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It Takes a Village.

An African proverb states that it takes a village to raise a child. GLSO would like to invite the entire GLBT community "village" to join us in celebrating the forthcoming birth of Thomas Dysarz and Michael Meehan's four bundles of joy. That's right, as reported in the national news, two of our own are expecting quadruplets. Their family of two will soon become a family of six. They are expecting three boys and one girl.

Preparing for the arrival of four newborns is no small task. To show our support and aid in this monumental task of supplying the necessities for these babies, GLSO is hosting a baby shower open house on Friday, August 2 from 6 pm to 9 pm at the Pride Center. Please come by 389 Waller Ave., Suite 100, to congratulate the fathers and drop off a gift.

The children are registered at Baby's R Us and Target. If you need directions to the Pride Center or gift ideas please feel free to call the Center at 253-3233. The surrogate mother is not due to give birth until later in August, but multiple births often come early. If the dads are already busy changing diapers by August second, they may not be able to attend but we will still be at the Pride Center that evening celebrating their birth accepting gifts.

Thomas and Michael are also thinking about their children's future. A college fund has been established. Donations to the fund may be mailed to: Leslie Carter, c/o Planet Salon, 2909 Richmond Road, 40505.

King's Island Pride Night

The sixth annual Lesbian and Gay Pride Night at Paramount's Kings Island will be Friday, August 30. Thousands of gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, and supportive friends will come together for a night of fun, rides, food, live entertainment and celebration.

The night is part of the Kings and Queens Weekend sponsored by the Cincinnati Community Center. Tickets will be sold at the GLSO Pride Center in Lexington. Tickets are \$36 and GLSO will receive a small percentage of this amount. This is \$5 savings off the price of tickets purchased at the gate.

As part of the evening, there will be live entertainment including the Queen City Rainbow Band which we enjoyed so much at the Pride Picnic in June. Vocal Point, the Cincinnati Men's Chorus, will also be performing. The gates open at 5 pm. and the park will remain open until midnight this year. For more information see www.kqweekend.com,

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REIGN XXI KICKS OFF

The Imperial Court of Kentucky kicked off Reign XXI with investitures on July 10 at Club 141. Empress Nicole Diamond and Emperor Orvis Kean identified their lines of descent and also bestowed titles. On July 19-22, Empress Nicole and Emperor Orvis, as well as a delegation of nine others, attended the Chicago Adornment.

Don't miss the Julie Vaughn Memorial Closet ball, at Club 141, on August 28, beginning at 9:30. Admission is \$5. Never done drag? This is your chance! Contest applications are available from any board member.

Plans for Reign XXI include a calendar for 2003, which promises to be even better than the highly successful 2002 Femme Fatale Calendar, and a membership drive for the Imperial Court of Kentucky. Membership is \$5 and available at any court event.

Mr. Bluegrass Leather

The Lexington Lyons will present Mr. Bluegrass Leather at the Limestone Club on Sat. September 7. For information contact Thomas Smith at 272-0408

Demonstration against AMAK Brake Corporation

The KY Advocates for Equality (formally GLSEN-Ky) will demonstrate against AMAK Brake Corporation on August 5, from 10 am until 2 pm, at the entrance to AMAK Brake, 1765 Cleveland Ave, Glasgow, Kentucky

KY Advocates for Equality has become aware of the unfair hiring and firing practices used by AMAK Brake. Over the past year and a half an employee of AMAK Brake has been subjected to harassment because he was not the "type" of person the management wanted.

This employee was singled out after he reported his vehicle had been vandalized in the parking lot of AMAK Brake. His supervisors began asking questions about his personal life. When he complained to the management about these questions, he was fired.

Anyone interested in joining the demonstration should contact KY Advocates for Equality at 606-451-3030 or Email: KYAdvocatesForEquality@hotmail.com.

We have also organized a fund raising Party for this employee on Aug. 4 to help cover his legal expenses. He is represented by Lawyer Everett Hoffman. This could be a landmark employment discrimination case.

The Party will Start at 4 pm at Maple Ridge Farm in Edmonton on Old Judd Rd. (call or email for directions) Entertainment begins at 6 pm and food will be served at 7:30.

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Community News

Volunteer Awards Banquet

GLSO is planning the Eleventh Annual Volunteer Awards Banquet to be held October 13th. This is our 25th anniversary year so we thought that Coming Out Month would be a great time for a big celebration. We decided to move the banquet from Pride Month where there are now so many activities that it makes your head spin. Every LGBT group is asked to choose their own volunteer of the year to be honored at the Banquet.

We will be soliciting nominations for the Wasson Award and for the Rainbow Community Service Award. These awards honor the outstanding volunteer work that individuals and groups contribute to our community. A form will be included in next months GLSO News and anyone can make a nomination.

Additional activities are planned for October. A play from ActOUT, a film, and a party are being considered. If your group plans something special, please let us know.

Moveable Feast Benefit

Come join the festivities as Tiffany & Company entertains you at our monthly Moveable Feast Benefit Show at Crossings. This month our show will be on Wednesday, August 21. A donation of \$5.00 is asked and the show will begin promptly at 10 pm. Enjoy performances by Tiffany Andrews, Rayna Starr, Stacey Bryant, Miss Sheena, Val E. Sheridan and Mescha. Come and enjoy frosty cocktails with our HOT show!

Tiffany and Company is producing these benefit shows every 3rd Wednesday of the month. If you haven't attended, it is time you did!

Wishing Chair-Aug 1

On Aug. 1 Wishing Chair will be performing downtown at **Thursday Night Live in the Courthouse Square, from 5:30 to 7:30 pm.** They are also scheduled to be part of Americana Crossroads, a radio program taped at Morehead Univ. Contact Paul Hitchcock at p.hitchc@morehead-st.edu for information.

Check their website for more appearances and to purchase CD's. www.terrakin.com. or call 859.608.5393.

Dress and Gender Alliance

The Lexington Dress and Gender Alliance is a peer social support group for all transgendered people, including cross dressers, transsexuals, androgynous folks, and gender queer individuals. We also enjoy the presence of significant others, friends, and supportive allies at our meetings. We discuss issues related to how gender expectations have affected our lives and spend time socializing.

Our next meeting will be on Saturday August 3rd at 8 pm at the Pride Center. We will watch a short video either about persons born intersexed or Gender 101, leaving time to talk & socialize before and after.

Around 9:30 those of us who want to socialize more plan to go out for the evening! Wear your best clothes and bring a little cash if you want to join us.

Our meeting on July 8th had the highest attended to date. It was truly wonderful to see all the beautiful faces and to hear their experiences! Hopefully everyone will return for the next meeting and bring a TG friend. We will not be meeting on the 4th Sunday. Call 433-8388 or email LexDGA@aol.com for info.

Jubilee Fellowship

We are On The Move Again! Jubilee Fellowship is moving its location to the Pride Center. Due to the recent growth in membership we have out grown our living room. Starting in August we will be meeting at the Pride Center, Thursday nights at 7pm. The second Thursdays is booked by another group, so on that night we will meet at the Pride Center but then go elsewhere - coffee house, bowling, or go see a movie. We are still studying the Gospel of John. If you have any questions call 264-7006 or cwbm121893@aol.com.

Thoroughbreds Croquet Club

The Lexington Thoroughbreds Croquet Club would like to extend an invitation to anyone that would be interested in playing croquet and socializing. The fall activities will include monthly Sunday afternoon activities in Jacobson Park beginning in mid-August. Other fall activities include dining out and road trips to other cities. For info contact Thomas at 272-0408.

Rape Crisis Volunteer Training

The Bluegrass Rape Crisis Center will be training volunteers to answer the crisis line and provide assistance to rape victims and their families. Call Brandy at 253-

2615 for information. The training will start on Friday, Sept. 20 and continue over the next three Saturdays. This is an excellent training opportunity. You must be at least 20 years old and make a six month commitment to be a volunteer.

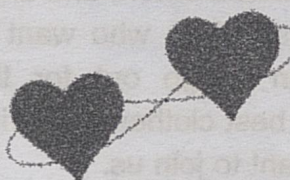
SOULFORCE

Soulforce in Kentucky, is an interfaith movement that studies the nonviolent methods of Gandhi and Martin Luther King and applies them in efforts to dialogue with various religious organizations that continue negative teachings about GLBT people.

The group meets on the second and fourth Thursday of each month. For meeting place and info contact Jamie McDaniel at www.SoulforceInKentucky.org or call 273-2746. See the article on page 10 for an example of the important work SoulForce is doing.

Integrity

Integrity, a support group for Episcopalians and friends, will continue meeting at St. Michael's Episcopal Church at 2025 Bellefonte on the second Sunday of each month at 4 pm. We will be discussing "Is it safe to return to church?" Call Rev. David Boyd or Rev. Sandy Stone at 277-7511 or JBIntegrity@aol.com. for more information



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For information: Mary Crone 266-5904 or church office 223-1448

PRIDE CENTER NEWS

389 Waller Ave. 859-253-3233 Mon-Sat 10 - 3

Computer Needed

GLSO is in the process of getting a printer to enable us to print this newsletter at the Pride Center. We are looking for a second hand PC to hook up to this printer and to provide public access to the internet in the Pride Center Library.

Many types of computers would work to provide the internet access but for work on the newsletter we need the following technical specs:

128 MB RAM minimum

Pentium III or better

17" viewable color monitor

We could use more than one PC so call us even if your computer does not meet the specs above. Ginger at 253-3233.

LESBIAN VIDEO NIGHT

Lesbian Video Night resumes in August with a new host, Davina Warner. Join Davina on the second Friday of every month as we have fun figuring out what lesbian film is all about.

This month, join us at the Pride Center, August 9th at 7 p.m. for *The Celluloid Closet*. This documentary based on Vito Russo's book chronicles the portrayal of gays and lesbians in film since its beginning. You won't want to miss such memorable moments as Lily Tomlin's narration, self-proclaimed sexpert Susie Bright's interpretation of Mrs. Danvers in Alfred Hitchcock's *Rebecca* and Susan Sarandon's discussion of her sex scene with Catherine Deneuve in *The Hunger*.

Grab your popcorn, soda, Raisinettes and favorite pillow, and join the girls at the Pride Center for Lesbian Movie Night. (See pg 19 for info about Davina's workshop on scrap booking on Sat., Aug. 17)

DISCUSSION GROUP

The GLSO Discussion/Support Group meets every Wednesday night from 7-8:30 at the Pride Center (389 Waller Ave, Suite 100). The group provides a welcoming and safe place to express your feelings about living as a GLBT person in Kentucky. The group respects our differences and seeks to help each other by sharing our common experiences. If you need some time to be yourself, join us. For info call the Center at 253-3233.

Pampered Chef Party

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Writing Practice

On the second and fourth Saturdays of each month, Davina offers a writing practice group at the Pride Center at 10 am.. In August that will be the 10th and the 24th. We experiment with writing exercises and share our work. (sharing is not required) No experience necessary, regular attendance not required. Bring a pen and some paper and join us.

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: Find Jane's article about the Pride :
: Library on page 14. Come by the Pride :
: Center Monday through Saturday, :
: between 10 am and 4 pm :
: to check out a book or video. :
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Unitarian Universalist Church

We are proud to be this month's sponsor of the GLSO News. There are a lot of groups and activities at the UU Church, something for everyone. Our big news is a change from one Sunday service to two on August 25. (Service starts at 10:45 before the 25th) At 9:30 there will be a shorter more meditative service and at 11:15 a one hour service. There will be a coffee hour between the services for socializing.

Services in August include "Ethics and the Environment" on the 4th and "Sing Sing, Sing!" in which Victoria Hammel will encourage us to explore the connection between body and spirit on Sunday 11th. Interweave, the LBGTQS group, will go out to lunch after that service.

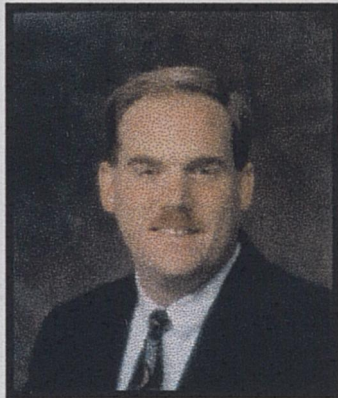
On August 25 our minister, Rev. Cynthia Cain, and others will be participating in an event organized by the Interfaith Alliance of the Bluegrass to which we belong. Partly in

response to the offensive "patriotic" rally at Applebees park in June, this event "America's Strength: A Celebration of Interdependence." will encourage tolerance,, acceptance and goodwill. Join us between 4 and 6 at Woodland Park, exact location to be announced.

On Wed, Aug 14 from 7 to 8:30, The Humanist Forum will be meeting to discuss a presentation on "Humanism in Dangerous Times." Many UU's are humanists; they emphasize science and reason as guides for ethical standards and decision making.

Our local CUUPS chapter (pagans) meets after church every Sunday at about 12:15. Another group meets on the first and third Sundays each month from 1 to 2:30 to study and discuss A Course in Miracles. There is also a Buddhist Meditation from 5 to 6:30 on some Sundays.

How can all these groups exist under one religious umbrella? We believe in diversity and in each person's responsible search for truth and meaning. We also play bridge on the first Friday at 7 - agnostic humanists and pagans make good partners!



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The choruses massed for two powerful public performances, Friday at noon at Fountain Square and Saturday morning at Findley Market. Imagine 1200 musicians singing songs of inspiration and justice in one of the city's most visible spaces.

Despite recent developments (boycotts supported by Citizens for a Just Cincinnati,

The Black United Front and Stonewall), the vision of GALA Choruses remains the same: "Our Voices Win Freedom." said Bob Blum, president of GALA Choruses, "The power of 1200 voices on the steps of legislative buildings, in churches and public squares and on the streets of Cincinnati will send a strong message. Our presence in Cincinnati during the festival will reflect our commitment to fighting injustice of all kinds."

Seventeen singers from LMC along with director Tim Glasscock, accompanist Loren Tice and interpreter Laura Burg performed selections from their spring concert, "LMC on Broadway." One highlight for everyone who was lucky enough to hear them, was GLASS, the Gay and Lesbian and Supportive Chorus of Vancouver, British Columbia. This chorus is the only Youth choir in GALA and they represent the future of the gay and lesbian choral movement. Their performance on Friday was heart felt, original and inspirational.

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A Call for Justice

On Sunday, July 14, Soulforce in Kentucky stood vigil for nearly five hours outside Lexington's Calvary Baptist Church. Calvary is a church in the Southern Baptist Convention, which is the largest Protestant denomination in the United States. With over 40,000 churches and 16 million members, the SBC is the largest source of misinformation about homosexuality. On the Southern Baptist Convention website, they have a position statement that reads, "Homosexuality is not a 'valid alternative lifestyle.' The Bible condemns it as sin."

"Being gay is not a sickness and it is not a sin," said Jamie McDaniel, a leader in Soulforce in Kentucky, during a news interview at the vigil. "God loves God's gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender children just as they are."

Over the past several months, members of Soulforce in Kentucky had met with Rev. Baker, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, and tried to negotiate a way for Calvary Baptist to move forward and begin a dialogue on sexual orientation. Soulforce in Kentucky respectfully requested that the resource "Rightly Dividing the Word of Truth: a resource for congregations in dialogue on sexual orientation" be allowed in a study at Calvary. Soulforce in Kentucky had offered to provide Calvary with as many copies as needed. "Rightly Dividing the Word of Truth" was chosen because the Baptist Peace Fellowship of North America and the Alliance of Baptists produced it. Rev. Baker declined the request.

Soulforce in Kentucky then asked that Calvary allow their community center to be the host site for the two-hour minister's conference when Rev. Mel White came to Lexington in April. Rev. Baker declined. When a new site was found at Woodland Christian Church, Soulforce asked Rev.

Baker to attend the minister's conference. Again, Rev. Baker declined.

"Rev. Baker declined all our requests to help Calvary move forward in a meaningful dialogue on sexual orientation," says McDaniel. "We shall overcome, but justice is neither automatic nor inevitable. It will come about by relentless efforts to bring truth in love to not only those who perpetuate spiritual violence, but also to those who are silent concerning the suffering."

At the vigil, Soulforce in Kentucky distributed nearly 100 copies of "Rightly Dividing the Word of Truth" to members of Calvary Baptist. Included in each binder was a letter from Soulforce asking members of Calvary to "publicly refute the anti-gay teachings and policies of the Southern Baptist Convention and begin a journey towards taking a stand for the full inclusion and acceptance of gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender people."

Soulforce is an interfaith movement that studies the nonviolent methods of Gandhi and King. "You do not have to participate in any direct action to join us," says McDaniel. "There are various stages in which you can be involved and we respect the fact that people are at different points along the journey. However, I believe that there is something inherently empowering in taking a stand for justice."

"The nonviolent approach does not immediately change the heart of the oppressor," Dr. King writes. "It first does something to the hearts and souls of those committed to it. It gives them new self-respect; it calls up resources of strength and courage that they did not know they had. Finally, it reaches the opponent and so stirs his conscience that reconciliation becomes a reality."

That is the hope and goal of Soulforce. (Info? www.SoulforceInKentucky.org or contact McDaniel at 273-2746. See page 4 for meeting info.)

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Pride Center Library: Highlighting Families

By Jane Minder

Sometime this month a new family will be formed when four babies are born to Thomas Dysarz and Michael Meehan of Lexington. Like any other new household with quadruplets they will have four times the bottles and diapers to go with four times the love. This got me thinking about families...our families. Here are just a few of the books and videos at the Pride Center Library about that one relationship we have all experienced...child and parent:

Beyond Acceptance: Parents of Lesbians & Gays Talk About Their Experiences. Carolyn Welch Griffin & Marian J. Wirth

Family Stories: Journeys of Spirit in Mixed Orientation Families. [VIDEO]

Family Values: Two Moms and Their Son. Phyllis Burke.

Keep Singing: Two Mothers, Two Sons and Their Fight Against Jesse Helms. Patsy Clarke & Eloise Vaughn.

The Lesbian Parenting Book: A Guide to Creating Families and Raising Children. Merilee Clunis & G. Dorsey Green.

Love, Ellen: A Mother/Daughter Journey. Betty DeGeneres

My Father and Myself. J.R. Ackerley

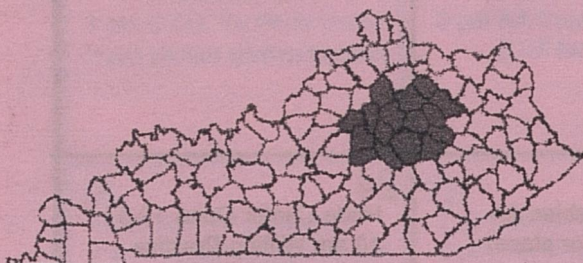
Our Daughters and Sons: Questions and Answers for Parents of Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual People. PFLAG.

Out of the Ordinary: Essays on Growing Up with Gay, Lesbian, and Transgendered Parents. N. Howey & E. Samuels, eds.

The Queer Parent's Primer: A Lesbian and Gay Families Guide to Navigating the Straight World. Stephanie A. Brill.

These and many other books and videos can be checked out from the Pride Center Library at 389 Waller Avenue, open Monday-Saturday, 10-3.

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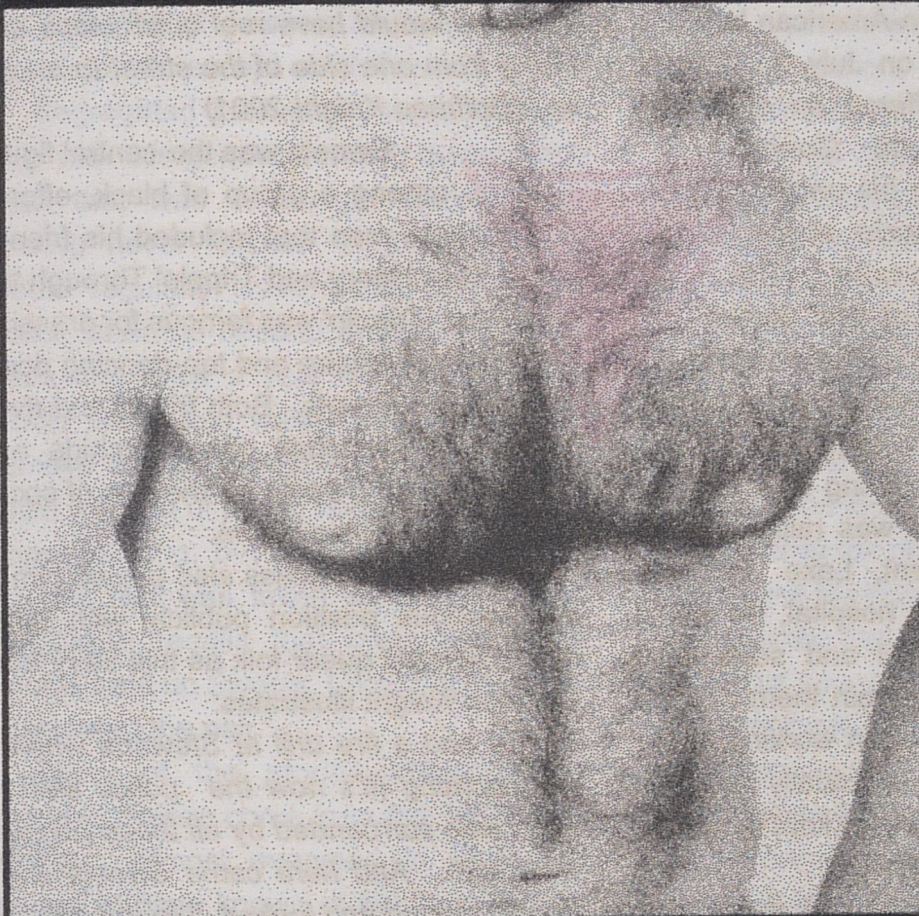
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Lexington Queer History: James "Sweet Evening Breeze" Herndon

by Jeff Jones

Few figures in Lexington's history are as well known, regardless of racial and class lines, as James Herndon. Described by multiple interviewees of mine as the first queer person they saw, Sweets is a fascinating figure. A fixture of Lexington by the turn of the century, Herndon came to the city as a young African-American boy.

Reportedly born on July 3, 1892, in Scott County, he suffered an eye injury and was brought to Good Samaritan Hospital by his uncle. The next day his uncle abandoned him at the hospital. The actual circumstances of why James was left are unclear. Nevertheless, Mary Ott, a wealthy white donor to the hospital, befriended the boy.

Herndon ended up living in a room at the hospital where he was raised by the hospital superintendent, Lake Johnson. As a boy living in the hospital, he would take patients their mail and sometimes play his ukulele to entertain them. At the age of 14, Herndon began working at the hospital. Although he eventually bought a home at 186 Prall Street, he kept a room at the hospital until he retired.

Eventually working his way up to head orderly, Herndon cared for many of the hospital's more notable and wealthy patients including Vanderbilts and Whitneys. He was not always welcomed by patients, some recoiled from having him come near them in the hospital.

By an large, he was accepted, liked, and even respected by Lexington citizens. Few, however, knew him as James Herndon. He was commonly known as Sweet Evening Breeze or Sweets for

short. By the late 60s he reigned in the Living Room Lounge, an early gay bar, as community gatekeeper. When new people would visit the bar, he would invite them to his table and interview them to make sure they were "good people."

Herndon's penchant for mixing traditional male and female clothing, sometimes wearing makeup, and his feminine manners singled him out for teasing and recognition as Lexington's first known out queer. Coffman Knight described his walk:

When Sweets would come down the street he would have real quick steps and swing from one side of the street to another. (Coffman Knight 2001)

Sweets was the central figure among a group of black, effeminate men that included his friends Miss Henry and Trippin' Through the Dew. Trippin' was famous for dressing like Fred Astaire and tap-dancing down Lexington streets. Both friend and rival, Jim "Ma" Campbell raised orchids and competed with Sweets for the role of social leader at the Living Room.

Sweets own outness also placed him in a precarious position publicly with other more closeted queer folk as this story from Coffman Knight illustrates:

We had a fire drill at Stewarts where I was working (it's now the police station) and I was surrounded by all these people I work with. And here came Sweets and I turned around and looked into the window. And everyone was "here comes Sweets"..."here comes Sweets". All I needed was for him to turn around and say "Hey girl" and I didn't need that. He didn't see me! Ha

What was funny was he was at the Bar about a week later and came and said "Miss Thang, I saw you standing out there and were you scared to talk to me?" I said "something like that" and he said "I just
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that" and he said "I just went on walking cause I thought that".

(Coffman Knight, 2001)

His eccentricities are often what people recall. Sweets regularly liked to take men's clothing and feminize it through such accessories as a broach. He liked wearing red Nehru jackets and men's suits with a touch of makeup or a scarf. Sweets might be seen in a tailored coat with a bit longer hem or in a dress riding the town trolleys on the 4th of July. Despite his gender-bending attire throughout the year and his collection of dresses, he rarely did full drag in public except on Halloween.

Segregated Lexington had a relationship with this gender bending queer black man that was seemingly incongruous. Having never learned to drive, Sweets would regularly wave down or call the police when he needed a ride. He hated birds and once a year the local firemen would come and wash down his roof to remove any bird droppings. Sweets was often the butt of jokes, honking horns, and finger-pointing, but any physical violence against him was taken seriously. Leigh Angelique recalls that once two white youths beat up Sweets. Local police quickly arrested the pair.

Many of the stories about Sweet Evening Breeze come from the 1950s and 1960s. Almost everyone in Lexington seems to have known of him even if they did not personally know him. People who would make fun of queer people would still request him as their caregiver at Good Samaritan.

In segregation-era Lexington, Herndon's job as hospital orderly afforded him a measure of relative wealth for an African-American at that time. He used some of his income to help people in need. Every fall he would buy shoes and leave

them on the doorsteps for needy children in his Pralltown neighborhood. When a neighborhood family or friend was having financial difficulty, he would buy food and have it delivered by taxi.

Leigh Angelique, a friend and protégé of Sweets, reports that Sweets was fairly rich and left a \$100,000 estate to his church, Pleasant Green Baptist. According to Angelique, another \$80,000 went to a young African-American girl from Pralltown who Sweets had helped through collage. According to another friend, Sweets also would report any neighborhood drug dealers to the police to guard Pralltown's children.

A central figure of post-World War II queer life in Lexington, most people forget that Sweets was almost 53 by the time the war ended. As something of the "town queer" and resident eccentric, Sweets remains the best known queer person in Lexington's history. On July 8, 1999, the day of the vote on the Fairness Ordinance, columnist and local historian Don Edwards memorialized the day with this quote about Sweets and his historical context:

Remembering his notoriety, it is striking to think of how different James Herndon's life would have been if he had grown up in the Lexington of the last half of the century instead of the first. He might not have been a town character at all. The times he lived in helped make him one. But he might have been at city hall tonight watching a history being made that he could hardly have imagined back in the days when he was such a curiosity.

(Don Edwards 1999)

(Jeffs essay about Sweets will be continued in the next issue of the GLSO News.)

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We have planned a night full of family fun and entertainment including some of KY's finest title holding Queens. There will also be games including Bingo (small fee), horse rides and lots of food. Photos will be available for a small fee. Suggested donation-\$20.00. We can be contacted at KYAdvocatesForEquality@hotmail.com. or call 606 451-3030.

GLSEN-KY Changing Name, Expanding Vision

The Gay Lesbian Straight Educators Network (GLSEN) - Kentucky Chapter that was formed in Somerset two years ago largely through the work of Gina Cooper, has expanded its focus and changed its name to Kentucky Advocates for Equality. They still include changes in educational institutions as one of their areas of concentration, but they also have goals in other areas.

Within public schools, they hope to do professional training, work with students, teachers and parents to establish Gay Straight Alliances, change or add non harassment policies. and help with lawsuits when necessary. On the college level, they want to help GLBT students find supportive groups and encourage groups



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at various colleges and universities to communicate with each other.

They plan to make themselves visible in their local communities by participating in area events and organizations such as Kiwanis, Rotary Clubs and local council meetings.

Another goal is to create a database of lawyers, doctors and mental health professionals that are versed in GLBTQ issues and needs. They plan to seek funds to assist with private lawsuits such as harassment or discrimination and custody cases.

They will research harassment/discrimination policies based on sexual orientation and/or gender identity that have been effective and then offer to help other companies create protection policies and safer work environments for all employees.

If you are interested in working with Ky Advocates for Equality or want to be on their mailing list, send them your email or snail mail addy. Contact KYAdvocatesForEquality@hotmail.com. or call 606 451-3030. Financial contributions are welcome; send to KY Advocates For Equality, PO Box 400 Ferguson KY 42533. Also See story @ demonstration on page 2



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PRESERVING OUR MEMORIES

By Davina G. Warner

One of the most popular and growing hobbies in the United States today is scrapbooking. Maybe it's because this hobby allows families to preserve their photographs and memories in a creative way. Maybe it's the camaraderie, which grows around group activities such as classes, conventions and crops (when people get together and scrapbook). I have to admit I have become addicted to this hobby which allows me to blend photography, writing, visual art, layout and design. However, I often find myself de-dyking my scrapbooks when I go to group activities or working on my more acceptable "family" pages when I go to crops.

While I'm certain that those group activities will one day provide me an excellent opportunity to educate someone about my life, I was wondering if there are other LGBT people who are quietly scrapbooking behind closed doors. Or perhaps even worse, LGBT people are not even preserving their memories. We live fabulous lives with incredible memories, and I know we take pictures because I've seen the cameras at events. If you would like to learn more about scrapbooking your memories, visit the Pride Center Saturday, August 17 anytime from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. for a scrapbook Open House.

You will find examples of scrapbook pages, demonstrations of scrapbook products, a free scrapbook project for you to make, sign-ups for scrapbook classes that will be offered at the Pride Center this fall, and free refreshments. Come and learn how easy it is for anyone to make wonderful scrapbook pages. I have recently become an independent consultant for Scrap In A Snap. You will be able to order scrapbook items from Scrap In a Snap's

catalog or schedule a home party at the open house as well.

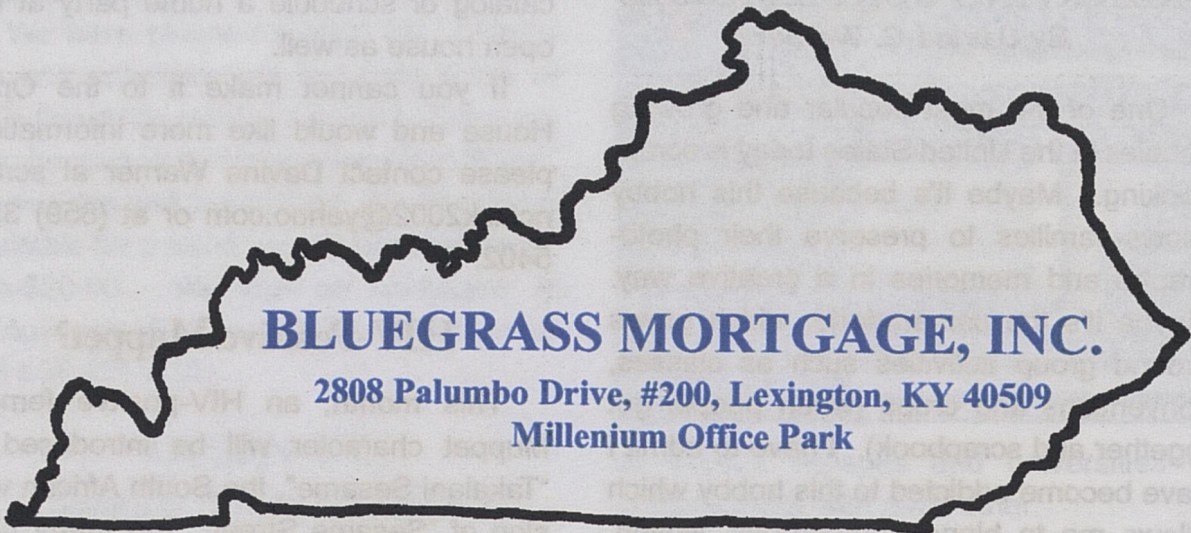
If you cannot make it to the Open House and would like more information, please contact Davina Warner at scrapnchick2002@yahoo.com or at (859) 338-5402.

HIV-Positive Muppet?

This month, an HIV-positive female Muppet character will be introduced in "Takalani Sesame", the South African version of "Sesame Street". Too many children are born to HIV-positive African mothers who are struggling to live with inadequate medication. Many of these children are HIV Positive and many are orphaned as AIDS claims their parents. Judy Flavall, of Lexington KET Outreach, writes that "the purpose of the muppet will be to confront issues of stigma and encourage humanization of those affected by the disease."

Six US House Republicans expressed concern last month that exposing this character to American viewers, aged 2 to 4, would be inappropriate and hinted that it might jeopardize the Congress-approved funding for PBS. Apparently Ky Congressmen aren't alone in their willingness to express outrage on subjects they know little about. (If they actually watched the show they might next be questioning Bert and Ernie's relationship.)

The Log Cabin Republicans, a national gay organization, called the lawmakers' comments "idiotic." Pat Mitchell, president of the Public Broadcast Service (PBS), responded in a letter that PBS has no plans to incorporate the character into the American version of "Sesame Street." To bad; encouraging awareness and compassion for sick children seems like a universal need.



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Young Pride

A space for our youth

Inside

by Dan

i'm afraid.
i'm really afraid.
it's not one of those light fears
that can be brushed away,
but this is a looming fear
that wraps it's feral claws
around my thoughts
and shreds the goods ones to pieces.
i walk through the halls
and i always look in front of me
but i don't usually watch my back.
i'm afraid.
i'm frightened.
i'm terrified.
i walk into rooms
and i see arrogant people
staring at me
and i can feel their eyes on me.
i can hear their subtle laughter.
i can sense their phobias,
i can sense their fears,
i can sense their hate.
i can see the hate spread from the source
to their malleable "friends."
i can see their plastic egos
shifting and molding
twisting and hating
and changing again and again.
but i also see that they are affecting me

i don't like this
i don't like this
i hate this feeling
i cannot stand it.
i am fed up
for how i allow myself
to be altered by them
to let my self-esteem be formed
into a shape that i despise.
i don't know why i put up with this.
i have no idea why,
but i do.
i put up with their bigotry
and their prejudices
and their feeling of being uncomfortable.
i put up with it.
i put up with so much.
i cannot see why people do this,
but they do.
it's still a big deal
for someone to be different
for someone to be unique
for someone to have self-esteem.
for someone to be gay.
do they covet that?
i'm not sure,
but why must i allow myself
to put up with their intolerance?

because i have been putting up with it for
my whole life.

Dan, a junior in high school, turned his poem into a song which is on his CD available at www.normalikeyou.net/dan

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