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Imperial Court of Kentucky Coronation 27

The Imperial Court of Kentucky will celebrate 27 years of continuous fundraising with its 27th annual Coronation Ball and related activities the weekend of June 6-9. Culminating the weekend will be the annual Coronation Ball where the court celebrates the year of fundraising, elects next year's Board of Directors and elects the new Emperor and Empress, the figurehead leaders of the organization.

This year, His Most Imperial Majesty, Emperor 26 Brad Shepherd, and Her Most Imperial Majesty, Empress 26 Lawren LaMoore, invite you to join them for "Wonka's Circus Trip," a Willy Wonka/Circus-themed evening filled with celebration, grand entertainment and recognition.

Coronation weekend is one of the major Pride Month activities in Lexington. The weekend starts with the In-Town Show on Friday evening at Main Street Live. Doors open at 7:30 pm and the show will begin at 8:00 pm. Admission is a \$5 donation. This show will feature many of Lexington's favorite court performers, and will be held on the Level Dance Floor. **Continued on next page**

Pride Month Events

Pride events are listed and described in order by date of occurrence starting on this page. Articles included for many events

Friday, May 30

Pride Prom for Teens

GLSO Gay Straight Alliance for Youth

Saturday, May 31

SisterSound Concert

Remember When? Part 2

UK Singletary Center 8 pm

859 257-4929

Thursday, June 5

GLSO Art Show

Pride Center 6 - 9 pm

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On Saturday, an official State Dinner will be held at the Radisson Plaza Hotel Spirits Lounge. Cocktails begin at 5:30 pm and dinner will be served at 6:00 pm. Admission is a \$25 donation. Two events will follow later that evening. The Out-of-Town Show, held at Main Street Live, will feature entertainers from courts across the nation. Doors will open at 8:00 pm with the show beginning at 8:30 pm. Cover is a \$5 donation.

Following the Out-of-Town Show, the court is planning to host an After Party for our out of town guests and in town court community. The After Party will begin at Bang Nightclub at approximately 11 pm. Cover is a \$5 donation.

The weekend culminates on Sunday evening with the 27th Coronation Ball at the Radisson Plaza Hotel Grand Ballroom in downtown Lexington. Doors open at 5:30 pm with the Opening Production to begin promptly at 6:00 pm. Admission is a \$15 donation, and includes hors d'oeuvres.

The evening will feature performances by guests from other courts across the country, the annual election for voting members of the organization, step-down performances from Emperor 26 Brad and Empress 26 Lawren, and the crowning ceremony for next year's monarchs.

This year's candidates for Monarch are Daddy Wayne for Emperor 27 and Eve St. Mychal for Empress 27. The Candidates for open Board of Director positions are Jason Asher, Daryl Royse, Brad Shepherd, and Louis Vite. Voting for qualified members of the Imperial Court of Kentucky will begin at 5:30 pm on Coronation evening

On Monday, the weekend ends with a Victory Brunch at the Radisson Plaza Hotel Spirits Lounge. Doors open at 10:30 am, with brunch to follow at 11:00 am. Admission is a \$25 donation

Emperor Brad and Empress Lawren invite you to join the Court for the full weekend of activities to help them celebrate Reign 26's fundraising accomplishments. You can view additional information regarding Coronation 27 at www.imperialcourtkentucky.org.



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Pride Month Events

Community Meetings and events that are not directly tied to Pride Month are on page 7

Art Show and Open House Thursday, June 5

GLSO invites you to an Art Show and Open House at the Pride Center, 389 Waller Ave from 6 pm to 9 pm. There will be hearty appetizers, punch and wine. There is no admission charge.

... Several of the pieces will be in a silent at the Downtown Festival on June 28. Glsio welcomes calls from artists interested in displaying their art during the year. Contact the Pride Center at 253-3233



FRI. JUNE 6 WHISHING CHAIR

Wishing Chair will be appearing at Natasha's Café, 112 Esplanade in downtown Lexington. T starts at 9 pm and the cover charge is \$7

Since 1995, multi-instrumentalist Miriam Davidson and songwriter Kiya Heartwood have made an art of inspiring performances and award winning songs. A Wishing Chair concert is a creative mix of intelligent lyrics, spell binding storytelling, and breathtaking harmony over a full folk and roll sound. This gifted duo seduces the listener with soulful confessions, political broadside, and wicked groove.

Belmont BBQ Moveable Feast Fundraiser

Moveable Feast is having their 2nd annual Belmont BBQ on Saturday June 7th. It has quickly become the most fun you can have with your clothes on. Last year about

200 people came, they all said it was so nice they would be back this year and bring their friends. This year there is more entertainment than before. Club Dub and Phat Maverick will be playing music for you. There will be ladies from the Imperial Court of the Bluegrass doing a small show, a fire dancer, the Squash Beetle Dancers, a stilt walker/dancer, a Tarot reader and more. There is entertainment for the kids too.

The food is free with admission and there will be a cash bar with all major credit cards accepted. And, oh yeah, there will be a horse race to watch on the big screen TV. Is Big Brown going to take the Triple Crown?

The event runs from 2 to 9 at Conoid Farm. That's at 2492 N. Cleveland Rd. To get there go out Winchester Rd. to N. Cleveland and turn right (**NOT** left like your going to Windy Knoll) and it is the 1st big three story anti-bellum mansion on the left. You can't miss it. The balloons and stuff at the gate show you the way, not to mention the huge tent in the yard. For tickets call 252.2867 or 253.3233. The prices in advance are \$25 for singles or \$45 per couple. It will be \$35 per person at the gate.

You can't beat a day in the country at a beautiful estate with tons of entertainment. So come out and enjoy and help Moveable Feast celebrate their tenth year of serving Lexington and our community.

**June 6 - 8 Coronation
See pages 1 and 2**

Friday 20: Insight Movie Night

Fabulous: The Story of Queer Cinema

The Insight Group invites everyone to our Friday night movie on Friday, June 20 at the Pride Center, 389 Waller Ave. We will have snacks to share.

Picking up where "The Celluloid Closet" left off, *Fabulous! The Story of Queer Cinema* shows the explosion of out-and-proud film making in the U.S., from Kenneth Anger's *Fireworks* (1947) right up to *Brokeback Mountain*."

Over the course of 81-minute running time, this documentary highlights queer cinema landmarks from the mid-20th century to the present. Where "The Celluloid Closet" focused more on the behind-the-screen stories of gay talent and the hidden homosexual subtexts in Hollywood's golden years, "Fabulous!" celebrates the films featuring unequivocally gay characters or those made by out directors on homosexual themes.

The landmarks are here including John Waters' early movies and coming-out stories such as "Making Love" (1982) and "Desert Hearts" (1985). But there are also lesser know films like "dykesploitation", soft porn originally made for a straight male audiences but now embraced as kitsch fun by lesbian and gay viewers.

A major focus of the film is the 1990s with the explosion of New Queer Cinema. It covers the controversies over the National Endowment for the Arts support for Todd Haynes' "Poison," Tom Kalin's "Swoon". It also touches on controversies within the gay community over negative images of LGBT people in films.

The last 20 minutes takes the story up to the "Will & Grace" present, featuring gay characters on television, and straight actors who regularly win awards for playing

gay, lesbian or transgender characters. John Waters quips that it would be radical to see a gay actor playing a gay character these days.

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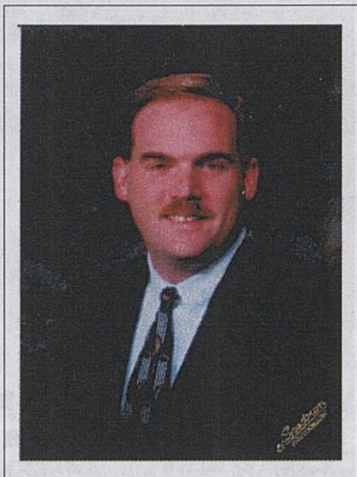
859 253-3233

The Unitarian Universalist Church will have it's Pride service on Sunday, June 22. At 10 am. After the service there will be a reception hosted by Interweave in the Fellowship Hall. Interweave is a social and activist group for LGBT people and allies

In June the UU Church Board will be considering making one of our small bathrooms into a gender neutral/ family bathroom. Or perhaps one family bathroom with a changing table and another that is gender neutral. We want our church to be welcoming to all people. We have visitors and members who are transsexual, transgender or gender queer. By providing a bathroom that can be used by anyone, individuals who think their gender presentation may be confusing to others, will not have to worry about which bathroom to choose.

Please visit us anytime this summer. Services will be at 10 am until mid-August. Our community is a diverse group of individuals with beliefs that cover the spectrum of liberal religious theology. We are Buddhists, Pagans, Christians, Humanists, and more. We are located at 3564 Clays Mill Rd.

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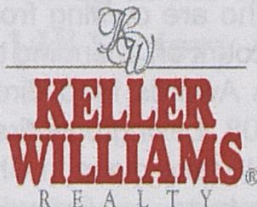
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PRIDE MONTH EVENTS CONTINUED

Integrity Pride Mass June 22

An Integrity Pride Mass will be held at St. Martha's Episcopal church on Sunday, June 22 at 10:30. Integrity is an organization of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender Episcopalians and our straight friends. St. Martha's Episcopal Church is located at 1321 Trent Blvd. For information contact David Cupps at david@davidcupps.com

The Wizzard of Oz

KY Theater June 26

The movie that was our's before Rocky Horror will be shown at 1:30 and 7:15 on Wednesday, June 26. Lets turn out to the Ky. Theater and enjoy this classic that is part of the theater's summer classic festival. We might sing along, boo the bad witch, or think of Wicked and cheer her on. Whichever, this could be a fun family occasion.

AND THE WINNER IS...

Have you bought your ticket yet? Lexington Fairness is hosting the Fairness Awards for the LGBTQ community. The ceremony promises to be one of the must-attend events of 2008.

The event promises more than just the average doling out of awards. Lady Bunny, reigning queen of drag queens, will fly in from New York to host the Award show. Working with the irreverent Lady Bunny will be the ever-talented and super comical Trai La Trash. Those two ladies provide their own vocals, but if they are not enough, the show will feature performances by hip-hop artist and

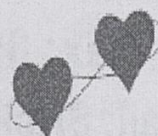
hottie Ari Gold and local song siren Robbie Bartlett. On top of the dazzling entertainment, Senator Ernesto Scorsone will make a special appearance.

Don't think you'll go away hungry. The ticket includes a full dinner of pasta bar or stir fry entrees with vegetarian options available. For those looking for spirits, several cash bars will be on hand.

Things will kick off at 7 p.m. on Friday June 27th at the Radisson downtown. Seating is limited and tickets are going fast so be sure to get your ticket now. Ticket prices start at \$65 and go for as much as you want to donate. Keep in mind that Lexington Fairness is a non-profit organization, and all donations are welcome.

Those who are coming from out of town should count on spending the night. The Fairness Awards feed directly into Lex Pride 2008, Lexington's first all-day pride festival to take place in Cheapside Park in downtown on Saturday June 28th. LexFair will be on hand at the Pride Festival as well as have a presence at the Diversity Day festival hosted concurrently on the courthouse lawn across from gay establishment Bang.

Mia's has relocated,. It now can be found on the corner of Short and Limestone at what use to be Annabells. There is more outdoor tables and a great atmosphere.



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Kenwick Bungalow Tour



Sunday, June 8 2008

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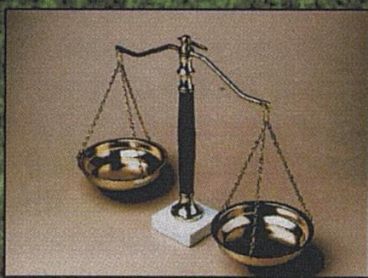
Tour a variety of homes and gardens in a neighborhood known for its diversity

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Kenwick Bungalow Tour

The Kenwick neighborhood, also known as Dyke Height, will have its second Bungalow Tour on the first Sunday in June. The tour will include a variety of homes and gardens.

This is a neighborhood that has been increasing in popularity with a number of homeowners improving their property over the last decade. This makes it a great place to buy a home. There are a number of properties for sale - including duplexes as well as single family dwellings.

For Sale Starcraft Pop-up Camper
1993 Starlight - in good shape
Sleeps 5 Adults New Tires
\$1,500 or best offer
Call Mary or Barbara at 266-5904

Community News

SINGLES GROUP

The Women's Singles Group will meet Friday, June 6 at 7:00 p.m. at Natasha's Cafe located at 112 Esplanade in downtown Lexington. The group will meet for dinner and to finalize the group's plans for June activities.

Some of us plan to stay for the Wishing Chair concert, which begins at 9 p.m. Tickets are \$7.00. All single women are welcome to join us. Please call Deb S. at 967-3263 if you plan to come for the meeting and/or the concert, so we can reserve a table large enough for all of us.

This is a social group for single lesbian and bi-sexual women. If you are coming out or questioning your identity and not yet sure what label suits you best, just let us know you are in the process of figuring it out. It is fine to join us if you are dating as long as you still identify as single. We ask that members respect each other, keep confidentiality, and be aware that other members will not be "out" in some areas of their lives.

Lexington Insight

Lexington Insight will meet for our regular potluck on the first Friday, June 5 at 7 pm at the Pride Center. On the third Friday, June 20, everyone is invited to join us for a movie. See pge For info call Dana at 859-230-2428.

Bluegrass Women's Network

Bluegrass Women's Network is a social group for women of all ages. To receive emails about events contact debbywoman@gmail.com. They plan a variety of outings and women can choose yo attend whatever is appealing to them.

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. We support each other by offering advice, resources and insights from our own experiences. This is not a therapy group.

Family, friends, and supportive community members are invited to attend to gain understanding of issues concerning gender presentation, identity, and variance. We meet on the first Saturday of each month at 7:30 pm. . Meetings are free and you may dress however you feel comfortable. For info and Lexington meeting place email TransKentucky@gmail.com

Art House Movies

Davina and Kathy have started an Art House Movie and Discussion Group through the U. U. Church. You do not have to be a church member to join us for an evening of film and discussion. The group meets the first Thursday of the month to view a film at approximately 7 p.m. at the Lexington Green Movies 8 or the KYTheater. Afterwards the group discusses the film at a nearby restaurant.

An e-mail listing the movie, theater and meeting time is sent the Monday before the film night.. To be added to this list contact Davina at artemis427@yahoo.com.

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We also thank all the individuals and organizations that attended meetings, worked on various aspects of this project and in other ways gave their time and talents to make the Lexington's Downtown Pride Festival a success.

LEXINGTON PRIDE MONTH EVENTS

May 30, Friday: Gay Straight Alliance for Youth- **Pride Prom**

May 31 Saturday SisterSound Concert "Remember When"
8 pm Singletary Center for the Arts

June 5, Thursday: GLSO Pride Center Art Show, - 6pm to 9pm-
389 Waller Ave, appetizers & refreshments provided- **FREE**

June 6, Friday Wishing Chair in Concert
Natasha's Café - 112 Esplanade cover charge - \$7

June 6 - 8 The Imperial Court of Kentucky Coronation Weekend

Friday: In-Town Show- Main Street Live - Doors open at 7:30 pm
Show at 8pm - \$5 Admission

Saturday: State Dinner- Radisson Plaza Hotel Spirits Lounge
Cocktails 5:30 & dinner at 6 pm. \$25 donation for admission.

Out-of-Town Show- Main Street Live- Doors open at 8pm - Show
starts at 8:30pm- \$5 Admission After Party at the Bang at 11

Sunday: 27th Coronation Ball - Radisson Plaza Hotel Grand Ballroom
Doors open 5:30 Production 6 pm Voting 5:30 - 9pm \$15 donation

June 7, Sat. Moveable Feast's 2nd Annual Belmont Stakes BBQ

Conoid Farm - 2492 N. Cleveland Rd.- 2 to 9 pm Advance tickets
\$25 per person, \$45 couple, Tickets at the door \$35 (Children 12
& under free) - for info and tickets call Terry 859 252-2867

**June 20, Friday: Insight Movie Night: "Fabulous! The Story of
Queer Cinema"** Pride Center 389 Waller Ave. 7pm
Snacks & refreshments provided **Free**

June 20- 21: Kentuckiana Pride Festival in Louisville
Friday - Parade Saturday- Festiva lwww.kentuckianapridefestival.com

June 22 Sunday: Integrity Pride Mass St. Martha's Episcopal Church
1321 Trent Blvd.- 10:30am For info visit www.lexintegrity.org

June 22, Sunday Unitarian Universalist Church Pride Service
11 am 3564 Clays Mill Rd

June 25, Thursday The Wizard of Oz - KY Theater 1:30 and 7:15

Lexington's Downtown Pride Weekend

June 27 Friday Lexington Fairness Awards Banquet

Radisson Plaza Hotel- 7pm Tickets available at www.lexfair.org \$65 -and up
The Fairness awards recognize contributions made by gay, lesbian,
bisexual and transgender Kentuckians and our allied wh fight to bring
fairness to the commonwealth. Please join us for an evening of
Spectacular, star studded and often irreverent entertainment.

June 28 Saturday: Lexington's Downtown Pride Festival

"We Are Family" - Our first downtown festival at Cheapside Park -
251 W. Main St. 11 am - 9 pm Entertainment, raffle, silent auction,
games, food and fun. Everyone is welcome - come out enjoy the day

Raffle Prizes

These are some of the raffle items
that will be at the Downtown Pride
Festival. Find the box for the prize you
want and put as many tickets in that box
as you can purchase or spread your
tickets around for various prizes.

Sky box at Lexington Legends

One night stay at the Hyatt in a deluxe
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Radisson's Cafe on the Park

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The Pride Festival
Planning Committee has worked
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GLBT festival to Lexington. The
way to thank them is to come to the
festival and have a great time

The organizations that came
together to plan include: GLSO,
AVOL, Lexington Fairness, KY
Stonewall Democrats, Lexington
Fayette Co. Health Department,
UK's GSA, Lexmark's GAYLA and
the Imperial Court of KY.

The sponsors for the Downtown
Pride Festival are listed on page 9.

MIS-PAGINATION

This is the quilt that GLSO will be raffling during June.

Tickets \$2

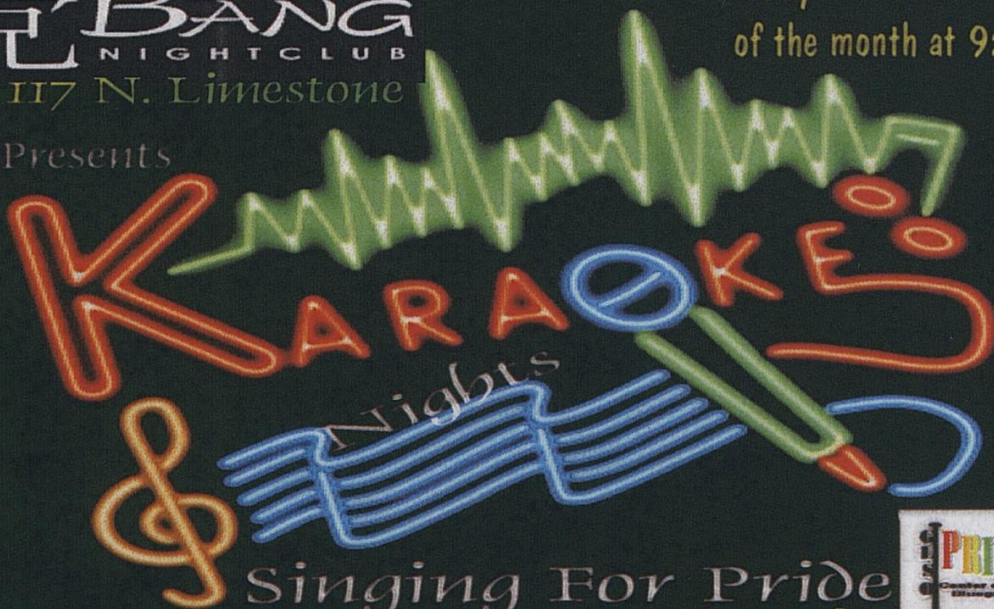
Or 3 for \$5



GLSO Thanks Phyllis Hoover for creating and donating this beautiful quilt to us.

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Discussion on Gender Michigan Womyn's Music Festival

The Michigan Womyn's Music Festival has greatly influenced how I think and live. One big factor is seeing thousands of women, mostly lesbians, looking so delightfully varied. I will notice different aspects in different years. My first year I was 39 and needed to see all those women between 40 and 80 that were joyfully part of that community.

Every year there is a workshop or two that keeps me thinking for months - if not years. The first year I attended I had been out for less than a year and was still married. That year the workshops for womyn over 40 showed me that many women had been married and often took some time to get divorced. It took me a little while, though, to actually tell people I was married with children.

Last year I attended a workshop that was structured to be a discussion among several generations of women on the topic of gender identity, including butch/fem, trans identities defined in a number of different ways, gender queer and more. Women who were of different ages, and coming out in different time periods, were encouraged to come and talk about how they look at gender identity and expression.

There were many different opinions and stories shared during that workshop and I was only able to write down parts of the conversation, some of which I will share here. These are not necessarily completely accurate quotations, but I did try to capture the essence. I did not always record the age of the various speakers, but I will share what I made note of.

Person about 50. "As a young teen I didn't see any women that I thought I could grow up to be. I came to the Michigan Festival for the first time when I was 19. I saw women who were like me and I found the future open up; perhaps I would be like that older woman or something like this one.

My identity as a lesbian became more specifically butch after that. Now, going on thirty years later, I consider myself gender queer. I did consider, for a while, that I might be transsexual but I wanted to continue to be a part of this strong woman's community. And I am glad I kept my breasts because women I want to be in relationship with, like breasts. Gender queer works for me."

60+ years "I came out in my early twenties and found family in the bars in Chicago. I had to choose butch or fem and it seemed pretty obvious that I was butch and I was comfortable with that. But a few years later I was becoming a feminist and I learned that the "butch role" was considered by some of my feminists friends to be mimicking straight men. Because of that I consciously tried to be androgynous for a while. When I came to Michigan for the first time I saw many butch women who weren't androgynous and I realized that I could just be myself here, whatever that was. I now believe that I am not mimicking men even if I wear men's clothes a lot of the time. Butch and male are not the same for me. If I knew more about the trans option when I was 25, I might have taken that route. At my age now, I am glad I did not do that.

34 year old woman - with beard. "I have loved coming to Michigan for the last 15 years. I started growing facial hair during puberty and my mother hated it. She also had facial hair but I was more "masculine" in a number of ways and she continually made negative comments about it. I found Michigan a place where I could be myself and learned that women I was attracted to, were attracted to me. But the last few years have been difficult in a new way. Women ask me if I am taking "T" and someone actually followed me to the showers. I think we need to focus on rejecting any binary system. Many of us just don't fit into that and shouldn't have to. If we could continue these conversations in

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Bluegrass Gay PHONEBOOK™

The Bluegrass Gay Phonebook is a new yellow page based directory for Gay and Gay-Friendly businesses, service providers and community groups in Lexington and Central Kentucky.

The deadline for our premiere annual issue is August 8, 2008, and the directory will be available on September 19, 2008. Call or log onto our web site for more information.

10% of our sales will be donated to GLSO Pride Center.



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many places, maybe we can have more accepting communities that don't make people fit into boxes. I would like to see Michigan be accepting of transwomen who wish to present as women - in whatever way works for them."

27 year old. "I thought I was a boy when I was young, like three to five. My parents told me I was a girl but when I didn't agree, they didn't argue with me but called me a tom boy. When I went to public school they asked me to go along with the girl label for a while and it became ok with me. Some trans people have this experience also but I did not feel the strong gender disconnect that many of them experience. Going through puberty was not bad for me. Close to that time my mom provided me with information about sexual orientation. One ftm (female to male) friend has told me recently that he thinks I should consider trans, that butch isn't "enough." I seems a little like what some of you

experienced - pressure to be butch or fem , not in the middle, or to be andro, not on the edges. We need to stop pressuring each other. I am happy as a butch lesbian. We should continue these discussions each year."

42 year old "I do love that we have womyn only space. There are many festival and having one be womyn only is important to me. Sexism is still very real; racism isn't over, sexism isn't over. When I first came here there were transwomen at the fest and that was ok. I have written the festival staff several times on this issue. I hope they will consider allowing women who have surgically transitioned to be here, with no checking of anatomy. But I would also ask that people who still have penises not be as public as several were last year. That is going to delay any changes in policy.

NEED ADVICE? GO TO HELENA HANDBASKET



Q... Dear Helena, I'm in love with a man at work. I don't know if he is straight or gay. He speaks to me and smiles at me. When he smiles and looks at me with his gorgeous blue eyes, I go weak. Should I come out to him and go for it or just suffer in silence?

HH... Baby doll, do you think you are the first one to fall for a guy at work? It happens honey. You are going to have to handle this carefully since it is at work. Some places will actually fire people if they become involved with a fellow employee. Just continue to be nice and ask a few pertinent questions such as where he likes to go out when he is on a date or ask him what "type" he is interested in. If he says long legged blondes with big boobs then you'll know he's straight. If you really feel bold, you can always tell him he has the bluest eyes you've ever seen. No one will turn down a compliment and he will either be uncomfortable or flattered. You'll get the vibe by the way he responds to you if you ask the right questions. If he is straight, that won't stop you from thinking of him at night when you are alone and the lights are down low, now will it? After all, fantasies can be fun too. And remember, it is PRIDE month so as Glenda, the Good Witch said, "Come out, come out wherever you are"!

Q... Dear Helena, I have been with my boyfriend for 6 years and I am tired of his outdated look. He is really handsome but is too cheap to buy some

stylish clothes and is stuck on the same hairstyle he has had for years. He needs a makeover but I don't know how to tell him this without hurting his feelings. Help!

HH... You say that he is too "cheap" to buy new clothes. Have you thought of buying him some new clothes that you would like to see him in? Sometimes a man just needs the other half to nurture him into what we want him to do. You know, work your charm and bat your eyes then say, "I get so hot when you wear shirts like this or those kind of pants". You'll have him wearing what you want him to in no time. As far as the haircut, you can always make a deal with your hair stylist to have him/her give him a new style and then you be there to say how much you love it when the stylist is finished. If he really is inflexible and won't take the new clothes or the new haircut, either close your eyes during sex and only go out alone or maybe just accept him like he is. Now there is a concept.

Q... Dear Helena, I refuse to be tested for HIV. My boyfriend is tested every six months and wants me to get tested but I just don't want to know. I understand a lot of people have my opinion about being tested but he insists. Your thoughts?

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ST. MYCHAL THE MARTYR PARISH

Sunday Worship 10:30



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St. Mychal is a member of the Orthodox Catholic Church of America, a national church that is gay supportive. We perform blessings of gay unions, welcome divorced people, and ordain all persons into the orders of Deacon, Priest and Bishop.

Jubilee Fellowship

Jubilee Fellowship welcomes members of the GLBT community and their friends to join us for church at Pastor Cori Wood's house on Sunday's at 11am. We usually go out to eat after church to a local eating establishment for fellowship. If you would be interested in visiting us please contact Pastor Cori at 421-5859 or e-mail:

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opinion about being tested but he insists. Your thoughts?

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HIV/AIDS have to take steps to remain healthy and sometimes this feels like a burden. But they are glad to be alive and glad that the drugs and knowledge are now available to help them stay healthy. If you were infected and "did not know" you could infect your partner. Do you love him? Could you live with the fact that YOU infected him? I can't tell you what to do but sweetheart, please rethink your opinion. The phrase SILENCE = DEATH did not happen by accident. Love yourself and him enough to get tested.

*** Send your question or comment to AdvicefromHelena@aol.com and let's be myspace friends. Look me up at <http://www.myspace.com/helenah>

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HIV/AIDS Info/Services:

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 Lexington Health Dept.288-2437
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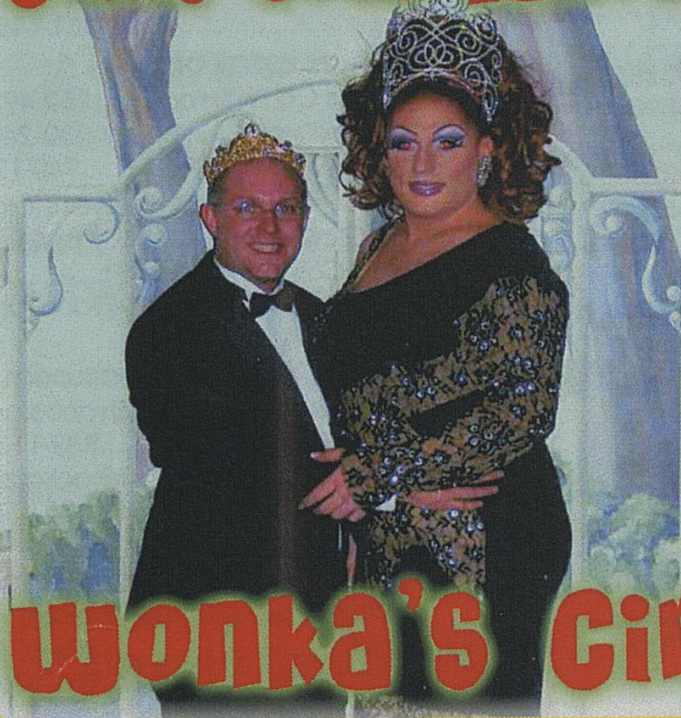
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