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PRIDE IDOL '07

The Pride Idol Contest preliminaries are complete and we have 13 contestants who will perform at the State Theater on Tuesday, May 22. Admission is \$5 and the doors open at 8 pm. Come show your support.

The finals will be held at the Pride Picnic on June 10 at Windy Knoll Farm. At that time, the audience will vote for their favorite singer.

The winner will receive a trophy, a gift certificate for Disc Jockey in Lexington Green and studio time at Grooves Professional Recording Studio to make ten copies of two song CD.

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SISTERSOUND CONCERT

Spring is in the air and that can only mean that SisterSound is gearing up for the second half of the concert season. "Music Colors Our World, Part 2" will be held at Singletary Center For The Arts on May 19th, at 8 pm. Tickets are \$11 (\$1 Singletary Service Fee) for adults and \$6 (\$1 Singletary Service Fee) for children 12 years and under. Tickets may be purchased through any SisterSound member or at the Singletary Center box office.

This concert will feature music that colors our world. As colors vary, so does the music SisterSound has prepared for this spring. Whether you're a fan of sweet melodic tunes like "I'd Like To Teach The World To Sing" or you prefer the drive of Big Band Jazz, with "Jukebox Jumpin", you're sure to find the music that colors *your* world. Don't miss out! Buy your tickets early and come celebrate a night of music and entertainment with SisterSound.

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To celebrate our anniversary, we are planning an **Art Show and Open House on Thursday, June 14 from 6 to 8**. There will be photography and other work on display and for sale. Call Mary if you have art you would like to display. (266-5904)

Would you like to get involved? If we had more Volunteers and Board Members we could do more. Call Mary if you are interested or come to one of these meetings:
volunteer meeting on Saturday, May 12 at noon and
board meetings are on the 4th Monday of any month.

We are now offering premium ad placement on the back cover, inside the back cover, and in the center of the newsletter. There is an additional \$25 charge for a full page except for the June Pride Issue when the additional cost is \$50.

Call mary at 266-5904 or cell 221-4396

DERBY PARTY & FAIRNESS FUNDRAISER

The Bluegrass Chapter of the Kentucky Fairness Alliance is hosting a derby party on Saturday, May 5, at Windy Knoll Farm. Watch the Run for the Roses among friends. Buy into betting pools (very low stakes). Enjoy a potluck lunch and the ambiance of the beautiful horse farm. A five-dollar donation is requested. To get to Windy Knoll, go east on Winchester Road to Cleveland Rd. and turn left. 3263 Cleveland will be on the left, just past the church. For more information, please call 299-7410.

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OUTsource

A new space for GLBTQQA students has been opened at the University of Kentucky. Their mission is to provide an affirming, safe, and confidential space where students can learn more about gender identity, human sexuality, and related issues. They hope to change the campus climate and culture to become more inclusive of GLBTQQA students.

For more information contact Susan at susanmatsubara@yahoo.com.

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. We plan to attend the Fairness Derby party in May and then will plan to attend some Pride Events.

Debby and Lynn are building a list of women interested in receiving emails about events. Contact them at debbywoman@gmail.com.

Robbie Bartlett, LIVE

Rbbie Bartlett will be performing at The Bar on Wednesday, May 16, from 8 to 9:30. There is a \$5 cover charge. Robbie and her warm, smokey alto voice are heard regularly at popular clubs. Her talent and strong sense of musical direction is electric and engaging.

Robbie and her band play a variety of music, including R&B, Blues, Jazz and a touch of Rock. Come see what you have been missing.

Send-Off Party For Mr. KY Leather 07

A Send-off Party/Uniform Night will be held at Triangles in Louisville, KY on Saturday, May 12 for Bill Howard, Mr. Kentucky Leather 2007. The event will get underway at 10pm.

The fundraising event is being hosted by Kentucky's three leather clubs: the Louisville Trailblazers; the Louisville Nightwings; and the Lexington Lyons. There will be a \$50 cash prize for the best leather outfit or uniform, a 50/50 raffle, raffle prizes, jock auction and entertainment.

Bill Howard will be traveling to Chicago to compete as Kentucky's representative at the International Mr. Leather Contest over Memorial Day

Lexington Lyons Leather/Levi Club

The Lexington Lyons will meet April 9 at the Pride Center, 389 Waller Ave. at 7 pm. The Lyons are a group of friends who come together to celebrate strength, unity, and diversity for those who enjoy the Leather /Levi Lifestyle. For info visit <http://www.lexlyons.org>.

BELMONT BBQ

Everybody has Derby plans. What are you doing for the Belmont? Moveable Feast is having a BBQ on June 9, from 3 to 9 pm, and you're invited. It will be on the grounds of Conoid Farm, a beautiful farm at 2492 N. Cleveland Rd. There will be music by Club Dub, performances by ladies of the Imperial Court, food, fun and a cash bar. Bring a chair or blanket and join us to watch the race on large screen TV.

Moveable Feast delivers hot, nutritious meals to people in Fayette County with HIV disease or those on Hospice care for any reason, their caregiver, and any dependant children in the home. For example, a local man moved to Knoxville and met a partner he has been with for 20 years. His mother was diagnosed with Alzheimers and he returned to care for her. His partner stayed in Knoxville for his job.

Unfortunately, as soon as he moved back he was diagnosed with an AIDS related cancer and became very ill. His partner quit his job and moved here to care for them both. They had only a little money from social security for housing, utilities and food. Thanks to Moveable Feast, there will be food on the table.

Another recipient is an elderly mother, who has a myriad of medical problems herself, and is taking care of her daughter who has terminal breast cancer. They are both too ill to prepare dinner every night so Moveable Feast takes that burden off of their plate (so to speak).

Moveable Feast will be serving its 200,000th meal in June and we are throwing the Belmont BBQ to celebrate. By coming and celebrating with us you can help launch us on the way to the next 200,000. Tickets are available at the Pride Center 859.253.3233 or Moveable Feast 859.252.2867. They are \$25 in advance, or \$45 per couple. At the gate they are \$35. Children under 12 free.

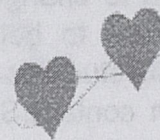
LGBT and "Redneck"?

There is a new e-group started by Patrick Buck for gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender individuals, their friends and families who are already involved in or interested in exploring and experiencing working class, blue collar, and rural lifestyles and communities including but not limited to those commonly referred to as "Redneck." The list is open to folks from any place but there will be local activities as interest grows. Please help publicize the list locally and worldwide! <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/LesbigaytransRednecks/members>

Dress and Gender Alliance

The Lexington Dress and Gender Alliance meets on the first Saturday of each month at a private location. For information email Cassie at cassiemtf@yahoo.com.

Lex DGA is a peer support group for anyone who transcends gender norms. This includes transsexuals, intersexuals, cross dressers, drag kings, drag queens, gender queers, and people who are unsure what their gender identity might be. This is not a therapy group but we offer conversation and support.



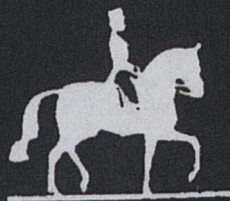
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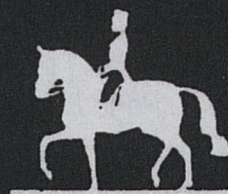
Jessica Bollinger is a therapist who focuses on couple counseling. She teaches techniques that can help you communicate and bring more understanding and intimacy into your relationship. She also offers Couples Relationship Workshops. Call her for information.

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Pride Month Events Now Scheduled

These are the events we have on the Pride Month Schedule. Please get detailed information including date, time, place, and cost to us by May 10 for early advertising and by May 15 for inclusion in the June Newsletter. Send to

marycrone@insightbb.com
and to lexingtonglso@yahoo.com

- June 1 Pride Prom for GSA
high school youth
- June 1 - 3 The Imperial Court of Kentucky
Coronation Weekend
- June 9 Moveable Feast Belmont Stakes
Party and Fundraiser
- June 9 Miss Kentuckiana Pride Festival
Pageant - Louisville
- June 10 Pride Picnic
- June 14 GLSO Open House, Art Show &
30 Year Anniversary Celebration
- June 15 Kentuckiana Pride Parade &
Pride Fest - Louisville
- June 16 Kentuckiana Pride Festival,
continues in Louisville
- June 22 Reception for GLBT Veterans
- June 23 OUTLoud Health Dept. Fair
- June 22- 23 & 29- 30 Act Out Play: 'The Paris
Letter", by Jon Robin Baitz
- June 30 AVOL Walk for the Cure

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During May, be on the lookout for our Monarch Candidates' fundraiser shows, which will lead into Coronation Weekend, the first weekend in June.

Friday, June 1st, will be the In-Town Show, location to be announced at a later date, cost \$5

Saturday, June 2nd, will be the State Dinner at Spirits Lounge at the Radisson Hotel, time TBA, cost \$25. Later that evening, we will host The Out of Town show featuring entertainers from across the country and immediately following, we will have our very popular Male Review featuring entertainers from All Worlds Video, locations to be announced. A \$10 donation will get you into both shows.

Sunday Evening, June 3rd is Coronation 26: ***Through The Looking Glass: A Mad, Mad, Mad Tea Party*** at the Radisson Plaza Hotel. Doors open at 5:30 pm, with the Opening Production starting promptly at 6 pm. Expect appetizers, petit fours, and an evening of fabulous entertainment from our Command Performances.

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Topics for May

1. Non-Violence and Social Justice
2. Dating 101: Finding Mr. or Ms. Right
3. Traveling the World: interesting destinations.
4. The Art of Yoga

LGBT Estate Planning

LGBT individuals and couples have particular incentives to plan their estates deliberately. Without enforceable, written planning in place, your property and money will be subject to "default" rules that favor relationships based on marital or biological ties and do not recognize the relationships LGBT people have with partners and friends.

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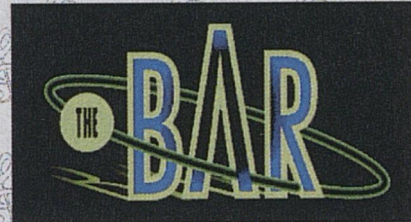
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Bluegrass Fairness Steering Committee Welcomes New Members

Three new members have joined the steering committee of the Bluegrass Chapter of KFA. We asked each of them to say a few words about themselves.

Phil Mulholland

I am a native Lexingtonian with a BA in Political Science from the University of Virginia and a JD from the University of Kentucky Law School, though I have never practiced law. I have had various occupations including horse breeder, retail clothing, real estate, the Cancer Information Service, and now the Lexington-Fayette County Health Department.

I am a divorced man with a daughter in college. I have not been involved with fairness issues prior to serving on the steering committee of Bluegrass Fairness Alliance. I look forward to the day when all people enjoy equal rights and protections, not only under the laws of Kentucky, but every other state as well. I hope by serving on the steering committee of the Bluegrass Fairness Alliance that I can contribute to that end

Burley Thomas

I am very excited with the possibilities that stand before me now as a new member of KFA. I anticipate being a helpful hand, a social outlet, and a valued source of input while learning political, organizational, and even more social skills. I have been a volunteer with many organizations dating back to my high school days in Idaho. I helped with the organization of the first Art + Activism = Social Change event. I worked on the "No on the Amendment" campaign, and learned a lot about the importance of these organizations.

I somehow ended up on a listserve for KFA, and saw a chance last year to join the

ranks as a volunteer. I appreciated the work that KFA was doing for me for all members of the GLBTQ community. I had the privilege of working with the current chair of the Bluegrass chapter, Pablo Brown. He was very energetic and persuasive in encouraging me to return to volunteer again.

After a few times volunteering, I was asked to come to the committee meetings and I did. I was reluctant to join for fear of further obligations, but I figured "I am already volunteering; I may as well get a voice inside the committee as well."

I anticipate that through the Bluegrass chapter, I will get the opportunity to create change, increase involvement, and educate people on fairness issues statewide. I am learning more about the politics of our state and what is needed to create change. I hope that I have a long future with KFA, and I want to say thank you to the members of the Bluegrass chapter for making me feel included and important from the very start.

Kelli O'Brien

I moved to Lexington from northern Kentucky when I graduated from high school in 1988. While I was at UK, I joined UKLambda and began lobbying for Fairness. After receiving a BS in accounting, I went to work for the state and packed away my inner activist along with my backpack.

Several years later, I listened to the president say that one of the greatest dangers facing the country was same sex marriage even though we were at war. After sitting in the House gallery during the 2004 legislative session I realized that I needed to participate in a more meaningful way.

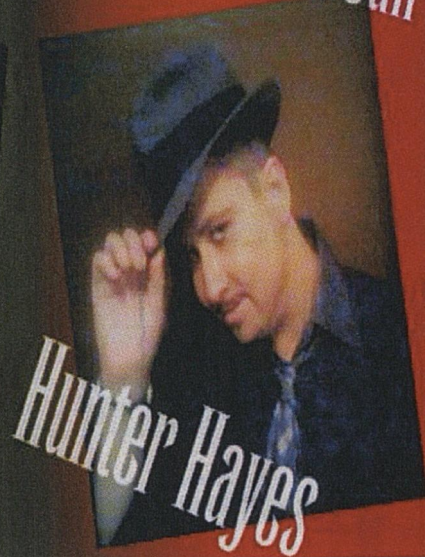
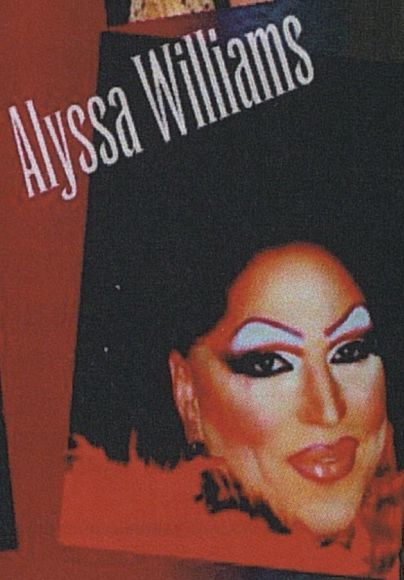
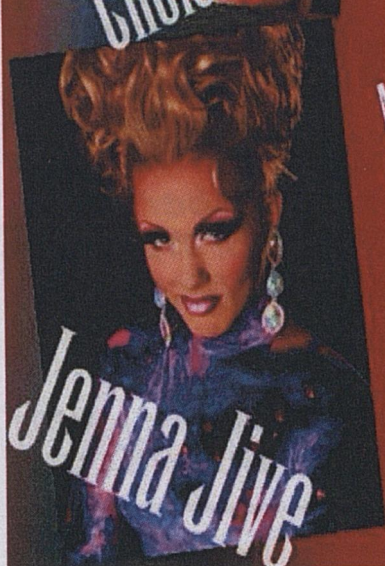
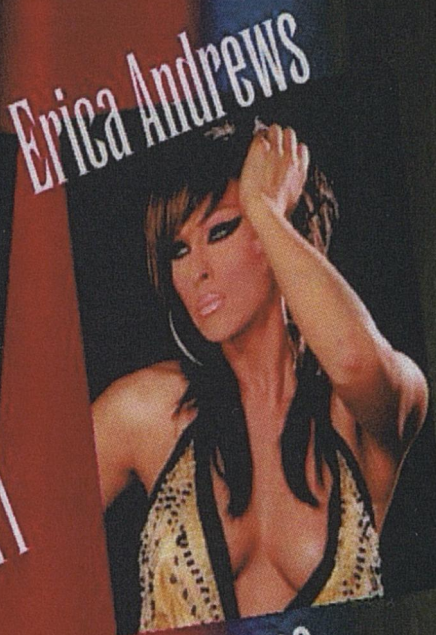
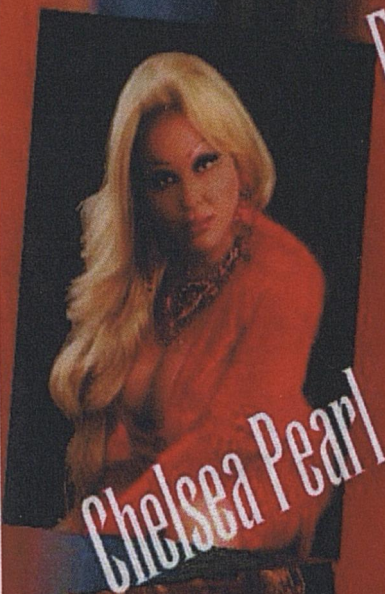
I look forward to making a difference through my work with the Bluegrass Chapter of KFA. The other members of the KFA Bluegrass steering committee are: Paul Brown, Jennifer Crossen, Beth Hartmann, Aaron Hutson, Jeffrey Moore, and Shannon Stuart-Smith.

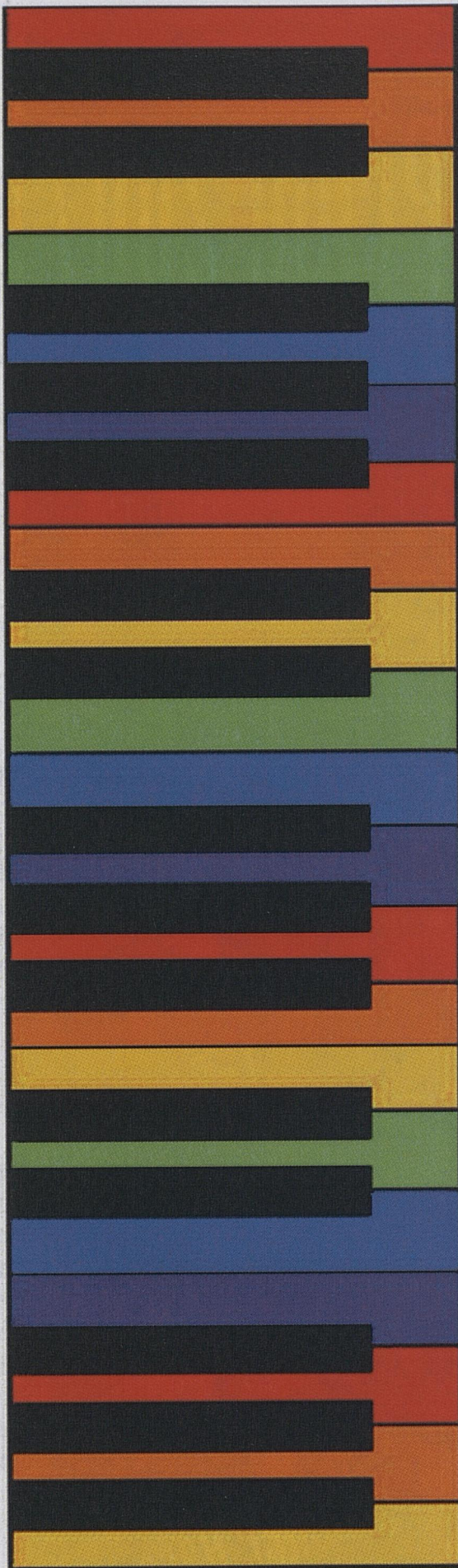
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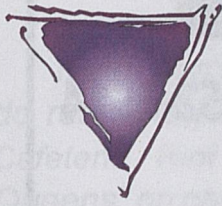
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Transgender Activism

by mary crone

If you don't read this entire article, do read the part about the Compton's Cafeteria Riot and the "Screaming Queens" on pages 16- 17.

There are a variety of terms to refer to gender orientation including male, female, trans, transgender, genderqueer, intersexual, and transsexual. I am using the term transgender to include everyone that transgresses gender norms including all the labels above and more. The term transsexual indicates those of us who live (or want to live) a good part of their lives as the gender other than the one assigned at birth.

Historically, trans people have been a part of world cultures in many ways not covered in this article. This article focuses on European and American transgender activism in the last 150 years.

I have had the mistaken impression that transgender activism has been a relatively new endeavor, following in the footsteps of gay-lesbian activism. I knew that the 1969 Stonewall riots were instigated largely by drag queens, but I did not understand this event as a part of a longer history of trans activism. I have learned that transgender activism has a long history.

Magnus Hirschfeld: First GLBT Political Organization and First Sex Reassignment Surgeries

Individuals have worked to decrease the oppression and discrimination against people who do not fit into the gender norms of western culture since the late nineteenth century. In 1897, physician Magnus Hirschfeld joined with others in founding the Scientific-Humanitarian Committee, the first political organization in the world dedicated to what we would now consider GLBT rights. They worked unsuccessfully for several decades to persuade the

German Parliament to repeal the anti- gay Paragraph 175 of the Penal Code.

Hirschfeld founded the Institute of Sexology in Berlin in 1919. One of his goals was to improve the treatment of sexual minorities including transgender people. He employed transgender individuals on the staff of his Institute and worked with Berlin's police department to curtail the arrest of cross-dressed individuals on suspicion of prostitution.

He promoted endocrinological (hormone treatments) and surgical services for transgender people who wished to change the gendered appearance of their bodies. The first modern "sex-change" surgeries were carried out in collaboration with Hirschfeld and his medical staff in the early 1930s.

There is a docudrama film about Hirschfeld, *The Einstein of Sex*, that will be shown during Pride Month.

Louise Lawrence: MTF Trans Activist

Little information is available concerning trans political activity in the United States in the first half of the twentieth century. A central yet virtually unknown figure in the history of transgender community formation was Louise Lawrence, a male-to-female transgender person who began living fulltime as a woman in San Francisco in the 1940s.

Lawrence developed a widespread correspondence network with transgender people throughout Europe and the United States by the 1950s, and worked closely with Alfred Kinsey to bring the needs of transgender people to the attention of social scientists and sex reformers.

Virginia Prince: First Peer Support and Advocacy Groups

Lawrence was also a mentor to Virginia Prince, who founded the first peer support and advocacy groups for male cross-dressers in the United States.

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Prince believed that the binary gender system harmed both men and women by alienating them from their full human potential, and she considered cross-dressing to be one means of redressing this perceived social ill.

In 1952, Prince and a handful of other transgender people in Southern California published *Transvestia: The Journal of the American Society for Equality in Dress*. Though it lasted only two issues, this publication marks the beginning of the transgender rights movement in the United States.

Also in 1952, Christine Jorgensen had a widely publicized "sex-change" operation that made her an international celebrity and brought transgender issues to public attention. In 1960, Virginia Prince again tried publishing a journal, also called *Transvestia*. This time it became a success and provided information about transgender issues for many years. In 1962, she founded the

Hose and Heels Club, one of the first support groups for cross dressers and transsexual individuals. Support organizations for male cross-dressers proliferated in the 1970s and 1980s, most traced their roots Prince's pioneering organizations.

Compton's Cafeteria: "Screaming Queens" The pre-Stonewall Riot

Militant transsexual resistance first occurred in San Francisco in 1966, on a hot August night at a popular all-night restaurant, Compton's Cafeteria, in the seedy Tenderloin district. Compton's Cafeteria was one of the few places where trans people could congregate publicly in the city. They were not always welcome in gay bars at that time because cross-dressing was illegal. Police could use the presence of cross dressed people in a bar as a pretext for making a raid and closing it down. Hustlers, street people, cross dressers, drag queens, gays, lesbians and other

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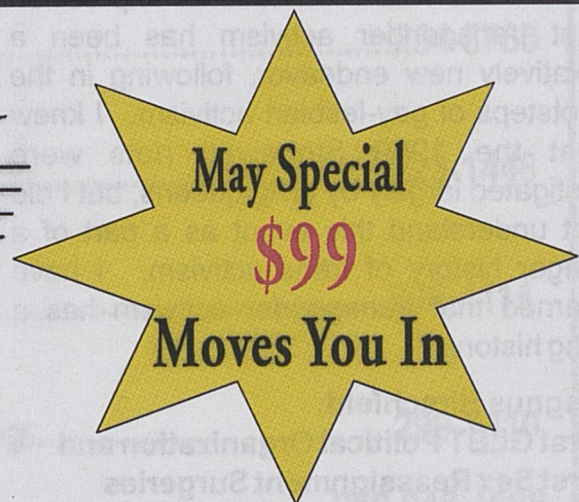
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gender queer folks frequented this restaurant until early morning hours.

On this particular night, a belligerent cop accustomed to manhandling Compton's clientele, attempted to arrest one of the queens. Instead of going quietly, she threw her coffee in his face. The crowd erupted, cups, saucers, and trays began flying through the air. The police retreated outside and called in reinforcements. The Compton's management ordered the place closed, and those still inside began breaking windows. Police reinforcements arrived, and the fighting became serious. For the first time, drag queens and trans people fought back. A number of policemen were injured, stomped by size 10 high-heeled shoes or hit in the face with a heavy purse.

The next night, more transgender people, hustlers, Tenderloin street people, as well as middle class gays and lesbians joined in a picket line outside the cafeteria, which would not allow transgender people back in. The demonstration ended with the

newly installed plate-glass windows being smashed again.

This act of resistance was a dramatic turning point for the transgender community. A network of transgender social, psychological, and medical support services was established. Activists worked with Harry Benjamin who set the "standards for care" for medical treatment including "sex change" or, what is now called sexual reassignment surgery for transsexuals. They also received support and money from the Erickson Educational Foundation and in 1968 created the National Transsexual Counseling Unit, the first peer-run support and advocacy organization in the world.

Not only did trans people receive recognition, services, and hope from the Compton resistance, gay, lesbian, and bisexual people also were encouraged to work for an end to oppression. Stonewall occurred three years after Compton and was another event led by trans people.

An examination of our history tells me that Stonewall was not the start of our resistance or our civil rights movement. GLBT people have been working steadily and will continue to do so until all oppression ends. *See related article pg 21.*

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The Positive View

By Dr. Sherry and Dr. Skippy

Part 4: Emotional connections

Strong emotional connections with others are an important aspect of positive well-being. Many of the participants in our study wrote about how their identity as a gay man or lesbian helped them to make stronger emotional connections with other people.

Gay men and lesbians wrote about connections with straight men and women as well as members of the GLBT community. For example, one gay man wrote, "Living outside of many of society's expectations for male-female interactions, gay men are free to have closer, non-sexual friendships with women (lesbian or heterosexual)."

Another gay man wrote about how being gay facilitated his relationships with straight men, "I also like how I've served as a bridge for some straight men who are attracted to my masculinity yet my not being competitive with them in certain ways. They often feel free to open up to me because I'll understand and yet not put them down for being fallible or vulnerable as their straight male friends might."

Lesbian responses included, "I tend to get along well with straight men because they see me as an ally," and, "I am able to have close friendships with both straight and gay men without any concerns or confusion over whether there is any sexual component to our relationships. I am also able to have close friendships with both straight and gay women, because straight women seem unconcerned about my sexuality and other gay women are obviously comfortable with it."

Many survey participants also indicated being gay or lesbian created opportunities to have stronger connections with a same-sex partner. For example, one

gay man wrote, "As a gay man, I have insider knowledge about the very group of people I am attracted to ... I always have a keen understanding about what I am dealing with, positive and negative, when I am interacting with another man in a friendship or relationship."

Another gay man wrote, "An advantage of dating a man is that we can do 'guy stuff' together ... it's like having a best friend and a lover in the same person."

A lesbian wrote, "Another positive thing about being a lesbian is that I am able to not only relate to my partner, but understand her as well. We understand each other's emotions and feelings." Another lesbian responded, "I feel women are capable of a deeper, different kind of love... Sex with women is great because they have the same parts and have a better idea of what to do."

Think for a moment: how has being a gay man or lesbian facilitated your emotional connections with others? strong emotional connections with a partner or good friend? How have these strong connections contributed to your well-being?

For more information about our work, go to www.PrismResearch.org. Dr. Sherry is Sherry Rostosky, PhD, Associate Professor of Counseling Psychology at UK. Dr. Skippy is Ellen Riggle, PhD, Professor of Gender and Women's Studies and Political Science at UK. This series is based in part on: Riggle, E.D.B., Whitman, J., Olson, A., Rostosky, S.S., & Strong, S. (2007). *The Positive Aspects of Being a Lesbian or Gay Man*.

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Religious and Spiritual Resources



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The Unitarian Universalist Church of Lexington has worship services every Sunday at 11 am. We are a Welcoming Congregation, we do not simply accept GLBTQ folks within our church community, we celebrate their lives and actively support their work for equal rights.

Interweave, the GLBT and friends support group, will meet on Sunday, May 20, for lunch at the Good Foods restaurant at 12:45. Everyone is welcome to join us whether or not you attend church.

Every Sunday before church there is a Buddhist meditation at 9 am, followed by a Buddhist discussion group (Sanga) at 9:45 in the Allen House next to the Church. In addition to Buddhists, there are Christians, Pagans, spiritual seekers, and humanists that attend our church.

Pagans meet after church every Sunday at about 12:15. They usually gather at one of the picnic tables.

The Humanist Forum meets once a month on every second Wednesday in the month. Their purpose is to promote Humanism, an ethical, democratic, naturalistic way of life that challenges irrationality, encourages critical thinking, and promotes the separation of church and state. Most Humanists consider themselves atheists or Agnostics. Their next meeting is 9 May, 7 to 8:30 pm in the UUCL Conference Room. For more info contact Dick Renfro: frickdan@alltel.net,

Quakers

The Lexington Friends (Quakers) invite you to our Sunday Service at 10:30am. We are located at 649 Price Ave., between 6th and 7th just west of North Broadway. Quakers have no clergy or sermons, we sit together in silence until someone is led to speak from that silence. Please join us.

Integrity

St. Michael's Episcopal Church

Integrity is a support group for gay and lesbian Episcopalians that meets on the second Sunday of each month, which will be April 8 this month. We meet at St Michael's Episcopal Church at 2025 Bellefonte Drive at 4 pm. All GLBT people over the age of 18 (younger with parental consent) are welcome to attend.

St Michael's is a welcoming congregation toward gays and lesbians with services each Sunday at 8, a more contemporary service at 9, and a more traditional service at 11:15. For more information please call 859 243-0998 or email at stmintegrity@yahoo.com.

Jubilee Fellowship

Jubilee Fellowship has a new meeting location: St Mychal the Martyr, located at 1350 Eastland Dr, Suite #5 in Lexington. Eastland Dr. is off New Circle Rd one block North of Winchester Rd. Once on Eastland Rd, take your first left. It is "Inside" New Circle. It is in the row of small offices behind Mi Mexico near New Circle.

We are meeting on Wednesday nights at 7 pm for Bible Study. We are studying a curriculum based on John Bever's book, *Driven By Eternity*. Call 859 514-5518.

Jubilee Fellowship welcomes members of the GLBT community and their friends to join us in growing as a community of believers in Christ. We are fanatical about loving people with God's unconditional love.

If you have questions about our fellowship, do not hesitate to contact Pastor Cori Wood at 859 514-5518 or jfellowship@windstream.net. We have a big vision and a big God. There is room for you. www.jubileefellowship.us

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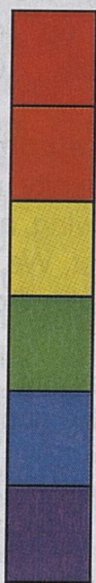
The mission of St. Mychal the Martyr Parish is to provide a church that welcomes all people in all their uniqueness and giftedness. We are a liturgical church whose worship is filled with ritual and whose heart is filled with joy and hope.

You are invited to our worship services every Sunday at 10:30 with Rev Ken Waibel performing mass. We also hold Saturday Vespers at 5 pm. We are

located at 1350 Eastland Dr., Suite #5, off Winchester Rd.

St. Mychal is a member of the Orthodox Catholic Church of America, a national denomination that is gay supportive. We perform blessings of gay unions, welcome divorced people, and ordain women into the orders of Deacon, Priest and Bishop. The Orthodox Catholic Church is one of about three dozen offshoots of the Roman Catholic Church.

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Transactivism Today

Pat Califia

The following is selected from the final chapters of Sex Changes: The Politics of Transgenderism by Pat Califia. This book has been called "a meticulously researched analysis of the contemporary history of transsexuality."

I suspect that much of the hatred and fear of transsexuals is based on the discomfort that others experience when they are forced to recall the pain of involuntary gender conditioning. It is easier to believe we never had a choice about something so fundamental than to process and accept the fact that the choice was taken away from us and ruthlessly suppressed.

What was done to us in the name of manhood and womanhood, and why? What doors were closed to us? What selves were murdered? What pleasures and possibilities were stilled? And why was it so important for the entire process to exist in the first place? Whose interests did it serve? Certainly not the needs of the individual child, the adolescent, the adult.

Gender tyranny is virtually invisible. We have to learn to see it in action if we are going to understand it and put a stop to it. Who would you be if you had never been punished for gender-inappropriate behavior, or seen another child punished for deviation from masculine or feminine norms, or participated in dishing out such punishment? What would it be like to grow up in a society where gender was truly consensual? If the rite of passage was to name your own gender at adolescence, or upon your transition into adulthood?

What would it be like to walk down the street, go to work, or attend a party and take it for granted that the gender of the people you met would not be the first thing you ascertained about them? What impact would that have on how you treated them? Or on how they treated you? What if gender

was no longer a marker for privilege, certain personality traits, or roles in the family?

If you could change your sex as effortlessly in reality as you can in virtual reality, and change it back again, wouldn't you like to try it at least once? Who do you think you might become? What is that person able to do that you don't think you can do now? What would change about your politics, clothing, food preference, sexual desires, social habits, driving style, job, body language, or behavior on the street? Are you able to imagine becoming a hybrid of your male and female self, keeping the traits that you value and abandoning the ones that are harmful?

What would it be like to live in a society where you could take a vacation from gender, Or (even more importantly) from other people's gender. Imagine the creation of Gender Free Zones. What if we all helped each other to manifest our most beautiful, sexy, intelligent, creative, and adventurous inner selves, instead of cooperating to suppress them?

If these questions frighten, offend, or annoy you, you are one of the people who stand to benefit from transactivism although it probably doesn't feel like your benefactor. And if these questions amuse, engage, and challenge you, you're probably a transactivist already. Welcome to the genderrevolution, indeed.

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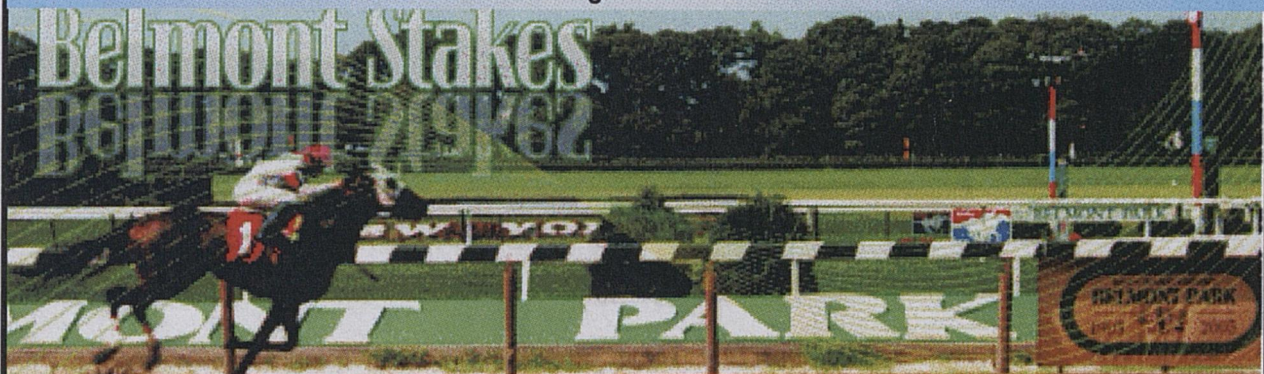
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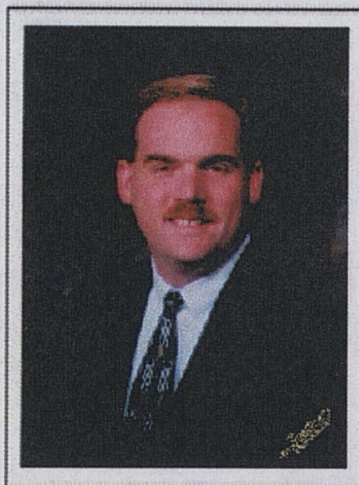
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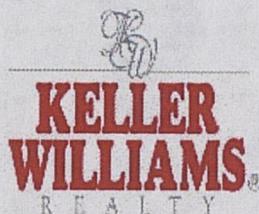
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