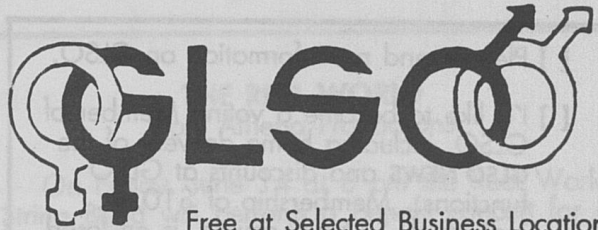


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PRIDE WEEK EXCITEMENT BEGINS JUNE 7 from the Pride Week Committee

Pride Week is finally here! The Pride Week Committee has planned two jam packed weekends full of activities for lesbian, gay men and their supporters. It's amazing what slightly more than a handful (yes, the committee was literally that small!) of committed individuals can do in such a short time. Imagine what we could do with ten people? with twenty?!!!

Pride Week begins on Friday, June 7, with Arts Night, at 8 p.m. at ArtsPlace, 161 N. Mill. Debbie Currie has planned another great event which has been a highlight of previous years. Come out and hear performances by some of Lexington's top lesbian and gay musicians, and view the artwork on display. Wine, soft drinks, and snacks will be available.

Saturday, June 8, has two events scheduled. The Pride Week Picnic will begin at Noon at the Unitarian Universalist Church, 3564 Clays Mill Road. Interweave and GLSO will provide the drinks if you provide the food. Bring blankets, chairs, volleyball set, or whatever, to make this picnic the best one yet.

On Saturday evening is Pride Week's main event -- COMEDY NIGHT with Marga Gomez and Bob Hammit. There are two shows, 7:30 and 9:30 pm at Central Library Auditorium, 140 East Main. Linda Laporte has worked hard to bring Marga Gomez, a top notch West Coast comedian, to this very special Pride Week Show. Tickets are \$6 in advance at Special Media, or by calling Linda, 266-9748, or Craig Clere, 266-8887, or \$7 at the door. Don't miss this show!!!

Sunday morning, June 9, at 10:45 am, Interweave will present the annual Pride Week

Worship Service at the Unitarian Universalist Church, 3564 Clays Mill Road. If you haven't attended church in awhile, you may enjoy attending a gay-positive church with an active lesbian and gay community.

After church, head up to King's Island for "Gay Day". Remember to wear red, but don't stay late. You need to be back in Lexington by 8 pm for the Pride Week Barn Dance at ArtsPlace, sponsored by the Tri-State Gay Rodeo Association. We can guarantee you a different look and setting in ArtsPlace from Friday's Arts Night! Admission is \$3, which includes beer and soft drinks.

Rest for five days, then come out and party at Lexington's local bars for Bar Night. Hourly drinks specials, for those people with Pride Week buttons, will be from: 9 - 10 pm at Crossings, 10 - 11 pm at The Metro, 11 - Midnight at Joe's Cafe & Bar, and Midnight to 1 am at The Bar. Break out of your rut and visit all of Lexington's bars in one evening!

Pride Week concludes with Movie Night on Sunday, 7 pm, at Crossings, 117 North Limestone. The movies shown will be Longtime Companion and Lianna. Soft drinks and popcorn will be available, but no alcohol for this event.

That's it. Mark your calendars or just plan on attending everything! The Pride Week Committee: Debbie Currie, Linda Laporte, Mary Warfield, Mark Cross, Rex Van Alstine, John Cutright, and Craig Clere, thank you, in advance, for your support of Pride Week. More information is available for all events by calling Linda, 266-9748 or Craig, 266-8887.

Please send me information on GLSO.

I'd like to become a voting Member of GLSO, including home delivery of the **GLSO NEWS** and discounts at GLSO functions. Membership of \$10/yr. individual, \$15/yr. couple, is enclosed.

I don't wish to become a Member but please send me the **GLSO NEWS** each month. I enclose the \$5 annual fee.

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CLASSIFIED ADS

W/M, 38, seeks others for camping and other outdoor fun. I'm 180 lbs., 6'2" tall with black hair. Write Steve, PO Box 909, Winchester, KY, 40392-0909.

Roommate wanted to share large, private farmhouse located outside of Nicholasville. Must be honest and mature. Female, non-smoker preferred, couple considered. I have two very small, spoiled dogs. Rent \$250/month, plus utilities. Call 885-9937.

COMEDY NIGHT from Linda Laporte

On Saturday, June 8, at 7:30 pm and 9:30 pm the Pride Week Committee will present Comedy Night at the Lexington Public Library Auditorium, 140 East Main Street. The shows will begin with Kentucky's own Bob Hammitt. The featured entertainer will be Marga Gomez from San Francisco. Tickets are \$6 in advance and \$7 at the door. Advance tickets are on sale at Special Media or by calling Linda at (606) 266-9748 or Craig at (606) 266-8887.

Marga Gomez has humored thousands at San Francisco mega-events, Carnival, the Lesbian-Gay Pride Parade, and Comedy Day in the Park, as well as comedy clubs and universities all over the country. This summer Marga will be featured on Rosie O'Donnell's Stand-Up Spotlight on VH-1. She has also appeared on the Arts & Entertainment network's Good Time Cafe, and on public television's Comedy Tonight with Whoopi Goldberg.

Marga was voted San Francisco "Entertainer of the Year" at the Cabaret Gold Awards in 1988 and at the Cable Car Awards in 1989 and 1990. She has been the opening act for k.d. lang, Thelma Houston, Etta James, Los Lobos and many others.

Join the Pride Week Committee and the rest of the lesbian and gay community in welcoming Marga and Bob to Lexington!

LOCAL NEWS

COMMUNITY RESPONDS TO GLSO PLEA from GLSO News

The lesbian and gay community in the Bluegrass area has responded to the "call for help" from GLSO in the May issue of **GLSO News**. The organization has received over a dozen calls from individuals volunteering to work the Phonenumber, write for the newsletter, work on "folding and stuffing", become a director of the organization, and, yes, even edit **GLSO News**. More volunteers will, of course, be accepted. Call Craig, 266-8887, to volunteer. A new editor for **GLSO News** will be announced in the July issue. Stay tuned for details about **GLSO News** and a complete list of GLSO's new Board of Directors.

JUNE 29 DATE OF MARCH FOR JUSTICE from GLSO News staff

The 5th Annual March for Justice will be held June 29 beginning with a pre-march rally in Central Park, Fourth and Magnolia, in Louisville, at 10:30 am with live music, balloons, food and drink, letter writing tables and informative literature. The March itself will begin at 12 noon and will wind its way to the Courthouse at Fifth and Jefferson. The Rally will be at the Courthouse from 1 - 2:30 pm. The featured speakers will be Melinda Pavas, Director of Multi-Cultural Affairs for the Shanti Project, and Harry Britt, President of the San Francisco Board of Supervisors. Join the dozens of Bluegrass area residents who attend Kentucky's only lesbian and gay march.

DIDN'T RECEIVE YOUR MAY NEWSLETTER? from GLSO News staff

If you were in zip codes 40509 and higher you may not have received your May **GLSO News**. We "lost" part of the subscriber list and had to "recreate" the list as best we could. If we "lost" you call Craig, 266-8887, or drop us a line at PO Box 11471, Lexington, KY, 40575. Sorry for the inconvenience.

THE REEL WORLD from Athena Productions

On Friday, June 14 at 8 pm the Reel World String Band will perform a benefit concert for a friend (who out of respect will remain anonymous) at Memorial Hall on the University of Kentucky campus. Reel World has performed together for 14 years doing their own brand of traditional and contemporary "feminist hillbilly" music. Tickets are \$8 in advance and \$10 at the door. Children 12 and under are admitted free. Donations are encouraged and are tax deductible. Advance tickets at Special Media or by calling Phyllis at (606) 272-1182.

The core of Reel World presently consists of Bev Futrell, mandolin, guitar and harmonica; Sue Massek, banjo and guitar; and Karen Jones, fiddle. They will be joined on Friday by some surprise friends, who have previously contributed to their four albums. Their latest album, *Appalachian Wind*, shows off the writing of Bev and Sue. Bev's "Mama Used to Dance" reflects the story of many women we all know who never got the opportunity to express the music within them; Sue's "Appalachian Wind" speaks of the winds of change that must nag the powers that be. Karen's fiddle meanwhile weaves a haunting melody around the stories.

This evening of entertainment is presented by Athena Productions and sponsored by U.K. Women's Studies.

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TO AIDS



Esmerelda's Parlour



"You Who, is anybody out there?" This has been my experience over the last 10 months of writing articles for Esmerelda's Parlour. I am never quite sure if anyone is reading them. When I took on Esmerelda's Parlour last August it was with the intention of it being a collaborative effort. Well, that has yet to happen! Not only has no one contributed an article, but less than a handful of you have ever even given me feedback on what I have contributed. I wonder if I am that unapproachable or are you all that complacent? Those of you that have given me feedback have been positive and very important to me and I give you thanks. I received one response from an angry and, I felt, somewhat abusive black womyn over my racism articles. I have yet to know how you white womyn out there felt?

Having my thoughts and feelings printed publicly for others to read has made me feel vulnerable and exposed. I have not felt a lot of support from our Gay/Lesbian community and disappointed in the complacency I have observed.

After reading the May newsletter my disappointment deepened as I read the calls for help from the GLSO Board. It seems to me that a few do all the work until they burn out, are willing to do no more and possibly leave harboring resentments.

"You who, is anybody out there?" Where did the coffeehouses go? And as for Athena Productions, I'm not sure she's getting the audiences needed to stay afloat.

Lots of changes are happening for me; an intra-agency job change, personal time off, and two festivals this summer, and graduate school in the fall. So now seems a good time for me to submit my last article to Esmerelda's Parlour. The deadline for articles is the 10th of the month prior to the month of publication. Esmerelda's Parlour is officially up for grabs!

In sisterhood,
Laura Drew

RAPE IN THE GAY MALE COMMUNITY REACTIONS TO TELLING

from J.E.

Among the many short term responses reported by victims are: extreme reaction to being startled; extreme fears out of proportion to the environment; inability to sleep without feeling protected; and, flashbacks. Flashbacks occur when the victim actually relives the rape event to such an extent that he may lose track of the reality of his surroundings. He may actually believe, in extreme cases, that the attack is in progress in the present. Such events are accompanied by feelings of panic and of being victimized over and over again. Male victims sometimes report a decreased sense of being a man. Long-term symptoms have been reported occurring two to three months post-rape as well as being reactivated years later after apparent recovery.

What reactions can victims' expect from telling significant others? There are an estimated 138,000 incidents of sexual assault in the U.S. yearly. Some of the victims may be solitary people, but the great majority have some significant others - lovers, partners, friends, family. Allowing three significant others per victim, there are then at least 400,000 significant other affected by a rape every year. Of these significant others, a sizable percentage (between 12 and 25%) will have had a rape event in their own lives. Contact with another victim can reactivate their own long-term symptoms or recovery processes. The reactions of these "secondary victims" can range from acceptance, dramatic personal support and understanding to shock, denial, guilt, anger, and depression. Significant others react out of their own personal resources and from their own personal experiences. Gay males have reported all of these responses with the most negative often coming from others who have had a rape event in their own past and wanted the victim to "get over it" and just quit talking about it." If you are ever the recipient of someone else's rape story, the most valuable service that you can perform for that person is to be a sympathetic listener. LRCC is only one of many resources in the community, but crisis intervention is free there. Longer term therapy is available on a sliding scale, and they are well prepared to deal with the gay male community.

GAY AMERICA

LOS ANGELES, CA

An administrative law judge reversed a decision of the California Employment Development Department which had denied unemployment compensation benefits to a man discharged from the Air Force after he stated he was gay. The man was discharged after a barracks inspection revealed copies of gay-identified magazines under his mattress. Both the Air Force and the EDD have the right to appeal the decision, but have not yet filed an appeal.

SAN FRANCISCO, CA

San Francisco Mayor Art Agnos is pictured on the front-page of a recent issue of the **Sentinel** planting an open-mouth kiss on Tom Ammiano, the gay activist who was elected to the school board last fall. The kiss came at a glitzy party Agnos threw to garner support for his re-election bid.

HARTFORD, CT

Conneticut has become the fourth U.S. state to pass a statewide gay rights bill and the second this year. Former Senator and now Governor Lowell Weicher supported the bill and quickly signed the measure into law.

WASHINGTON, DC

Dignity, an organization of lesbian and gay Catholics, has challenged on both scriptural and pastoral grounds the new translation of 1 Corinthians 6,9 and 1 Timothy 1,10 as they currently appear in the new edition of the New American Bible (NAB). The NAB translated 1 Cor. 6,9 as "Do you not know that the unjust will not inherit the Kingdom of God? Do not be deceived; neither fornicators, nor idolaters nor adulterers nor boy prostitutes nor practicing homosexuals . . . will inherit the Kingdom of God." The term "practicing homosexuals" is also used in a similar series of evildoers in 1 Tim. 1,10.

HART, MI

An uncooked tofu salad is what zapped most of the 3,175 women who got shigellosis-induced gastroenteritis during and after the 1988 Michigan's Womyn's Music Festival, according to researchers writing in the American Journal of Epidemiology. Although the bacteria had been present at the festival, it was the salad, served on the final day, that mass-distributed the illness, researchers said. They blamed the outbreak on a lack of soap and running water for handwashing.

ALBANY, NY

The New York Court of Appeals has denied a lesbian non-biological parent the right to seek visitation with the child she raised for many years with her former partner. The state's highest court ruled that Alison D. is not a parent within the meaning of the law because "she is not the biological mother of the child nor is she a legal parent by virtue of an adoption." The Court rejected the argument that "parent" should be defined according to who functions as a parent, not just by biology. Two years ago, the same Court issued an unprecedented ruling that the term 'family' should include a gay couple for purposes of the sate rent control laws.

REEL WORLD STRING BAND IN CONCERT

JUNE 14, 8 PM

MEMORIAL HALL
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LEXINGTON NIGHTLIFE

The Bar Complex, 224 East Main, 255-1551. The restaurant, Cafe Montparnasse, open from 6 - 11 pm, Saturday 6 pm - 3 am. Also features Johnny Angel Disco, Gilded Gage Cabaret, and the Living Room Lounge. Afterhours Saturday night from 1:30 - 3:30 am.

Crossings, 117 North Limestone, 233-7266. Lexington's mens' bar. Cowboy night 1st Saturday, Leather night 3rd Saturday. Operates The Rack, a leather shop, open Friday and Saturday, 10 pm to 1 am.

The Metro, 156 West Main, 254-9881. Shows every weekend. Afterhours Friday and Saturday, 1:30 - 4 am.

Joe's Cafe & Bar at fleur de lys, 120 South Upper Street, 259-9973. 4 pm - 1 am, Monday - Friday, 6 pm - 1, Saturday.



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TSGRA (Tri State Gay Rodeo Association) call Terry or Mark,.....	233-7266
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Esmerelda's Parlour call Laura,	276-2685
Front Runners (Gay/lesbian running club) call Dan,	254-6850
GLUE (UK Support Group) call Steve,	231-8485
Gay/Lesbian AA call Dave,	277-9522
Gay/Lesbian Al-Anon call Robert,	293-0516
Imperial Court of the Bluegrass Empire .. call Terry,	266-8715
Dignity/Lexington call Don,	299-4458
Integrity call Kay,	277-4364
Interweave call Craig,	266-8887
(Unitarian Universalist gays, lesbians and friends.)	
AVOL	254-AVOL
(AIDS support and education)	
ACT-Lexington	281-5151
(AIDS education and referral)	
HIV+, ARC, AIDS Support Group call Edwin,	233-0444
Lexington-Fayette Co. Health Department AIDS Testing	288-AIDS
(For anonymous counseling and testing)	
Madison County Health Department AIDS Testing	623-7312
(For anonymous counseling and testing)	
Louisville Crisis Hotline	(502) 454-6699

JUNE EVENTS CALENDAR

Contact names and numbers for all events listed can be found in the Directory on the previous page. The Comp Care Center is located at 201 Mechanic Street, Lexington.

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WEEKLY EVENTS

- SUNDAY** Gay/Lesbian AA, 4 pm, Comp Care Center; **Gayline**, 231-0335, 8 - 11 pm
- TUESDAY** Gay/Lesbian Al-Anon, 7 pm
- WEDNESDAY** Gay/Lesbian AA, 8 pm, St. Joseph Hospital, CCI Meeting Room; **Gayline**, 231-0335, 8 - 11 pm
- THURSDAY** HIV+, ARC, AIDS Support Group; **Gayline**, 231-0335, 8 - 11 pm
- FRIDAY** Gay/Lesbian AA, 8 pm, Comp Care Center; **Gayline**, 231-0335, 8 - 11 pm
- SATURDAY** Front Runners, 9 am, UK Water Tower at Alumni Drive

SPECIAL EVENTS

Pride Week events are in bold type.

SUN 2 Tri-State Gay Rodeo Association, 4 pm

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- FRI 7** **Arts Night**, 8 pm, ArtsPlace, 161 N. Mill
- SAT 8** **Pride Week Picnic**, Noon, Unitarian Universalist Church, 3564 Clays Mill Road; **Comedy Night** with Marga Gomez and Bob Hammitt, 7:30 and 9:30 pm, Central Library Auditorium, 140 East Main
- SUN 9** **Pride Week Worship Service**, 10:45 am, Unitarian Universalist Church, 3564 Clays Mill Road; Lesbian Potluck, 2 pm; Aids Volunteers Of Lexington, 5:30 pm, Comp Care Center; Working Class Kitchen - Poetry & Performance Art, 6 pm, a la Lucie's, 159 North Limestone; **Pride Week Barn Dance**, 8 pm, ArtsPlace, 161 N. Mill
- TUE 11** AVOL's Bereavement Support Group, 7:30 pm
- WED 12** NAMES Project General Meeting, 7 pm, Rosenthal Center, Transy
- THU 13** NAMES Project Panel Making Workshop, 7 pm, Quilters Square, Regency Road
- FRI 14** Reel World String Band Concert, 8 pm, Memorial Hall, U.K.
- SAT 15** **Bar Night**
- SUN 16** **Movie Night**, 7 pm, Crossings, 117 N. Limestone, Longtime Companion and Lianna
- TUE 25** AVOL's Bereavement Support Group, 7:30 pm
- SAT 29** 5th Annual March for Justice, Noon, Central Park, Louisville

LEXINGTON PRIDE WEEK

1991 SCHEDULE

- FRI JUNE 7 **Arts Night**, 8 pm, ArtsPlace,
161 North Mill Street,
sponsored by the Pride Week Committee.
- SAT JUNE 8 **Pride Week Picnic**, Noon - 4 pm,
Unitarian Universalist Church,
3564 Clays Mill Road,
sponsored by Interweave & GLSO.
Bring your own picnic items.
Drinks will be available.
- Comedy Night** - an evening of comedy
with Marga Gomez and Bob Hammitt,
7:30 pm and 9:30 pm, Central Library Auditorium,
140 East Main Street, sponsored by the
Pride Week Committee. Tickets available
in advance for \$6 at Special Media, or
by calling Linda, 266-9748, or Craig,
266-8887. Tickets are \$7 at the door.
- SUN JUNE 9 **Pride Week Worship Service**, 10:45 am,
Unitarian Universalist Church, 3564 Clays
Mill Road, sponsored by Interweave.
- Gay & Lesbian Day at King's Island.**
- Pride Week Barn Dance**, 8 pm - Midnight,
Arts Place, 161 North Mill Street,
sponsored by Tri-State Gay Rodeo
Association. \$3 admission includes beer and
soft drinks.
- SAT JUNE 15 **Bar Night**, hourly drink specials at
Crossings: 9 - 10 pm, The Metro: 10 - 11pm,
Joe's Cafe & Bar: 11 - Midnight, and
The Bar: Midnight - 1 am.
Come out and support our local bars.
- SUN JUNE 16 **Movie Night**, 7 pm, Crossings, 117 N Limestone.
Featured Movies: Longtime Companion and
Lianna, drinks and snacks available,
an "alcohol-free" event.

For further information or to volunteer to work during Pride Week,
please contact Craig, 266-8887, or Linda, 266-9748.

Loose Item