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SisterSound Concert February 9

"I Heard It Through the Grapevine" that Valentine's Day is almost upon us once again. So is SisterSound's Winter Concert, *Remember When*, "Come Rain or Come Shine" to UK Singletary Center's Recital Hall February 9 at 8 pm. and be prepared for "Fun, Fun, Fun" as the gals take you through decades of popular hits.

"Put a Little Love in Your Heart" with the sounds of "Misty", "Love Me Tender", and "Unchained Melody". Then, for a change of pace, remember you don't have to be a "Dancing Queen" to tap your foot to the sounds of "Take the A Train", or a beachcomber to sway to "Beyond the Sea". This concert will take you on a nostalgic ride from romance to dance and back again.

Come join us for an evening of ballads, salsa, swing, disco, and more. Reserve your ticket in order to "Save the Last Dance..." Tickets are available at Singletary Center for the Arts. Just "Walk on By" and pick up your tickets. Visit <http://www.uky.edu/SCFA/> to purchase seats on line or call 257-4329.

Get "In the Mood" for February 9 and join SisterSound in concert.

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Boston Marriage

Do you know what a "Boston marriage" is? I didn't until Actors Guild of Lexington Artistic Director Richard St. Peter chose the David Mamet play *Boston Marriage* as part of this season of plays.

A "Boston marriage" refers to two women who live together, independent of any male support. The term was mostly used in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries and generally meant a suspected lesbian couple. However, the term came to be used as a description of a platonic relationship after all the men went to fight in World War I and the public was afraid women would turn to other women for sexual comfort.

Now, "Boston marriage" is mainly used in discussion about the hilarious and wickedly smart play by the much celebrated and debated David Mamet.

Boston Marriage opens at Actors Guild of Lexington February 1st of 2008. The show is directed by accomplished actor and director Jack Parrish and stars Julieanne Pogue and Gina Scott-Lynaugh

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as two women in a Boston marriage" at the turn of the century. The women also employ a horny little maid, played by Laura Blake.

Gina and Julieanne's characters, Claire and Anna, are much like Lucy and Ethel when it comes to their high-jinks and comedy gold. The women are going through some life changes financially and romantically and have to make it through every obstacle thrown in their way or that they throw down, themselves.

The writing by David Mamet, the fantastic all-female cast and Jack Parrish's vision creates a show that is not to be missed. If you enjoy laughter, language, and - most importantly - love, come out and see *Boston Marriage* at Actors Guild of Lexington February 1st through February 24th.

There are two "pay what you can" performances before opening night, at 8 pm on Wed., Jan. 30 and Thurs., Jan. 31, as well as one on the first Sunday, Feb. 3 at 2 pm., Call 859-225-0370 for tickets.

The Imperial Court

January is a jam-packed month of events for the Imperial Court of Kentucky. Nothing rings in the New Year like some new divas, so on Wednesday, January 9th, the Court presents their 2nd Annual Debutante Ball. The event will be held at Club 141, with doors opening at 8:30 pm and with the Debutante Presentation beginning at 9:30 pm. The Debutante Ball will feature the up-and-coming members of Empress 26 Lawren LaMoore's Debutante line, who will vie for the title of Debutante of the Year. Cover is a suggested \$5 donation.

The following Wednesday, January 16th, come out and help celebrate Empress 26 Lawren's birthday with a Birthday Bash, held at Club 141. Doors

open at 8:30 pm with the show starting at 9:30 pm. There will be a \$5 cover, with all proceeds from the show benefiting AIDS Volunteers of Lexington

On Wednesday, January 23rd, the Entertainer of the Year Series continues with Marquise Naomi Wilde's entry, "The Wicked and Wilde Leather and Lace Party." The show, held at Club 141, will be the fourth show in the series, which has already raised over \$2500. Doors at 8:30 pm, show at 9:30 pm, with a \$5 suggested cover.

Finally, the first weekend of February, the Court will be hosting the annual Miss Big Bone Lick Pageant at Bang Nightclub. The camp pageant is a yearly pageant that rotates between the Imperial Courts of Kentucky and Cincinnati, with such categories as Caveman Wear and Bone Licking Talent. This is always a fun and creative pageant for those who enjoy camp drag. There will be several related events so look for further information to be released in January.

The Court had a great holiday month in December, donating \$2000 to AVOL's Kids' Christmas Fund, to purchase Christmas presents for children of families affected by HIV/AIDS. They also revived the Miss Mary Christmas Pageant, and later in the month, traveled to Old Street Saloon in Monroe, Ohio for the Lexington Court's Invasion Show.

The Court is in the process of launching a completely new website; until it is ready, you can stay up-to-date about their events by visiting them at www.myspace.com/imperialcourtofkentucky. You don't have to be a Myspace member to view the webpage.

If you would be interested in volunteering your time or talents for the Court, please contact them at ImpCtKY@aol.com. The Imperial Court of Kentucky is a 501© 3 designated charity organization, with the mission of supporting and educating the LGBT community.

Community News

TransKentucky

TransKentucky is a support, social, and resource group serving Lexington and Kentucky. Our mission is to provide a safe place for transgender individuals and others who do not fit the standard gender norms. At meetings we will support each other, offering advice, resources and insights from our own unique experiences.

Family, friends and supportive community members are invited to attend to gain understanding of issues concerning gender presentation, identity, and variance. The group meets on the first Saturday of each month at 7:30 pm in Lexington. For info and meeting place email TransKentucky@gmail.com

Meetings are free and you may dress however you feel comfortable. The TransKentucky peer group is not a therapy group or a dating service.

There is an article, *Trans Firsts* on page 8 that talks about the many "first times" that occur in the lives of people who are transitioning.

Lexington Lyons Leather/Levi Club

The Lexington Lyons meet the second Monday of each month. Join us on Jan. 14, at the Pride Center, at 7 pm. The Lyons are a group of friends who celebrate strength, unity, and diversity for those who enjoy the Leather /Levi Lifestyle. For information visit <http://www.lexlyons.org>.

Bluegrass Women's Network

Bluegrass Women's Network is a social group for women of all ages. We have gone camping, shared dinner at local restaurants, and gone to the comedy Club together. To receive emails about events. Contact debbywoman@gmail.com.

THE BANG NIGHTCLUB

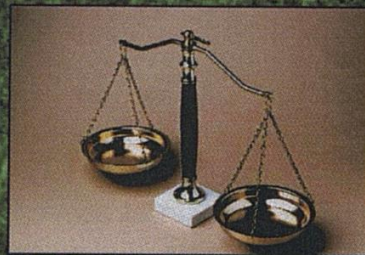
Starting Thursday, January 24, The Bang presents the return of Amateur Strip Night. The contest will be held from 10:30 to 12:30 every Thursday night with prizes including, but not limited to, a \$50. bar tab for winning participants.

The Contest will continue into February and the final round will be held on Valentine's Day, February 14th. A cash prize of \$100 will be awarded to the winning contestant. There will be drink specials offered: \$1.50 draft and \$4 for Skyy mixed drinks.

Contestants are welcome to select from our music supply or you can bring your own. Bring your friends and join us for this fun event.

Look for announcements concerning our special Sunday Opening Celebration coming also this month!

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The Unitarian Universalist Church community is a diverse group of individuals with beliefs that cover the spectrum of liberal religious theology. We welcome you to visit by attending a worship service or one of our many adult activities. We are located at 3564 Clays Mill Rd.

Our Sunday Worship service begins at 11 am. There is a Sunday morning Buddhist sitting practice at 9 am and a Buddhist discussion group (Sanga) at 9:45 am, both in the Allen House next to the church. There are also adult religious exploration classes on Wednesday nights.

Our U.U. Church is a Welcoming Congregation. Unitarian Universalists have long called for the full inclusion of bisexual, gay, lesbian, and transgender people in church and society. UUs believe that the life experiences of GLBT people include sacred stories that need to be heard and celebrated. Please pay us a visit and share your stories with us.

Art House Movies

Davina and Kathy have started a Art House Movie and Discussion Group through the Unitarian Universalist Church. You do not have to be a church member to join us for an evening of independent film and fascinating discussion.

The group meets the first Thursday of the month to view a film at approximately 7 p.m. at the Cinemark Lexington Green Movies 8 or the Kentucky Theater. Afterwards the group discusses the film at a nearby restaurant. Our next meeting is Thursday, January 3.

An e-mail listing the movie, theater and meeting time is sent the Monday before the group's meeting date. To be added to the e-mail notification list or for more information, contact Davina at artemis427@yahoo.com.

Integrity

Integrity is an organization of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender Episcopalians and our straight friends. Since our founding in 1974, Integrity has been the leading grassroots voice for the full inclusion of LGBT persons in the Episcopal Church.

The local Integrity group has been revitalized. For information contact David Cupps at david@davidcupps.com

Dirty Laundry

What happens when a 10-year old boy from the south shows up on the doorstep of a gay man in Manhattan and claims to be his son? There's a family somewhere that's going to have to deal with things they would rather pretend do not exist including sexual orientation,, alcoholism, infertility and more.

Dirty Laundry is a serious comedy about a dysfunctional family from the creative minds of writer/director/ actor Maurice Jamal. Jamal explores a number of issues that emerge when Patrick (Rockmond Dunbar) returns home to find out why his mother (Loretta Devine "Grey's Anatomy") is insisting he has a son named Gabriel (Aaron Shaw).

Initially, Patrick's family does not understand why he protests the paternity of Gabriel, and it turns out that he's not the only family member with a secret. Layers of "dirty laundry" are exposed as the family "gets into it".

Issues that are brought up in addition to sexual orientation include, verbal abuse, interracial families, alcoholism and black fathers raising their children. Although this film is about an extended black family, the issues are part of many families. Look for it in theaters in January.

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PART 1
Saturday, February 9,
2008

PART 2
Saturday, May 31, 2008

Both concerts start at 8:00 pm
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The February concert lineup
includes such titles as:

- ★ Take the "A" Train
- ★ Rock Around the Clock
- ★ I Heard It Through the Grapevine
- ★ Save the Last Dance For Me
- ★ Unchained Melody
- ★ Dancing Queen
- ★ Beyond the Sea

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Lexington Insight

Lexington Insight will meet for our regular potluck on the first Friday, January 4th at 7 pm at the Pride Center. We will meet the third Friday, Jan 18 for an Insight Out Event. Dana, the coordinator of Insight, can be reached at 859-230-2428.

Discussion Group

Every Wednesday Night

Pride Center 7 to 9

All Are Welcome

Games Night

After several months without a games night at the Pride Center, a couple of people have volunteered to host the next get together on Saturday, January 12, at 6 pm. Bring a snack to share.

GLSO Board Report

We appreciate the response of community members to our fundraising letter. We need your support to continue our GSA for youth, adult programming, the Pride Library, and this newsletter. We need more subscribers and...

Volunteers Needed

1. to keep the Pride Center Open on Saturdays from noon until 2 pm.
2. to host a movie night (or a weekend afternoon) at the Center
3. to write for this newsletter

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Boston Marriage

by David Mamet

January 31st - February 24th

Anna and Claire are two bantering, scheming "women of fashion" who have long lived together on the fringes of upper-class society. Anna has just become the mistress of a wealthy man, from whom she has received an enormous emerald and an income to match. Claire, meanwhile, is infatuated with a respectable young lady and wants to enlist the jealous Anna's help for an assignation. As the two women exchange barbs and take turns taunting Anna's hapless Scottish parlor maid, Claire's young innamorata suddenly appears, setting off a crisis that puts both the valuable emerald and the women's futures at risk. To this wickedly funny comedy, acclaimed playwright David Mamet brings his trademark tart dialogue and impeccable timing, spiced with Oscar Wilde-type wit.

A Night of Firsts

by Meredith Christine Maxwell

Saturday was a night of firsts for many of the members of TransKentucky. For one member it was her first time out in public. For another it was his first trip in the men's room. For yet another, it was simply having her mother showing stronger support and understanding by coming to the meeting, something that my parents are not even close to considering.

It can be easy to forget where I was a year ago, facing many similar issues: scared going out in public and getting my letter for hormones. It is fun and fulfilling to experience these "first time" moments with other people.

What stands out the most are the first few times I got gendered correctly, (the point where non-trans people perceive me as the gender I want to be perceived), whether it was because someone couldn't tell, because I "passed" so well, or because they were being polite.

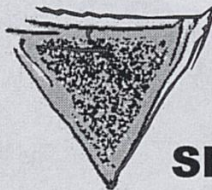
Hearing "Thank you Ma'am or Miss" for the first time can put you on cloud nine. I'm sure for a Trans Man being called Sir for the first time must be just as exciting. The first time a guy checks you out or a cute girl

flirts with you really can be flattering. It isn't about how you look. As Trans people we get self conscious about our identities including how people perceive us. When people properly gender us, it is such a relief.

This meeting also marked my first year on Estrogen and I am beginning to see a lot of changes that I hadn't noticed before. There is my first pair of shoes that are actually worth wearing (Some of the shoes I bought when I first transitioned got chucked in the trash). There are the first tops I bought on the Internet that never quite fit because I didn't have the confidence to go shopping. Now some of them fit because I've lost some weight and lost muscle mass due to hormone therapy.

Even if you choose not to transition, but do want to change your gender presentation, there are differences in the way you dress and present yourself in public that you can be conscious and proud of.

When you've been transitioning for a while you have fewer firsts and sometimes you forget how far you've come. I am proud of how far I have come. Many of you in the group have helped me. I'm so thankful for your help and I hope that I can be a resource for those of you who have many "firsts" yet to come. I know I haven't run out firsts yet, and that gives me something to smile about.



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
HAPPY NEW YEAR! www.GLSO.org	7p GSA (call for place 266-5904)	7p GLSO Discussion Group-PC 8p Gay/Lesbian AA Call for place 948-3434			7p Lexington Insight Pot-Luck- PC	Center Open 12n-2p 7:30p Transky contact for location: TransKentucky@gmail.com
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Weekly Activities:

- Mondays:**
8pm - Gay/ Lesbian AA
Discussion/Speaker(Call for Location) 278-7103
- Tuesdays:**
7pm - GSA (Gay Straight Alliance)
9pm - Karaoke Tuesday @ The Bar Complex
- Wednesdays:**
7pm - GLSO Discussion Group
8pm - Gay/Lesbian AA (Call for Location) 278-7103
- Fridays:**
8pm - Gay/Lesbian AA
(Call for Location) 278-7103
- Saturdays:**

Monthly Activities:

- Mondays:** 7pm - Lexington Lyons (2nd Mon.)
Friday: 7pm - Lexington Insight (1st & 3rd Fri.)
Thursday: 7:30pm - GLSO Board Mtg (2nd Thurs.)
Saturday: 7:30p - Trans Kentucky (1st Sat.)

More information about many of the events are in this newsletter. You may want to call or email the group to confirm the date and time, please see the directory for phone listings.
Pride Center may be abbreviated - PC Call for Place may be abbreviated- CFP

Bluegrass Fairness of Central Kentucky Legislative Issues for 2008

by Beth Hartmann

As the state legislators convene in January, they will face a plethora of issues and challenges for improving the lives of the people of Kentucky. As with every legislative session, some matters will be given priority; others will see little discussion and less action. The constraints of time and the legislative process make it impossible to do justice for every need and concern. Our legislators must prioritize well to ensure that Kentuckians are being well served.

In the 2007 session, much time and effort was spent addressing the question of whether or not the legislature should address the matter of domestic partnership benefits as approved and implemented at Kentucky's two most prominent universities: the University of Kentucky and the University of Louisville

There is no doubt that those who would bend the policies of the universities to their own biases will continue to wage that effort in the upcoming session. In fact, two Democratic legislators, Reps. Ancel Smith of Leburn and Richard Henderson of Jeffersonville, have pre-filed legislation that would forbid universities from providing domestic partner benefits.

The question that legislators and voters need to be asking is this: Is the dictating of human resource policies to the universities really among the most important issues facing the Commonwealth of Kentucky in 2008?

There are issues of education that need to be addressed. Affordability of higher education is becoming increasingly illusive as tuition rates rise. Adult illiteracy continues to undermine the economic well-being of many citizens and communities. The quality of K-12

education must continue to improve if Kentucky is to have a capable and talented workforce in the years ahead.

Kentucky is not exempt from the crises facing the world's environment, and has issues here at home that demand resolution. The problems of water quality are exacerbated by the challenges of water supply to a growing population. Emission standards affect not only the global environment but also quality of the air we breathe. The factors are myriad and complex and will take time to sort out if responsible decisions are to be made.

The healthcare crisis in Kentucky needs immediate attention. More and more of our rural communities are finding themselves without enough health care professionals to meet the needs of their populations. There continue to be far too many children in poor and middle class families who have no health insurance and no opportunities to obtain healthcare other than hospital emergency rooms.

These are just a few examples of important areas that need to be addressed in the 2008 legislative session. The leadership of the House and Senate has a responsibility to keep the work of the legislature focused on the highest priorities. The voters of Kentucky have a responsibility to let their legislators know that time must not be spent on matters like domestic partnership benefits at the universities when the price includes failure to act on real issues that have far broader impact.

The political leadership of Kentucky must refrain from bending to demands of those few who would impose their values on us and all and instead do its work to serve the needs of everyone who lives in the Commonwealth. Bluegrass Fairness of Central Kentucky (BFCK) is calling on Kentucky's legislators to drop the opposition to domestic partner benefits and to allow the universities to determine their own human resource policies so that they can focus on issues in dire need of immediate and concrete action

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Bluegrass Fairness *continued*

However BFCK knows that legislators listen to a majority voice, so BFCK is also asking you the voter, the constituent, the taxpayer to call your legislator and express your support of university autonomy and domestic partner benefits.

Go to the following website to learn who your legislator is: <http://lrc.ky.gov/Legislators.htm>. You can use that website also to learn your legislator's phone number, address, and e-mail. If you do not have access to the internet, you may leave a message at the legislative hotline for your legislator at 1-800-372-7181. For the latest, go to www.bgfair.org or call 859-951-4450.

GLBT Elder Care

This is a condensed version of an article written by Jane Gross

Have you thought about what care you might need in old age? How difficult will it be to find assisted living or nursing facilities that are accepting and supportive of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people? GLBT individuals are facing difficulties in elder care throughout our country.

There are an estimated 2.4 million gay, lesbian or bisexual Americans over the age of 55, said Gary Gates, a senior research fellow at the University of California. The number of same-sex couples, over 55 almost doubled between 2000 and 2006 to 416,000, from 222,000.

In the past, most GLBT elderly would return to a closeted identity when some form of care became necessary. A partner might be identified as a brother. An individual would not speak up if homophobic remarks were made. If at times necessary, this is not healthy. Dr. Melinda Lantz, chief of geriatric psychiatry at Beth Israel Medical Center says: "There is something special about having

to hide this part of your identity at a time when your entire identity is threatened (a common component of aging)," she said. "That's a faster pathway to depression, failure to thrive and even premature death."

Today, GLBT people are less willing to deny who they are. In addition, our general increase in visibility means more people "recognize" us. Sometimes people who see us as gay connect us with other "family" members and in other ways give us support...but not always. According to several recent studies, GLBT individuals living in nursing homes or assisted-living centers or receiving home care, are increasingly reporting that they have been disrespected, shunned or mistreated in ways that range from hurtful to deadly, even leading some to commit suicide.

Gloria Donadello recalls her painful brush with bigotry at an assisted-living center in Santa Fe, N.M. Sitting with those she considered friends, "people were laughing and making certain kinds of comments, and I told them, 'Please don't do that, because I'm gay.'"

The result of her outspokenness, Ms. Donadello said, was swift and merciless. "Everyone looked horrified," she said. No longer included in conversation or welcome at meals, she plunged into depression. Medication did not help. With her emotional health deteriorating, Ms. Donadello moved into an adult community nearby that caters to gay men and lesbians.

In another nursing home, an openly gay man, without family or friends, was moved off his floor to quiet the protests of other residents and their families. He was given a room among patients with severe disabilities or dementia. The home contacted Amber Hollibaugh, the author of the first training curriculum covering GLBT issues for nursing homes. Before a more humane solution could be found, the man committed suicide.

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"While this outcome is exceedingly rare, moving gay residents to placate others is common," says Dr. Melinda Lantz. "When you're stuck and have to move someone because they're being ganged up on, you put them with people who are very confused. That's a terrible nuts-and-bolts reality."

The plight of "our" elderly has become a concern within our community and steps are being taken to improve the options for GLBT people. There is a national drive to educate care providers about the social isolation, outright discrimination, and harassment that LGBT clients face. For example, Hollibaugh's curriculum is being introduced into training programs nationwide.

Lisa Krinsky, the director of the L.G.B.T. Aging Project in Massachusetts, offers "cultural competency" training sessions. In the last two years, Ms. Krinsky has trained more than 2,000 employees of agencies serving the elderly across Massachusetts. She presents them with common problems and nudges them toward solutions.

A gay man fired his home health aide. Did the case manager ask why? The patient might be receiving unwanted Bible readings from someone who thinks homosexuality is a sin. What about a lesbian at an assisted-living center refusing visitors? Maybe she is afraid that her friends' appearance will give her away to fellow residents.

Admission forms for long-term care have boxes to check for marital status and next of kin. But none of the boxes match the circumstances of gay men or lesbians. Ms. Krinsky suggested changing the forms and asking follow-up questions like "Who is important in your life?"

There are other approaches including separate facilities. In the Boston suburbs, the Chelsea Jewish Nursing Home is building a complex that includes units for gay and lesbian elderly. Stonewall Communities in Boston has begun selling

homes designed for older gay people with support services similar to assisted-living centers. There are also now openly gay geriatric case managers who can guide clients to service providers that are accepting and knowledgeable.

Elderly GLBT people are also advocating on their own behalf. Some choose openness as the quickest and most painless way of finding compassionate care. That is the case for Bruce Steiner, 76, whose 71-year-old partner, Jim Anthony, has had Alzheimer's disease for more than a decade and can no longer feed himself or speak.

Mr. Steiner is resisting a nursing home for Mr. Anthony. He believes that the level of care for his partner has been uneven in several hospitalizations last year. Mr. Steiner said it is unclear whether homophobia was a factor but he has learned to speak up and discuss the possibility with those in charge of providing health care.

One result of speaking up and being open can be finding supportive people, both staff and residents. Some times, however, care givers and other residents may withdraw when someone comes out to them. Isolation and loneliness, common issues in ageing, can be particularly intense for GLBT people.

We can change the health care system and we don't have to wait until we are old. If you want to see changes, think about what you are willing to say to your doctor or other health care personnel. The more of us that can be open with them, the more likely they will understand the need to treat us with professionalism. Of course there are doctors or staff people that will not respond appropriately. Many of us can move on to other doctors. If you are not able to do that, you may have to be more cautious,

A place to start: If there is no appropriate blank on the information sheet you fill out when visiting a doctor's office, create your own box ("partnered", for example). Our determination to be ourselves will eventually change the health care system - and the world.

The Positive View

By Dr. Sherry and Prof. Skippy

Part 12: Egalitarian relationships

Our last theme is one that was specifically noted by several lesbian participants in our survey, but was not mentioned by male participants (okay guys, tell us if you think the same thing applies to gay men!). The freedom from gender based stereotypes discussed last month extended to a more specific freedom from patriarchal, or male-dominated, power relationships within intimate relationships. This freedom led to the positive aspect of the creation of an egalitarian relationship with a partner.

One lesbian stated briefly, "Living outside of patriarchal relationships [and] typical structures has a certain freedom attached," while another shared that, "Unlike previous relationships with men, my relationships with women are not filled with constant power struggles or struggles to have my voice heard and my needs met.

My girlfriends and partners understand what it means to be scared to walk alone at night... and the frustrations of inequality." Another lesbian stated, "...we don't fall into traditional patterns of behavior because we are conscious of the ways that these patterns of behavior have oppressed women."

Still another lesbian participant wrote, "In this culture, with our patriarchal sex-roles, this freedom has allowed me to be much more of an independent person - both psychologically and economically - and achieve my own goals in life."

For some women, the sense of freedom from patriarchal power relationships also included feeling "safer" in a same-sex relationship and having "no worries about domestic violence/physical abuse." While we understand that the feeling of safety is positive, we would hasten to add that domestic violence and abuse within

lesbian and gay male relationships is an important issue that needs to be made visible and discussed.

Do you feel a sense of egalitarianism or equality in your relationships? Does this apply to friendships with other LGBTQ individuals as well as your intimate relationships?

This is our last column in this series. We have enjoyed sharing the findings of our work with you. We hope that we have provoked some positive thoughts and reflections. While there are many challenges to a GLBTQ identity, we find that there are just as many (or more) rewards and benefits. It is important to think about the positive aspects of our lives and how our identity as a GLBTQ person contributes positively to our sense of self and well-being and share those insights with others.

For more information about our work, go to www.PrismResearch.org. This article is based on: Riggle, Whitman, Olson, Rostosky, & Strong (2007). *The Positive Aspects of Being a Lesbian or Gay Man*.

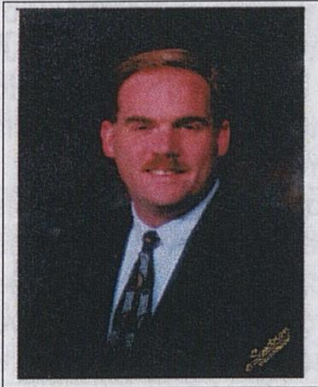


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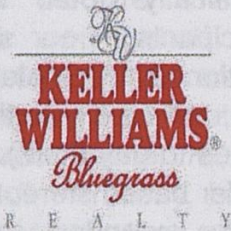
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