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ACT-OUT Presents Gay and Lesbian themed Plays

This weekend you will have one more opportunity to see two great plays by ACT-OUT. Audiences enjoyed both of these plays last weekend and your support will encourage the continuation of local productions of plays with LGBT themes.

On Friday, June 30, A Late Snow will start at 7:30. The author is Jane Chambers, the author of Last Summer at Bluefish Cove. A group of five women become unexpectedly snowbound in a cabin in the woods and are confronted with secret pasts, long lost lovers, and present desires.

On Saturday, July 1, don't miss Bed & Breakfast, a hilarious two act comedy set in Provincetown. Danny, the owner of the B & B Cock and Bull, is turning 36. Joining him on his birthday weekend is his widowed mother and a house full of outrageous characters.

Both shows will be at 7:30 at the Public Library in downtown Lexington. Tickets will be available at the door. (\$8 for one, \$14 for both)

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sponsor for last month
*Imperial Court of
Kentucky*

Coronation 19:

*"Enchanted Mardi Gras in the
Garden of Good and Evil...in 3D."*

Every year, around this time, the members of the Imperial Court choose their new leaders. The Empress and Emperor are elected and reign for approximately one year. This year's monarchs, Eden Towers and Kevin Phillips, will be "turning over the keys" to the new monarchs on the night of Coronation, Sunday July 9. The show will be held at the Grand Ballroom, of the Radisson Hotel

Coronation 19 promises to be a star studded evening of entertainment. Famous queens from across the USA and Canada will be coming to Lexington for the National Imperial Court Council Meeting to be held in conjunction with our Coronation. This insures quality entertainment from the 4 corners of North America. Some other special guests have also been lined up as surprises.

Other events have been planned around Coronation. Saturday, July 8 a very special show takes place at the Radisson Spirits Night Club. Jose Sarria, the ground breaking founder of the Imperial Court system will be performing live with Empress Panzi of New York City. This ...continued on page 2

Lexington's MCC Installs Pastor

On Sunday, July 23, Lexington's Metropolitan Community Church will install Reverend Mel (Melody) Bailey as Pastor. The worship service begins at 10:30 a.m. at 385 Waller Avenue and the church is wheelchair friendly. The installation service will be part of the regularly scheduled worship service and will be followed by a church fellowship.

The Reverend Judy Dale, District Coordinator of the Great Lakes District of the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches, will officiate the installation service. All are welcome to attend. For more information, please call 255-4016.

Mel Bailey was born in Paris, Kentucky and grew up in the Lexington area. She attended Lafayette High School before moving to Florida Continued on page 10

Sponsor of the Month

The Bar



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MANKind PROJECT

The Lexington community affiliated with the ManKind Project invites men from the Lexington-area gay community to a special evening for men, Wednesday, August 9, 7:00 pm at the Metropolitan Community Church, 385 Waller Ave.

The ManKind Project is an international, non-profit organization dedicated to the healing and empowerment of men, men of all stripes, races, beliefs, and sexual orientations. The Project has centers throughout the US along with a few cities in Canada, as well as London, England and now growing throughout Europe and in South Africa. The nearest ManKind Project center to Lexington is in Louisville.

A key feature of the work of the ManKind Project is a powerful weekend experience- The New Warrior Training Adventure Weekend. It's a dynamic, intense men's training in which participants take a hard look at what's working in their lives and what isn't. Many men claim it to be the most powerful experience of their lives. It's not easy, the Friday night through Sunday afternoon is full of risk, challenge, breaking through fear, and incredible reward. The weekend is a journey from head to heart and becomes a rite of passage into a worldwide community of men who value integrity, accountability, and boldly living with purpose in the world. There is ongoing work and support after the Weekend.

The evening on August 9 will be a chance for gay men to have a dialogue with gay and straight men from the ManKind Project, to come together and speak with depth and honesty about our lives as men in this world. More detail about The

New Warrior Training will be discussed including how to sign up for the next one offered by the Louisville Center of The ManKind Project, October 13-15, 2000.

Join us for what promises to be an exceptional evening for men speaking truth to power. For more information, contact Michael Fogler at 299-3074.

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show is one of the only times Jose will be a featured entertainer in the entire USA. This is a "cocktail show, and it starts at 5:30. Coincidentally, this date falls on the one year anniversary of the signing of the fairness ordinance.

Wednesday night, July 5, is Miss Big Bone Lick - a prehistoric themed pageant named after the state park in Northern KY. This pageant is a joint pageant with Cincinnati and Louisville. It's a fun show, and promises to be an entertaining kick off for coronation week.

On Friday, July 7 there will be a State Dinner at the Radisson Plaza Hotel. Honored guests include Jose Sarria, Coco Lachine, Nicole the Great, Empress Milo, and others. Following the dinner, an In-Town Show will be held at Club 141 featuring entertainment from the Imperial Court of Ky. An Imperial Strippers Show is also planned, location to be announced.

On Saturday, July 8 don't miss The Black Cat Show at Spirits Lounge, Radisson Hotel, featuring world-famous Jose Sarria, founder of the court system, and the lustrous Empress Panzi of New York City. An Out-of-Town Show will be held at Club 141, featuring entertainment from across the US and Canada.

Community News

AVOL in New Location

Greetings to all from AIDS Volunteers, Inc. AVOL has moved our office! Please drop in and visit us or join us for our open house on Friday, July 14, 3pm - 6pm. We are now located at 263 North Limestone St. (next door to Atomic Cafe.) Please RSVP to 225-3000 or to AIDS Volunteers@aol.com.

We're excited to be downtown in a location that we feel will make us more accessible to the entire community. AVOL's new phone number is (859) 225-3000. New fax: (859) 225-9244, Email: AIDS Volunteers@aol.com Website: www.AIDS Volunteers.org We like it here, hope to see you on the 14th!

THOROUGHBRED BOWLING

The Thoroughbred Invitational Tournament Inc committee (TITI) will have a hotdog and soda trailer at the Lexington 4th of July Festival in front of 141 W Vine St (between Limestone & Upper). The trailer will have doughnuts and coffee in the morning and hot dogs, chips, Pepsi products and bottled water the rest of the day.

The TITI committee is a gay/lesbian organization that periodically sponsors gay/lesbian bowling tournaments in Lexington which are attended by participants from all over the United States and Canada. It is a member of the International Gay Bowling Organization and is supported by the Lexington Rainbow Bowling League. Your patronage and support is appreciat-

ed as we prepare to host a tournament this October at Southland Bowling Lanes. If anyone is interested in being involved with the committee, donating raffle prizes, or advertising their business or organization please contact TITI at the locations listed below.

The Rainbow League will have an organizational meeting and free bowling on August 22nd. For more info email LexRainbow@aol.com or igbosmf@earthlink.net.

Lesbian Writer's Group

I'd like to get a bunch of women together who are interested in writing. (I'm not sure how many women equals a bunch) Whether for fun or loftier goals, let's be committed to the idea of pen/pencil on paper.

I'm thinking of meeting once a month - it could be an evening or Sunday Brunch thing. I'm willing to offer the space if you're willing to paint pictures with words, to show and give up telling - to stretch. I'm hoping for short fiction writers, a coupla oh my allegorist, fiction writers, a speech writer, essayist, playwright, and a poet. (I think there's a story here). If you're interested, please respond to Eileen at lekapl0@pop.uky.edu.

Social Concepts Will "Inherit the Wind"

Social Concepts will have its second annual Shakespeare in the Park event Saturday July 15, 6PM at the UK Arboretum off Alumni Drive. Bring blankets, food, and drinks (there are food and drink vendors) and be prepared to be enter-

tained by "Inherit the Wind".

This classic play about the right of people to think freely is based on the Scope's Monkey Trial. It's great to watch a good play under the stars! We will have a sign, just look for us in the middle section. Last year, many people made this their first Social Concepts outing. Bring your children, friends and family! It's for everyone. Try to get there early as the hillside fills up quickly.

Discussion Group Going Strong

The Discussion/Support Group is still going strong in spite of not being able to use the Pride Center as a regular meeting place. Our thanks go to the Lexington Public Library who have provided us with accessible space for the last two months. We will continue to meet at various places. Signs will be posted at the Pride Center with each week's location. To be sure call Jane at 389-7698. Everyone is welcome. Come join us for good talk, support, and laughs.

If anyone knows of a convenient, accessible meeting space for 10 to 15 people please call Jane at 389-7698.

Unitarian News

Over the next few months, Rev. Cynthia Cain will focus her sermons on universal values and ethics as they are reflected in world religions and especially within the Unitarian Universalist tradition. On July 2, Worship Associate Davina Warner will be joining her in exploring Independence, which is perhaps our ...Community News continued page 4

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denominations greatest strength and greatest challenge. Services start at 10:45 at 3564 Clays Mill Rd.

On July 9, Kathy Stein will be our guest speaker for the service. Her topic may be religious freedom; we're given her some time to decide but whatever her focus it is sure to be stimulating. On July 16, Worship Associate Vicky Hammel's sermon will be on "The Virgin Birth", its mythological historical antecedents and its effect on our cultural view of sexuality.

On July 23, Marilyn Dishman will be speaking on "Bi-racial Children, adoption, and cultural considerations." (I do not know if it will be part of her discussion, but it is interesting to me that bi-racial infants are among those children more likely to be offered to LGBT individuals to adopt.)

The Unitarian Universalist Church is a welcoming Congregation and believes in actively supporting diversity within our community as well as within our church.

Pride Alliance

There is a new Gay Lesbian organization called Pride Alliance of Central Kentucky (PACK). PACK will serve as an advocacy, educational, social, and support group for GLBT individuals, and their friends, family, and supporters in the greater Danville/Boyle County community. Call Gary (859-236-4547), or Shane (859-854-0596), or email pridealliance@yahoo.com.

Wishing Chair

It has been quite the eventful spring for Terrakin Records. We are still riding high from the release of the new CD, The Ghost of Will

Harbut. We were thrilled with the turnout for the Ky Theater concert. The participating organizations loved meeting our audience and were excited at your interest.

So far, the CD is selling well, and getting lots of attention from all kinds of places. You can get it on-line via our website or amazon.com and in Lexington at CD Central, The Bookworm, or at Joseph-Beth. The Ghost of Will Harbut is currently the most requested song on WUKY!

Stations do what is called "reporting." They make their play lists available nationally to other stations. Everyone looks at what everyone else is playing. And that is how a band starts to get real attention in other markets across the country. Our best bets for airplay are the public radio stations that have folk, women's or acoustic shows. Call the stations you listen to and ask them to play us. Let us know if they do. Here are stations in the Central KY area:

WUKY (Lexington) 257-9600
WRVG (Georgetown) 502-868-6569
WMKY (Morehead) 606-783-2001
WFPK (Louisville) 502-814-6500

Dates and places you can see Wishing Chair in July:

- 1 Harvest Festival, Phoenix Park, Lex. KY, 1:30 pm, duo
- 4 Benefit for Donnie, downtown Lex., 4 pm, after parade, full band
- 11 Alfalfa's, Lex. 8-9 pm, duo
- 13, 14 and 15 Cheapside, 10-1 pm. (13 duo, 14-15 full band, cover)
- 20 Cheapside, Lex. 10-1 pm, duo

BLACK LESBIAN COLLECTIVE

Sistahs in the Life is a newly formed and growing social/support collective for Lesbians of African Descent. We plan to meet biweekly. All black women ages 19 and older are welcome to join. The major objective is to identify a community of black women and bring us to the same space at the same time. Participants will determine the direction of the collective beyond that.

The next meeting will be on Wednesday, July 5 at 7 pm, same location as in June. If you are not sure where that is, give Letonia or Joan a call. We understand that there are degrees of "outness" so we strive to provide a safe, confidential and welcoming atmosphere.

Don't sleep Sistahs. We've been expressing a need for this for years. Now is the time! For information, call LeTonia 233-3751, or Joan 252-2657.

"THIS ONE IS FOR THE FAT GIRLS"

Attention all women of size. Chrysalis House, a non-profit halfway house for women in substance abuse recovery, needs clothing. If you have previously worn clothing (especially size 12 up) in good condition please consider donating it to the Chrysalis House. Clients are always in need of professional and casual clothing in larger sizes. Call the Chrysalis House at (859) 255-0500 to arrange a date and time to drop off your donation.

*From Three Years to Eternity
I Love You Karen!*



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Town Show, and Victory

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Volunteers of the Year 2000 by Mary Crone

The Volunteer of the Year Banquet was held early in Pride Month this year and was a rousing success. Councilman George Brown joined us for dinner and gave an after dinner speech, cancelling another engagement in order to do so. He is an inspiring speaker and we appreciate his willingness to participate. We also thank Another Note and The Lexington Men's Chorus for their musical entertainment.

It is an important aspect of any community to acknowledge the work of individuals and groups that give of their time, talent, and energy to pursue a healthier, happier, more just and more free future for its members. People do not do this work to receive praise, but to hear that your work is seen as valuable and that you are appreciated gladdens the heart and lightens the spirit. It also inspires pride in our community and empowers us to move forward.

The Winner of the Wasson Award for the person who has contributed the most to our LGBT Community in the past year or years is Jennifer Crossen. Jennifer has worked with cheerful determination for Fairness, organizing the phone tree, planning fund raisers, orchestrating our parade efforts, testifying in Frankfort, and working to pass the Lexington Fairness Ordinance. Not to mention the extra work she takes on in order that we may gather at her farm for picnics and frivolity. For all these reasons Jennifer also won the Fairness Volunteer of the Year Award. She is a true gem. Thanks Jennifer.

The Rainbow Community Service Award was gratefully given to Fairness, Bluegrass Chapter. The tremendous amount of work done by members of this organization over the last seven years has raised our state's consciousness about civil rights for LGBT people, has given us candidate information for voting decisions, has helped keep anti-gay legislation from passing in Frankfort, and has given Lexington a Fairness Ordinance passed on July 8 last year. Many people have been a part of this work and our community is stronger and our state more just as a result of those efforts.

GLSO's Volunteer of the Year is Ginger Moore. Ginger has been active in our community for only a little more than a year and in that time she has started new programs (Social Concepts and Mentoring), become the GLSO Secretary, given new life to the Pink Pages, served

on the Pride Committee, worked on the Gill Grant, and in general pushed us out of some comfortable ruts with her new ideas and boundless energy. Thank you Ginger.

Movable Feast awarded two Volunteer of the Year Awards. With over 300 volunteers, you can understand that it can be a difficult choice for them! (And yes, they still need you, call 252-2867) Blanco Mikall was acknowledged for her dependable and ongoing work in the kitchen, often chopping and slicing three times a week. Blanco is also a generous underwriter of special holiday meals. She has recently purchased two air conditioners for the basement of St. Augustine's Chapel where all the great food is cooked and moved out into the community.

Movable Feast also recognized Charley Slusher who has volunteered for the last six months and is often in the kitchen four or five days a week. He is the acknowledged Salad King and a multi-task volunteer of high quality. Movable Feast thanks Blanco, Charley, and all of you who share in this work.

Lexington's Metropolitan Community Church awarded its Volunteer of the Year to Carol Hadinger who has served on church committees, participated in worship services, and been involved in many other MCC activities. Carole received a certificate, an engraved bookmark and the church's deepest appreciation for her faithful service.

The Lexington Men's Chorus recognized Tony Burgett as its Volunteer of the Year. Tony has supported the chorus throughout its ten years as head of the auxiliary. He developed their merchandising efforts, helped devise a committee structure, and worked to make trips to GALA possible. Tony has been a great morale builder for chorus members, knowing when to give a hug, sooth an ego, or encourage a shy guy.

This is not all the awards that were given at our Banquet. I am regretfully out of space, time and information. Please email or call me with the name of your recipient and a description of their work. We will have the rest of the story...next month. (marycrone@aol.com or 266-5904)

To inspire, to gladden, and to give simple thanks are good reasons for GLSO to continue the banquet tradition started by the Tri-state Gay Rodeo in 1992, and hosted for several years by the Metropolitan Community Church. For all of these nine years, the success of this event has been the work of Terry Mullins. We owe him much thanks. For next year, GLSO is looking for someone, or even better a committee, to continue this event or to envision something new. Give us a call.

Our House

By ReINETTE F. Jones

Well, Kat and I dug up the can of pennies from the backyard and added a handful of quarters to it and bought us a house. We have been in the place a couple of weeks and all of the boxes are unpacked and everything has been put away. With luck, we will soon find an extremely long ladder to reach the vents and lights in the cathedral ceiling. Climbing ladders (short or tall) is not my specialty. The high ceiling was one of those things that we didn't think through before we got all dew-eyed and fell in love with the house.

Another detail we overlooked was the clothes dryer cord, which had to be replaced because the plug had three prongs and the wall outlet required a four-prong plug. We called Sears and the woman on the other end said it would be a simple thing to replace the cord. She sounded so confident in our abilities, that we actually tried to change the cord ourselves.

About midway through the process my hand slipped and all the screws went flying through the air and some four-letter words landed down behind the washer along with the screws. The washer weighs a ton; we had already moved it once when one of the screws rolled behind it.

Well, the day wasn't getting any younger and my daughter said the flying screws was her cue to go home. And she told me to don't even think about asking her to help move that big butt washer again, because she was a little woman and I knew that sweating and straining were never her strong points. Plus, she

had to get ready for a date and couldn't risk chipping another nail.

I looked at Kat and she said that she wouldn't be moving the washer and dryer again either, because it was late and we didn't know where to attach the extra green wires anyway. And tomorrow she was going to call Sears and have them send someone to finish the job. I couldn't believe that they were giving up, we could do it!

My daughter left. Kat went to bed. I cussed and fumed for two more hours until my head starting hurting and my Meniere's Disease knocked the world off kilter and I had to go to bed too. Two days later the Sears man was real nice about putting the cord on our dryer, and reattaching the wires in the right place, and replacing the screws.

Ok, so what if he did it the right way, we would have gotten to that point eventually. Isn't that what being a new homeowner is all about? I don't give up that easily. Our next simple project was fixing the leak at the kitchen faucet. We did the right things, we bought a book, and we asked the Lowe's sales guy about the parts, then we took our \$1.50 purchase home and took the faucet apart. The parts to our faucet didn't look anything like the book diagram or the diagram on the package. But being the adventuresome women that we are, we replaced the parts anyway. I turned on the water and Kat watched the water spray across the kitchen.

We went back to Lowe's and tried to talk to a sales guy who looked at my breast and didn't seem to hear a word. There was no time for tomfoolery; we had a faucet to fix, so we found another sales guy who

could look us in the eyes and we told him about our dilemma. We bought another \$1.50 worth of parts, then we went home and put them on our faucet. I turned on the water and Kat watched it gush toward the ceiling. We had advanced from a side spray to an upward gush; we were really making progress.

Another trip to Lowe's, another sales guy, and the wrong parts. To make matters worse, we put the faucet back together wrong. The water only leaked, just like it was doing before we tried to fix it. At this point I did not want to go back to Lowe's; I could live with the leak. I wasn't giving up; I was only giving myself time to think of a way for us to do without the entire kitchen sink. Kat said that she would take care of the faucet tomorrow and I shouldn't let it get me down.

Overnight the leak turned into a stream. The next morning I marched into Lowe's, bypassed all the sales guys, and bought the entire kit for Delta faucet repairs. That evening Kat put the parts on the faucet while I sat across the room and watched. The faucet works just fine now.

Our next project is the gutters. Kat has suggested that I be the consultant on this job too. Given our last two experiences, I think that means that she loves me best when I am not helping to fix things that I know nothing about.

Intercultural Lesbians!

Becoming Home Owners seems to be a popular experience for members of our community. For another personal account of the joys of home buying, see Kelly O'Ferrell's essay on page 12.

GLSO CALENDAR ~ JULY 2000

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| 2 SUNDAY 10:30 am LMCC 10:45 am UU Church 12:30 am CUUPS (UU) | 3 MONDAY 8:00 pm AA Step Study | 4 TUESDAY | 5 WEDNESDAY 6:30 pm MCC Bible Study 7:00 pm GLSO Discussion Group 7:00 pm Sistahs in the Life (tba) 8:00 pm Gay/Lesbian AA 9:00 pm Miss Big Bone Lick (Club 141) | 6 THURSDAY | 7 FRIDAY 5:30 pm State Dinner (Radisson Plaza Hotel) 7:30 pm Gay/Lesbian AA 8:00 pm In-Town Show (Club 141) | 1 SATURDAY 12:00 pm CUUPS Festival (UU Church) 7:30 pm Bed and Breakfast (Public Library Theater) |
| 9 10:30 am LMCC 10:45 am UU Church 12:30 am CUUPS (UU) 6:00 pm Coronation 19 (Grand Ballroom Radisson Plaza Hotel) | 10 11:00 am Victory Brunch (Radisson Plaza Hotel) 7:00 pm Fairness Meeting (Pride Center) 8:00 pm AA Step Study | 11 | 12 6:30 pm MCC Bible Study 7:00 pm GLSO Discussion Group 8:00 pm Gay/Lesbian AA | 13 | 14 7:30 pm Gay/Lesbian AA | 8 6:00 pm Jose' Show (Radisson Spirits Lounge) 8:00 pm Out-of-Town Show (Club 141) |
| 16 10:30 am LMCC 10:45 am UU Church 12:30 am CUUPS (UU) | 17 8:00 pm AA Step Study | 18 7:00 pm GLSO Board Meeting - open to the public - (Pride Center) | 19 6:30 pm MCC Bible Study 7:00 pm GLSO Discussion Group 8:00 pm Gay/Lesbian AA | 20 | 21 7:30 pm Gay/Lesbian AA 8:00 pm AA Step Study | 15 6:00 pm Social Concepts attends "Inherit the Wind" (Arboretum) |
| 23 10:30 am LMCC Installation of the Rev. M. Batley 11:45 am UU Church 12:30 am CUUPS (UU) | 24 8:00 pm AA Step Study | 25 | 26 6:30 pm MCC Bible Study 7:00 pm GLSO Discussion Group 8:00 pm Gay/Lesbian AA | 27 | 28 7:30 pm Gay/Lesbian AA | 22 GLSO NEWS DEADLINE SUBMIT ADDITIONS AND/OR CORRECTIONS FOR NEXT CALENDAR 273-9649 |
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Free Evening Parking

Rev. Mel Bailey ...continued from page 1 where she spent 18 years as a teacher.

When Rev. Mel received her calling to pastor, she pursued training though Samaritan College, affiliated with the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Church. She spent her early years in training in one of the largest churches in the MCC denomination, King of Peace, in St. Petersburg, FL. (membership 450ish-wow). She met her partner, Bonnie, while she was there. They had a holy union and have been living in a committed relationship for about 7 years now.

They answered a calling to minister in Savannah, Georgia, where they spent four years. While in Georgia, Rev. Mel served as a case manager in a non-profit for persons living with AIDS. Mel says "that was quite a remarkable experience, an opportunity to extend a hand of compassion. I call it "Jesus ministry," down in the trenches stuff." Also in Savannah, Rev. Mel was appointed to the Mayor's Human Relations Commission and served on the board of directors for the Savannah AIDS Network. Congressman Jack Kingston appointed her to his Race Relations Committee. We hope the greater Lexington Community also finds ways to use her talents and her dedication to social justice.

In 1998, Rev. Mel was diagnosed with breast cancer and underwent a full mastectomy, chemotherapy, and radiation. "I simply learned to see the blessings that surrounded me at every turn. Breast cancer has been an opportunity for me to "FROG, or Fully Rely on God." Bonnie supported me every step of the way. We often forget about the

spouses in those trying times."

Rev. Bailey accepted spiritual leadership of the Lexington Metropolitan Community Church as a result of their ministerial search. Bonnie and Mel moved here in March. Rev. Mel has become active within our community, participating in the work of Kentucky Fairness, attending public functions supporting gays, lesbians, bisexuals, and the transcommunity. She says "Bonnie and I have had a loving and supportive welcome here in the Bluegrass State. We can't wait to get to know everyone as we provide ministry for many who are seeking a spiritual journey, hungry to hear about God's unconditional and eternal love."

Please join the Metropolitan Community Church in joyful celebration of the Installation of Rev. Mel Bailey on Sunday, July 23 at 10:30. MCC is at 385 Waller Ave.



Financial Summary Pride Month 2000

Expenses (taken out of Pride Month Account)

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| Advertising and Flyers | \$95 |
| Picnic | |
| Rent Tables and Risers | \$180 |
| Porta Potties | \$100 |
| Paper plates & Forks | \$25 |
| Ice | \$17 |
| Fried Chicken | \$75 |
| (Advertising in GLSO not counted here as an expense) | |
| Total Expenses | \$492 |

Income

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| Profits from drink sales | \$307 |
| Profit from T-shirt sales | \$122.40 |
| Vendor contribution (% of their sales) | \$30.50 |
| Fairness sharing of their picnic income | \$100 |

Total Income \$559.90

Special thanks to the entire Pride Committee and all participating organizations for a delightful fun month full of activities. Thanks to Bill Chandler for designing the logo and flyer. The GLSO assumed costs for the Banquet (The cost to attendees does not cover the expenses). Some of the profit from the picnic was given to the Pride Center Account which is in great need of financial support.

IF YOU DREAM

If the Millennium March on Washington gave us nothing else, it still gave us a memorable speech from the main stage by U.S. Representative. Tammy Baldwin, D-Wis. Here is a part of that speech.

"If you dream of a world in which you can put your partner's picture on your desk, then put his picture on your desk and you will live in such a world.

"And if you dream of a world in which you can walk down the street holding your partner's hand, then hold her hand and you will live in such a world.

"If you dream of a world in which there are more openly gay elected officials, then run for office and you will live in such a world.

"And if you dream of a world in which you can take your partner to the office party, even if your office is the U.S. House of Representatives, then take her to the party. I do, and now I live in such a world.

"Remember, there are two things that keep us oppressed: them and us. We are half of the equation.

"There will not be a magic day when we wake up and it's now OK to express ourselves publicly. We must make that day ourselves, by speaking out publicly -- first in small numbers, then in greater numbers, until it's simply the way things are and no one thinks twice.

"Never doubt that we will create this world, because, my friends, we are fortunate to live in a democracy, and in a democracy, we decide what's possible."

Help Decide what is Possible in Lexington; Join the Pride Center Committee.

The Pride Center Committee is currently working under the auspices of the GLSO. We are meeting regularly and making decisions about future directions of the Center. Jane is the chair of this committee, call her to see how we can use your creative energy. (389-7698) We are developing budgets, writing grants, discussing possible new locations, and having a good time. We are creating a vision of what we can become. Come dream with us...

We need new and renewing subscribers to the GLSO Newsletter. The newsletter comes in a non revealing envelope, with only a box number as a return address, so not even your mailman will know for sure! This is an easy but important way to support our community. Lower rates are available for students or anyone in need. All you have to do is send us this form and a check. These are the current projects of the GLSO:

The GLSO News
Discussion Group
Pink Pages

The Pride Center
Speakers Bureau
Pride Picnic

ActOut
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BUYING A HOUSE:

WE'RE NOT WHERE WE WERE

by Kelly O Farrell

"But I have never thought that traits that are strong in childhood disappear; they may go underground or they may be transmuted into something else, but they do not vanish..."

The Deptford Trilogy

The bank says that Tam and I make enough money to buy a house. At least, that's what they said a couple of months ago. So, we started looking at some houses. Tam's plan was to be moved within the next week; while mine, naturally, was to hopefully move sometime within the next year. I'm sure we made that very clear to one another - NOT!

Everything was fine until Tam saw a house she really liked and we hit our first bump in the road.

"So, what do we do when one of us loves a house and the other one doesn't?" she asked, in a rather not so nice tone, in my opinion.

And I became afraid. Here was yet another area of my life when I was hearing and feeling those same old words I've heard so many times: "I'm afraid I'll have to ____ whether I like it or not." Like:

- take a job I don't like to make more money;
- live in a house I don't like so my partner will be happy;
- have sex; or
- buy something I don't like as much as something else because it's cheaper.

This is most definitely a childhood trait that has its' roots spread throughout my life. Though it has not vanished, I am finding ways to grow away from it in each area.

So, I looked at Tammy and told her I just couldn't live in that house she really liked. I told her we would

find something we both wanted. And, we decided it was time to get even more clear about what we wanted - what was and was not negotiable.

And, still, I felt very alone.

I wanted to know why we didn't have more - hell, any - money left over at the end of the month. Where were we planning on getting double the rent for a mortgage payment? I realized that we had not been thorough enough when we wrote down our expenses. I believed that I needed more information before I could agree to make a leap in "rent".

Tam didn't. Big surprise! We'd already done this twice, we had it on paper, she didn't know where that extra money was going, but she was ready to proceed. "And, another thing," she added, I needed to quit saying "nope" the minute we pulled up into a driveway. It was driving her crazy!

Well, she was right about that last part. I swear, I can just feel my father taking possession of my body the minute we pull in the driveway. Which, in this case, is truly a character asset gone awry.

It's going to be hard finding a house to meet my father's specs on our budget. I remember that I rented my first apartment in my hometown so that the guy I was dating, Dale would want to come and see me more.

He showed up twice. Once drunk (said he'd only had two drinks - please!) and the other time for just a few hours. He was never comfortable in my place.

The next apartment I lived in was a beautiful little 4-plex across the street from the arboretum. It took me a month to decide to leave my apt. complex with drunk, noisy neighbors who partied until 3 am. I don't move

easily.

I realized that both Dale and my father visited me about the same number of times in both places and they were both always uncomfortable. Then I remembered that they were also uncomfortable in my sister's \$250,000 house.

I know I've been trying to find a place, again, my father will like - a place where my father will like me.

Tam and I live in a beautiful little 4-plex that has French doors opening to a porch that's up in the trees. Our neighbors are quiet. I can find peace and safety in this place. It is home. My father is uncomfortable here.

Tam and I were sitting at a restaurant one night and I told her that I felt sad because I felt alone in the financial part of this house hunting. I told her I wasn't crazy to want to know more about our finances before I committed to a specific mortgage.

When we were in the car headed home, Tam looked at me and said, "I want to tell you something about what you said earlier, but I don't want it used against me."

We both know what that means. That means, I'm getting ready to tell you something I haven't even wanted to admit to myself. That means, we're going to be standing on the edge of intimacy and I need you to take care of what you are about to hear.

And, I know it means that, even in the heat of an argument, these words, these feelings, this truth is to be kept out of the flame of anger. And, when I say "Okay", I know she trusts that I will not betray her.

And I heard her words of tender honesty. "When I want something, I have a tendency to ignore a lot of stuff that needs to be looked at. I've

SOCIAL CONCEPTS SWINGS!

By Ginger Moore

Part of the organizational goals of Social Concepts include the provisions to "provide social events for women and their families and loved ones where public events are encouraged" and "to provide social events that promote the role of women as significant members of the community at large". We did this in a quiet and responsible way on Saturday, June 10; Social Concepts, working alongside other from the Gardenside community, helped build a playground for the city.

It felt good to know that we had supplied 20% of the workforce. We sweated right along with everybody else. We toted logs, dug holes and trenches, pushed wheelbarrows, surveyed, bolted play structures

together and shoveled mulch. By the end of the day, we persevered in 90 degree heat and built play structures, swings and forts. We, in turn, got a new park for our children and grandchildren. We had the satisfaction of knowing that we had participated in a worthy cause, and that we had accomplished our civic duty, individually, and as a group.

Special thanks to all the courageous persons that participated in this exceptional event. Bravo! Why don't you drive by the Gardenside Park on Holly Springs Road and see our handiwork? It's great!

Ed. note: A thanks you to all of you who turned out for this effort, and I know it was hard work. We need to become allies for other people, including children, as we encouraged them to become allies for us. Thanks to Ginger for her vision.

Buying a House, Kelly O'Ferrell

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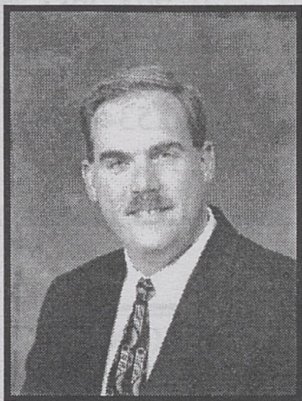
wanted this house so much and so soon, that I've wanted you to just stop looking at the money part even though, I agree with you, we need to know more before we can really make a decision."

She was with me once more.

We're working on this together. Tam and I are getting better and better at doing this stuff. It just takes practice.

At least we're not where we were - emotionally. But, we're still where we were - physically. It's okay by me - and her.

P.S. Last I heard, Kelly and Tammy have made an offer on a nice house in the North end of town.



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