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The History of Coming Out In the Beginning, There Was a March

On Oct. 11, 1987, half a million people participated in the March on Washington for Lesbian and Gay Rights. It was the second such demonstration in our nation's capital and resulted in the founding of a number of LGBT organizations, including the National Latino/a Gay & Lesbian Organization (LLEGO) and AT&T's LGBT employee group, LEAGUE. The momentum continued four months after this extraordinary march as more than 100 lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender activists from around the country gathered in Manassas, Va., about 25 miles outside Washington, D.C. Recognizing that the LGBT community often reacted defensively to anti-gay actions, they came up with the idea of a national day to celebrate coming out and chose the anniversary of that second march on Washington to mark it. The originators of the idea were Rob Eichberg, a founder of the personal growth workshop, The Experience, and Jean O'Leary, then head of National Gay Rights Advocates. From this idea the National Coming Out Day was born.

To this day National Coming Out Day continues to promote a safe world for LGBT individuals to live truthfully and openly.

The success of NCOD, which from inception quickly expanded to include participation from all 50 states and foreign countries, is because of the hard work of celebrities, volunteers and activists.

- Rob Eichberg and Jean O'Leary were the originators of the idea of NCOD
- Sean Strub and Keith Haring- In

1987, ACTIVIST Sean Strub got har-
ing to donate his now-famous im-
age of a person fairly dancing out
of a closet

- Lynn Shepodd - In 1990, Shepodd, who later became a member of HRC's Board of Governors, was hired as executive director and obtained tax-exempt status for the organization

- Geraldo Rivera- In 1991, Geraldo Rivera hosted a coming out day TV program that featured Dick Sargent, a gay actor famous for playing Darren on Bewitched, openly gay California Assemblywoman Sheila Kuehl and Eichberg.

- Wes Combs in 1994 was named HRCF's project director for National Coming Out Day

- Candace Gingrich, half-sister of then-House Speaker Newt Gingrich, became a National Coming Out Project spokesperson and full-time activist in 1995

- Dan Butler, who played the character Bulldog on NBC-TV's Frasier, was NCOD spokesperson in 1995

- Rock musician Melissa Etheridge did a radio public service announcement, reminding people that "Labels belong on records, not on people."

- Del. Eleanor Holmes Norton, D-D.C., spoke at the "Come Out Voting" rally in Washington, D.C., Oct. 11, 1996.

- Fashion photographer Don Flood in 1996 shot past spokespeople Bearse, Butler and Gingrich, along with Olympic diver Greg Louganis, actor Mitchell Anderson, newly minted gay activist Chastity Bono and Sean Sasser, who had appeared in MTV's The Real World.

- In 1996, actress Judith Light, pro golfer Muffin Spencer-Devlin and, in her first appearance at a gay rights event, Cher spoke at a Come Out Voting rally in Washington, DC

- In September 1997 the project brought in its first straight spokesperson, Betty DeGeneres, mother of actress/comedian Ellen DeGeneres.

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The vision of the Lexington Gay and Lesbian Services Organization is to empower the GLBTQQIA community through voice.

The Lexington GLSO is founded upon the core values of fun, inclusion, respect, integrity, dignity, service and competence.

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Keeping things TWISTED!!!!

By TriNity,
Contributor

The month of September was a month full of fun and excitement!!

We started the month off with our DIVAS OF HAZZARD show at Crossings, where we all put on our Sundry best and pulled out our favorite country songs while enjoying Hazzard Buffet complete with Vieeny sausages, bugles, moonpies & Ale8.

All the ladies in the show pulled out all the stops to make this the best Divas of Hazzard show yet!!! Daryl and the guys, constructed the best backdrop for the show and even all out and made us some Hillbilly stemware!!!! Please congratulate HMIH Imperial Crown Princess Stephanie Velour, and HMIH Princess Royale Christina Puse, who were named at this show!!!!

Emperor Daryl and I attended and kicked off the 25th Anniversary Celebration for AVOL at the Kentucky Theater. Just hours later the ICK traveled to Washington DC to attend Coronation 1, our first out of town coronation. We represented the ICK as only Reign 31 could, completely TWISTED!!!!

All of us donned our best Red, White, & Blue and made quite an entrance as 11 members of the ICK entered the ballroom together. You can check out the pictures on the ICK group page on FB!!!!

After a brief break we held a benefit show for the American Cancer Society in memory of Jon "Juice" Noland at Crossings. Where after a great show, we ended the night with a candle light "tribute" to all those lost to cancer.

We had a great night and raised a lot of money to donate to the ACS!!!!

The next night Daryl hosted his monthly Trivia with the Emperor with Fred Worsham at Pulse, having a great time and lots of fun just hanging out and answering some fun trivia questions and having a few cocktails!!!!

We plan on continuing the momentum with all the upcoming events in the month of October. With several shows coming up including the ever popular Diva of Darkness pageant on Halloween night at Pulse nightlife!!!!

If you or someone you know is interested in competing application are ready and available by contacting me (Trinity, lol).

Daryl and I, along with our Board of Directors, would like to thank everyone that has been out to the events of Reign 31 so far and look forward to seeing you at the upcoming shows!!!

In service, TrinityHMIM Em-press 31The Twisted Empress

From the Heart, Through the Court, For the Community

Health Department Features Free Flu Friday

An annual event will help the Lexington-Fayette County Health Department test its emergency preparedness while providing hundreds of free flu shots to the community.

The health department will host Free Flu Friday, a special one-day clinic designed to give up to 2,000 shots to Lexington residents who want to fight the flu this fall and winter. The event will be held 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Friday, Oct. 12, at Imani Family Life Center, 1555 Georgetown Road.

"A seasonal flu shot is the best way to fight the flu each fall and winter, so this is a great way for people to protect themselves and their family," said Kevin Hall, LFCHD spokesman. "Free Flu Friday is a cornerstone of what public health is all about. It covers three key components of what we do for the community: communicable disease control, preparedness and education."

The seasonal flu shot, which also provides protection against H1N1, is recommended to all people ages 6 months and older. Last year, Lexington had 143 confirmed cases of the flu. The health department provided more than 5,000 flu vaccinations throughout the season.

Last year, the health department provided almost 1,700 free shots at Free Flu Friday.

Those who are unable to attend Free Flu Friday can still get a flu shot 3-5 p.m. Tuesdays at the Public Health Clinic at 805A Newtown Circle. No appointment is necessary, and the cost for a flu shot is \$25. Medicaid/Medicare, cash, checks, credit cards and some insurances are accepted.

For additional information, find the Lexington-Fayette County Health Department on Facebook, or follow us on Twitter at twitter.com/LFCHD. Flu information can also be found at www.LexFluCrew.com and on the flu hotline, (859) 288-7529.

November Trans Ky Meeting

Our November 3rd meeting at the GLSO pride center will be our annual Trans-giving potluck. We look forward to this event and the turn out is usually quite large so you might want to bring an extra chair! We'll probably start at 7:30pm so folk have plenty of time to socialize. See you then!

Volunteers Needed

To work with Gay Straight Alliances in high schools

Please contact Mary Crone

at mary@glso.org



Participate in
**the Lexington-Fayette County
LGBT Community Health Assessment**

Help us improve the health of LGBT communities in Fayette County and Central Kentucky by participating in an **anonymous** assessment that allows you to voice your thoughts about health concerns and other issues.

Visit this link by Oct. 31, 2012:
<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/LexLGBTHealth>

All ethnicities, gender identities and other backgrounds are encouraged to participate in order to make this assessment as diverse as possible.

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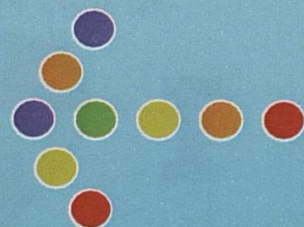
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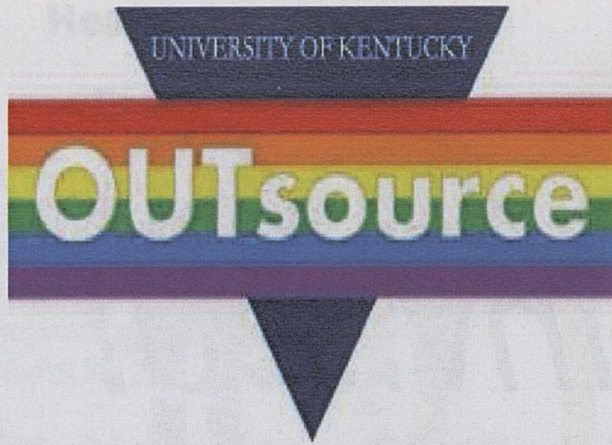


*thank you for
your participation!*



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or follow us at twitter.com/LFCHD.
www.lexingtonhealthdepartment.org

This assessment has been approved by the
Lexington-Fayette County Health Department
Internal Review Board.



UK OUTSource Plans Queercoming

Outsource is having an LG-BTQ homecoming dance called QUEERCOMING 2012 that will be held on Friday, October 12th at 7:00pm in the UK Student Center Small Ballroom. Everyone is invited!

Support your community.

Sign up today to make a recurring donation as part of the GLSO Member Program.

As little as \$5 per month can make a difference!

www.glso.org/membership

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October Important Month for Bullying Prevention and Support

By Craig Cammack,
Contributor

Bullying continues to be a tragic problem across the country. In Kentucky alone, over the past year there have been numerous reports of bullying and suicides as a potential result of bullying. Luckily, there are many who are devoted to reduce and prevent bullying in middle and high schools. Lexington Fairness has committed its funding and programming to Project Speak Out, a bullying prevention program.

As part of this program, in August, nearly 30 community volunteers were certified by the Gay, Lesbian, and Straight Education Network (GLSEN) to provide training to middle and high school staff regarding bullying prevention. In addition, Project Speak Out will be providing free GLSEN Safe Space Kits to schools in Central Kentucky, as well as working on the goal of making sure every middle and high school in Kentucky has a kit.

The month of October is important in the battle to prevent bullying among our youth. National Stop Bullying Week is October 7-13, and National Bullying Bystanders Unite Week is October 14-20. Specifically, on Wednesday, October 10, wear orange to show your support of PACER's Unity Day. The organization runs the National Bullying Prevention Center, working to end bullying

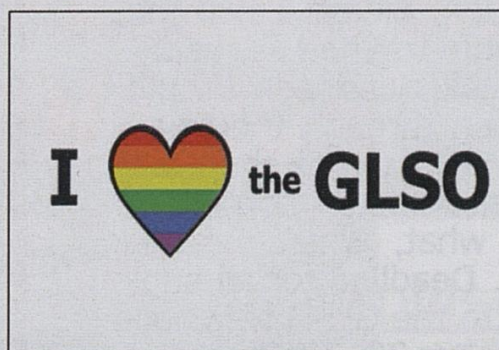
in schools.

On Thursday, October 11, you can join Lexington Fairness at Soundbar for a fundraiser for Project Speak Out. Twenty-five percent of the proceeds from the night will be donated to the organization's bullying prevention program. It is also National Coming Out Day, so the fundraiser at Soundbar is bound to be a fun-filled night!

It is past time for all of us to make the change to help prevent bullying. If there truly is something we want to see happen, we must first act ourselves. Now is the time to step up, support our children, and help them feel safe in school, while providing LGBT students with a safe and supportive community where they feel comfortable living.

GALE (Gay-straight Alliance of Lexmark Employees)

is pleased to present a professional networking event at the Sound Bar on October 12th 5-8pm. Also during the event will be the public premier of Lexmark's "It Gets Better" video. We sincerely invite all area GLBTIAQ organizations to come out and meet your fellow area professionals.



October 2012 Classifieds

Barely Used AC Units - \$325 Negotiable

Two Pinguino PAC C120E Air conditioning units with remote controls and all that have barely been used. Works great! Retails normally for \$400+ but selling for \$325 but negotiable. Contact the Pride Center at 859-253-3233 for more information and/or to see the units.

Fur Coat For Sale

Gorgeous Fur Coat valued at \$15,000. Asking only \$3,000 but negotiable. Would be great for an elegant drag performer or classy real girl. Pictures available upon request. If interested, please contact Joyce K Cruse at 859-254-6825.

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North Hanover Ave, just off East Main St, near Woodland Park. Kitchen & bath. Private entry. \$550 per month plus electric. \$250 deposit, pet friendly, Section 8 Welcome. Laundry room on site. Please call Nori at 859-230-8079.

For more information or to

place a FREE classified ad in our next edition, please email the detailed info to Chad at chad@glso.org. All classifieds should be directed through the Pride Center and should be short but contain the basic information of who, what, when, where, cost, etc. Deadline for all submissions to the GLSO Newsletter is October 20, 2012.

Come join us at our PFLAG meeting!

Tuesday, October 9 6:30 to
8:30

Jenna Jive: "The Genderbread
Person"

Gender identity, gender expression, biological sex, and sexual orientation -- What's the difference?

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sQecial presents queer films!

In celebration of the Lexington LGBTQ community, and as a way of saying thanks, independent counter/queer culture bookstore sQecial Media will sponsor four films to be shown throughout the month of October, three of which will comprise the first official GLSO Queer Film Series.

First, as the final installment in this year's Rosa Goddard International Film Festival, sQecial will feature *Weekend (2011)*, a British art house release from director Andrew Haigh. This boy-meets-boy indie ode to new love will be shown at the Kentucky Theater on Wednesday, October 3rd at 7:15pm. Tickets will cost \$5.

Only a few days later, the GLSO Queer Film Series will begin! In partnership with the GLSO, sQecial will present three films to be shown at the downtown branch of the Lexington Public Library in the Farish Theater on Sundays at 2pm. Free admission.

October 7th – North Sea, Texas (2011)

After nearly two decades of making acclaimed gay-themed short films, Belgian director Bavo Defurne adapts André Sollié's novel *Nooit gaat dit over* for his beautiful and highly stylised first feature length film, 2011's *Noordzee, Texas*.

It is the story of young dreamer Pim, a Walter Mitty of sorts, who grows up and falls for Gino, the somewhat older and über-cool boy next door with attitude and a motorcycle to boot. In writing about the film, Defurne says, "It explores many of the same

themes as my short films – like the discovery that you are different. But my short films didn't explore what happened after that discovery. This film is about what's next, and I wanted that to be something happy."

October 21st – Pariah (2011)

Coming out is generally a well trodden path in the land of queer cinema; luckily Dee Rees' brilliantly engaging *Pariah* gives us new eyes with which to see this often awkward and difficult ritual.

Brimming with tenacity, optimism, and verve, *Alike* is a 17-year-old African-American woman navigating the complexities of family life and community while trying to figure out just where she fits in. Rees' ability to show the humanity of all the film's major players, and the overall sidestepping of one-note characterisations make *Pariah* a genre-defying tour de force.

October 28th – Heartbeats (2010)

Xavier Dolan's amorous and candy-coloured *Heartbeats* is a glossy and darkly comic look at the lengths gay man Francis and his gal pal Marie go to in the battle for the heart of the same fellow, the strikingly beautiful, albeit sexually ambiguous Nicolas.

This acerbically astute Cannes Film Festival award-winning feature plums the depths of friendship, love, obsession, and the fragile yet resilient intricacies of the human heart.

Hope to see you there! Please e-mail sqecial@gmail.com or call (859) 255-4316 if you have any questions.

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community resource page for gay and/or y-friendly organizations across Kentucky.

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	877.606.2437
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ouisville Region	502.574.0161
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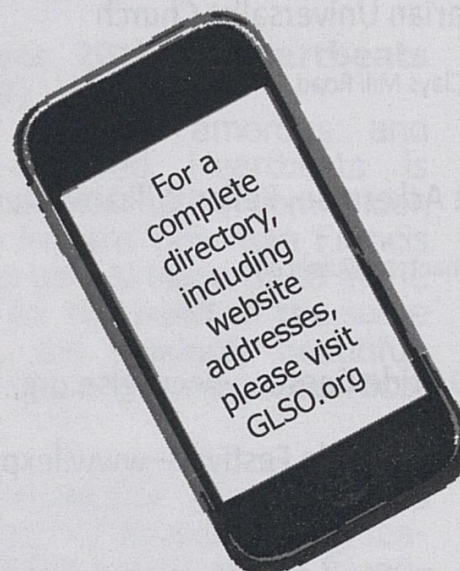
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