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a publication of december 1996 the lexington gay and lesbian services organization

Subscribers Needed

The post office has once again changed some of its mailing requirements for non-profit organizations. We still need a minimum of 200 total pieces to mail each month and we are still running a little under that number. We also **NOW NEED 150 SUBSCRIBERS WITHIN LEXINGTON** to receive the lowest rates. We have only about 130 subscribers within the city. There are ten times that many lesbigaytrans people living in this city!

We need at least **TWENTY MORE PEOPLE** to sign up. Please join GLSO and receive a subscription today. Give a GLSO membership as a gift for Christmas. If you are a student and want a subscription for part of the year, give us a call. If you have a low income, we can work out special rates. We need your support. And you need us to continue our work for our community. Please help!

Fairness in Transition

The Lexington Fairness Campaign has recently seen the resignation of its driving force, Linda West.

Announced in its last newsletter via an open letter from West, Fairness is regrouping at an open community-wide meeting, and will hoepfully be able to continue its important community work.

The meeting, which will occur at about the same time as this newsletter goes to print, is being hosted by UK Lambda, and is expected to yield some exciting new ideas and volunteers.

For information, contact Fairness' hotline at 275-7812. And if you see Linda, thank her for her incredible efforts.

Holiday Shopping? Patronize GaySupportive Businesses

contributed by Mary Crone

When I go out to dinner I notice that a lot of "us" are supporting gay-owned and gay- friendly restaurants. This is a good thing. We also obviously spend a lot of time and money in the local bars. We should also shop at gay owned and supportive businesses. Pay attention to who advertises with us, in the Pink Pages, and in other community programs and publications.

Some businesses that have been around for a while are: *The Rack*, in Crossings, 119 N Lime, *Paisley Peacock*, 371 S. Lime, *The Black Market*, 319 S. Ashland, *Dandelion Beads* which has moved to Zandale Shopping Center and *Natasha's Cafe and Boutique*, 304 Southland Dr.

There are also a number of great florists that advertise with us and in the Pink Pages. *Imperial Flowers and Gifts* is at 393 Waller Ave., and *Flower Garden Originals* is at 226 Walton Ave. Last year you could also buy Christmas trees at Flower Garden Originals.

Next door to this florist is another new store that deserves your attention. *Kismit* at 224 Walton Ave. (where Dandelion Beads use to be) advertises itself as a store with gifts for the cosmically inclined. They have a nice collection of hand-dipped incense, massage and body oils, candles, herbs, t-shirts, bumper stickers, rainbow/pride items, hemp products, and a lot of great jewelry both commercial and hand made. They support and show the work of local artists and will be featuring

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different artists each month. These two women have taken a risk in starting their business here, let's support them! (M-Th 11-8, F & S11-9. Sun 1-6). ♠

Parenting Group Out On the Town

The Lesbian & Gay Parenting Group had a small turn-out for the November meeting when we discussed adoption resources. It was decided that the December meeting would be a social event.

So, we are going to meet at the Italian Oven Restaurant on Richmond Road, Tuesday, December 17, at 6:30 p.m.

Please join us if you are a parent or if you are considering oarenthood. Bring your children; the Italian Oven is known to be a "kid-friendly" place.

For more information, call Laura at $276-2685. \textcircled{\Phi}$

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Romeo & Mercutio (ooooh yeah, and Juliet, too)

by Jon Shelton

"Young men's love lies Not truly in their hearts, but in their - eyes"

The above quote from *Romeo & Juliet* succeeds in summing up Shakespeare's formula for writing the play: supply enough visual interest (duels, fights, etc.) to keep the men in the audience attentive as well as plenty of romantic prose to satisfy the women. Of course, if you happen to be gay, an actor or both, you can enjoy these different aspects of the play equally. You may also pick up on the gay subtext of the storyline that is clearly evident in the relationship between Romeo and his best friend Mercutio.

MERCUTIO

Romeo! humors! Madman! passion! Lover! Appear thou in the likeness of a sigh,

An Open Letter from Rev. Ruth Fiscella of P-FLAG

It is with some pleasant memories that I leave Lexington for the time being to take graduate courses at seminaries in Berkeley, California. I am grateful to the lesbigay community for the support and encouragement that P-FLAG has received and will, I know, continue to receive. Glen has taken on the responsibility of leadership ably assisted by offices who have been involved for four years and some new members who are faithful and active.

Although I see some concerned people here struggling to assure the equality that is our due, I also see some apathy, apathy which is as much an enemy to our cause as the downright rejection our enemies hand us. We must not rest or let up if we are to obtain our goal. Wherever we are, let us keep on fighting!

Ruth Fiscella

Speak but on rhyme, and I am satisfied!

In order better to understand the nature of Romeo and Mercutio's relationship, one must take into account two important facts.

First of all, *Romeo & Juliet* is a Shakespearean rewrite from Greek mythology. The Greeks had nearly 25 different words to define love. Unfortunately modern Western culture only has one. The type of love that Mercutio feels for Romeo is *agape* love. This is the highest form of love by Greek definition. Christ spoke of *agape* love as the kind of love for which a man would lay down his life for another man. *Agape* love is prevalent in most Greek mythology and it doesn't escape the Shakespearean translation.

The second factor that one must consider is that the play *Romeo & Juliet* takes place in Renaissance times. In accordance with the Renaissance code that was a part of the culture, male companionship and camaraderie was more highly valued than male-female relationships. This is partly due to the fact that women were unfairly thought of as little more than property and had little power or rights.

So, Mercutio is both a product of the Renaissance mindset as well as that of the Greek philosophers who regarded love between men as the highest form of love. Mercutio simply cannot accept Romeo's love for Juliet as anything more than lust or infatuation, whilst what he and Romeo have is (in his eyes) more real and felt. He is so sure of this that he is willing to stake his life on it, which he does with tragic results. The story of Romeo & Mercutio might be the greatest story of male-to-male love in classical literature, possibly second only to David and Jonathan in the Bible.

Strictly Ballroom director, Baz Luhrman, bravely brings the Bard's substantial subtext to the surface for the screen's latest R & J incarnation. As Romeo, Leonardo DiCaprio's reaction to Mercutio's

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Networking Meeting

Our third Community Networking meeting is planned for Thursday, Dec. 12th at 7:00 in meeting room C on the 4th floor of the downtown Public Library. We had a great turn out last month and plan to continue these meetings every six weeks or so. If you are new to our community or are looking for ways to meet people and get involved, please come to this gathering and learn about a variety of community groups.

We encourage all groups to send a representative and bring brochures or information to hand out. Perry from P-FLAG has volunteered to help Mike chair this meeting. We would like to pass the responsibility for chairing the meeting around the community. We need to start thinking about and discussing Pride Month dates and activities. The GLSO Board has some money for this event, we need community involvement.

GLSO Board Seeks New Members- Butch, Femme, or Other

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The GLSO Board of directors is looking for a few good men, women, or anything in between to serve on the Board. We have had a number of people who aren't able to complete their terms and we really need some more warm bodies willing to put in some time and energy for the lesbigaytrans community. At this time there is only one woman on the board, so we would particularly like to have more female energy.

Yes, we already have femme energy in male form, how about femme energy in butch form? Actually we'll take energy in any form you want to experiment with.

We are in particular need of someone to take over treasurer responsibilities and someone to do advertising. We haven't had a support group in a number of years now; anyone "out there" interested in helping more of us become more "out there"? If you don't think you have time for a monthly board meeting, you could run a support group for a limited time, help us put together another social event, or write something for our newsletter. We can use your help at any level you can offer it. Call Mary at 266-5904. ♥

"PEACE" A Musical Evening

The Lexington Men's Chorus is proud to announce the start of its seventh season beginning with its holiday concert, "Peace." The concert will be help on December 14 at 8:00 pm and December 15 at 3pm at the Singletary Center for the Arts. Music, especially during the holidays, seems to bring about special memories. This year's season promises to be the best yet, with the Chorus back from a wildly inspirational trip to Tampa, Fl. for the international GALA (Gay and Lesbian Association) of Choruses convention. We are pumped, hyped and ready to sing!

"Peace" will consist of traditional holiday music, some with a contemporary flair, and several pieces composed and written by our own Composer-in-Residence, Brian Throckmorton.

This concert will debut LMC's new Musical Director, Loren Tice and Accompanist, Tendrin Lindsay. Their energy and ideas are shaping the Chorus's upcoming concert into an event sure to be more fun and entertaining than ever.

The Chorus is also eager to welcome back the all-female group The Spirit Drummers under the direction of Lucina Arachne.

Tickets for the concert are \$10 for adults, \$5 for children and are available at the Singletary Center box office, 606-257-4929.

The Lexington Men's Chorus is a proud member of the international Gay and Lesbian

Association of Choruses.

Holiday Services

The Unitarian Universalist Church of Lexington is offering a variety of Holiday Spiritual Services. On Sun. Dec 15th there will be a Intergenerational Holiday Service at 10:45. On Friday Dec. 20th there will be a Solstice Ritual and Celebration with the Women's Spirituality Group. Call Mary for specific information (266-5904). On Sun. Dec. 22nd the 10:45 service will also focus on Solstice. On the evening of December 24th there will be a Christmas Eve Service. On Sunday Dec. 29th there will be a service in celebration of Kwanzaa at 10:45. Come celebrate diversity with us!

Dignity will be having a potluck on Friday December 6th at Don's home. Call him for more information at 299-4458. Dignity has regularly scheduled services at the MCC building on the first and third Sundays of each month at 7:00 pm.

MCC will have their regular Sunday services weekly at 11:00 am and a Christmas Eve Service on the 24th. The time has not been set at the time of this publication (but it is most often at 11:00 pm). Call Rex for more information at 271-1407. ₲

Club 141 Christmas Ball

On Tuesday December 3rd, Club 141 is hosting a Benefit Show for AVOL. Tickets can be purchased in advance for \$7 or at the door for \$9. Doors open at 8:30. Come enjoy the sounds of jazz and blues, and dance the night away. Culinary delights will be served during the show. This will be a fun way to support AVOL.

"House of Prisms" Youth Group Formed

A weekly support group for non-collegeage youth has formed. Its charter includes

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support for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transsexual, transgendered or questioning youth. Its aims are to provide educational opportunities, leadership skills, and socialization in a safe and friendly atmosphere.

The group is made possible through AIDS Volunteers of Lexington. For more information, a voice mail number has been provided: 222-1919. ♥

Fiscella to Leave P-FLAG

Reverend Ruth Fiscella, one of Kentucky's most vocal straight activist for gay rights, is moving for a time to Berkeley, California to take graduate seminary courses.

Her open letter is on page 2.

Fiscella, an ordained Presbyterian minister and mother of a lesbian, has often been on the front lines battling homophobia in her past few years as head of Lexington's chapter of P-FLAG, Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays.

Her presence has been known at schools, universities, churches, radio talk programs, newspapers, and practically everywhere inbetween. She is perhaps best-known in this area for her thorough knowledge of the Christian Bible, and her ability to debunk legends and misinterpretations which have led to centuries of homophobia in our culture.

P-FLAG continues on its course in capable hands, but we wish to extend to Ruth our warmest thanks and appreciation. $\mathbf{\Phi}$

Reel World String Band to Perform at Benefit

The Reel World String Band, a local and renowned lesbian folk group, will be performing at a concert benefitting Kentucky Fairness Alliance and the Interfaith Alliance.

The concert is Sunday, December 15, at 6pm at the Acton Folk Center in Berea. Tickets are \$6. For more information or directions, contact Karen at 259-1002.♥

E-MALE Cosponsors World AIDS Day Fundraiser

Ebony Male and the Robert H Williams Cultural Center are sponsoring a "Toys for Kiddees" Soiree to benefit children living with HIV and/or children whose parents are living with HIV. A donation of a NEW toy or game is requested. This evening of fine food and refreshments will take place in the Phoenix Room (Park Plaza Penthouse) on World AIDS Day (Dec. 1, 1996) from 6-9 pm. Please RSVP to (606) 254-9812. Hope to see you all there after the vigil at Triangle Park. ₩

Are you a Lead or a Follow?

The Rainbow Cotillion is a group of lesbians and gays interested in country western and ballroom dancing. We meet each Wednesday at Club 141 (on Vine Street) from 8 to 10 p.m. The beginning of each week offers free instruction in a different style of dance. Lessons will have something for both beginners and more experienced dancers. No partner required. 1st Wednesday - Country Two-step and East Coast Swing 2nd Wednesday - Ballroom Dancing with Mykol 3rd Wednesday - Country Line Dancing with Laura 4th Wednesday - Open dancing For more information call Thom at 421-0373.

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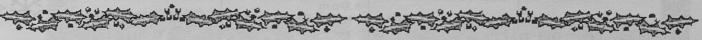


Saturday, December 14, at 8 pm Sunday, December 15, at 3 pm

Singletary Center for the Arts Reserved Seating: Adults \$10, Children \$5

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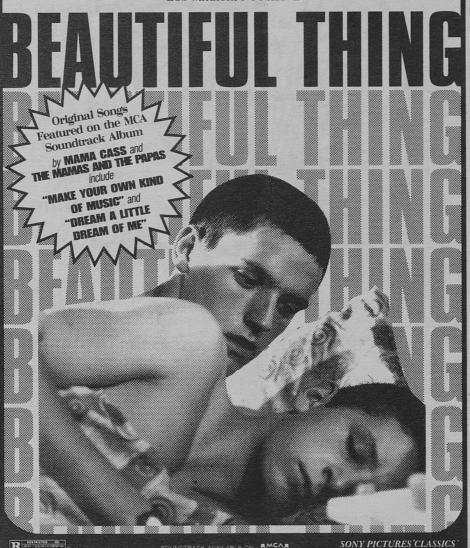
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death is right on target. It's all there - in his face, in his eyes - you just have to look closely to see it.

In the age of information it would seem that surrealism or escapism is dead. The realism of the news stories that flood the airwaves and spill out into our living rooms prove that truth is truly stranger than fiction No wonder Director Luhrman begins Romeo & Juliet as a TV newscast and sets the story against a modern day backdrop. He makes Lords Capulet and Montague mob-boss types, Romeo a gang member, trades the characters swords for guns and makes Mercutio an ecstasy-popping drag queen. It gets our attention by resembling modern-day reality. At the same time, hearing Shakespearean dialog spoken in the present day make for a truly surreal experience. The juxtaposition of such random elements as using Prince's "When Doves Cry" as a hymn for a boys' choir to sing only adds to the film's dreamlike quality. The avant-garde is back!

If the reader detects elation on the part of this reviewer at the prospect of the surrealist/avant-garde movements making a comeback, you're not mistaken. I have long been a fan of surrealist playwrights such as Arrabal, Becket, Ionesco, and Jerry, as well as avant-garde filmmakers like Stan Brakhage, Louis Buñuel, Maya Deren, and Derek Jarman. Their works provide escapism and modern myth to our over-informationalized society. So until movie-makers like George Lucas conjure up another Star Wars-type modern myth, filmmakers may have to borrow from Greek mythology or Shakespeare to find one.

The new Romeo & Juliet is a marvelous example of modern moviemaking mythology for never was there a story of more woe than that of Mercutio and his Romeo... oh yeah, and Juliet, too.

Ask Gertie Mae ...

Dear Gertie Mae,

I am very concerned about a friend of mine and would like your advice. This friend was tested a few years ago and learned he was HIV+ and since that time has done nothing about it. I have heard that Doctors say to prolong your life, your should get on medication early. My question is, how can I get him to seek help?

Signed,

Concerned

Dear Concerned,

You are absolutely right, one should seek the advice of a doctor as soon as one knows that they are Positive no matter how good their health is now. But, unfortunately dear, that is not always an easy thing to do. Your friend is most probably going through denial, and no denial is NOT a river in Africa. In this case it is life-threatening.

You see dear, if he ignores it, in his conscious mind anyway, it isn't really there! But let me tell you sweetie, that is bull-chips! It's there and getting worse every day!

Now, how do you get him to seek the help he needs? Gentle, loving persuasion might work, but careful not to nag. Let him know that you are there now will be there in the future also, no matter what. I would be willing to bet that he has others who will be there if he needs them too. Tell him that. He really needs to understand that he is not alone. That may sound stupid with as many people as we have in this community that have this virus, but when it is you, you're perspective gets thrown WAY out of kilter.

Now, for the good news (that he might not know since his head has been buried in the sand for the last few years). This year alone, there have been major new studies showing great promise in the treatment of HIV. You

may already know this, but it bears repeating. There are people on the right combination of drugs that are showing now signs of the virus in their blood streams. That isn't to say they are "cured" (its still much too early to tell), but it is a hopeful sign that AIDS may become a manageable disease, like diabetes in the future.

Another worry he might have is the cost of treatment. He needs to get in contact with either AVOL or the AIDS Care Coordinator program at the Health Department (the Health Department needs initials too, don't you thing?) before he sees a doctor. They can help make sure that he sees the RIGHT doctor and, depending on his financial situation that he pays no more than he can stand.

Also, while you may have heard that the state won't pay for the new drugs yet, there are several drug studies going on at UK where these drugs are provided at no cost. You just have to be available to get your blood drawn a little more often. Small price to pay for the rest of your life, don't you think? Love and kisses,

Gertie Mae

First Annual Red Wolf Gathering

Wishing Chair has organized an Acoustic Music Festival to be held on Monday December 9th at 7:00 at the Kentucky Theater. Those of us who heard Wishing Chair in concert at the GLSO Autumn Social were impressed by the quality of their music. The concert will also feature Reel World String Band, Mitch Barrett and Carla Gover, The Yonders, Rich Kirby, Kelly Richey, with readings by the Ky. Writers Coalition. This promises to be an entertaining evening! All proceeds will benefit the Red Wolf Recovery Project. Tickets now available at the Ky. Theater. 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.

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BOUND ... Adventures in Bonding

by Peter Taylor

Since there is another excellent movie review in this month's GLSO, I'll be brief here. But it's the holiday season and some of us tend to celebrate by attending movies. If you missed *Bound* in its all-to-brief run at Fayette Mall, be sure and catch it when it plays at the Kentucky this month.

Now I know I'm one of the people whose always bitching about the mass-market image of gays and lesbians but this is film noir, EVERYBODY is "bad" and the two lovers, Violet and Corky are virtual paragons compared to all the presumably straight characters that surround them in this little flick. The movie isn't perfect, the production is very showy and the plot is just a little far-fetched (well OK maybe its just stylized) but it is a thoroughly entertaining exercise in domestic treachery.

Both the leads, Jennifer Tilly and Gina Gershon give sly spins on distinctive roles they portrayed in recent films (Tilly was nominated for an Oscar for her part in Woody Allen's *Bullets Over Broadway*, and Gershon escaped the general condemnation in last years T&A meleé Showgirls.)

I'm inclined to hail this movie as some sort of milestone, but of course it's not. Micheal Caine and Christopher Reeve gleefully spoiled Superman's reputation by playing desperate lovers in Deathtrap in 1982.

FBI Stats on Hate in '95

Based on preliminary data reported to the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) for 1995, 12.8% of the nearly 8,000 hate crimes perpetuated in the U.S. last year involved sexual orientation. Almost 3/4 of these 1,019 bias-based attacks were against gay men, 14% were against lesbians, another 10% of them were against homosexuals in general, and the rest were against bisexuals and heterosexuals.

Bias based on sexual orientation ranked third in terms of reported incidents. Racism, primarily directed at blacks, was the motivation for most U.S. hate violence, accounting for over four times as many incidents as homophobia. The large majority of hate crimes of all types were committed by whites. The second most common category was violence based on religious hatred, with Jews the most frequent targets.

Almost one quarter of all the reported incidents took place in California, followed by New York, New Jersey, Michigan, Maryland, Massachusetts, and Texas as states reporting the most crimes. In addition to the varying sizes of the populations of these states, high numbers may in part reflect good reporting — although the FBI is mandated to collect and report the data, individual police agencies participate voluntarily, and some are more responsive to bias crimesthan others.

9,500 law enforcement agencies in 45 states sent information to the FBI in 1995, covering 75% of the nation's population. The

number of reporting agencies increased so dramatically that the figures cannot be compared to those of previous years.

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\$900,000 Settlement for Gay Man Abused in School

Just hours after a federal jury in Wisconsin found 3 school administrators liable for "intentional discrimination" based on sexual orientation and gender in failing to intervene during years of homophobic violence and harassment by other students against open gay Jamie Nabozny, an out-of-court settlement agreement was reached awarding Nabozny \$900,000 in damages plus a possible \$62,000 for medical costs.

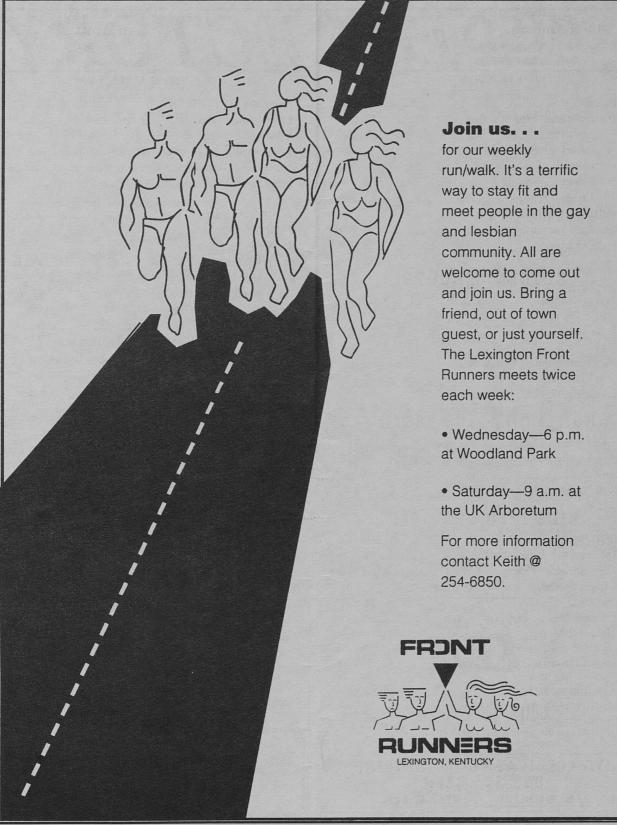
"I feel like I have justice and that this means justice for all the other kids out there who aren't sure if they should stay in school or stay alive," was Nabozny's prepared statement, once the closing of the case November 20 ended a gag order. "Bringing this lawsuit was my way of fighting back.... Sometimes money is the only thing that makes people listen." His case is believed to be the first in a federal court to try to hold schools responsible for the safety of gay and lesbian students. Nabozny was represented by the Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund.

In his original filing, Nabozny had sought only \$350,000, but it had taken a federal appellate court ruling to force the trial judge to hear this case at all. U.S. District Judge John Shabaz, who presided at the trial, had originally dismissed the case for insufficient evidence.

Nabozny had also sought the chance to be graduated from high school at commencement ceremonies, something he missed out on because the abuse had driven him to drop out before completing high school. Later, he obtained a graduate equivalency degree. "I can now go on with my life and have the normal educational experience that I waited a long time for," he said. He hopes to use the settlement money for a college education in social work so that he can help other gay and lesbian teens.

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