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GLSO / Pride Center Considering Merger

by Terry Mullins

The Pride Center Taskforce, which is now actually two dedicated individuals, attended the August GLSO Board meeting and made us an offer. The taskforce has accomplished its mission according to its original charter, which was to open the Pride Center (P.C.). The Stonewall Network, which conceived of the idea of a community center, is no longer functioning and cannot take over the running of the Pride Center, as had been originally planned. The Task Force has asked the GLSO Board to consider taking on this responsibility.

It has been the view of many that GLSO is, or should be, an umbrella group, a clearinghouse for information, and a connecting focus within our diverse community. It would seem a logical step for us to assume the responsibility of running the Pride Center. It would also be a lot of work.

The board members present at the August meeting agreed that a merger could be feasible and a positive step for the community. A committee, including members of GLSO and the Pride Task Force, was set up to explore the possibility further and to consult with a lawyer. This committee will report back to the GLSO

Board at its next meeting on Monday September 8th.

This is not a done deal. Any community member that would like to have a say in this decision is welcome to attend the Sept. 8th board meeting at 7:00 pm. at the Pride Center. If you would like to express your opinion but can not attend this meeting you are welcome to call Terry (255-5469) or Jim (254-7150).

If the GLSO Board does take on this responsibility we will need your help. At the present time we are thinking of setting up two new GLSO committees, one that will work primarily on the Center and another that will be responsible for the publication of the Pink Pages, which the Task Force has produced for the past several years. We need a number of motivated individuals to step forward and volunteer their time and energy.

Our community is moving forward. Since the opening of the Center, we have received a donation to start an archive for historical material, documents, programs, and artifacts that exemplify our lives in Lexington. In addition, we have received some books with which we could start a small lending library. More donations will follow. Our Pride Center can grow and flourish but not without the creativity and leadership of some of you reading this. Please come to the Sept 8th meeting and get involved!

OHIO LESBIAN FESTIVAL

Are there women out there who have never been to a womyn's music festival? Here is a great opportunity for you to experience lesbian culture. The Ohio Lesbian Business Association produces a wonderful one day festival every September. It will be held this year on Saturday, Sept 6th from 11:00 A.M. to 11:00 P.M., rain or shine just east of Columbus, Ohio.

There will be workshops, great shopping, and fabulous entertainment. This year Chris Williamson and Tret Fure will be performing on day stage. Excerpts from *The Kathy and Mo Show* will be performed by Lori Cannon and Beth Kattleman. Comedienne Suzanne Westenhofer will also be there as will June Millington and NURU, a drumming group. All of this for just \$20 in advance or \$25 at the gate. You owe it to yourself to be in a lesbian affirming environment for a day. For more information call the Lesbian Business Association, at 614-267-3953.

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OUT ON VIDEO

by Davina Warner

After two months off, I've decided to pick up the remote and resume my spot on the couch. Two videos I want to recommend this month are *Coming Out Under Fire* and *Oranges Are Not the Only Fruit*.

Coming Out is an excellent documentary about gays and lesbians who served in the military during World War II. Quotations from military documents, actual training footage and interviews with former gay and lesbian service members are woven together to transport the viewer to the 1940s.

Of course, the film is the history lesson we never read in our American History books, but it is much more than that. The interviews tell individual stories that we can relate to today--realizing you're gay, having your first love affair, passing as straight, finding community with other gays and lesbians, and being persecuted for being different.

Perhaps most haunting are the stories of what our government did to gays and lesbians when they were no longer needed to fight the war. Men and women, who answered their country's call for volunteers and who served proudly and bravely were stripped of their dignity, pride, commendations and futures just because they were gay.

Footage from the recent Senate hearings to determine if gays should be allowed to serve in the military, which begins and ends *Coming Out Under Fire*, illustrates that our government's attitudes about gays and lesbians have not changed much in 50 years.

Persecution of another type is found in the BBC production of Jeanette Wintersons book, *Oranges Are Not the Only Fruit*. Set in rural England, during the early 60s, *Oranges* tells the story of a young girl who is abandoned by her biological mother and is adopted by a devoutly religious one.

Effectively isolated from other children who are "not saved," Jess grows up in a small world controlled and dominated by her strict and overbearing mother. At the center of this world is a small Christian sect to which she and her mother devotes most of their time.

As a teenager, Jess meets a girl who she convinces to join the sect so they can become friends. When the friendship becomes sexual, Jess is humiliated then persecuted by her mother and the sect, who try to drive the demons from her body.

While religion plays an important role in the film, it is the dysfunctional relationship between Jess and her mother that is the focus. The development of this relationship, characterized by emotional and physical abuse, is difficult to watch (thankfully, the film is divided into two parts). I'm glad I stayed until the end. Jess's struggle to be herself is inspirational, yet realistic--everything is not tied up in a "happy ending" package.

If you're looking for compelling and thought-provoking stories about gays and lesbians trying to be themselves in non-supportive environments, I highly recommend *Coming Out Under Fire* and *Oranges Are Not the Only Fruit*.

Coming Out on video this month:

Breaking the Surface--A biographical film about Olympic diver Greg Louganis.

In the Gloaming--The directoral debut of Christopher Reeve concentrates on a family's struggle to accept their son with AIDS who comes home to die.

To add or update a directory listing, please contact Mary at 266-5904.

For mailing address label corrections please contact Peter at 273-5845

COMMUNITY NEWS

NETWORKING FORUM

GLSO invites all interested community members to the networking forum. The first meeting of the fall is scheduled for Tuesday, September 16th at 7pm at the Pride Center of the Bluegrass, 387 Waller Avenue. The meeting will be combined with a potluck dinner to begin the evening. We will provide a main dish, we ask you to bring a side dish or something to drink. Dates for November and 1998 meetings will be set at the September meeting.

An invitation will be mailed to all the known lesbian/gay/trans organizations in the greater Lexington area. If you do not receive a letter, consider this your invitation. Please plan ahead and select at least one of your organization's representatives to attend the first forum.

In addition to organizational representatives, all lesbian/gay/trans individuals, friends, and newcomers to Lexington are invited to attend. If you are just coming out, this is a great way to find out what is happening in the area.

If you're not a member of any organization, please join us to learn how to become involved in our community. All of us have been known to grumble about our lack of community cohesion or the slow development of more meaningful ways to socialize and be connected. Here is the opportunity to make those kinds of observations long forgotten history!

Please direct any questions about the September Networking Night and Potluck to GLSO Board Member Mike Taylor at 225-1828. Let's get going friends, the rainbow flag needs all of us to keep it flying high and proud! ☪

GAMES NIGHT

In July, MCC sponsored a games night that was quite successful. All kinds of card

and board games were played. It was so much fun that we have decided to make it a monthly event. It will be the fourth Friday of each month starting at 7 pm. at the Pride Center. Come out and play! ☪

SISTERSOUND

Sistersound has begun its rehearsals for its fall season. New members are encouraged to join us at 6 p.m. on Sunday evenings in the fellowship hall of the Park Methodist Church on the corner of High and Clay. There is parking available on Clay and in a lot behind the church.

We would like to form an auxiliary group of interested men and women to help with the background work of running a chorus and putting on performances. So folks, come and check us out! ☪

INTERWEAVE.

Interweave will have its second Sunday luncheon Sept 14th after the U.U. Church service. We will meet in the Fellowship House (directly behind the church) for a potluck meal at approximately 12:30 p.m. Please bring a dish to share.

If you've been wanting to learn more about Interweave, consider visiting the church Sunday, September 28th. Our church service, which begins at 10:45 a.m., will focus on spirituality and social action. The church's social action groups, including Interweave, will have information tables set up after the service. This will provide an excellent opportunity for you to talk to Interweave participants about their group. In the meantime, call Davina (271-6174) for more information about Interweave or about the Unitarian Church.

If you have an interest in womyn's

spirituality, there is a group of lesbians and straight women who gather together at the church every other Friday night for discussions, rituals, and other programs focusing on female spiritual energy. On Sept 5th we will learn some healing techniques. For more information call Mary (266-5904) ☪

WASSON DECISION ANNIVERSARY CONCERT

To commemorate the fifth anniversary of the Kentucky Supreme Court's decision affirming our right to privacy, there will be a rally and concert on Sunday, Sept. 21 on the capitol steps in Frankfort. The Lexington's Men's Chorus, Voices of Kentuckiana, and Muse, Cincinnati's Women's Choir will be singing. The festivities start at 1:00P.M. The cost is \$5 to \$10 sliding scale. ☪

LESBIAN DISCUSSION GROUP

Karen Meade has volunteered to organize a discussion and support group for lesbians. This group is open to women who are just coming out, who are new to the community, or who just want an opportunity to get together with other lesbians for conversation. If you are interested, give Karen a call at 245-2271.

SINEQUANON TO HOLD BENEFIT

Sinequanon is a new gay friendly bar and restaurant that has opened in the space previously occupied by Joe's. The bar is open 7 nights a week and the restaurant is open every night except Tuesdays. Come out and give us an opportunity to serve you a good dinner

On Saturday, Sept. 13th, Sinequanon is hosting a benefit for AVOL. Doors will open at 7:00 p.m.. *continued on page 4*

There will be an art auction and a drag show beginning at 8:00. This is sure to be a fun evening and an opportunity to provide money for AVOL services. Come on Out!

FAIRNESS FUN!

Fairness is planning the return of two old Lexington favorites, the Dating game and The Newly/Oldwed game! The games begin at 8 p.m., Saturday, October 4th at the Pride Center on Waller Ave.

It's time to have some fun! All work and no play could make Fairness supporters very dull folks. So come on out for the festivities, you could win a date or some other valuable consolation prize.



RAPE CRISIS CENTER

The Lexington Rape Crisis Center needs volunteers. The next training program will be: Fri. Sept. 12 5:30 pm-8:30 pm

Sat. Sept. 13 8:30 am-4:30 pm

Sat. Sept. 20 8:30 am-4:30 pm

Sat. Sept. 27 8:30 am-4:30 pm

Upon successful completion of all training sessions volunteers will:

- 1) staff the 24 hour rape crisis line
- 2) provide support and information for victims and their loved ones
- 3) meet victims at local hospitals and court
- 4) provide referrals for follow-up services

Volunteers answer the hotline in their homes and shift choice is flexible. A six month commitment is required and volunteers must be at least 21 years old. The training is free of charge.

To apply for this training, please call 253-2615 by Sept. 10.

ACTORS' GUILD

Actors' Guild is opening its season with Three Tall Women, by Edward Albee on Sept. 25th. This Pulitzer Prize winning play will run for five weeks, Thursdays through Sundays.

Actor's Guild will be producing seven plays in the 97-98 season. Season tickets or

tickets for the first play are now available. For information call 233-0663.



KINGS ISLAND

The Gay and Lesbian Community Center of Greater Cincinnati invites us to join them for an evening at King's Island on Friday, September 19th, from 5:00 p.m. until 11:00 p.m. This will be the first official "Gay Day" at King's Island. The park will be closed to the public for this event. Tickets must be purchased in advance from the Community Center at (513) 651-0040, or write to 914 E. Main St., Cinn., Ohio 45202.

DIGNITY BIBLE STUDY

Dignity Lexington will be offering a Bible study based on Claiming the Promise: An Ecumenical Welcoming Bible Study on Homosexuality. Weekly gatherings will begin on Wednesday, October 8th at 7:00pm. Enrollment is limited. For information call Don at 299-4458.



SOLIDARITY SUNDAY

Solidarity Sunday, a project of Dignity/USA, is designed to raise awareness of violence against gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgendered people. On October 5th churches, and other organizations nationwide will be asked to make a "Solidarity Pledge" to fight against verbal and physical gay bashing, and to wear a "Rainbow Ribbon" as a sign of solidarity.

Dignity/Lexington will be planning activities locally and would like to include as many churches, organizations, and individuals as possible. If you, your church, or organization would like to participate or would like information about Pledge cards and ribbons, contact Don at 299-4458.

FEMALE WANTED: to share round trip travel expenses to N.Y.C. Sept. 9 to Sept 19. Call and leave message 255-7645.

FAIRNESS IN FRANKFORT

On August 19th, the joint Judiciary Committee heard testimony on three anti-gay bills. These bills seek to deny gay/lesbian/bisexual/transgendered people the same rights afforded to our heterosexual counterparts. BR 119, BR 143, and BR 305 are the most recent attempts by conservative lawmakers to relegate us to the status of second-class citizens.

BR 119 and BR 143 seek to prohibit same-sex marriage in Kentucky and to prevent the recognition of same-sex unions from other states. BR 305 seeks to deny domestic violence protections to same-sex couples.

Senator Tim Philpot, chair of the Judiciary committee and well known for his anti-gay sentiments, presided over the session. In front of a packed room of gay supporters, the committee heard testimony on the impact these laws could have on the citizens and communities of Kentucky. Professionals and laypeople, queers and straight allies, individuals and families, all spoke out against these bills.

Personal stories, legal issues, historical contexts, philosophical questions, religious debates, and psychological data were presented in an attempt to frame these three anti-gay bills within the context of the larger societal issues of homophobia and discrimination. Individuals spoke passionately about how these laws would affect their lives, their families, and their communities. They talked of justice and of equality.

The other side, headed by Martin Cothran of The Family Foundation, spewed forth the typical Radical Right rhetoric based on faulty research and their own hatred.

We have a long struggle ahead of us. It is imperative that everyone who supports equal rights for all Kentucky citizens take a stand. Call or write your legislators to voice your opposition to BR 119, BR 143, and BR 305.

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PLANNING FOR DEATH AND DISABILITY

by Jim Gardner

As a result of the oldest baby boomers reaching their early 50's and with the widespread incidence of AIDS, the media have increased people's awareness of the need for planning for death and the possibility of disability. Same gender couples particularly should consider what legal documents will enable them to protect each other

The purpose of this article is to provide an overview of some planning documents that may be of help. An individual should consult with his or her attorney regarding the applicability or usefulness of the documents to his or her situation,

There are three documents designed to provide protection in the event of disability. These documents are the living will, power of attorney, and health care surrogate. All three of these documents are effective during the life of the person executing them and terminate at his/her death.

The living will allows an individual to determine under what circumstances certain treatment, nutrition and/or hydration will be withheld or withdrawn so as to permit the person to die naturally. Thus, an individual can make his or her wishes known in advance concerning under what circumstances life-prolonging treatments will be used or not.

A health care surrogate, which is often executed in the same document as the living will, allows an individual to name a person who will have the authority to make medical decisions on his/her behalf when he/she can no longer make those decisions. People often refer to this document as a medical power of attorney although that is not the legal term in Kentucky.

The health care surrogate is particularly useful in naming a gay or lesbian partner or other non-relative individual. Otherwise, medical authorities are under no legal obligation whatsoever to consult with or to

recognize the wishes of a non-relative partner.

The power of attorney is a document which permits a named individual ("attorney-in fact") to make financial or property decisions when the person executing the power of attorney is subsequently not capable of making them. For example, a power of attorney is often signed prior to leaving the country for a significant period of time.

There are two general types of power of attorney. First is the springing or conditional power of attorney which authorizes the attorney-in-fact to make financial decisions such as selling property, writing checks, paying bills, etc. only in the event of disability. The other and more common type is known as a durable power of attorney, which gives the attorney-in-fact the power of attorney to make those financial decisions at the time the document is executed. It is "durable" in the sense that it survives the disability of the person executing the power of attorney.

To have control over how your property is to be distributed after your death, you should have a will. If you do not have a will, the State of Kentucky has a scheme known as intestacy which determines how your property will be distributed. A partner that you are not legally married to or other non-relatives have no rights of inheritance under this scheme.

The intestacy procedure provides that a marital partner shall receive one-half of the property and any children will divide the other half. If there are no children, then the parents

of the deceased shall receive the other half. The scheme continues to provide for the disposition of the property among even more distant relatives.

If you wish to provide for your partner upon your death, or to make clear how your property is to be distributed, it is vital for you to execute a will. Even if you have little money to distribute, you may have personal items that you want your partner or close friends to have after your death. Additionally, and often just as important, in your will you can name the executor or executrix of your estate, the person in charge of carrying out your wishes.

Members of every family whether married to each other or not need to act responsibly. This includes considering the possibility of disability and the inevitability of death. Unmarried couples are provided no automatic legal protections as are married couples. Consult an attorney to see which of the above documents may be appropriate for you.

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OUT AND PROUD

by Mary Crone

October is Coming Out Month. This month is set aside to encourage all of us to take our next step out of the closet. It can be a small step, but if each and every one of us takes a small step, we will continue the process of changing the world into a place where difference is honored rather than feared.

You may think that you are totally out, but check your outer walls, you may simply be in a larger more comfortable closet. For example, are you "out" only to other gay people, or to a few straight people you trust? Some decisions of staying closeted in certain situations or to certain people are, of course, reasonable or necessary. Other times, we let fear or discomfort keep us hidden when it is not really necessary.

This October we encourage you to overcome some part of your fear and take one more step out. We know that homophobia decreases for people when someone they know comes out to them. So tell someone, or wear a button, or put a bumper sticker on your car.

To celebrate Coming Out month, GLSO plans to print a list of names of our supporters who have donated \$3 or more to our organization within the last year. We call this our **Queer As A Three Dollar Bill Campaign.**

Some people have added a few dollars to

the cost of their subscription without checking off the space that says we can print your name. If you have made a donation and want to make sure you are on our list, give Mary a call (266-5904)

If you haven't sent us any money yet, please use the form below to make a donation, to subscribe, or both! **As a special deal, we are offering a free T-shirt with a picture of a \$3 Bill to the first six people who makes an donation of \$15 or more during October.** Call Mary to get one of these shirts!

Why are we printing such a list? It is one way to encourage members of our community to publically affirm their gayness. We realize that not everyone has the choice of being this public, but for many of us it can be a step forward in our struggle to accept ourselves and to overcome fear. As the years go by you can see more and more of us are willing to put our home phone numbers in the directory, or to write a letter to the Herald Leader, or to speak before legislators in Frankfort. Each of these public acts takes courage. Thank you to each of you who have been public lately.

Additionally, as more of us come out publically, we offer encouragement to those who are just beginning to come out to themselves or to their friends and loved ones. We are not asking everyone to be as out as the most out among us, but we do want to let you know that it feels great out here!

You might think that coming out publically, which is often coming out to strangers, is not as difficult in that the reactions of strangers would matter less. It doesn't always feel that way; fear or discomfort can hit us when we're not expecting it. I got tongue tied the other day when a fellow dog walker (who I will probably never see again) asked what my Stonewall 25 T-shirt was commemorating. (I sure am glad that the riots didn't start at the Glory Hole! What a T-shirt.)

Making the choice to have your name printed is one of several ways to support our civil rights movement. It is not the only way. If the time is right for you, give me a call. Mary Crone at 266-5904.

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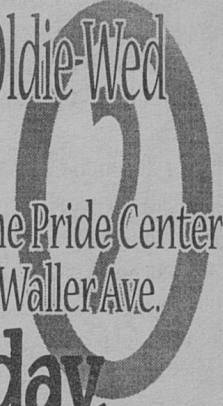
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ANY MOTHER'S SON

by Peter Taylor

The dramatic retelling of Allen Schindler's death premiered on Lifetime early in August starring Bonnie Bedelia as Dorothy Hajdys, his mother. This is a servicable production, that becomes emotionally powerful, depicting the family's forcible consciousness-raising after Allen was stomped to death by a couple of his Navy associates in a public restroom in Japan for being gay.

I don't really feel comfortable critiquing this movie by the same standards that I would a commercial movie which was created solely to entertain us and generate profit for the producers. Indeed, the straight media critics didn't appear to be particularly overwhelmed by it. I'll agree, it's pretty plain and direct - and at times as didactic as a training film.

But despite these limitations, I would heartily recommend it as an interesting, and important work. The actors are all fine, and Bonnie Bedelia is quite affecting at times. I missed the beginning the first time it showed, intending to give it a glance (I was tremendously curious) and catch a later broadcast (Lifetime has shown it about 6 times in August) but I found the situation engaging that I was unable to turn it off and save it for later.

On a purely personal level, I found myself reminded of the pain and fear surrounding coming out and just how taking that risk felt. It showed too well the simple fact (that was certainly lost on me when I was 18) that an individual's decision to come out can profoundly affect everyone who knows you.

Vignettes of Allen's experience are shown in flashbacks as his mother reads his journal. Ironically, he even wrote that he feared someone might want to end his existence because of his sexuality. In the present, his blue-collar family which includes

a sister and a brother, is buffeted by hostility and lack of compassion from everyone from distant relatives (and in the case of his dopey fundamentalist cousin, I'd say the more distance the better) to Allen's brother's coaches at school, who evidently consoled him in his grief by warning him that Allen "deserved it".

On a public policy level the sanguine way the Navy handled both the murder and then attempted to deceive and manipulate Mrs. Hajdys into not asking or not telling anything about the incident was of great interest. In general, this is not a theme that hasn't been dealt with before by some very important directors, but then maybe it bears repeating about as often as it happens because people are still being taken in.

Mrs. Hajdys starts out as a rather typical blue-collar working mother. She is a respectful product of the working class who felt that military service was an honor for both her son and her family. She is forced only by her great pain to resist and then thwart the Navy's plan for a quiet cover-up minimizing the whole incident.

The Navy's rather businesslike abuse of authority has been a commonplace in the war against lesbigays. I think that civil wrongs of this sort easily merit scrupulous documentation and deserve widespread attention. Given the lack of interest in reading these days, telejournalism may just be the way to get the word out.

We really can't be reminded enough that our government, including the military derives its power from our consent. If we intend to remain even sort-of-free (which is about all we seem to manage here unless we are wealthy) we must remember that we can rescind that consent if and when we see fit.

I expect this production will be rebroadcast extensively (that's why I'm bothering to review it after the scheduled run) as well as be issued on video, so watch for it!

Mrs. Hajdys is currently campaigning to keep Terry Helvey (the sailor convicted of Allen's murder) in jail for his entire sentence (25 years if I recall exactly) and is trying to collect a million signatures to present to his parole board. I encourage you sign her petition if you agree with her. The petition is available online at www.sldn.org/schindler_petition.html or send a letter to Servicemembers Legal Defense Network, PO BOX 53013, Washington DC, 20009-9013

COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

The Central Kentucky Community Leadership Program (CKCLP) has selected twenty individuals to participate in a training program financed by the Pew Charitable Trusts. Mary Crone has been selected as one of the twenty and will be going to Colorado in the fall and Arizona in the spring to receive training in leadership and decision making skills.

Lexington was one of ten cities across the country to receive the grant that made this a possibility. CKCLP advertised for people who "want to cooperate across old boundaries" and who are willing to commit some time and energy to building a healthier Lexington community.

We applaud the selection committee for choosing at least one "out" member of our lesbigaytrans community (did anyone else out there get chosen?). Congratulations and good luck to Mary. Keep in mind, twenty more people will be selected next year.

MCC CAMP OUT

On the weekend of September 12-13, the Metropolitan Community Church is planning a trip to Deer Run Stable. We will meet at MCC (387 Waller Ave) at 6:00 p.m. on Friday the 12th and caravan to the camping area. On Saturday we will be going horseback riding. Call Terry for more info (255-5469).

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For more information contact Fairness at: 502-897-1973. To find out your legislative district contact your county clerk. To leave messages for your legislator, (and you can simply say "I oppose Bills #119, 143, and 305)

CALL: 1-800-372-7181

or

SEND LETTERS TO YOUR LEGISLATORS AT:

Capital Annex
Legislative Offices
Frankfort, KY 40601

SAMPLE LETTER

Dear Senator/Representative,

I am writing in opposition to three pre-filed bills that single out lesbian and gay people for discrimination.

BR 119 and BR 143 seek to deny legal recognition of same-sex couples married outside Kentucky. This legislation is

unnecessary, as gay couples cannot get married anywhere in the United States. These laws are merely a tactic used to divide communities and encourage anti-gay sentiment.

BR 305 is an effort to amend the existing domestic violence laws so they will explicitly exclude gay and lesbian couples from the same rights to protection as other in intimate relationships. Please leave the law as it stands: a law that protects all people in intimate relationships from violence.

I urge you to oppose these and any laws that single out gay and lesbian people for discrimination. Let's pass good laws in Kentucky, not laws that aim to hurt people. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

(signature in this space)

Print your name

Your Address

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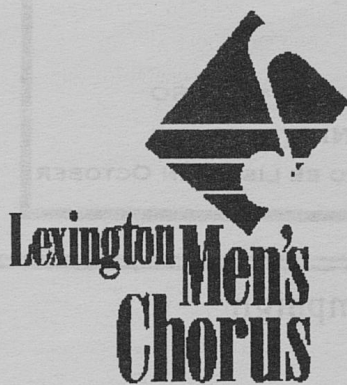
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Lexington, KY 40507
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come and sing with us.
Rehearsals for our 9th
Concert Season begins
Thursday, Sept. 4 at 7p.m.
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**For more information please contact David Bartley at (606) 231-0090
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387 WALLER AVE, SUNDAY WORSHIP 11:30 AM

A CHURCH FOR ALL GOD'S PEOPLE

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The GLSO

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| GLSO Board (Terry)..... | 255-5469 |
| GLSO Discrimination Project (Jeff)..... | 296-4170 |
| GLSO: News Calendar (Peter)..... | 273-5845 |
| Advertisements (Terry)..... | 255-5469 |
| Layout (Charlie)..... | 389-9352 |
| Community News (Mary)..... | 266-5904 |
| GLSO Networking Committee (Mike)..... | 225-1828 |
| GLSO Speakers Bureau (Mary)..... | 266-5904 |
| GLSO Support Group (Mary)..... | 266-5904 |

STUDENT GROUPS

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| ACE League:Berea (Ed)..... | 623-7312 |
| AGLF: NKU (Pat)..... | 572-5604 |
| B-GLAD: Centre College (Mykol)..... | 238-5332 |
| GUESS: EKU (Neil)..... | 622-5816 |
| Lexington Youth Support Group (Kenneth)..... | 222-1919 |
| Morehead State (Angela)..... | 783-2950 |
| Transylvania University (Bill)..... | 233-8490 |
| UK Lambda (pager)..... | 244-3344 |

ANONYMOUS AIDS TESTING

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

AIDS INFO/SERVICES

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| AIDS HOTLINE..... | (800) 840-2865 |
| AIDS Volunteers, Inc..... | 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 |

IYG LESBIGAY YOUTH HOTLINE
800-347-TEEN
7p-midnight Thurs. & Fri.

COMMUNITY

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| Ask Us, Inc..... | 255-2374 |
| Bluegrass Belles(Marjorie)..... | 278-2608 |
| (Dawn) dwilsoo@ukcc.uky.edu. (Ann)..... | (502)672-8673 |
| Bluegrass COLTS (Mark)..... | 233-7266 |
| Cumberland Cares..... | 561-6763 |
| E-Male (Bill)..... | 254-9812 |
| Fairness of Lexington HOTLINE..... | 275-7812 |
| Fairness of Louisville..... | (502) 893-0788 |
| Front Runners (Keith)..... | 254-6850 |
| G/L AA (Charlie)..... | 224-4067 |
| G/L Defense Fund..... | (502) 589-2896 |
| IGBO (Steve)..... | 276-3058 |
| Kentucky Legislator Message Line..... | (800) 372-7181 |
| Lake Cumberland Gay Alliance (Roger) rroger@hyperaction.net | |
| The Lesbian & Gay Parenting Group (Laura)..... | 276-2685 |
| Lexington Men's Chorus (Bill)..... | 266-9175 |
| Louisville Youth Group..... | (502)894-9787 |
| Names Project, Lexington (Katie)..... | 272-2588 |
| Pride Center (Jim)..... | 254-7150 |
| P-FLAG (Jan)..... | 278-7461 |
| (Perry)..... | (502) 226-5478 |
| Pegasus Travel..... | 253-1644 |
| Rainbow Bowling League (Shawn)..... | 255-7379 |
| RISC of KY (Paul)..... | 225-5151 |
| (Steve)..... | 255-4636 |
| SisterSound (Connie)..... | 276-2554 |
| RELIGIOUS GROUPS | |
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| Episcopal Diocese AIDS Ministry (Steve)..... | 233-1782 |
| Honesty [Southern Baptist] (Eddie)..... | (502) 637-7609 |
| (Dorothy)..... | (502) 458-5392 |
| Interweave [Unitarian] (Davina)..... | 271-6174 |
| MCC-Bowling Green (Rev. Donna)..... | (812) 282-9404 |
| MCC-Elizabethtown (Rev. Cathy)..... | (800) 484-8498 |
| MCC-Lexington (Rev. Rex)..... | 271-1407 |
| lmccbvr@juno.com | |
| MCC-Louisville (Rev. Dee)..... | (502) 775-6636 |
| mccville@aol.com | |
| MCC-Paducah..... | (502) 441-2307 |
| ellingner@apex.net | |
| Pagan Forum (Rev. Pat)..... | 268-1640 |
| RainboWind [Pagan] (Sarah)..... | 252-7673 |