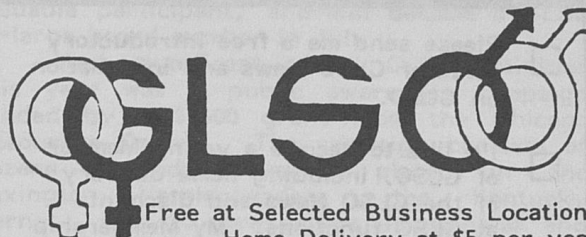


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### GLSO ELECTS NEW PRESIDENT, VICE-PRESIDENT, AND BOARD MEMBERS

Elections for GLSO's 1989-1990 Board of Directors were held, last month, at the June Forum. The result of the elections are:

President:	Craig Clere
Vice-President:	Debbie Currie
At-large members:	John Cutright Kenneth Sanders Bobbie Stout

Two additional positions were vacated in June. Mr. Clere's election as president opened his former office of secretary, and Steve Savage resigned as treasurer to devote his time to **GLSO News**. As outlined in

GLSO's by-laws, the Board has filled the remainder of the vacant terms by appointment.

Consequently, Teresa Reynolds was appointed secretary through the end of the next fiscal year. Dave, who served as GLSO's treasurer prior to his term as president during the past two years, has accepted the appointment as treasurer. Since Ms. Reynolds was currently serving as a member-at-large, Melanie Otis has been appointed to fill Ms. Reynolds' unexpired term.

The three remaining at-large positions were not up for election this year, and are presently filled by individuals beginning the second year of their 2-year terms.

### N.O.W. ASKS FOR BOYCOTT OF DOMINO'S PIZZA

from Pauline

**Soujourner** reported in its May and June issues that the National Organization for Women (N.O.W.) is urging the boycott of Domino's Pizza. According to NOW, Domino's is providing most of the funding for Operation Rescue. The efforts of Operation Rescue attempt to prevent women from accessing services of women's clinics which provide abortion counseling and services. Their tactics have included blocking doorways, harassing women attempting to enter the buildings, and hindering police efforts to prevent them from interfering in women's rights. Thus far, their tactics have always involved illegal interference in others lives. Many sources connect the bombing of clinics with Operation Rescue.

Operation Rescue is not just about abortion, pro or con. The plan represents a single effort by conservatives to control the lives of those who choose to live their lives differently than they themselves do. If Operation Rescue is successful in denying women the right to make their own decisions

about their own bodies, the entire gay/lesbian population will have suffered a significant defeat. As gay men and lesbians, we know how it feels to have little of the legendary American right to privacy, the right to decide how to lead your own life, or as it was stated in the dissenting opinion in the infamous *Bowers v. Hardwick* decision, "the right to be left alone."

Anyone, female or male, who is concerned about people interfering in the lives of others, or more specifically, is concerned about women's reproductive freedom, should not patronize Domino's. Simply refusing to purchase from Domino's will have some effect. The greatest success, however, will be won by telling local managers of Domino's stores why we refuse to purchase their products. This can be accomplished easily with a simple, anonymous phone call, a more demanding discussion, or a letter to a local, regional or national office. Please join the boycott, for ourselves and for our sisters whose lives are being attacked directly.

- Please send me a free introductory issue of **GLSO News** and 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. My Membership fee of \$10/year 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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## ARE YOU BEING UNZIPPED OR REZIPPED?

Sometime this summer, the Postal Service is changing a few of the zip codes in this area. If your zip code is being changed, please send us your new zip using the coupon to the left. GLSO's zip remains the same.

## FORUM PICNIC

It's vacation time! Even the GLSO Forum is taking a trip this year - not far though, just down the street to Woodland Park. For a change of pace we're going to have a Potluck Picnic on July 10 at 6:30 pm at Woodland Park, either at or near the Picnic Shelter. Bring food, frisbees, other toys, or just yourself. If its raining, we'll meet at the usual time and place: 8 pm at Comp Care Center, 201 Mechanic St. No organized discussion topic is planned for the picnic, but if you don't show up be assured we'll talk about you! For more information and food coordination (so we don't have fifty quiches) call John Cutright at 233-3733.

## NEWSPAPER EXAMINES SPIRITUAL ISSUES OF BEING GAY

A national newspaper that addresses the issues of being gay and christian begins its second year of publication this summer. The **Second Stone**, issued six times a year, features such writers as Sylvia Pennington and Bruce Roller. In addition to news and information from the gay christian community, the paper features book and video reviews, travel articles, an event calendar and a growing classified section. The paper's commitment to the social and emotional interests of gay men and lesbians is evident in its columns geared toward exploration of family issues and committed relationships and in the opportunity the paper presents to meet other gay and lesbian christians.

The **Second Stone** is not affiliated with any religious denomination and does not embrace "ex-gay" or "change" philosophies. Subscriptions are \$12.60 per year for six issues. For information on the **Second Stone**, write to Box 8340, New Orleans, LA 70182. Inquiries are confidential and the newspaper is mailed in a plain envelope.



## GLSO'S YEAR END WRAP-UP

The 1988-1989 fiscal year for GLSO ended as of June 30. The year was an unusually productive year for GLSO. Personnel, programs, services and community relations concerns all saw significant development and major improvements.

As always with service organizations staffed entirely by volunteers, personnel matters involved considerable change. Most significant of these changes were the adoption of new by-laws, which resulted in the addition of a tenth permanent board position in July and the vacancy of another position in the Fall of 1988. Both these developments provided opportunities to increase involvement of lesbians on the Board. This goal was achieved by the appointment of two women to fill these positions, doubling the number of women on the Board.

A second major change in personnel occurred in the Fall, when Barry Grossheim moved out of the Lexington area. Mr. Grossheim had served as a GLSO board member, managed the Gayline computer, directed GLSO's Speaker's Bureau, and served as editor of the GLSO News throughout his eight years of service to Lexington's gay and lesbian community. With the loss of Mr. Grossheim, Bobbie Stout became director of the Speaker's Bureau and Craig Clere took on management of the Gayline computer.

Volunteer staffing for GLSO's Gayline increased during the year, including the addition of more lesbian volunteers. This increase in personnel ensures the ability to provide volunteers of either gender upon request, every evening the Gayline is staffed. An additional night of Gayline staffing is planned for the upcoming fiscal year.

Early in 1989, our Gayline computer permanently broke down after several years of operation. The newly installed computer will ensure continued phonline service to the community for the foreseeable future.

After an extended absence, Aunt Mary returned to the pages of GLSO News. Sporting a face lift, 6 inch heels, and an entirely new image, Aunt Mary's column has taken on a new personality, too. She's anxiously awaiting all your letters and questions!

GLSO was also fortunate to have the assistance of Melanie Otis this year. Ms. Otis organized a field study course as part of her degree program at the University of Kentucky, with the coursework being conducted through GLSO. She immediately became a very

valuable participant, and will become a GLSO at-large board member in July.

Most significant of all GLSO activities this year was a public awareness campaign funded by a \$7500 grant from the Chicago Resources Center. The campaign consists of dozens of advertisements placed in the Lexington Herald-Leader, the Kentucky Kernel, and 20 newspapers in Central and Eastern Kentucky communities. GLSO's public awareness campaign is designed both to publicize GLSO to the gay and lesbian community, and to educate the heterosexual public about gay issues. The project has received an overwhelming positive response from gay men, lesbians, bisexuals, and heterosexuals alike.

Throughout the past year, GLSO has sponsored numerous social activities:

- Annual campout
- Rainbow Bowling League
- Summer volleyball
- Thanksgiving Dinner
- Lesbian team in the city softball league
- Monthly community dances
- Annual Gay Pride Week celebration

Highlights of the year's events included the GLSO Rainbow Bowling League's Bluegrass Tournament, and Lexington appearance of New York's ACT-UP, which several GLSO members helped to organize.

GLSO also actively supported major events sponsored by other organizations, including:

- Interweave's 1989 Convocation of Unitarian Universalist for Lesbian & Gay Concerns,
- Dignity/Lexington's hosting of Dignity Region V Conference,
- National Organization for Women's March on Washington

Additionally, GLSO continued to support the ongoing activities of Interweave, ICBE, Dignity, the Esmerelda Collective, Between the Acts, Gay/Lesbian AA, and the Louisville March for Justice. GLSO has also lent support to the birth of five new local organizations for gay men and lesbians:

- Gay and Lesbian Adult Children of Alcoholics (ACA)
- Lesbian Overeaters Anonymous (OA),
- Esmerelda, Ink.
- Lesbian Passion Discussion Group
- Bluegrass Human Rights Advocates (BHRA)

AIDS Volunteers of Lexington (AVOL) incorporated as an independent organization this year, after its initial creation by GLSO a year earlier. AVOL's independent status saw accomplishment of one of its major goals, establishment of a house for Persons with AIDS. GLSO and AVOL have continued to work closely together, to both organizations' successes.

GLSO also arranged for subscriptions to several gay and lesbian periodicals to be donated to the University of Kentucky library. These subscriptions to **GLSO News**, the **Advocate**, the **Washington Blade**, **Lambda Rising Book Report**, and the National Gay & Lesbian Task Force's **Press Release** were provided for the enjoyment of members of our gay and lesbian community, as well as a means of supplying reliable, gay- and lesbian-positive material to the university population.

**GLSO News** solidified many changes begun the previous year. Each issue is now full-length, with a mixture of local, regional, national and international news. Non-news items, such as essays, letters, and poetry are also included in each issue. Circulation increased both through home subscriptions and business outlets. In addition to Joseph-Beth Booksellers, The Bar, and Special Media, The Good Foods Co-op and Crossing now distribute **GLSO News**.

Two politically significant events took place this past year, as well. Last Fall's receipt of a letter to GLSO from Michael Dukakis marked the first time any candidate for national office has sought support from the gay and lesbian voters of our region. Additionally, this past Spring a member of GLSO "created" the opportunity for Lexington mayor Scotty Baesler to state, on record, that he supports treatment of lesbians and gay men equal to that received by heterosexuals.

The 1988-1989 fiscal year was a successful period for GLSO, and for our gay and lesbian community as well. With the continued efforts anticipated from next year's dedicated volunteers, members and Board, 1989-1990 should turn out to be another landmark year.!

ADAM ---

A Man's group.

Look for details in the August issue of **GLSO News**

## GLSO FINANCIAL POSITION

The Treasurer presented GLSO's financial statement at the annual membership meeting on June 12. Although three weeks short of the year-end close, the figures reflect the "shoe-string" budget we work on. The year was unusual because of the grant from the Chicago Resource Center. That grant permitted GLSO to conduct a public awareness campaign by advertising in the **Lexington Herald-Leader** and various small town newspapers throughout central, southern and eastern Kentucky. With \$1,733 now in the bank, this is where the organization's money came from and went during the July, 1988 to June, 1989 fiscal year.

### STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENSE JULY 1, 1988 TO JUNE 12, 1989

#### INCOME

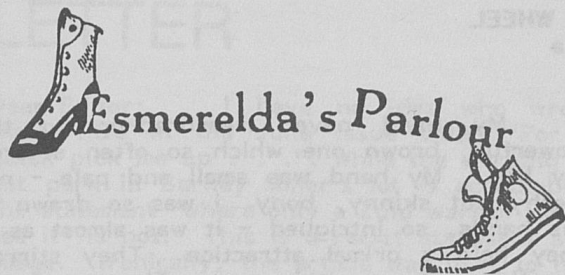
Chicago Resource Grant	7,500
Coffeehouse/Dance Gross	3,835
Contributions - Chicago	534
Contributions	704
Garage Sale	59
Memberships	470
Newsletter Advertising	350
Newsletter Subscriptions	225
Pride Week Funds	775
<b>SUBTOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>14,452</b>

#### EXPENSES

Advertising	50
Bank Charges	1
Chicago Grant Expense	7,500
Coffeehouse Advance	1,545
Coffeehouse Expenses	63
Coffeehouse Space Rental	750
Corporate Registration	9
Newsletter Postage	420
Newsletter Printing	1,556
Newsletter Supplies	167
Office Postage	25
Office Supplies	5
P O Box Rental	28
P O Bulk Mailing Permit	60
Phoneline	930
Photocopies	3
Pride Week Expense	174
Women's Softball	175
Subscriptions	25
<b>SUBTOTAL EXPENSE</b>	<b>13,496</b>

**NET INCOME** 943





### THE LEATHER CHICK by Debbie Currie

I had to laugh that time that someone called her "the leather chick." It's true that she does love leather. She buries her face into the fine leather of her jacket and breathes in deeply, contentedly, just as one might breathe in the subtle fragrance of a bouquet of flowers. She simply can't get enough of it. In fact, it's rumored that her coat rack once collapsed from the weight of one too many leather jackets. Not to mention whips and handcuffs. But that's another story.

I must admit that when I first met her, I was attracted to all that leather, and to all that goes with it. Cool, confident, perhaps even a bit arrogant, she was very attractive. She looked good in her leather, so good that she caught my eye almost immediately. Which she wanted to, of course. Her cool look and manner contrasted paradoxically with her soft voice and blonde tresses. The paradox made her all the more intriguing. She challenged me at once with directness, seemed to be on the offensive from the word go. I just watched and waited. I knew that someday I would know the woman beneath all that leather much better.

On our first date, she threw me off balance almost immediately. When I picked her up that night, she was all in black. I did not say a thing. Intimidated, perhaps? Then that soft voice demanded "What's the matter. don't you like black?" The question caught me off guard. Her frankness, so refreshing at times, was, at that moment, downright disconcerting. "Of course, I like black," I replied, but I still said nothing about her attire. What was I afraid of? She looked good, but I couldn't tell her. Her looks were striking in their contrast. I could see that, but could she?

As we've gotten to know each other better, I've discovered the real woman beneath that leather chick exterior. She may love her leather, but she doesn't let it possess her. Rather, she wants me to possess her ... wants us to possess each other. Her directness has lost its edge, melting into

openness. She has come to trust me in a way that I am not yet able to trust her. She loves me. I know that. But I hold back. Sometimes I miss that leather chick arrogance that first caught my eye. It became her. It attracted me. She radiated a strength that made me feel safe ... safe from hurting her. Her trust and vulnerability frighten me. It seems an awesome responsibility ... to not hurt this person who has opened up to me.

As time passes, we work tirelessly to make this relationship of ours work. It is, I am confident, worth the effort. Among her many layers, I am finding much to love about this woman. That outermost layer, her leather, continues to bring us both pleasure, as she delights in its feel and scent and look, while I delight in seeing her in it. And while I shall surely smile if once again someone mistakenly refers to this woman of mine as "the leather chick," I'll know better. This is no leather chick. This is the woman who found me, believes in me, is waiting for me like no one else ever would. This woman is much tougher than any leather chick could ever hope to be.

### TWINS by Vickie

Do I need some  
Sweet exorcism from  
Much-too-welcome  
Poetic murmurs in  
Sleepless  
Tireless  
Midnights  
Dawns  
Washing my brain, waterfalls, waterfalls  
Of flesh in  
Fern-sparse clothing  
The lovers' candle throwing  
Renaissance light  
Shadow flickers dance  
To strung instruments  
Giving and stretching  
Taunt and melting chords  
Our timeless a cappella  
A duet debut

Scales with a  
Counterweight  
The pure symmetry  
Of a sphere  
She is my twin  
The mindreader missing in action  
The Braille book we read  
I remember  
I've been blind.

## GRIPPING THE WHEEL by Angela

I used to watch his hand on the steering wheel. I felt some satisfaction in it, some attraction - I don't know why, I can't really explain it. There was something about that hand that pleased me, something about the meaty look, the tan of the skin, the way it gripped the steering wheel and made it look so thin and delicate. His hand looked as though it belonged on a steering wheel, as if it were born to it or made for it. His hand looked perfect on the steering wheel, like it belonged there guiding and leading us all. He must not have belonged to that hand. I don't know how he came by it but he did not do justice to it.

I still don't know what it was about his hand and the way it looked that fascinated me so. I remember sitting on the edge of the backseat of the Oldsmobile, my chin resting on the back of the seat in front of me, staring at his hand on the wheel. The left hand of the left-handed man. I would often make a fist and look down at my own best hand gripping an invisible steering wheel, gauging the look of what I saw. Would I ever have veins like that in the back of my hand? Would it look that way on the wheel? So powerful, so pleasing?

### Prose 1, Old Rain

Old rain rising  
in backyard barrels.  
Love growing in my heart.  
Old rain racing through  
storm drains,  
to fill a cistern  
out by the barn.  
Old rain waiting  
for discovery,  
on a face  
made infinitely  
more beautiful  
than the blue sky  
from which it fell.

Mischelle Myers  
June 6, 1989

My hand never measured-up to the powerful, brown one which so often steered my life. My hand was small and pale - not fleshy but skinny, bony. I was so drawn to his hands, so intrigued - it was almost as if they held a primal attraction. They stirred something deep within me. They were in contrast to this man; powerful hands/weak mind. Powerful body/weak soul.

Now my hands have grown larger. They are still pale, but the fingers are long and tapered and sometimes I can see the veins there. I always notice the hands of the women I meet. Are they strong, well-made, neat? Many times the hands have drawn me when nothing else has.

My lover has hands that please and I have always been drawn to them. Her hands are large with long wide fingers and her veins often show in her hands and up into her well-muscled arms. But, you know, she doesn't hold the steering wheel in the same way. Her hands don't grip it like a bat, powerfully guiding. Her hands just seem to rest there; just enough to get the job done.

### BETWEEN THE ACTS TO HOLD FUNDRAISER

Between the Acts, a women's theatre group, will be holding their "First Annual Lavender Games" as a fundraiser. The games will be held July 22 at 1205 Baker Lane in Nicholasville, Kentucky.

The gate opens at 1 pm with the games beginning promptly at 2 pm. A theatre performance and party with a bonfire will follow the games' closing ceremony.

Admission for the afternoon and evening is \$3 and refreshments will be available. Please bring blankets, folding chairs, and children - but no pets, please. The rain date for the event is July 23.



# LETTER

Dear Editor: I have no idea who wrote the article in the June issue titled "For a quick pick me up . . .". While the warning to not park in Barney Miller's lot is acceptable, the statement "where only a Zulu warrior could see it" is not. This is a racist statement and image. Ironically, the article was next to one titled "Speaking Out Against Anti-Gay Discrimination in Lexington." Using and perpetuating racist images is wrong. This kind of writing does not belong in **GLSO News**.  
Kate Black

Dear Ms. Black: The article you refer to was submitted to **GLSO News** by a member of the community. At the time the newsletter staff made the decision to print the article, we did not consider the specific phrase under discussion to be a racist statement. After additional consideration of the issue in light of your objection, our perception of the situation has not changed.

Simply referring to a characteristic which a group of people have in common is not, in our viewpoint, a derogatory comment. The nature and intent of the comment determines whether or not the remark is demeaning. The newsletter staff does not recognize any discriminatory meaning in the statement being questioned. We see instead a non-judgmental reference to a physical trait, no different from left- or right- handedness, color of hair or skin, age, or gender.

The viewpoint that this statement is racistly derogatory, however, raises some additional questions. It seems to imply that anyone whose heritage includes a group sharing a common trait has no reason to be proud of that heritage. In fact, the opposite is true and is evidenced by the example in question. To many people, the African tribe referred to presents an image of uncommon pride, a culture and heritage in which its descendants can also take great pride.

The **GLSO** Board of Directors and its newsletter staff completely agree with you that any sort of discriminatory remark does not have a place in this publication. This is true whether the statement is racist, sexist (including anti-male comments), homophobic, heterophobic, ageist, etc. We also agree with your observation that such prejudice from lesbians and gay men is at best ironic, and at worst self-defeating. Please be assured that had we sensed this reference was made with even a slight intent to discriminate, **GLSO News** would not have printed the statement.

## AVOL RAFFLE A SUCCESS

The raffle held by AIDS Volunteers of Lexington at The Bar on May 27 netted \$2,160. A total of \$2,435 was raised, less \$275 in expenses. Of the expenses, \$199 purchased a prize, ticket printing cost \$49 and \$27 was spent for the large glass jars used in the drawing. The Grand Prize of a vacation for two in the Bahamas was won by Linda Wilson of Frankfort. Net proceeds from the raffle will be used for the operation of Solomon House.

AVOL is now planning its next fund raiser for early August at ArtsPlace. Invitations will be mailed to friends and supporters within a few weeks.

## KY COURTS MAY COMPEL HIV TESTING

The office of the state Attorney General issued an opinion on June 6 which permits police officers to seek a court order to require HIV testing of an arrested suspect. An order requiring the test could be sought if there is probable cause to believe the arrestee is infected, and, "a government agent is, has been, or will be at risk."

The opinion was issued at the request of the Owensboro City Attorney after a policeman was bitten by a suspect believed to be at risk for infection. The suspect was not tested, and the policeman tested negative. Despite the circumstances surrounding the opinion, AIDS is not known to be transmitted by biting.

## MICHIGAN LAUNCHES HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM FOR PWA'S

The Michigan legislature has approved a two year trial program to keep some persons with AIDS off the state's Medicaid program. Under the program, those who have group or private health insurance may qualify for the state to pay their health insurance premiums if they become too ill to work. Because of the high cost of treating the illness, it is clearly cheaper for the state to pay the existing health insurance premiums of private insurers.

## FORMER GLSO PRESIDENT HONORED

Steve Abrams, a graduate student at the University of Texas, has received a full scholarship to attend the summer session of the International Space University in Strasbourg, France. He will be working on the design of a lunar polar orbiter with several national space organizations.

# ASK AUNT MARY

Dear Aunt Mary,

I am a gay male whose soul soars when he hears a woman 5 strong voice singing. Do you think it could be hormonal? I've worn my Bette Midler and Barbra Streisand tapes out. What do you suggest?

- A man with an ear

Dear Ear:

There is no doubt that a great many males lose it (whatever that might imply) over the sounds of a woman reaching the upper heights of the musical scale. Current physiological and psychological research suggests that sexuality may be related to hormonal factors occurring in the womb - so who knows maybe your attraction to women singers IS hormonal (I wouldn't bet my collection of Diana Ross tapes on it though and just like sexuality - in the end, who really cares why one is gay or why one loves women's voices; one just is and one just does and God knows that's a good enough reason).

Aunt Mary more than shares your love of sopranos, altos and divas and can't resist offering her list of current favorites. First, on the popular side, Laura Branigan's new album "Touch" has the number one British female smash hit of all time on it, titled "Power of Love." Aunt Mary promises you that there's a reason why that song was the number one hit in Britain. However, in the U.K., it was performed by Jennifer Rush and just as various renditions of classical pieces differ, so do these two. Branigan's is probably more available and she actively promoted her earlier hit "Gloria" in the gay community because she's aware that she has a large gay following. Rush's version may lift your soul a slight bit higher than Branigan's but they're both good.

Aunt Mary's favorite new artist - and just plain favorite - is a woman by the name of Maria McKee. Her voice is to die for (to borrow a phrase I heard somewhere). The title of the release is simply Maria McKee. Melissa Etheridge is also rumored to be good, although Aunt Mary's budget hasn't allowed her to purchase her CD yet (advice columnists in this town ain't paid, period!).

Now for all of you who've refused to listen to classical music and opera, my advice is to try it, you'll like it - to borrow another phrase. A collection titled "The Movies go to the Opera" (so you're a little embarrassed to have something with a name like that - it has

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some great stuff on it) is wonderful. It includes opera hits from the shows Fatal Attraction ("Un Bell di" from Madame Butterfly), A Room with a View (more Puccini), I've Heard the Mermaids Sing (Delibes' "Lakme" - Aunt Mary's favorite piece on the CD and her favorite movie), and Rossini's "Barber of Seville" sung by Maria Callas. So it's quality stuff. Additional pieces you might consider include Richard Strauss' "Four Last Songs" - you may know the third piece which was sung by Dame Kiri Te Kanawa in "The Year of Living Dangerously" - another Aunt Mary favorite with Mel Gibson.

In any case, Aunt Mary commends you for your taste in music (since it apparently agrees with hers) and wishes you happy listening.

P.S. Aunt Mary confesses to not knowing all and asks that readers send in their favorites. She'll pass them on.

## THE TRIAL OF WHITE

Part Four of a review/condensation of Randy Shilts' *The Mayor of Castro Street: The Life and Times of Harvey Milk*

By Kevin Nance

Early on, Harvey Milk's friends in and out of San Francisco's gay community assumed that the murder trial of Dan White would be open-and-shut. After all, White had confessed to specifically entering City Hall through a side door - obviously to avoid the metal detectors at the main entrance, which would have tipped off guards to the presence of his Smith & Wesson handgun and ammunition (the more dangerous type he reserved - and had to reload - for Milk). There was no question the killing of Milk and Mayor George Moscone had been premeditated; and in hindsight, there is no question that Milk's homosexuality (the antithesis of White's own macho, conservative ethos) was what made him a target.

But as soon as jury selection began, it became clear that, to those charged with the execution of justice (a phrase that later became the title of a play about the Dan White trial), the matter was far from open-and-shut. Gays and heterosexuals who supported them were specifically excluded from the jury; White's attorney, Doug Schmidt, saw to it that the jurors were predominantly working-class and, more importantly, Catholic. The all-heterosexual jury contained no blacks and



no Asians; half the jurors lived in White's old supervisorial district.

As the trial began, Schmidt painted his client as a "decent," "rigidly moral," "family" man, the board of supervisors' "voice of the family" - in sharp contrast to Milk, a "homosexual leader." Schmidt also surprised observers by introducing a biological theory about White's behavior. He had a history of manic-depression, a "vile biochemical change" that had made an otherwise calm man fly off the handle.

On the other hand, prosecutor Tom Norman, in a dull monotone, recounted the events that proved two of the three elements of first-degree murder - premeditation and deliberation. Given the facts, these were indisputable. But the third element, malice, was missing. Norman gave the jury no motive for why White had killed the two politicians. He said nothing of the history of anger and resentment between White and Milk; he said nothing of White's numerous homophobic public statements, some aimed specifically at Milk.

In the prosecution's final piece of evidence, White's taped confession - recorded an hour after the shootings - was played in court. White said he had no plan when he went to City Hall and couldn't explain why he brought the gun. He spoke of hearing strange noises just before he shot the mayor. After cornering Milk, White said, "I started to say ... how hard I worked for [his seat on the board of supervisors] and what it meant to me and my family and then my reputation as a hard worker, a good honest person and he just kind of smirked at me as if to say, too bad and then and then I just got all flushed and, and hot and I shot him." Four jurors - and even some reporters - shed tears at the tortured confession.

When the defense began, Schmidt presented several psychiatrists who said fine, decent Dan White could not have been capable of the murders. One of them talked about how White's habit of consuming junk food - particularly Twinkies, potato chips and Coca Cola - led to the killings since the extreme variations in blood sugar levels aggravated his existing manic-depression (the "Twinkie defense").

During Norman's rambling, four-hour-long summation, two jurors fell asleep. By contrast, Schmidt brought in a high lectern from which he addressed the heavily Catholic jury like a parish priest at the pulpit, invoking the name of God about once a minute. In a brief, impassioned speech, he called for a voluntary manslaughter verdict, and pleaded: "A good man, a man with a fine background,

does not coldbloodedly go down and kill two people. That just doesn't happen."

On Monday, May 21, 1979, the verdicts came in. Voluntary manslaughter on both counts. With time off for good behavior, White would be out of jail in less than five years.

A shaken reporter asked Cleve Jones (a young gay activist who would later head the NAMES Project, better known as the AIDS Quilt), "What does this mean?"

"This means that in America," Jones replied, "it's all right to kill faggots."

NEXT: THE LEGACY OF HARVEY MILK

### FURTHER EVIDENCE OF HOMOPHOBIA AT UK

A recent letter to GLSO documented several instances of discrimination against a gay male student at the University of Kentucky. According to the letter, the writer was subjected to anti-gay jokes and insulting imitations of stereotypes from a member of the music faculty, was forced to pledge his fraternity, and frequently was taunted with insulting names. The incidents even went so far as to include a death threat over the telephone. The writer also detailed mistreatment by a fellow gay student in the music school, which eventually led the student to transfer out of UK.

The student sent his letter in response to a request from GLSO. "I hope you can use this incident as evidence of homophobia and hatred for gays being prevalent at UK," he wrote. GLSO will pass this letter on to Lexington's new gay and lesbian political action organization, the Bluegrass Human Rights Advocates (BHRA).

BHRA has adopted as one of its major goals the improvement of life for gay men and lesbians at UK. Along these lines, BHRA has already elicited dialogue and responses from the Lexington Human Rights Commission and the Community Coalition for Cultural Diversity. The more evidence BHRA can compile, such as the letter described above, the greater the likelihood the University administration will respond positively. Anyone who can relate additional accounts of homophobic treatment at UK is urgently requested to send a description of the events to BHRA, P.O. Box 1501, Lexington, KY 40591. All information will be kept anonymous.

# GAY AMERICA

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## NATIONAL

The federal government established a national toll-free telephone service through which people who have AIDS or who test seropositive for antibodies to HIV can learn about government-sponsored treatment trials. The number, (800) TRIALS-A (874-2572), is staffed from 9 am to 7 pm, EST, Monday through Friday.

## WASHINGTON, DC

Washington, DC gay activists, frustrated by delays in the city's AIDS-education media campaign, plastered city buses and subway cars with fluorescent stickers showing how to use condoms. One of the stickers said "Warning: Metro Bus/Rail has determined that education about condoms is hazardous to your ignorance of AIDS prevention.

## MINNEAPOLIS, MN

A predominantly gay and lesbian congregation in Minneapolis, Spirit of the Lakes Ecumenical Community Church, was approved for membership by a mainline Protestant denomination, the United Church of Christ (UCC). The action appears to be the second time that a mainstream Christian denomination in the US has ever admitted a mostly gay and lesbian congregation. Last October, another UCC congregation, Peace Church in Oakland, California, with a predominately gay and lesbian membership, was formally admitted into the denomination.

## PALO ALTO, CA

After an absence of almost two years, George Segal's sculpture "Gay Liberation" was returned to its place on the campus of Stanford University last month, just in time for the school's gay and lesbian awareness week. The sculpture, which portrays two gay couples, was removed from display when vandals spray-painted the word AIDS on it in 1987. It was the second time the sculpture had been vandalized since its installation in 1984.

## PROVIDENCE, RI

The state house of representatives reversed itself and voted 50-44 to approve a bill that would ban antigay discrimination in public accommodations, such as hotels and restaurants, and in credit availability. The bill has been sent to the state senate, where a similar measure was defeated last year.

## FARGO, ND

A longtime Fargo gay rights activist whose bar was the target of periodic vandalism and harassment said he plans to sell his liquor license and may close the bar. The bar, My Place, is the only gay bar in North Dakota.

## SAN FRANCISCO, CA

The city government passed legislation on June 5 which ends official discrimination based on marital status and permits registration of "domestic partnerships," including gay and lesbian relationships. In practice, the law will accord legal recognition to unmarried heterosexual couples and to homosexual couples. The legislation also calls for the development, within three months, of a plan under which city health insurance coverage may be extended to the domestic partners of city employees.

Openly gay, President of the Board of Supervisors, Harry Britt authored the law, which was passed unanimously by the city board before being signed into law by Mayor Art Agnos. This action makes San Francisco the only city in the nation which legally extends rights to gay and lesbian couples equal to those accorded to heterosexual married couples.

## DES MOINES, IA

The Iowa Senate killed a state-house-approved bill that would have increased penalties for bias-related crimes against gays and members of other minority groups. Senate leaders contended its enactment would condone homosexuality.



# INTO THE FUTURE

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

- July 2-8, 1989. National Association of Black and White Men Together. Ninth Annual Convention. Tallahassee, FL.
- July 4, 1989. Northwest Gay/Lesbian Sports Festival. Seattle, WA.
- August 5, 1989. Chicago Celebration Ball. Chicago, IL.
- August 24-27, 1989. International Conference of Gay and Lesbian Jews. Chicago, IL.
- September 2-4, 1989. Dignity Convention. San Francisco, CA.
- October, 1989. (Date not certain yet) NAMES Project AIDS Quilt Returns to Washington, DC.
- November 11-13, 1989. National Gay & Lesbian Task Force. Creating Change Conference. Washington, DC.
- November 24-26, 1989. Texas (Gay and Lesbian) Open Tennis Tournament. Houston, TX.
- August 4-11, 1990. Celebration '90, Gay Games III and Cultural Festival. Vancouver, Canada.

## SEEN ON A PASSING T-SHIRT:

I NEVER LIKED FLIES....

UNTIL I UNZIPPED ONE.

## DIRECTORY

- GLSO Gayline ..... 231-0335
- GLSO Board..... call Craig, ..... 266-8887
- GLSO Newsletter .....  
.... call Craig/Steve, ..... 266-8887
- GLSO Speakers Bureau .....  
.... call Bobbi, ..... 259-0694
- GLSO Coffeehouse & Dance .....  
.... call Esmerelda, ..... 255-3851
- GLSO Summer Volleyball .....  
.... call Kenneth, ..... 266-5069
- GLSO Cards & Games .....  
.... call Peter, ..... 2??-????
- GLSO Rainbow Bowling League .....  
.... or Chuck, ..... 266-8541
- Lesbian Potluck.....  
.... call Esmerelda, ..... 252-7837
- Lesbian Passion Discussion Group .....  
.... call Esmerelda, ..... 255-3851
- Esmerelda, Ink .....  
.... or, Angela, ..... 272-3776  
.... call Vickie, ..... 299-4238,
- Bluegrass Human Rights Advocates .....  
.... call Kate/Amy, ..... 231-0350
- Gay/Lesbian AA .....  
.... call Dave, ..... 277-9522
- Imperial Court of the Bluegrass  
Empire..... call Terry, ..... 266-8715
- Lesbian Overeaters Anonymous .....  
.... call Esmerelda, ..... 252-7837
- Dignity/Lexington .....  
.... call Keith, ..... 278-5620
- Liturgy.... call Don, ..... 299-4458  
(Lexington's chapter of the national Catholic gay and lesbian support organization.)
- Interweave ... call Craig, ..... 266-8887  
(A group within Lexington's Unitarian Universalist Church composed of gay men, lesbians, and non-gay friends.)
- AVOL ..... 254-AVOL  
(AIDS support and education)
- ACT-Lexington ..... 281-5151  
(AIDS education and speakers)
- HIV+, ARC, AIDS Support Group .....  
.... call Edwin, ..... 233-0444
- Lexington-Fayette County  
Health Department  
AIDS Testing ..... 252-2371  
(For anonymous AIDS counseling and testing, call the above number and ask for an AIDS Counselor.)
- Madison County Health Department  
AIDS Testing ..... 623-7312  
(For anonymous AIDS counseling and testing, call the above number and ask for an AIDS Counselor.)
- Louisville Crisis Hotline ..... (502) 637-4342
- National Gay and Lesbian Task Force  
Crisis Line and AIDS Crisis  
Line ..... (800) 221-7044

# JULY EVENTS CALENDAR

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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.

- SAT 1 Gay/Lesbian ACA, 2 pm, St. Joseph Office Park, Room 120
- SUN 2 Bluegrass Human Rights Advocates Potluck/Meeting, 11am; Gay/Lesbian AA, 4 pm, Comp Care Center; Lesbian OA, 5:30 pm, St. Joseph Office Park, Rm. 120
- WED 5 Gay/Lesbian AA, 8 pm, St. Joseph Office Park, Rm. 120; Gayline, 231-0335, 8 - 11 pm
- THU 6 HIV+, ARC, AIDS Support Group; Gayline, 231-0335, 8 - 11 pm
- FRI 7 Gay/Lesbian AA, 8 pm, Comp Care Center; Gayline, 231-0335, 8 - 11 pm
- SAT 8 Gay/Lesbian ACA, 2 pm, St. Joseph Office Park, Room 120
- SUN 9 GLSO Phonenumber Meeting, 1 pm, Comp Care Center; Lesbian Potluck, 2 pm; Gay/Lesbian AA, 4 pm, Comp Care Center; Lesbian OA, 5:30 pm, St. Joseph Office Park, Rm. 120; AVOL, 5:30 pm, Comp Care Center
- MON 10 GLSO Picnic, 6:30 pm, Woodland Park; GLSO News Deadline
- WED 12 Gay/Lesbian AA, 8 pm, St. Joseph Office Park, Rm. 120; Gayline, 231-0335, 8 - 11 pm
- THU 13 HIV+, ARC, AIDS Support Group; Gayline, 231-0335, 8 - 11 pm

- FRI 14 GLSO Volleyball, 6:30 pm, Jacobson Park, Shelter #5; Gay/Lesbian AA, 8 pm, Comp Care Center; Gayline, 231-0335, 8 - 11 pm
- SAT 15 Gay/Lesbian ACA, 2 pm, St. Joseph Office Park, Room 120
- SUN 16 Gay/Lesbian AA, 4 pm, Comp Care Center; Lesbian OA, 5:30 pm, St. Joseph Office Park, Rm. 120
- WED 19 Interweave, 8 pm, Unitarian Universalist Church; Gay/Lesbian AA, 8 pm, St. Joseph Office Park, Rm. 120; Gayline, 231-0335, 8 - 11 pm
- THU 20 HIV+, ARC, AIDS Support Group; GLSO News Layout, 7:30 pm; Gayline, 231-0335, 8 - 11 pm
- FRI 21 Gay/Lesbian AA, 8 pm, Comp Care Center; Gayline, 231-0335, 8 - 11 pm
- SAT 22 Lavender Games, 2 pm, (see flyer); Gay/Lesbian ACA, 2 pm, St. Joseph Office Park, Room 120
- SUN 23 Esmerelda Ink, 2 pm; Gay/Lesbian AA, 4 pm, Comp Care Center; Lesbian OA, 5:30 pm, St. Joseph Office Park, Rm. 120
- WED 26 GLSO Board Meeting, 7:30 pm; Gay/Lesbian AA, 8 pm, St. Joseph Office Park, Rm. 120; Gayline, 231-0335, 8 - 11 pm
- THU 27 HIV+, ARC, AIDS Support Group; Gayline, 231-0335, 8 - 11 pm
- FRI 28 GLSO Volleyball, 6:30 pm, Jacobson Park, Shelter #5; Gay/Lesbian AA, 8 pm, Comp Care Center; Gayline, 231-0335, 8 - 11 pm
- SAT 29 Gay/Lesbian ACA, 2 pm, St. Joseph Office Park, Room 120
- SUN 30 Gay/Lesbian AA, 4 pm, Comp Care Center; Lesbian OA, 5:30 pm, St. Joseph Office Park, Rm. 120