for Involvement

Adult Choir Anti-Racism Task Force Dinners for Six

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Women's Spirituality Group-- straight and lesbian women celebrate the Goddess

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ANONYMOUS AIDS TESTING

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Lexington-Fayette County	288-2437
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AIDS INFO/SERVICES

AIDS HOTLINE	(800) 840-2865
AIDS Volunteers of Lexington	278-7494
AVOL Legal Advocacy Program	278-7494
Health Department HIV Support Programs	
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HIV/AIDS Legal Project	(502) 584-1254
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