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2nd Annual GLSO Matching Fund Drive

Lexington's Gay/Lesbian Service Organization (GLSO) has begun its major fundraising drive for 2002. Once again the Gill Foundation has challenged our community to raise \$7,500 in new donations, which it will match dollar for dollar. Your donations will go twice as far. Please consider contributing to the GLSO Matching Fund Drive today.

GLSO has just celebrated its 25th anniversary and has truly rededicated itself to its mission of improving the lives of GLBT individuals and their families in central and eastern Kentucky. Some of GLSO's ongoing programs and services include:

- The GLSO News
- The Pride Center of the Bluegrass
- The Gay\Straight Alliance for Youth
- The Annual Pride Picnic
- "Act Out" Theater Productions
- Diversity Films
- Discussion/Support Groups
- Speaker's Bureau
- Pride Center Web Site
- Pride Center Library

Over the years countless individuals and organizations have benefited from the work of GLSO. (Do you remember the first time you read this newsletter?) And while the GLSO remains a primarily volunteer organization, maintaining and improving these services ...*continued on page 2*

Fairness-4th of July

Bluegrass Fairness is again organizing participation in the 4th of July celebration in downtown Lexington. They are building a float for the parade at Windy Knoll Farm. Its a big job so check to see if they still need help by contacting Scotty Saltsman at SSalts1014@aol.com. This year's float theme will focus on the diversity of GLBT families in a series of vignettes of various families in their living rooms.

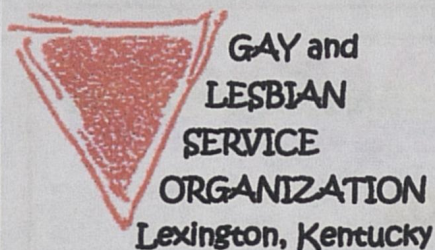
On the morning of the 4th, they will be gathering on Midland Ave, next to the Herald Leader. Come march with the float to show Lexington our strength and our diversity.

Fairness is also setting up a booth on Vine Street where information will be available on organizations and activities in our community. Hot dog and soda will be sold in front of Club 141. Come by and see us; only you can improve civil rights for GLBT folks by purchasing a big ol' weiner and a soda!

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costs money. GLSO's budget for 2002 is \$42,000. So you can see that your help is needed.

Please be generous and support our community by supporting GLSO. Donations are tax-deductible and should be sent to GLSO, P.O. Box 11471, Lexington, KY 40575. Donors will be acknowledged in upcoming issues of the GLSO News. If you wish to remain anonymous please include a note to that effect with your donation.

Your generosity today means that the services of GLSO will be there for all of us tomorrow.

GLSO Financial Report

Want to know where your fundraising dollars will go? The Pride Center is our largest expense and, unlike the newsletter or ActOut, does not generate its own income. We would like all groups that use the pride center to make a contribution and, if possible, sponsor one month of rent. Some organizations already made regular contributions -- thank you! We are also hoping that some individuals will become Pride Center Sponsors. These are our two major monthly expenses. The costs of Pride Month, the Gay Straight Alliance, social activities, ActOut and other projects are not included here.

Pride Center	Cost per Month
Rent	\$750
Office Manager	\$300
Utilities: Electric	\$40
Gas	\$70
Water	\$12
Phone	\$83
Qx.net	\$15
Office Supplies	\$25
SUB TOTAL	\$1295

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Postage	\$55
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SUB TOTAL	\$516

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Community News

Moveable Feast Benefit

Tiffany & Company invites everyone to Crossings on Wednesday, July 17th for our Hot Summer Blow-Out Show! Entertainers for the evening are: Tiffany Andrews, Rayna Starr, Val E. Sheridan, Karen Kolette, Mescha, Stacey Bryant, and Miss Sheena. Show starts promptly at 10pm and your \$5.00 donation will go to Moveable Feast. Come and enjoy cool cocktails with our sizzling performances!

Mr. Bluegrass Leather

The Lexington Lyons will hold a promotional meeting for anyone interested in competing for the title of Mr. Bluegrass Leather at 8pm on Monday, July 22nd at the GLSO Pride Center. The contest will be held at the Limestone Club on Saturday, September 7th. If you have the slightest interest in joining the competition for this coveted title, you are encouraged to attend this meeting. For additional information, please contact Thomas Smith at 272-0408.

Domestic Partner Benefits at Lexmark?

Julia Fain, supported by the Kentucky Fairness Alliance, is working on securing domestic partner benefits for Lexmark Employees. "Right now, we are sure of only one thing," states Julia Fain, "It's a question of WHEN, not IF. That's the most encouraging news right now."

Julia is a current Lexmark employee who has volunteered with Fairness, been in Pride Parades, and worked as a volunteer for Ernesto Scorsone. She is now tak-

ing her most active and challenging role and is pushing the buttons of Corporate America.

There is an opportunity to get DP benefits approved by October of this year so that every employee would have the benefits active for 2003. There is a need for people at the grass roots level to talk to their management and for them to pass it up their chain of command.

We need your help to get as many people at Lexmark talking about the DP benefits and how they benefit same-sex and opposite-sex couples. If you know anyone that is a current employee at Lexmark, please have them contact Julia at jfain@lexmark.com or phone 859-232-2865.

Dress and Gender Alliance

The Lexington Dress and Gender Alliance is a social support group for all who transcend gender norms and wish to socialize with other like-minded people to discuss the issues we face. We meet on the second Monday and fourth Sunday of each month at 7 pm in a private home. We also welcome supportive friends and community members. For more info and location: Email LexDGA@aol.com or call (859)433-8388.

AVOL Seeks Volunteers

AIDS Volunteers, Inc. provides HIV and AIDS education, prevention initiatives, service programs and financial assistance to persons infected with the HIV disease. in all of central and southeastern Kentucky.

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We are currently in need of volunteers to help in the office and to provide transportation. Volunteers are needed in the office anytime between the hours of 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. The schedule is flexible and volunteers can set their own hours. Duties include answering the telephone, filing and photocopying.

Transportation volunteers are also needed during the day to take clients to doctor's appointments. A copy of a valid drivers license and proof of insurance are required. Time required for appointments varies. Training is provided.

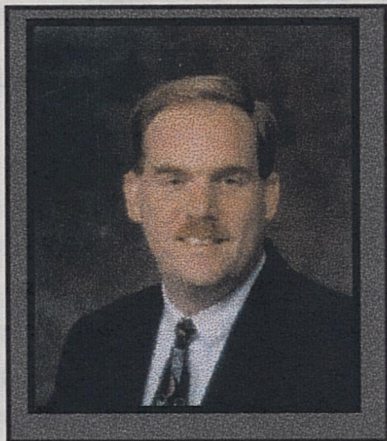
If you have time to spare and enjoy being around other people, then AVOL may be just the place for you! For more information, please call Christen Moore at (859) 225-3000 or e-mail me at Acareteam@aol.com. You can also visit our website at www.AIDSVolunteers.org and fill out an application online. I look forward to hearing from you soon

Integrity

Integrity is an Episcopal support group that meets at St. Michael's Episcopal Church on Bellefonte Dr. We welcome GLBT people and friends to join us every second Sunday at 4 pm. Call Rev. Boyd or Rev. Sandy Stone for more information at 277-7511 or JBIntegrity@aol.com.

Interweave

Interweave is a Unitarian Universalist group for LGBT people and friends. We will not have any potlucks in July but would still like to meet you if you come to one of the UU Worship services. There are also some UU parents and friends that hope to revitalize PFLAG this coming fall. Let us know if you are interested in working with this group of gay friendly individuals. For information call Mary Crone at 266-5904 or email marycrone@aol.com.



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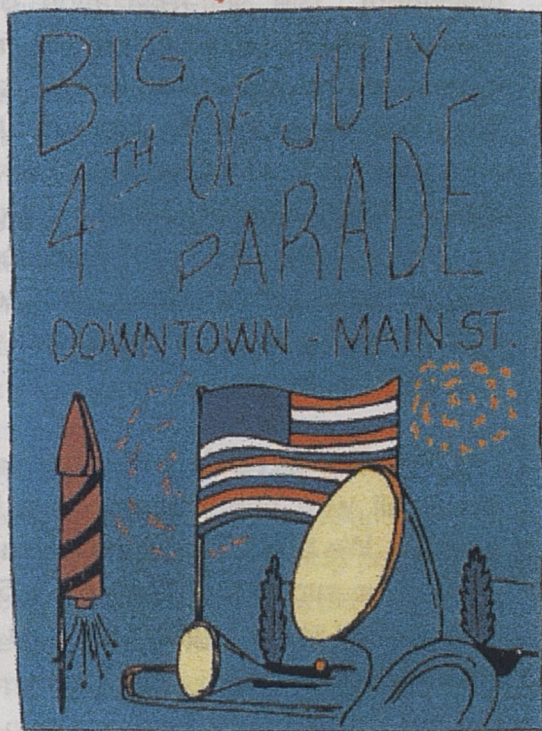
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Pride Center Library Highlights: Summer Vacation Dreams

By Jane Minder

Its summer and I need a vacation, but there's no relief in site. I could read the travel guides in the Pride Center Library (Damron, Ferrari...), but then I'd know about all the places I'm not going to...and what's the fun in that? So I looked through the library and saw some titles that got me thinking about my imaginary "Dream Vacation" (the only kind I'll have for a while). See if some of these start you dreaming:

Costa Brava by Marta Balletbo-Coll
Heaven's Coast: A Memoir by Mark Doty
Hometowns: Gay Men Write About Where They Belong edited by John Preston
Nights in Aruba by Andrew Holleran
Perverts in Paradise by Joaos Trevisan
Postcards from Paradise [Audio tape] by Cris Williamson
Silverlake Heat by Carol Schmidt
States of Desire: Travels in Gay America by Edmund White
Travels with Diana Hunter by Regine Sands
Wilderness Trek by Dorothy Tell

The Pride Center Library, located at 387 Waller Avenue, is open Monday-Saturday from 10-3. Books can be checked out for four weeks, audios and videos for seven days. Check us out for your summer reading needs.

Pride Center Activities Open To All

Discussion Group meets every Wed. at 7pm. This is an accepting group of folks, always open to new members--join us.

Classic Movie Matinee will meet again on the fourth Sunday, July 28, at 3 pm at the Pride Center.

Lesbian Movie Night does not currently have someone to take responsibility for hosting. The host typically picks a film, sends in a brief description to this newsletter, opens and closes the center on the night of the film, and welcomes newcomers. If anyone is interested, please call Ginger at the Center.

Men s Night OUT will meet at the Pride Center on Thursday, July 11 at 7 pm to watch **Wilde**, a feature film about the life of Oscar Wilde, eccentric poet and playwright. The self-realization of his homosexuality caused Wilde enormous torment as he juggled marriage, fatherhood and responsibility with his obsessive love for Lord Alfred Douglas, nicknamed Bosie. After legal action instigated by Bosie's father, the mad Marquess of Queensberry, Wilde refused to flee the country and was sentenced to two years at hard labor by the courts.

Dignity and Integrity want to thank all who attended our joint Pride potluck. We had a great time and appreciate your support. Call 268-1351 for invormation about Dignity. Integrity information is on page 4.

Writing Practice

Everyone is welcome to attend the writing practice group that is held on the second and fourth Saturdays of each month at 10 am at the Pride Center. In July, that will be the 13th and the 27th. Experience and regular attendance are not required. We experiment with writing exercises and share our work on a voluntary basis. Bring a pen and some paper and see what you can do.

Fountain Of Youth ***Sarah***

We are starting this new feature to encourage lesbigaytrans youth to take part in our community in a variety of ways. This first piece was written by Sarah and presented as part of the Pride Service at the Unitarian Universalist Church where she is a member.

Being lesbian, gay, bisexual, or transgendered (LGBT) in today's society poses interesting challenges, especially to LGBT youth. From personal experience, I know what it feels like to live in a heterosexist world. A world where everything is great, as long as you're straight.

I always knew that I was gay. It was not really something I struggled with initially; it was just always there, lurking in the back of my mind and making itself known at the most inopportune of moments. I am a private person, so when I finally figured out there was a name for who I was, I was not exactly running around and proclaiming it from the rooftops. I just thought, "Wow, so I am a lesbian." I figured since there was a definition for it then it was not just me who belonged to this "secret group."

When I began attending public school, I noticed how people treated each other. It seemed that whenever someone did something stupid kids would say, "That's so gay," or "Quit acting like a fag". It was not until I reached high school that it seemingly became a word used in every other sentence, as if it were a punctuation mark. "Queer, fag, faggot, dyke, lezzy." These phrases and others liberally sprinkled into everyday conversation. I felt like I could not walk down the hallway without hearing at least one of those words no less than three or four times.

What made it even more difficult was the fact that most of those youth did not

even think saying it was wrong. I have confronted people about it before and their main excuse is, "Well I didn't mean gay people specifically, I just meant they were being stupid." Sometimes I wish I could walk around saying, "That's so Christian" or "That's so straight." I guess who ever said ignorance is bliss really meant it.

When I was a junior in high school, I began to meet a few "kindred spirits". During the fall semester, a close friend of mine came out to me. I was floored by it. Here was someone that I had known since grade school and who I had lived up the street from for years, telling me that she was gay. I was beginning to wonder if there was something in the water. It is one thing to know there are LGBT people out there, but it is quite another to actually know that person. Especially when you have known them for almost ten years.

The road my friend traveled was a difficult one. She seemingly dove head first into her newfound lesbian pride, much to the dislike of her parents and the majority of the student body. It seemed as if "dyke" and "queer" were her new names. She was no longer recognizable by her trademark humor. What replaced it was nothing short of appalling. Even teachers, dedicated to education and making school a safe environment for all, turned a blind eye. God forbid you would call an African-American the n-word but by all means let the parade of gay epithets rain down.

To be honest, I felt guilty. Here was a close friend of mine, living her life the way she wanted, and in the process was being harassed and accosted for it. I ended up standing on the sidelines, watching it happen. It was not easy, but my paralyzing fear overrode my sense of loyalty. Looking back now, I am ashamed of my actions. During our senior

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year, I told her my intentions of coming out to our peers. The look I received was a tired one. She said, "Sarah, believe me. If I could magically jump back into the proverbial closet, I would. All this... It just isn't worth it."

I wanted cry at that moment. I was so angry and frustrated. How could this happen? Who would let this kind of rampant discrimination occur let alone condone it. Sadly, this would not be the end of it. Many a night I would console her as she cried. I tried to be strong for her, but inside I was crying just as hard and hurting just as much.

I do not believe there is much that can prepare one for the possibility of death. It really is not something you ever willingly want to do. There were two separate times that my friend tried to commit suicide. Both, thankfully, were unsuccessful. Unfortunately, she was not alone in her actions. LGBT youth are two to three times more likely to attempt suicide than their heterosexual counterparts. Of all completed suicides, at least 30% are attributed to LGBT youth.

On a positive note, a local organization called the Lexington Gay Straight Alliance has emerged. The GSA provides a safe environment for LGBT, straight, and questioning youth to meet, socialize, and support one another. It is in this way that I feel like I am making a difference in the LGBT youth community as well as to the general public. I now lend my voice to a cause I was so afraid to acknowledge just a few short years ago. Since I could not stand up for my friend and myself then, I at least can stand up for us now. I guess you don't have to be straight to be great after all.

Jubilee Fellowship

Jubilee Fellowship is moving their meeting time to Thursday nights at 7pm starting July 11th. We meet in a our home which is located at 3232 Durango Drive. Contact Rev. Corina or spouse Beverly for directions 264-7006.

We are presently studying the gospel of John. Recently we discussed the story of the man born blind. The commonly held belief of that day said sickness, disease and major misfortunes fell on those that God was angry with due to their "sinful lifestyle". Sound familiar? Jesus responded by saying neither the young man nor his parents' sin caused the young man's blindness. Jesus went on to say that God's power would be demonstrated in this young man's life.

Jesus healed this young man and did so on the Sabbath. This angered the pharisee's (the religious right of the day). The pharisees questioned the young man about how he was healed and who healed him. His answers ultimately lead to him being cast out of the synagogue. After this happen Jesus sought him out. The bible says that Jesus is the same today yesterday and forever.

Many of us have be cast out of the church or synagogue because we dare to confess that God loves and accepts us as His gay/lesbian/transgendered children. And just like the young man who was excommunicated in this story, Jesus comes to us who have been excommunicated to affirm that all we have to do is believe who He says He is, the Son of God. Please come and join us on our journey of discovering all that God has for us as His children on Thursday nights in our home; call us at 264-7006 and ask for Corina or Beverly for directions.

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7 10:45 am UU Church Pride Service 4 pm Imperial Court Pride Center 7 pm HUGS (Call for location)	8 7 pm Fairness Steering Committee-Pride Center 7 pm Lex Dress & Gender Alliance (Call for place) 7 pm P-FLAG Berea Public Library-Berea 8 pm AA Step Study (Call for place)	9 7 pm GSA (Call for place) 9 pm Rainbow Bowling Southland Lanes	10 7 pm Discussion Group Pride Center 7 pm Gay/Lesbian AA (Call for place)	11 7 pm Jubilee Fellowship (see article)	12 7 pm Gay/Lesbian AA (Call for place)	13 Pride Center Open 10-3 10 am Writing Practice Pride Center
14 10:45 am UU Church 7 pm Dignity Pot Luck 7 pm C.O.L.T.s Pride Cente 7 pm HUGS (Call for location)	15 7 pm GLSO Board Meeting Pride Center 8 pm AA Step Study (Call for place)	16 7 pm GSA (Call for place) 9 pm Rainbow Bowling Southland Lanes	17 7 pm Discussion Group Pride Center 7 pm Gay/Lesbian AA (Call for place) 10 pm Tiffany and Co. Benefit Crossings	18 7 pm Men's Night Out Pride Center 7 pm Jubilee Fellowship (See article)	19 7 pm Gay/Lesbian AA (Call for place)	20 Pride Center Open 10-12
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Ky Fairness Alliance

The Kentucky Fairness Alliance is forming a chapter in northern Kentucky. The new chapter is the seventh in the state for the alliance, which lobbies for gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgendered people. The other six are in Lexington, Louisville, Frankfort, Henderson, Owensboro, and Paducah.

Alliance member Charles King said the new chapter is working with the Covington Human Rights Commission to incorporate protections for gays and lesbians into Covington's human rights ordinance. The Cincinnati suburb already prohibits discrimination in employment, housing, and public accommodations based on race, sex, religion, and disability.

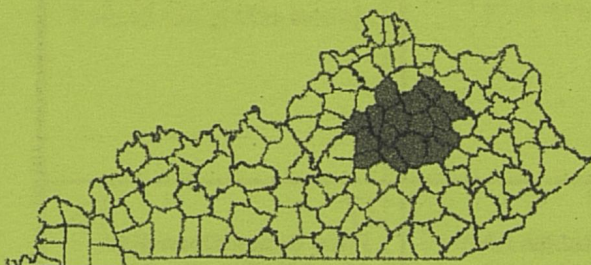
King said that gays and lesbians have also faced verbal and physical harassment

as well as subtler forms of discrimination in the region. "Derogatory things have been said, one person's car windows were broken, and someone's car got damaged," King added. He said the Northern Kentucky Fairness Alliance hopes to stop those acts and document discrimination against gays and lesbians.

Attention Lexmark Employees

Anyone employed at **Lexmark** or knows someone employed at Lexmark that would be interested in **Domestic Partner Benefits**, please contact Julia Fain
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c/o Andrea Hildebran.
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Kentucky Bluegrass Fairness Bluegrass Chapter



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Wishing Chair

Hello everyone. All is well here in Chair land, in fact it almost couldn't be better if we were twins (well, ya know Kiya is a Gemini...so technically...)

We had a wonderful time opening the main stage at the National Women's Music Festival, the oldest of its kind in the country, and our favorite. We shared the stage with our bud Kara Barnard. If you missed us there, we will be performing with Kara in Lexington on Thursday, Aug 1st, downtown at Cheapside Park, Courthouse Square, 215 West Main St., 5:30-7:00 pm. It's a free concert.

We have also been selected to showcase at the Falcon Ridge Folk Festival in upstate New York this coming July 26. It is one of the biggest (read Most Important) folk festivals of it's kind in the country. So, COME! It's beautiful, the lineup is spectacular, and you can root for us too!

Wishing Chair T-Shirts are getting ready to make a comeback and we need your help. Help us decide what color to go with by making a pitch for your favorite T color: basic white with black design (great for formal wear), light blue with black design (for those less formal occasions), or my personal favorite, the tie-dye with black design (for the love child in all of us). Of course, maybe something new and completely different tickles your fancy? Give us a holler at wishingchair@terrakin.com

I know you've heard about it for what seems like eons now, but Kiya's first recording, **Gravity**, is finally out and available on CD. Go to our website or order directly through our distributor, Goldenrod Music.

That's about it y'all. Many thanks from chair land for being there and liking the music and being the wonderful support that you all are. Have a great summer and hope to see you at a show soon.

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Queer Lexington: 1930-1949 by Jeff Jones

The beginning of the 1930s was an extraordinary time for queer people. Berlin had more gay bars than any city before or since. In 1930 Denmark became the first country to repeal its sodomy law. No American military policy yet officially excluded gay soldiers. Then came the Nazis and the internment of homosexual men who were forced to wear the pink triangle in the concentration camps.

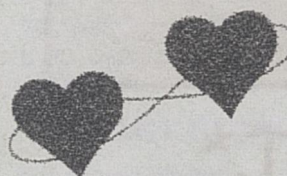
Back home, Fayette County in the Thirties and Forties was then a smaller place. 180,000 fewer people lived here in 1940. The rural portions of the county and the horse farms dwarfed the urban area even as tobacco and horse breeding dominated the economy. The area's African-American population was larger percentage-wise with about one in every five Lexingtonians being black. Today that figure has dropped to one in seven while our Hispanic and Asian populations have risen. The city and county were separate governments controlled by a strong Democratic Party machine, and sixty trains a day passed through Lexington's busy railroad stations. Down Main Street from Union Station with its camel caravan

mile marker (now in Phoenix Park), a miniature golf course operated at the end of Esplanade in the area that would eventually become in later years a center of queer bars and cruising.

Queer life in various manifestations also existed. The Circuit, a network of downtown public bathrooms used for anonymous sex, thrived as it had for years. Groups of gay men continued to hold drag parties where they would crossdress and photograph each other for fun. "Gay women" as opposed to later, more out and feminist "lesbians" often sought out education and professional fields where careers could be used as an excuse for no male spouse.

By the height of the Great Depression, Lexington's James "Sweet Evening Breeze" Herndon was already in his mid-30s. Arguably the first out queer person in Lexington, Sweets as he was best known was a slender African-American man whose gender-bending outfits, kind heart, and effeminate manners made him a local character. Raised at Good Samaritan Hospital, he was working his way to become head orderly.

In segregated Lexington, Sweets' professional job gave him relative wealth and by 1940 he had purchased a home at 186 Prall Street in the black Pralltown neighborhood across from UK. Sweets regular-



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ly did charitable acts. When a poor Pralltown family would be short of food, a taxi would deliver groceries bought and paid for by Sweets. Each year the neighborhood children would find a new pair of shoes donated by Sweets. In most cases he had such gifts delivered to avoid embarrassing families by his generosity.

By the 1940s Sweets and a group of other African-American queens were likely to have begun a tradition of entertaining and sexually servicing UK athletes. Recalling earlier models of sexuality documented in early 20th century New York by historian George Chauncey, homosexual identity before the 1960s were more defined by gender non-conformity. The lesbian butch or the gay fairy were the homosexuals. The 'seduced' femme woman or the masculine man looking for a quick sexual outlet were the normal heterosexuals encountering deviant, "third sex" invert with a mental illness.

With World War II, Lexington entered the war era. With military men and women streaming through the city's rail and bus centers, Lexington opened the Stop Over Station on the corner of Main and Esplanade to house and entertain military visitors. Sweets did his part too. He could be seen bidding the sons of family friends off to the war front with his famous fruitcakes in hand at the train station. One can

only wish that someone's attic holds a lost photo of Sweets waving to some parting soldier as he and Sweets' fruitcake go off to defeat the Axis!

By the late 1940s the war had ended and thousands of queer military people from rural places like Kentucky chose to stay in disembarkation sites like San Francisco. They would form the nuclei of new urban queer communities.

At home in Lexington queer life continued through a network of private parties, chance understandings, and occasional trips to northern Kentucky's gangster-owned gay bars. Up at Masterson Station the federal government operated the Lexington Narcotics Farm (better known as Narco) as a treatment center for drug addicts. It attracted even queer writer William S. Burroughs who detailed his stay at Narco as well as the blowjob he received at Lexington's bus station.

Finally, in 1948 the other major event in subsequent queer history was the opening of the Zebra Lounge as an upscale cocktail bar. Although it would never become predominately a gay bar, by the 1950's it would become the most heavily queer patronized bar in town. As in other avenues of life, however, queer life in Lexington thrived in all types of area bars, groups, and places

as an unspoken understanding where public gender conformity mattered more than actual private sex lives. As one interviewee of mine said, "you could go anywhere as long as you behaved." The Puritanism of McCarthyism was yet to come.

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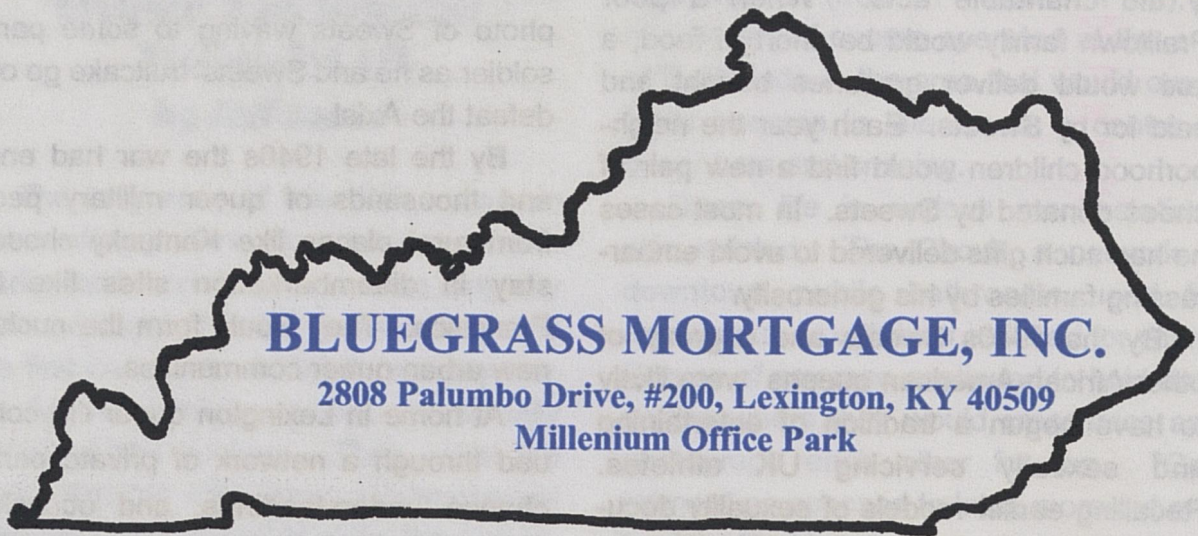
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Research on Aging

A research project looking at the relationship between participant's social network and leisure activity is being conducted by Alice Foose, a graduate student at Indiana University. She is particularly interested in including interviews with GLBT individuals. The study is limited to Caucasian subjects between the ages of 60 to 90. Interviews will continue until mid-August.

Subject will be interviewed for about two hours. Questions will focus on social support, activity, satisfaction with life, and general demographic information. A social network diagram will be created displaying the people you know, their relationship to you, and with whom you do a variety of activities including who supports or hinders your participation in these activities.

If you are interested please contact: Alice Foose e-mail: afoose@indiana.edu, Ph.: 502-451-8039 or 502-876-4280 (cell)

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On the Word: Homosexual by Thomas Collins

Homosexual is a term coined by Karoly Maria Kertbeny around the year 1868 to describe a person who feels sexual desire exclusively or primarily for persons of his or her own sex. The oldest surviving use of the word is from a draft of a letter written in German by Kertbeny to the gay rights activist Karl Heinrich Ulrichs in May 1868.

"Homo" is from the Greek word for "same" (as in homogeneous), not, as is sometimes suggested, the Latin word homo (meaning person, as in homo sapiens). In 1963, the British Broadcasting Company's Pronunciation Unit actually directed all employees to pronounce "homosexual" with a short "o," so that its first syllable would rhyme with Tom rather than tome, as a way of reminding listeners that homosexual meant "same-sex" and not "man sex."

Because "sexual," on the other hand, is derived from a Latin root, purists have objected for over a century that the word is a "barbaric" hybrid of Greek and Latin. Nevertheless, the completely Latin version, "similisexual," has never caught on.

"Homosexual" was first widely used in Germany at the kaiser's court in 1907 in reports of an espionage scandal that involved, according to the press, a "homosexual clique." Linguists believe it supplanted "variant," "deviant," "Uranian," etc., because it had a handy opposite, "heterosexual," and half-opposite, "bisexual," and because it came along with an abstract noun, "homosexuality," that facilitated discussions of the subject.

Since the 1970's, the word homosexual has been increasingly displaced by terms such as gay, lesbian, same-sex, and queer, both because it has an overly formal feel for most everyday contexts and because of its long association with heterosexism in medical, psychological, and political discourse.

SUPPORT THE G.L.S.O. FROM HOME

Many of us want to do more to help out the community, but often find ourselves with little resources or little time to do so. This, however, may be changing soon. The GLSO is developing a home shopping web site where members of the community may make purchases with 3% of the proceeds benefiting GLSO and The Pride Center.

You will be able to purchase goods from such stores as JC Penny, Wal-Mart, Office Max, J Crew, Hallmark, and Amazon.com. Electronics, clothing, housewares, tools, cell phones, greeting cards and gifts, etc. may be bought through this web site.

Keep an eye out for updates on this exciting new venture in the G.L.S.O. Newsletter. And, as always, thank you all for your generous support.

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GLSO News (Mary)	266-5904
Subscriptions (Ginger)	253-3233
Ad Design (Dan)	494-1832
GLSO Speakers Bureau (Mary)	266-5904
Youth Gay Straight Alliance (Mary)	266-5904
GLSO on Line	lexingtonglso@yahoo.com www.bluegrasspride.org

Student Groups

Morehead State University (Ned)	606-783-2294
UK Lambda (Sara & Dave)	info@uklambda.com
Berea College ACE League (Dale)	859-985-3633
Centre College (BGLAD-Mykol)	238-5332

Anonymous HIV Testing

Jessamine County	885-4149
Lexington-Fayette County	288-2437
Madison County	859-723-7312
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U.K. Adolescent Medicine	323-5643

HIV/AIDS Info/Services

AIDS Volunteers, Inc	225-3000
Lexington Health Department (Julie)	288-2362
HIV/AIDS Legal Project	502-584-1254
HIV Education Youth Group	278-7494
HIV Support (Somerset)	679-7478 or 678-5814
Cumberland Region (SEKY-Pat)	606-864-3776 or 888-425-7282
Barren River Region	800-559-4448
Louisville Region (Geri)	502-574-0161
Northern Kentucky Region	859-341-4264
Purchase Region	800-522-8289
Moveable Feast	252-2867
VOA (Mark)	254-3469

Community

Alcoholics Anonymous (Brian)	245-7471
Office	276-2917
AL-Anon (Office)	277-1877
Bluegrass Belles (Marjorie)	278-2608
(Ann)	502-672-8673
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Bluegrass Fairness	296-7812
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(Richard)	277-6101
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Sistahs in the Life (Joan)	252-2657
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Integrity (Episcopal-Rev. Stone)	277-7511
Jubilee Fellowship (Beverly & Corina)	264-7006
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MCC-Elizabethtown (Rev. Cathy)	888-340-6223
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