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FAIRNESS RALLY

IT'S ALL ABOUT FAMILY

Mark your calenders for August 19th. On this Tuesday, at 1:00 P.M. the Lexington Fairness Campaign is planning to rally at the Capitol Annex in Frankfort to focus on Bills 119, 143, and 305. Two of these have to do with outlawing gay marriage (which, of course, is not yet legal) and the other concerns excluding gays and lesbians from domestic violence laws.

Senator Tim Philpot has declared August as "Family Values Month" at the state capitol. He is also the co-chair of the Senate Judiciary Committee which will be meeting on August 19, at 1:00 P.M. to discuss these bills. It seems only fitting that our family should pay him a visit.

Philpot has been working against the LGBT Community since his election to the Ky. Congress. He is responsible for introducing the bill excluding gays and lesbians from coverage under the domestic violence laws. If his bill becomes law, gays and lesbians could not get a restraining order against an abusive partner. Philpot says it would be unfair to us to allow us to get restraining orders because "aberrant forms of violent behavior...seem to be more accepted in the homosexual community."

Philpot also said he was open to hearing from the gay community. Let's go express our opinion! Please join the Lexington Fairness Campaign in Frankfort on Tuesday, Aug. 19, at 1:00 P.M. We would be particularly pleased to have straight allies and family members. For more information contact LFC at 296-1812.

PRIDE CENTER

The Pride Center is now open! As of June 1st, the Pride Center started sharing rent with MCC at 387 Waller Avenue. Open House was held June 21st. This will be a trial period of one year to measure interest to determine if it is feasible for the Pride Center to be self-sufficient.

One of the missions of the Center will be to provide meeting space for use by all gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered organizations and our "friends". So far, there has been a lot of interest from organizations in and around Lexington who want to use the space. There is to be no set rate for use, each organization will be expected to pay what they can.

There are a total of four spaces available; two small meeting rooms, one medium size room (that will hold about twenty people) and one large room (which will hold about sixty people).

The Pride Center Taskforce is seeking people who would be interested in serving on the Pride Center Board or in volunteering to help out. If you are interested, contact Jim Wiechers at 254-7510 or email him at sixthst@msn.com.

If you're interested in helping out financially with either monthly or yearly pledges or just one-time donations, you can make checks payable to The Pride Center and mail to P.O. Box 1486, Lexington Ky. We are currently working on a "wish list" of things we need including; 48 stack chairs (\$20 each), 3 chalk/white boards (3'x4', \$30 each), 1 bulletin board (3'x4' \$26), and a wall clock (\$20).

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EBONY MALE PAGANT

Ebony Male is proud to announce its first Miss Ebony Male Pagant to be held on Wednesday August 20th at The Bar Complex. Admission is \$5.00 and the show will start at 8:00pm. The program will feature two performers, Lexington's own LaToya Bacall, and, from Cincinnati, Miss Pettoie Pouf, Miss Cintit, '97.

This contest is open to all those interested, "Ebony is an attitude not just a color." If you would like to run or want more information talk to an E-Male member or call Mark or John at 389-7081. We would love to see many of you lovely ladies on stage that night.

The first place winner of this pagant will receive \$150 in cash and be invited to sing an encoure number for which she can receive tips. The first runner up will win \$100 and the second runner up will receive \$50. Proceeds will benefit the Robert H. Williams Cultural Center and the Health Department's AIDS Medication Fund.

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COMMUNITY NETWORKING TO RESUME IN SEPTEMBER

by Michael Taylor

The GLSO Board of Directors at its July 14th meeting selected as one of its priorities for the coming year the resumption of community networking nights. Several of these forums were held at the Central Library in Lexington over the past year.

Bringing our diverse community together around a common table on a regular basis has several positive outcomes, including 1) creating supportive links between organizations; 2) raising awareness and support of independent organizations, giving them an opportunity to attract new members; 3) providing newcomers to our community an avenue for greater involvement; 4) providing an inclusive gathering where creative ideas can be generated to support community growth and cohesion; 5) providing a means for the community to assess and address emerging needs, challenges or crisis.

The kick-off forum is scheduled for Tuesday, September 16th at 7pm at the Pride Center of the Bluegrass, 387 Waller Avenue. This first meeting will be combined with a pot-luck dinner to begin the evening. Dates for November 97, as well as 1998 meetings will be decided at the September meeting.

An invitation will be mailed to all the known lesbigaytrans organizations in the greater Lexington area. In addition to organizational representatives, all lesbigaytrans individuals, friends, and newcomers to Lexington are invited to attend. Please plan ahead and select at least one of your organization's representatives to attend the first forum.

If you're not involved in an organization, please join us and get more 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 Pot-Luck 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!

RICHARD KAUSRUD-AUSTRENG 1956-1997

Richard C. Kausrud-Austreng died Sunday, July 20th in Little Rock, Arkansas. A former Lexington, Kentucky resident, Mr. Kausrud-Austreng moved to Altoona, Pennsylvania in late 1996.

During the three and a half years he lived in our community, Mr. Kausrud (one of the longest known survivors of HIV/AIDS) was active in Lexington's Metropolitan Community Church where he served as treasurer and as a member of the Board of Directors. Ric also was a member of the AVOL Positive Speakers Bureau.

He is survived by his partner in life, David Iain Delacroix of Altoona, and his father, Elton Austreng of Fredericksburg, Virginia, several half- and step-siblings, nieces and nephews and a host of personal friends. Memorial arrangements are incomplete, but tentatively planned for October.

Somerset Group Established

A new group has been organized in Somerset, called the Lake Cumberland Area Gay Alliance. We have started a webpage (www.geocities.com/westhollywood/heights/4779), and have about 21 members. Our goal is to create a unity within the gay community here in Pulaski County. We also have our own newsletter, and we eventually hope to post this information at the local bars. For information you can e-mail me Roger Johnson at roger@hyperaction.net. We would be happy to hear from you.

♂ COMMUNITY NEWS ♀

SISTERSOUND

SisterSound of Lexington Kentucky, a women's chorus, will begin rehearsals for the fall season on Aug. 24th. First sopranos are especially needed, but all parts are welcome. New members are encouraged to join us at 6 pm. 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 auxillary 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! ♀

OHIO LESBIAN FESTIVAL

Within easy driving distance of Lexington, there is this wonderful one day festival every September. It will be held this year on Saturday, Sept 9th 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 Westenhoefer 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. For more information write to the Lesbian Business Association, P.O. Box 82086, Columbus, Ohio. Or call 614-267-3953. ♀

INTERWEAVE.

Interweave will have its second Sunday luncheon on Sunday August 10th after the 10:45 U.U. Church service. Because construction on the church has begun we

plan to go to a restaurant on this Sunday.

Meet right after the service (which will end sometime before 12 noon) to choose a restaurant. We will spend some time discussing plans for the fall. Call Devina (271-6174) for more information about Interweave or about the Unitarian church.



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. ♀

FAIRNESS FUN!

Put those telephones down! Announcing the return of an old Lexington favorite... (just when you thought it was safe to go out again!). The Dating game and The Newly/Oldywed game are back!!!! That's right, 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 even win a date or some other valuable consolation prize).

All the games begin at 8pm, Saturday, October 4 at the Pride Center on Waller Ave. More details will be forthcoming in the August issue of this newsletter. ♀

AIDS VOLUNTEERS, INC ANNOUNCES CHANGES

In August 1996, the AVOL Board of Directors officially changed the agency name to AIDS Volunteers, Inc. (formerly AIDS Volunteers of Lexington). In addition, AIDS Volunteers, Inc. (AVOL) now has an

email address at AVOL@juno.com.

Various staff have individual e-mail addresses that may be obtained by request to AVOL's main e-mail address listed above. Current staff includes the executive director, office manager, hotline/speaker's bureau coordinator, client services coordinator, men/women/youth-at-risk prevention specialists, resident manager of transitional housing, and housing project manager.

Your comments, questions, and concerns would be appreciated and will be forwarded immediately to appropriate personnel. We look forward to hearing from you! ♀

FREE WORKSHOPS

Charlene Hart of Herbs Plus is offering free seminars at the Withers Library in downtown Nicholasville. On Monday Aug. 11th the topic will be Aroma Therapy and on Monday Aug. 25th she will be discussing Reflexology. Both are open to the public and will begin at 7:00 pm. ♀

Laura B. Drew, MSW

Licensed Clinical Social Worker

Weekly Lesbian Couples' Group to Start Mid-Sept.

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family Movies

COMING OUT ON VIDEO is a *BEAUTIFUL THING!*

by Jon Shelton

With so many beautiful things happening, like Ellen coming out on TV and the Baptists boycotting Disney for being too gay friendly, the timing is perfect for *A Beautiful Thing* to come out on video.

A couple of years ago, *The Incredible Story of Two Girls in Love* came out in theaters. It was possibly the finest film ever produced about a teenaged lesbian romance. It left one wishing and waiting for a companion piece. How about "The Incredibly True Story of Two Boys in Love"? Well that is exactly what *A Beautiful Thing* is about. The only difference is that this was filmed in England, with of course, a different director and cast.

The story is adapted from a play by Jonathan Harvey. The director, Hattie MacDonald (making her debut with this film) directed the London stage version as well. This faithful screen adaptation follows a romance that develops between teenaged neighbors Jamie (Glen Berry) and Ste (Scott Neal). Both are from working class families and both have parents who would kill them if they found out. (Well, Ste's father, who abuses him anyway, at any rate.) Jamie's mother (played very likeably by Linda Henry) grows more accepting in time. Rounding out the cast is the very funny, Tameka Emson as Leah, a neighbor who idolizes the memory of Mama Cass to the point of obsession.

At first, Leah is homophobic towards Jamie and Ste's relationship, and threatens to expose them. Then, somewhere along the line she discovers that she herself is a lesbian. By the end of the film, Jamie's mother gives up her live-in boyfriend and is on the way to a gay pub. Why?

Does the film suggest that lesbigayness is

as contagious as many Baptists seem to fear? No, but the film is sending a message that may seem like a radical idea to some; everybody's gay -or at least gayer than they're willing to admit. Gayness is an undeniable part of the human condition. Some people feel the pull toward their own sex more strongly than others, but acceptance of those feelings is the "beautiful thing" that comes with maturity.

Or perhaps the film expresses an even more radical idea: we all share the same soul. "A Beautiful Thing" and "The Incredible True Story of Two Girls in Love" are both available on video and are both highly recommended.

Trite! Static! Unbelievable!

by Peter Taylor

Let's start this on a positive note. Let's see... Jason Alexander most of the time, the wallpapers (they are particularly nice), the nudity. That pretty much sums up the things that I enjoyed in *Love! Valor! Compassion!* in about that order. I'll be the first to confess that I do have brand-name loyalty, I've sat through several quite awful Star Trek movies to recapture that excitement I felt as a youngster.

In the same vein, whenever a new "gay" movie comes out, I admit it, I'm usually anxious to see it, and I'm inclined to overlook it's faults and try to find some way to appreciate it. Well, this film, I'm disappointed to say, was one of the least enjoyable movies I've seen in recent memory. I couldn't make myself like it. I estimate I was engaged for not more than 15 minutes of the 220 minute run.

I went home afterward and read about ten different reviews on the Internet in an effort to try and understand why others may have liked it. I hate to miss something obvious. And indeed, someone must have liked it! The stage version won the Tony for best play a few years back. Financial support was forthcoming from somewhere, for even a

set-bound and dull little movie like this one, costs millions of dollars.

The film version was written by the original author with the Broadway cast intact except for Jason Alexander replacing Nathan Lane as the obligatory flamboyant queen (you can't depict homosexuality without one, unless you're making a sex-film).

The few positive reviews I read spoke of being "touched" by the emotional bonds on display as the characters grow and change over the course of a summer. Through the experience of the movie, the reviewers were able to see that gay men are just like everybody else, facing the same human issues (you know, Sex! Death! and Self-Interest!) Personally the only thing that touched me in the film was the guy next to me, who leaned his leg warmly against mine throughout.

Emotional involvement with these characters was difficult because none of them made any sense to me. The characters were just cutouts. The dialogue was so stilted and artificial, they never came to life for more than a moment. I found Buzz (Jason Alexander), the HIV+ theater queen the most resonant character. Despite his dramatic duty of popping little corny *bon mots*, he had more moments of something consistently interesting than any of the others and as a result, actually seemed a little like a real person, with some kind of life outside the bounds of the movie. The whole thing was so stiff and unreal that it was like watching "Mary Worth! The Movie!" and I found myself repeatedly wondering why any of the principals would have had anything to do with each other at all.

As for plot, well, one character fights with his lover (the owner of the house) because he shares a midnight encounter with the sexy character; an evil twin confronts his nicer brother (is this a joke?), the stable

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couple, together for 14 years have an anniversary, Buzz falls in love with the nice twin, who is also dying very nobly of AIDS.

While each of these events is an obvious dramatic set-up for some kind of meditation on the nature of life and love, nothing deeper than a clever line or two is ever tendered. The whole thing, plot, dialogue, characters are all so anchored in the world of trite dramatic make-believe that they never resemble our lives or have anything to teach us.

Three pairs of lovers; such an opportunity to define the way love happens to gay men! Yet I waited in vain to be shown what ANY of the three pairs of lovers saw in each other. The sexy dancer with the hateful twin, (this the most presumptuous) two rather boring lawyers (one a self-centered whiner), and an aging choreographer and his beautiful blind protege, all so random that they could have been castaways on Gilligan's Island for all the cohesiveness they displayed.

The lack of anything dynamic in the plot only adds to the uninvolved effect. If you're going to make a "small" movie about everyday life, you need to have something profound to say about it (unless of course you're Andy Warhol and you mean to bore), and you'll be far better served if you at least have some kind of an ear for natural dialogue, because the characters will express your ideas, for better or worse. And it will be for worse if they sound didactic and unconvincing.

There are several trite nods to current, fashionable issues, especially AIDS, that no longer reflect current events and certainly are not discussed in any way other than the most superficial in any case. Finally there is a drag scene, yet another one of those dawning cliches in media-friendly homosexuality which seemed curiously tacked on to me.

Who could have imagined back in the '70's that gender-fuck, the deliberate flouting of our culture's most defensive values would end up just another stale gag devoid of

spontaneity, fun or worse, meaning? Perhaps it's a mercy that Divine isn't alive to see it, 'cause it would have just killed her!

(P.S. Funny review...but some of us really liked this movie!)

NEW CONGRESSIONAL REPORT: 1049 REASONS TO ALLOW GAY COUPLES TO MARRY

A March congressional report reveals that there are at least 1049 laws addressing marital status, including federal benefits, protections, and responsibilities --- all forbidden to gay and lesbian couples under the so-called "Defense of Marriage" Act that became law last year.

"Six months after voting for this radical anti-marriage bill, Congress just now is checking out what civil marriage means under federal law" said Evan Wolfson, Marriage Project Director for Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund. "They shoved lesbian and gay couples outside this entire system of federal protections," he said.

The study was quietly released several months ago in response to questions raised in Congress about the anti-gay, anti-marriage legislation widely known as DOMA. Although not banning marriage by same-sex couples, DOMA bars federal recognition of those marriages once they become legal in any state.

Hawaii, where a state judge recently ruled that the government has no valid reason for not allowing gay people to marry, could become the first state to legalize such same-sex marriages.

"Now, in addition to the myriad state laws and private agreements that concern marriage, we see there are 1049 federal reasons why gay people should be allowed to marry," Wolfson said. In its 102 page report, the GAO noted there may be even more than 1049 federal laws that mention marital status, but it would have been too complex to identify every single law in the U.S. Code. The study was ordered by House Judiciary Chairman Rep. Henry J. Hyde (R-Ill) at the behest of then Rep. Steve Gunderson (R-Wis.) during last September's blistering DOMA debate. President Clinton signed the bill in the heat of the presidential election campaign.

Lambda Executive Director Kevin Cathcart said, "Stabilizing families and couples is of such value that society has created a unique web of laws to acknowledge and protect them. Coverage is available only through civil marriage, and no citizens should be denied access to this institution."

Copies of the GAO report are available on the Internet at <http://www.gao.gov/> or from the Office of General Counsel, U.S. General Accounting Office, Washington, DC 20548. Let's make this "quiet study" more public. Order a copy today!

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Gay/Lesbian AA

2 SATURDAY

9:00 a.m.
Frontrunners
(Arboretum)

3 SUNDAY

10:45 a.m.
U.U. Church
11:30 a.m.
M.C. Church
6:00 p.m.
Ebony Male (Pride Ctr.)
12:30 p.m.
Interwove Potluck
(U.U. Church)
7:00 p.m.
Dignity (Pride Ctr.)
9:00 p.m.
Bluegrass E.O.Y. Pageant

4 MONDAY

7:30 p.m.
Pride Center Task Force
8:00 p.m.
AA Step Study

5 TUESDAY

8:30 p.m.
Rainbow Bowling League

6 WEDNESDAY

6:00 p.m.
Frontrunners (Woodland Park)
6:00 p.m.
HIV/AIDS Support Group
8:00 p.m.
Gay/Lesbian AA
8:00 p.m.
2 Step & Swing Dancing
(Club 141)

7 THURSDAY

2:00 p.m.
CPG Strategy Committee Meeting (Pride Center)

8

7:30 p.m.
Gay/Lesbian AA

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9:00 a.m.
Frontrunners
(Arboretum)

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10:45 a.m.
Unitarian Universalist Ch.
11:30 a.m.
Metropolitan Community Church
12:15 p.m.
MCC Pot Luck Lunch
7:00 p.m. Dignity (MCC Suite)

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7:00 p.m.
GLSO Board Meeting (Pride Center)
8:00 p.m.
AA Step Study

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7:00 p.m.
MCC Board
8:30 p.m.
Rainbow Bowling League

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6:00 p.m.
Frontrunners (Woodland Park)
HIV/AIDS Support Group
8:00 p.m.
Gay/Lesbian AA
8:00 p.m.
Ballroom Dancing
(Club 141)

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7:00 p.m.
Holistic Wellness Group (Pride Center)

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7:30 p.m.
Gay/Lesbian AA

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9:00 a.m.
Frontrunners (Arboretum)
6:00 p.m.
Dignity Potluck (Mt. Sterling)

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10:45 a.m.
Unitarian Universalist Church
11:30 a.m.
Metropolitan Community Church
7:00 p.m.
Dignity (Pride Ctr.)

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8:00 p.m.
AA Step Study

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(Club 141)
8:00 p.m.
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Bluegrass Colts members
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U.U. Church
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M.C. Church
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SisterSound
(Park Me Ch.)

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AA Step Study

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8:00 p.m.
Open Dancing
(Club 141)

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6:00 p.m.
HIV/AIDS Support Group
8:00 p.m.
Gay/Lesbian AA
10:00 p.m.
R.S.I.C. of Ky. Closet Ball

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Gay/Lesbian AA

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GLOBAL MEDITATION AND CEREMONY

by Mary Sojourner Crone

On August 8th, 1997, people of every race, creed, gender, age, ethnicity, sexual orientation and religious belief will participate in thousands of Sacred Ceremonies acknowledging the lessons of dis-ease, and making the beginning of it's end. Locally, a ceremony will be held at the MCC at 387 Waller Ave. We are asking people to arrive between 10 and 10:15 pm. as this ceremony is to be coordinated with many others and will start at 10:30 EST.

This Sacred Ceremony signals *The Beginning of the End of Disease*. Through the centuries, the human race has felt the ravages of disease and longed for it's end. Most recently with the AIDS epidemic we have felt the circle of disease closing in, calling us to care, remember, and to love beyond what we felt we were capable of.

The Tonglen Foundation has developed this ceremony as part of its work in serving those involved with the AIDS epidemic. The Tonglen Foundation believes that there is a message in disease beyond the pain or despair we often feel. Perhaps disease, they suggest, "aspires to a greater purpose, as do we. Disease is ultimately an act of love through a call for deeper compassion." If we listen deeply to this

message, if the human race grows in its ability to feel and express compassion, could we collectively move towards a day when disease ends? Our minds may discount this as utopian dreaming, but our hearts and intuition may respond.

The Tonglen Foundation takes its name from the Tibetan word for "simultaneous giving and receiving." Many of us who have worked with AIDS or in other ways worked with deep suffering, have come to realize that as we give of ourselves we also receive. We experience this variously as spiritual awakening, as healing love, as compassion, as a joy in living life in connection with others.

Within the lesbian/gay/trans civil rights movement, we have been reasonably concerned that the AIDS epidemic will be used to further stigmatize us and give homophobic people another tool to use against us. While this has happened to some extent, it is also true that AIDS has opened hearts and minds as the American public has seen the tenderness with which we care for each other and as all kinds of people have opened their hearts to those affected.

The Tonglen Foundation believes that compassion is the "bridge to our union as a people, and the bridge to the End of Disease." In this time, they see great hope

for "The Beginning of the End of AIDS (and) the End of All Physical Disease."

The Foundation has created a beautiful meditation and ceremony to encourage our interconnectedness as a people, and to ignite a healing of all that separated us. They believe that the "yearning of the human heart on a global level can make a difference." "Through meditation, music, body movement and laughter we have learned and will continue to learn that it is the intention and the love behind all things that allows healing to take place."

Can the human race change its collective consciousness, deepen its ability to be compassionate as the Tonglen Foundation suggests? I agree with them that this process is already happening on our planet. And will compassionate consciousness end disease? I don't know, but this ceremony, coordinated to occur simultaneously all over the world, will have healing power for many of us. Come join together at the MCC on Friday night, August 8th, at 10:00 pm.

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end to the statute that
criminalized intimacy
between persons of the
same gender

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Frankfort

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Capital Annex

1:00

The Dating Game

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Game

at the Pride Center
Waller Ave.

Saturday, Oct. 4

8:00 pm

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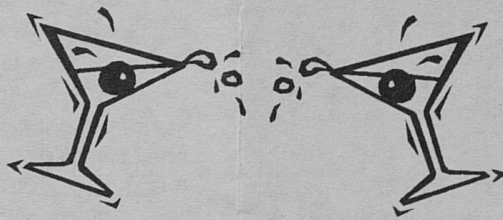
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Community News (Mary).....	266-5904
GLSO Networking Committee (Mike).....	225-1828
GLSO Speakers Bureau (Mary).....	266-5904
GLSO Support Group (Mary).....	266-5904

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AGLF: NKU (Pat).....	572-5604
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Morehead State (Angela).....	783-2950
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Madison County.....	723-7312
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AIDS INFO/SERVICES

AIDS HOTLINE.....	(800) 840-2865
AIDS Volunteers of Lexington.....	278-7494
AVOL Legal Advocacy Program.....	278-7494
Health Department HIV Support Programs	
(Patty).....	288-2377
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HIV/AIDS Legal Project.....	(502) 584-1254
HIV-Education Youth Group.....	278-7494
HIV Support (Somerset).....	679-7578
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Bluegrass COLTS (Mark).....	233-7266
Cumberland Cares.....	561-6763
E-Male (Bill).....	254-9812
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Fairness of Louisville.....	(502) 893-0788
Front Runners (Keith).....	254-6850
G/L AA (Charlie).....	224-4067
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IGBO(Steve).....	276-3058
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Legislator Message Line.....	(800) 372-7181
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
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(Steve).....	255-4636
SisterSound (Connie).....	276-2554

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Episcopal Diocese AIDS Ministry (Steve).....	233-1782
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