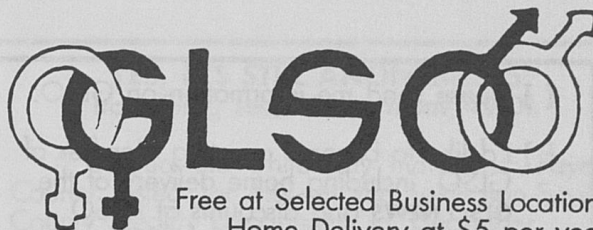


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**PRESIDENT SIGNS NATIONAL HATE CRIMES ACT
START-UP PROBLEMS RESOLVED BUT EFFECTIVENESS QUESTIONED**
from **GLSO NEWS** Staff

President George Bush signed the Hate Crimes Statistics Act at a public ceremony on April 23, 1990. It is the first federal legislation to include sexual orientation ever signed into law. The ceremony also marked the first time gay and lesbian activists had been invited to such an event.

During the signing ceremony Bush explained that the Act orders the Attorney General to collect information on "crimes motivated by religion, race, ethnicity or sexual orientation." The U.S. Senate passed the bill on February 8, after defeating an anti-gay amendment proposed by Sen. Jesse Helms (R-NC). The House had passed the bill last year.

The National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF) began lobbying for the legislation four years ago and developed a diverse coalition of support. NGLTF hailed the event as a major milestone in the national and grassroots lesbian and gay movement. NGLTF was invited to bring seven people to the ceremony. "The team we brought to the White House represents the team-effort NGLTF marshaled to pass this historic bill," commented NGLTF's Peri Jude Radevic. "The critical players in the passing of the bill were grassroots political organizations, gay Republican groups, survivors of anti-gay and lesbian violence, Congressional staff members, supportive members of Congress, and an extremely inclusive coalition of law authorities, people of color, Jewish groups and other organizations."

Although not required by the Act, Bush announced at the ceremony, "that today the Department of Justice has established a new toll-free phone number for reporting complaints of these hate crimes." Activists later discovered that operators would not take information on "gay bashings" and religious-related reports. Officials claimed that since sexual orientation is not included in the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the

hotline was not "mandated" to collect such information.

NGLTF notified Representative Barney Frank, Rep. Gerry Studds, and Sen. Paul Simon of the problem. Members of the coalition which lobbied for the Hate Crimes Act, including the Anti-Defamation League and People for the American Way, were contacted and lent their support. Following intense pressure from the lawmakers and coalition members, the hotline agreed to track such incidents.

The hotline is operated by the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) Community Relations Service and was established to help the DOJ mediate and conciliate incidents of hate violence. It is not a substitute for the formal data collection effort; victims must still report crimes to the local police.

The relevance of the Act is being questioned by some who are not affiliated with NGLTF. Writing in *The Advocate*, Dave Walter suggests, "Some Capitol Hill activists might claim that the federal law will serve as a model that will spark legislative actions on the state level. This is wishful thinking. Furthermore, when the first batch of federal hate-crimes statistics is released, the figures will undoubtedly understate the actual number of crimes against gays. Homophobes like Helms will run around saying, 'I told you so,' while gay activists are busy explaining the myriad reasons why the gay-related numbers are too low, the primary reason being that many gay-bashing victims refuse to file a police report."

Lesbian and gay victims of hate crimes are therefore urged to report incidents to the local police, and, to the national hotline at **1-800-347-HATE**. It is open 24 hours, seven days a week. Beginning with this issue, the National Hate Crimes number will appear on the "**DIRECTORY**" page of **GLSO NEWS**.

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AUNT MARY

Dear Aunt Mary,

I moved away from my home state when I was nineteen and only occasionally visit. Several years ago, I found out that my best friend from age three till the time I left home was a born again Christian. I had also heard rumors that he had lived with a man for several years and that they had just broken up, but I chose to focus only on what he told me. Recently he told me he was gay and we went to the gay bar in my hometown. Since then I haven't kept in touch. I treat him the same now that I know he's gay as I did when he had his born-again experience (he's no longer born-again). Wouldn't it make more sense for me to want to rekindle our friendship? E.M.

Dear E.M.,

It sounds like its been several years since you left home, and it's likely that you've changed a great deal and that your "old" best friend has also changed (several times). In addition, your contact with your friend seems limited by the visits you make to your hometown. Life goes on and people change. Cherish the time you enjoyed early in your lives.

As an oppressed and stigmatized group we sometimes believe that membership in our group is all that is necessary for friendship. When one first "comes out" it is helpful to surround oneself with all sorts of similar others. Doing so allows each of us to forego many of the negative stereotypes we may have had. Later on, however, friendships are likely to be based on more than sexual orientation. We tend to seek out similar others for friends, and as we become more comfortable with our sexual orientation we seek out friendships that are based on other aspects as well. You and your friend shared a great deal as children, but since then your lives have gone in very different directions. That you're both self-identified gays isn't necessarily enough to rekindle a friendship.

Aunt Mary

If you would like to write to Aunt Mary, send your letter to: Aunt Mary, c/o GLSO, PO Box 11471, Lexington, KY 40575.

LOCAL NEWS

LOCAL MAN VICTIM OF STABBING from GLSO NEWS Staff

Thomas Ray Palmer, 23, of Lexington, died at the U.K. Medical Center on May 15 from a stab wound to the chest. Palmer was attacked on Water Street behind the Barney Miller store sometime after 10:00 pm on Saturday, May 5. Accompanied by friends, he reportedly exchanged words with his assailant before being stabbed near the heart. He staggered to the adjoining parking lot of The Bar before collapsing. Palmer was enrolled at the University of Kentucky at the time of his death and had operated a local floral shop.

Shortly after the incident police arrested Terry L. Barbour, 26, of Lexington. Originally charged with assault, Barbour has now been charged with murder. Sources indicate he was known to police as a prostitute who frequented the area where the attack occurred.

ANNUAL AIDS MEMORIAL SERVICE HELD from GLSO NEWS Staff

A service in memory of those who have died of AIDS was held at St. Augustine Chapel, Rose Street, on the evening of May 28. Organized by AVOL, similar services occur world-wide, each year, around Memorial Day weekend.

This year's service was interdenominational. Music, prayers, and readings were incorporated from the Protestant, Catholic, and Jewish faiths, with various clergy attending. Prior Lexington services drew upon Episcopal tradition because of St. Augustine's affiliation, and, because of a strong interest in AIDS ministry within the local Episcopal diocese. Attendance has grown each year as more and more are touched by HIV.

MAPPLETHORPE EXHIBIT LEAVES CINCY from Herald-Leader

The Robert Mapplethorpe exhibit has concluded at Cincinnati's Contemporary Arts Center. The controversial show attracted almost 80,000 patrons, a Center record, and resulted in the indictment of the Center and its Director on morals charges.

YES, IT'S STILL ANONYMOUS from Greg Lee, News from AVOL

A 30-year-old white gay male from Fayette County tested for HIV at the Lexington-Fayette County Health Department in December. He had tested once before (negative) about a year earlier. Can you identify him? Neither can the health department. That's because testing through the HIV/AIDS Program at the Lexington-Fayette County Health Department is done anonymously.

Last November you heard a lot of media hoopla about HIV "becoming" reportable. Actually, the only changes were that physicians and hospitals joined laboratories in holding the responsibility to report HIV infection. Doing so without using the patient's name and address is still possible and strongly suggested by the new regulations. However, the regulations do require physicians and hospitals (but not the labs) to include the patient's initials or a soundex code taken from the patient's name, their date of birth, sex, race, risk of infection and county of residence. For many, that sounds like too much information. Maybe that's why some may think the Health Department no longer does anonymous testing.

The new regulations have NO EFFECT on anonymous testing at health departments because no physicians or hospitals are involved. The Lexington-Fayette County Health Department DOES still provide anonymous testing. No initials. No codes derived from names. No birthdates. Nothing but an innocuous description like the one in the opening paragraph.

The HIV/AIDS Program at the Lexington-Fayette County Health Department encourages anyone with risk of HIV infection to think about testing . . . especially now with the evidence that AZT, aerosol pentamidine and other therapies can be critical in managing HIV infection. Please don't base such an important decision on rumors. Get the facts and base your decision on what you find to be true. We also encourage you to test anonymously if you decide to test, and that you receive pre-test and post-test counseling. For more information, or to schedule an appointment, call the Fayette County Health Department HIV/AIDS Program at 288-AIDS. Of course, your name will never be requested.

LOCAL NEWS

NAMES PROJECT KENTUCKY CONTINUES OUTREACH

from NAMES Project Kentucky

NAMES Project Kentucky held an organizational panel making workshop at Maxwell Street Presbyterian Church, Saturday, April 28th. The workshop was deemed a great success by participants. The workshop brought many people together: those who want to make panels for loved ones, yet maybe do not sew; and those who know the art of sewing, but have not known someone personally to die of AIDS. "We Bring a Quilt" was shown, followed by people sharing stories, thoughts and ideas about making panels.

Monthly panel making workshops will be held at Quilter's Square at Dudley Square, 308 South Mill Street, Lexington, the second Thursday of the month from 7 pm until 9 pm. Ms. Beckie Olson will be available to assist individuals in designing and making quilt panels for the AIDS Memorial Quilt. The local NAMES Project hopes to have eight panels completed to take to the Regional display, Columbus Day Weekend, in Chicago. The June workshop is scheduled for June 14th as a part of Lesbian/Gay Pride Week. Other activities planned for Pride Week include representation at Arts Night by hanging the signature quilt panel and an information booth at the picnic.

In Louisville, Co-chair Dee Dale has targeted two events in June to enlist volunteers and increase community awareness: Gay Pride Picnic on June 24th and the March for Justice on June 30th.

Benefits are being planned in both Lexington and Louisville to help defray the costs of the January, Frankfort display. Wednesday night, June 20th, there will be a show at The Bar to benefit the NAMES Project in Lexington. A celebrity auction is currently being planned for Louisville.

The NAMES Project has "Five Pieces of Work" - displays, panel making, media, outreach and fundraising. NAMES Project Kentucky needs YOUR help to "Keep the Love Alive." We hope to see you at an upcoming event.

GLSO FORUM TAKES A BREAK UNTIL FALL

from Teresa Reynolds & Craig Clere

The GLSO Board of Directors held their monthly meeting April 25, 1990. In its first action the Board decided that the Forum needed a break and would discontinue meeting until at least September of this year. The Forum or some other type of general membership meeting will be re-organized at that time.

The Coffeehouse & Dance Committee reported a record profit of \$903.75 from the April Coffeehouse, featuring Yer Girlfriend. The Board expressed its gratitude to the committee for making the Coffeehouses such a success. No Coffeehouses are planned for the Summer months, but will resume in the Fall.

John Cutright and Debbie Currie reported news from the Pride Week Committee. The most exciting news announced was our featured speakers: Joanne Loulan, speaking on June 8th, and Robert Bray of NGLTF, speaking on June 11th. Other activities for the week were outlined for the Board.

GLSO's raffle to purchase a new computer system for the Gayline is ready to begin and will culminate with the drawing for prizes during Pride Week. Nearly \$200 in prizes have already been pledged.

The Nominating Committee reported progress in filling the slate of positions for the upcoming June Board elections. The full slate will be presented at the May Board meeting.

A discussion on the Coming Out Support Group prompted the Board to request a clarification regarding the exact relationship between GLUE and GLSO in sponsorship of the group. Teresa Reynolds will report at the May meeting regarding this issue.

The Publicity Committee reported Craig Clere's willingness to continue editing **GLSO News** through the end of 1990. The newsletter is continuing to distribute 550 copies per month with 225 of those copies mailed to paid subscribers and members.

The Board approved a Treasurer-sponsored recommendation to change signatures on the GLSO bank account to reflect the current officers of the organization.

GLSO Board meetings are held the last Wednesday of the month and are open to the membership at large.

GLSO BOARD NOMINATIONS

from Debbie Currie & Teresa Reynolds

Yes, it's that time of year again! The elections for the GLSO Board of Directors take place this month. This slate is presented by the Nominating Committee.

Two-year terms:

Treasurer	Bill Loggins
Secretary	Teresa Reynolds
At-Large	Melanie Otis
At-Large	Linda Laporte
At-Large	Kate Jacques

One-year term:

At-Large	Dave Radez
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Elections will be held during Pride Week on Wednesday, June 13 at Arts Night. All current members of GLSO are encouraged to come out and vote.

DANCE COMMITTEE YEAR-END REPORT

by Debbie Currie

Our thanks to the 43 kind people who filled out the Dance Committee Questionnaire at the April Coffeehouse. We were very pleased with the response, and, for the most part, it provided us with the information we needed. Prior to examining the results of the questionnaire, I'd like to take a brief look back at the Coffeehouse "season" just ended. Of the six Coffeehouses we've had since last September, four showed a profit, with the April Coffeehouse being the largest by far. This is the first year in which we've had two Coffeehouses fail to make a profit, and we're going to take a long look at that as we begin to plan for next year. We had performers at all but one of the Coffeehouses, which may have been a bit ambitious, but we definitely came out ahead. Many thanks to Yer Girlfriend (who performed twice), Rita Beach, Tendre, and The Grinders.

And now, back to the questionnaires. The Dance Committee has not begun planning the 90/91 season yet, but those of you who filled out our questionnaire have told us what you want (number of votes appear in parentheses). You want monthly (32) Coffeehouse/Dances with a combination of live music and taped dance music (21) or live music for the whole evening (17). For live entertainment (from the choices given), your first choice was Yer Girlfriend, Yer Girlfriend and more Yer

Girlfriend (42) (what a surprise, right?!). A strong second choice was Reel World String Band (32), followed by Rita Beach (18), The Grinders (6), Tendre (5), and Meriah Kreuse (5).

Of great interest to us is how you find out about the Coffeehouses, since we sometimes feel that publicity is our weakest area. The majority of you said you found out about them from the GLSO Newsletter (28), by word of mouth (20), and/or at the preceding Coffeehouse (10). Although only 3 people said they heard about them on *WomonSounds*, we suspect that this may be an untapped publicity source, as it has been used only rarely.

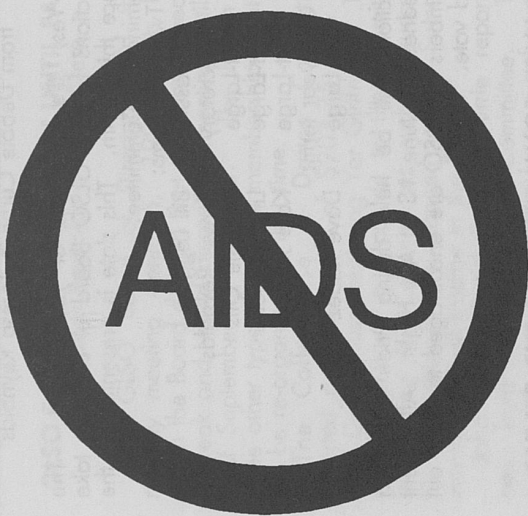
On smoking at the Coffeehouses, 24 of you said that you think that smoking should be restricted, 9 said no, and 5 were indifferent. However, when asked whether or not you would still attend were smoking restricted, a whopping 35 said yes, while only 1 said no. This is very important for us to know, because there is a possibility that the Unitarian Church may institute a no-smoking policy within the next year. We will keep you informed.

Finally, regarding the questions about GLSO membership, 22 individuals said that they would consider joining GLSO in order to take advantage of the \$1.00 off admission discount. It's a real deal when you consider that for \$10.00 (\$15.00 per couple) you get the GLSO Newsletter, which is a \$5.00 value, and \$1.00 back at each Coffeehouse. So, don't delay . . .

send in the coupon at the front of this newsletter and join now! (Sorry, I couldn't resist a plug!).

And now, as is customary for these year-end reports, we need to acknowledge some folks. First and foremost, I'd like to recognize the 89/90 Dance Committee, which was comprised of Kenneth, Teresa, Teri, John, and myself. Working just as hard, but not officially on the Dance Committee, were Angela, Kathy, Melanie and Natalie, without whom we would have been lost (and that's no exaggeration!). And a special thanks to those kind souls who lent a helping hand on occasion: B.J., Karen, Julie, Teri, Kathy, Kate, Nora, and those of you whose names escape me, but whose faces we'll never forget. Thank you.

If you would like to get involved with the Dance Committee please call Debbie at 255-3851 or Teresa at 252-3106. We could really use your help!!



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1990 PRIDE WEEK CALENDAR
from the Pride Week Committee

- FRI 8 JOANN LOULAN, 8 pm, Memorial Hall, University of Kentucky. \$8 in advance at Special Media, \$10 at the door. A performance for both lesbians and gay men. (sponsored by GLUE)
- SUN 10 BLUEGRASS PRIDE WEEK SHOW, 8 pm - doors open, 9 pm Show begins, Holiday Inn - South, 5532 Athens-Boonesboro Road. \$4 -- includes \$1 for Pride Week. (sponsored by ICBE)
- MON 11 ROBERT BRAY, Information Director of The National Gay & Lesbian Task Force, 7 pm, Central Library. (sponsored by BHRA and GLSO)
- TUE 12 BOWLING NIGHT, 7 pm, Joyland Lanes. \$5 for 3 games includes shoe rental and \$1 for Pride Week. (sponsored by Rainbow Bowling League)
- WED 13 ARTS NIGHT, 7 - 9:30 pm, ArtsPlace, 161 N. Mill. (sponsored by GLSO/Esmerelda) GLSO Annual election.
- THU 14 STOP AIDS FORUM, 7 pm, ArtsPlace. (sponsored by AVOL) QUILTING WORKSHOP, 7 - 9 pm, Quilters Square, Dudley Square. (sponsored by NAMES Project Kentucky)
- FRI 15 BAR NIGHT, Specials for those wearing "Pride Week Buttons."
- SAT 16 THEMES IN GAY AND LESBIAN LIBERATION THEOLOGY, 10 am, Unitarian Universalist Church, 3564 Clays Mill Rd. A presentation and discussion with the Rev. Thom Payne on worth, dignity, justice and equity for lesbians and gay men in our Western society. (sponsored by Interweave)
- SAT 16 PRIDE WEEK PICNIC, 12:30 pm, UU Church. Pack your own basket, drinks will be available! RAFFLE DRAWING!!! (sponsored by the Pride Week Committee)
- SUN 17 PRIDE WEEK WORSHIP SERVICE, 10:45 am, Unitarian Universalist Church. (sponsored by Interweave) EBONY SPLASH POOL PARTY. (sponsored by STOP AIDS/AVOL)

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Esmerelda's Parlour



Dear Debbie and other committee members:

After thinking about this for a while, I have decided to take you up on your request for feedback on the "coffeehouses." In particular, I would like to discuss the music. While I appreciate the sensitive wording on the questionnaire about the music I do differ on several points, particularly the statement that when music is not going over well, it is pulled. I have sat through many songs where one or two couples were dancing and this was allowed to continue for 30 minutes or more. Then the lesbian music or oldies are played and the floor is crowded for one or two songs, then the newer, faster music returns. Also the volume of music and the lack of lighting make it very difficult to socialize, even out in the lobby.

Agreeing with you on the fact that you can't please everyone all the time, I suggest a new way for next year. It will take a lot of advance planning and publicity, but might be worth it. How about a real coffeehouse? Maybe every other month have soft, lesbian music mixed with a few oldies for those of us who come to converse, see friends, etc. Sort of a "Bungalow" atmosphere without the smoke and men.

It is frustrating during the live performances to see so many people (and I am guilty of this myself) talking to others and loudly in order to hear over the music. Maybe if you offered the opportunity for conversation at other times, people would be more respectful of the performers when you do have live music. I would be happy to help set-up, bake cookies, sell refreshments, or make tapes for these real coffeehouses.

As to competing with the Bar, I agree you can't really do that, but there does seem to be sentiment in the lesbian community for an occasional bar-like atmosphere with loud music and women-only (except for Kenneth of course)

space. But since this is available all the time, it should not be the only form taken by the GLSO coffeehouses.

As to the live music, you have done a fantastic job this past year. But, I know the live entertainment has to cost more to produce, so mixing in my suggestion might make more of a profit to benefit GLSO.

I know it is risky to think of changing a formula which has worked fairly well, but there are a number of lesbians who don't come to these anymore and I think except for live performances that attendance has been down. If you intend to return to taped music, you might consider my suggestion as a trial, to see if it helps you meet expenses.

I know smoking is another issue of concern. The level of smoke does make me consider my state of health when deciding to attend or not. If my asthma is acting up, I have to stay home or risk hospitalization. Quite frankly it is not worth the risk. I also know that I am not objective when I say that smokers won't die without a cig for 2-3 hours, but I might if exposed to smoke for that time period. I feel strongly that smoking should not be allowed in the building at all. Unless it is truly bitter cold, 5-10 minutes outside won't kill anyone and the majority which do not smoke will be able to breathe. This is especially important when you have live performances, for the sake of the artists' voices. And if this policy or a slightly less restrictive one is adopted, it needs to be announced, signs need to be put up and it needs to be supported fully by committee members.

I hope I haven't hurt any feelings, as I do appreciate your hard work in planning these events. Thanks for all you do.

Pauline

Thanks, Pauline, for your letter. We really do appreciate the feedback. As you may or may not know, there are just five of us officially (in other words, the responsible parties) on the Dance Committee, and sometimes it's all we can do to keep the Coffeehouses going, much less try to improve them. Fortunately, we've reached our summer break, which gives us some time away from the Dances, and allows us to gain a broader perspective.

Although the Dance Committee hasn't met yet to begin planning for next year, I think that several of your suggestions will be met with approval. I think we would all like it if we

were able to have some kind of event every month. However, as things stand with the Dance Committee at the moment (that is, without more people committed to getting it done), we are just not able to do it. My ideal would be to have two divisions within the Dance Committee, with one responsible for "Coffeehouses", while the other would be responsible for "Concerts/Dances" with live entertainment. That way, we would be able to alternate, and provide something for everyone. Of course, that can't happen without more people involved. As it is, the Dance Committee will be losing a member next year, which drops us to four. Of course, we can pick up new members any time. All it takes to join the Dance Committee is the desire and the willingness to help out. (If you would be interested in becoming involved in the 1990/1991 Dance Committee, please call Debbie at 255-3851 or Teresa at 252-3106).

I must take exception to your suggestion to create a women-only environment. The Coffeehouses never have been intended to be for women only. While that may be the way things generally turn out, we have never set out to exclude gay men, not would we want to. These are "community" events and, as such, all who care to come are welcome. At times we have gone to great lengths to encourage men to attend, and probably will again.

We are going to take a serious look at restricting smoking at the Coffeehouses. Truthfully, our biggest problem with asking people to smoke outside is that many of them throw their cigarette butts on the ground, which doesn't exactly endear us to the Unitarian Church. Nevertheless, it's a fact that when we get a huge crowd, the smoke can be all but unbearable. I'm not sure what the answer is.

As far as the level and content of the music is concerned, I stand by our statement on the questionnaire. We try awfully hard to provide an atmosphere that will appeal to the most people. I agree with you that there have been times (more than I care to acknowledge) where we have missed the mark. We will continue to try new things as we are able to, but please be patient. I think that your suggestion to try having a "real coffeehouse" is a good one, and we also have some other things in mind.

Thanks so much for the closing words in your letter. We really do work hard, and we agonize over these Coffeehouses more than you can imagine.

Debbie

FIRST ANNUAL RHYTHM FEST

from Esmerelda

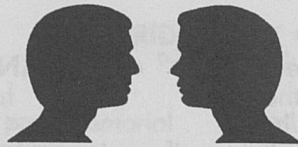
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ESMERELDA'S LEXINGTON WOMYNS ANTHOLOGY

from Angela Martin, Anthology Editor

Good news! It looks as though Esmerelda's Anthology is going to be a reality. Although the response was low, out of the submissions that I received, works from seven womyn have been chosen for inclusion in the Anthology. It may be a thin volume, but some of Lexington's Womyn Writers will get very well deserved exposure and recognition. Works were chosen which deal with important issues and which seem to cater to common experience. All of them have something important to offer the womyn and men of our community. The Anthology will premiere Pride Week in the form of a Newsletter, so be sure to keep an eye out so that you can pick up one or two or ten!

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This is the hard part. But it can be fun, too. The questionnaire is on the other side of this page. Refer to the instructions to the right to complete Steps 3, 4, and 5. It is very important to read them carefully. If you don't follow the instructions we can't guarantee the results. If you need help call 1-708-991-0693 (9-5 CST, M-F). For additional application forms call 1-800-633-6969 (24 hours).

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Questionnaire Instructions

Step 3 - Describe yourself by circling the word *me* beside each descriptive item which is a true description of yourself. You should circle at least one *me* under each category. Circle more than one *me* if appropriate.

Step 4 - Describe your ideal match by circling the word *veto*, *no*, *ok* or *yes* beside *each and every* item (including those by which you circled *me*) to indicate to what extent you would want that item to be true of your match. Circle *exactly one* of these responses per item, as described below:

Circle *yes* if you *prefer* that description to be true of your match. This is a vote *for* a trait—not a guarantee.

Circle *ok* if you *don't care* one way or the other. This is an *abstention*—no vote either way. Lines left blank are counted as *ok*.

Circle *no* if you *prefer* that description *not* to be true of your match. This is a vote *against*—not a disqualification. Treat it as a "maybe."

Circle *veto* if you want *no matches* with anyone for whom that description is true, even if they have other desirable qualities. This is a *disqualification* and is not affected by category rank. Treat it as an absolute "no." We recommend that you circle between 10 and 20 *vetos* to restrict age, race, residence, and other important traits of your matches.

Note: The use of vetoes restricts the number of members qualified to meet you. You are guaranteed the number of matches you order, but if you use too many vetoes you may get fewer matches than you ordered initially, in which case you will receive credit for the remaining matches. You can use the credit to alter your questionnaire and/or reorder matches anytime.

Step 5 - Rank the categories. The questionnaire is divided into 16 categories. To insure that your responses on the less important items won't override those on the more important items, you must indicate which categories are important to you. Using the blank to the left of each category heading, either . . .

Rank each category from 1 to 16 in its order of importance to you, with 1 as the most important and 16 as the least, using each rank once, or . . .

Put a check mark beside the *five* most important category headings, leaving the rest blank.

Note: Your matches will be based mostly upon the more important categories, with the less important ones serving only as tie breakers. *Noes* and *yeses* have very little effect in the lower ranked or unchecked categories. Some of your matches may have traits by which you circled *no*. However, *vetoes* are exclusive regardless of category rank.

GAY AMERICA

LOS ANGELES, CA

Police issued citations to 14 AIDS activists for hanging a 40-by-20 foot banner reading, STOP AIDS! STOP INS TERROR!, from the eighth floor of the federal building in downtown Los Angeles May 1. The banner's text referred to the Immigration and Naturalization Service, the agency which enforces a federal policy denying entry visas to foreigners who test HIV+.

BOULDER, CO

James Corbridge, chancellor of the University of Colorado, told gay students last month that if they document their claims of antigay bias on campus, he will support adoption of a school anti-discrimination policy. Corbridge made the pledge after gay students protested at a meeting of the school's board of regents.

BARTOW, FL

A failed suicide attempt by state circuit judge William Norris, a closeted gay man, left many of the town's residents calling for his resignation. Norris was popular before the suicide attempt, but many Bartow residents said no gay person should be allowed to be a judge. Norris attempted suicide after someone anonymously sent photographs to his adult children that showed him involved in gay sex acts.

Several days after the suicide attempt, Norris said he had "reacted inappropriately to mounting pressures in my personal life," and he thanked his family and friends for their support. Norris has taken a leave of absence from the bench.

NEW ORLEANS, LA

The law school at Tulane University has begun a national law journal said to be the first in the country to deal exclusively with gay issues. The journal, called "Law and Sexuality: A Review of Lesbian and Gay Legal Issues," will publish scholarly articles written by academicians, legal practitioners, and students.

BOSTON, MA

The Supreme Judicial Court, the state's highest court, has heard arguments about whether the state's gay and lesbian rights law can be subjected to a voter referendum. Attorney General James Shannon had previously advised that the bill could not be overturned through a voter referendum because it mentions religious institutions. State law exempts bills that pertain to religion from referenda.

MINNEAPOLIS, MN

The United Church of Christ (UCC) has accepted a predominantly gay Minneapolis congregation as a full member church, even though Colonial Church in Edina, one of the state's largest UCC congregations, said it may withdraw from the state UCC's governing body in protest.

Colonial Church's pastor said the gay congregation, Spirit of the Lakes, should be denied UCC membership because it represents a "deviant and defiant sexual life." About 4,000 of the state's 45,000 UCC members belong to Colonial Church.

PORTLAND, OR

Gay activists altered one of U.S. Senator Mark Hatfield's campaign signs in Portland, making the sign say that Hatfield is gay. The activists believe Hatfield is a closeted gay who makes antigay votes in Congress. The sign originally read, HATFIELD/PRESERVING SOCIAL SECURITY, but the activists changed it to read, HATFIELD/CLOSETED GAY, LIVING A LIE -VOTING TO OPPRESS.

MADISON, WS

Nearly 125 lesbians and gays staged a "kiss-in" at the Espresso Royale Cafe. The demonstration ended when the cafe owner told the protesters that cafe employees wouldn't discriminate against them. A week earlier, an employee at the cafe had asked two lesbians who were sitting at a table in the cafe to stop holding hands. Wisconsin has had a gay rights law for over ten years.

INTO THE FUTURE

Events listed are representative of the many gay and lesbian oriented cultural, political and social activities taking place around the country.

May 31-June 3, 1990. Womowrites 12th Annual Southeastern Lesbian Writers' Conference. Central Georgia.

June 3, 1990. Gay Day at Kings Island. Cincinnati, OH.

June 7-10, 1990. AIDS: Living in Recovery Conference. Cincinnati, OH.

August 26-September 9. Constructs, an art show by Kevin G. Bamhurst. Lexington, KY.

September 9, 1990. NOW's "Take Back The Night". Woodland Park, Lexington, KY.

CLASSIFIED ADS

A 6-WEEK BEGINNING SIGN LANGUAGE CLASS IS BEING OFFERED ON THURSDAYS, FROM 7 - 8:30 PM, STARTING JUNE 14. THE \$15 FEE INCLUDES ALL NECESSARY MATERIAL TO REGISTER, OR FOR MORE INFORMATION, CALL JOHN AT 254-7150.

N.E. Lexington, 2-bedroom duplex for rent. \$250/month. Call 513-891-7208.

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NATIONAL HATE CRIMES HOTLINE

(800) 347-4283

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GLSO Coming Out Group	
.... call Alan,	253-2414
.... or Teresa,	252-3106
GLSO Coffeehouse & Dance	
.... call Esmerelda,	255-3851
GLSO Rainbow Bowling League	
.... call Chuck,	268-8541
NAMES Project Kentucky	
.... call J.C.	299-8836
Lesbian Potluck	
.... call Esmerelda,	252-7837
Lesbian Passion Discussion Group	
.... call Esmerelda,	255-3851
Esmerelda's Parlour	
.... call Angela,	255-3851
Bluegrass Human Rights Advocates	
.... call Kate/Amy,	272-4519
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 Keith,	263-5940
LiturgY	call Don, 299-4458
Interweave	call Craig, 266-8887
(UU gays, lesbians and friends.)	
AVOL	276-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, call the above number and ask for an AIDS Counselor.)	
Madison County Health Department	
AIDS Testing	623-7312
(For anonymous counseling and testing, call the above number and ask for an AIDS Counselor.)	
Louisville Crisis Hotline	(502) 637-4342

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

SPECIAL EVENTS

- SUN** 3 Bluegrass Human Rights Advocates, 6:30 pm
- WED** 6 NAMES Project, 7:30 pm
- FRI** 8- **LEXINGTON PRIDE WEEK**
- SUN** 17 Consult the Pride Week Calendar on Page 7 of **GLSO News** for a complete listing of events
- SUN** 10 Lesbian Potluck, 2 pm; Aids Volunteers Of Lexington, 5:30 pm, Comp Care Center;
GLSO News Deadline
- FRI** 15 Dignity Liturgy, 7:30 pm
- WED** 20 Interweave, 8 pm, Unitarian Universalist Church
- MON** 18 Pro-Choice Alliance, 7:30 pm, Alfalfa's Restaurant
- THU** 21 GLSO Coming Out Support Group, 7 pm, 3rd floor, Frazee Hall, University of Kentucky
- WED** 27 GLSO Board Meeting, 7:30 pm

EVENTS MAY BE INCLUDED
BY CALLING 266-8887, OR, BY WRITING:
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LEXINGTON, KY 40575.

**THE DEADLINE IS THE 10TH OF THE MONTH.
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