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INTERNATIONAL GROUP FIGHTS DISCRIMINATION AIMED AT GAYS

Have you ever considered what it's like to be a sexual minority in another country where your basic human rights are not guaranteed? Around the world, gay men and lesbians are murdered by paramilitary death squads, jailed, have their publications censored or suppressed, lose custody of their children.

squads, Jailed, have their publications custody of their children, are denied jobs and housing and the right to form organizations. These types of flagrant, and often violent, discriminatory practices occur too often without any international concern or protests.

The International Gay and Lesbian Human Rights Commission is dedicated to researching and documenting human rights abuses against gays, lesbians and other sexual minorities around the

The group is currently expanding our Emergency Response Network for the express purpose of bombarding the offending parties with phone calls, letters, petitions and demonstrations. Our hope is that one day soon, (Continued on page 5)

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FAIRY SUPERHERO Rupert Kinnard's comic about a superhero who is a gay, radical, black teenager, is now in a book, reviewed on page 9. You can discover how humor and whimsy are used on behalf of truth, justice and the fight against homophobia.

BEST IN THE BLUEGRASS in this issue we report reader's views on the area's best pizza, restaurant, drag queen, etc. -- page 8.

SODOMITES IN THE SNOW --STATE SUPREME COURT HEARS ARGUMENTS ON SODOMY LAW

By Jeff Jones
As the Kentucky Supreme Court
heard arguments in challenge to
the constitutionality of the
state's sodomy statute on April 2,
45 people gathered on the steps
and rotunda of the Capitol to show
support for protecting the privacy
rights of Kentuckians.

The court is reviewing the decisions of the Fayette District and Circuit Courts that ruled the statute prohibiting homosexual sodomy between consenting adults

as unconstitutional.

If the Supreme Court upholds the decisions, Kentucky will join 25 other states by making all private sex acts between consenting adults legal. Such a ruling would make Kentucky the third state in the nation (after N.Y. and Penn.) to overturn the sodomy law in the state courts.

The Kentucky statute forbids genital-oral, genital-anal, and anal-oral acts between same-sex

couples.

The demonstration in favor of privacy was organized in response to an expected protest by Christian fundamentalists who want to keep the sodomy statute. The demonstrators included people from the Kentucky ACLU, KY Lambda Coalition, P-FLAG, GLOBAL, and UK Lambda.

Gathering from around Kentucky with signs in tow, (Continued on page 5)

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GLSO MAY FORUM ADDRESSES NEEDS OF LEXINGTON'S GAYS

A public forum for discussing the needs and challenges faced by the lesbigay community in Lexington will be held at 7:30 p.m., May 6, at the New Morning Coffee House.

Keith Elston, will make some brief introductory remarks and moderate the discussion. This forum provides an opportunity to express your views on issues important to lesbigay people in Lexington and to suggest services that GLSO might provide.

The New Morning Coffee House is located at 504 Euclid Avenue.

GROUP SUPPLIES SUPPORT FOR LESBIAN OVEREATERS

A group to help lesbians deal with the problem of over eating meets each week at Faith Lutheran Church on Wednesdays at 4 p.m.

Anyone interesting in taking part in the group or joining it, should call Nancy at 268-3941.

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A word from the editor

CLOSET ARE FOR CLOTHES

By Chuck Smith

Between June 5 - 14 we in the Lexington area will observe Gay, Lexington area will observe Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Pride Week 1992. The event celebrates the anniversary of the Stonewall Rebellion, which is considered to mark the beginning of the modern gay liberation movement in America.

One night in June street queens and the patrons of the Stonewall Inn, a gay bar in New York City, refused to 1969, New York City, refused to cooperate with a police raid on the bar. They fought back and the bar. They fought back and their resistance sparked three nights of rioting by gay people and the notice of gay men and lesbians across the nation.

Our Pride Week provides the opportunity to find out more about our history as gay men and lesbians, enjoy some arts and social events and show your pride as a gay person. You should look at the schedule printed in this issue and plan to take part in some of the events.

With this issue, the GLSO News is passing into the hands of new editors. Beth Daily, Jeff Jones, and Tom Murphy have agreed to jointly take over the editorial responsibilities for the newsletter. Furthermore, several others in the community have volunteered to assist with the work. There are still other jobs that we could use assistance with. Someone to manage advertising is our biggest need. If you would be interested in helping with the newsletter call Chuck at 275-2069.

If there are particular issues you would like to see addressed in the newsletter or features you would like to see included, give us a call or send a letter at P.O. Box 11471, Lexington, KY 40575. We want the GLSO News to serve the Bluegrass lesbigay community.

DEMOCRATIC FRONTRUNNER CLARIFIES STAND ON GAY RIGHTS ISSUES

In a letter he addressed to Randy Klose of the Human Rights Campaign Fund, Governor Bill Clinton claimed to be a strong supporter of civil rights for gays and lesbians. An earlier questionnaire Clinton returned to the fund expresses reservations about the lack of some provisions in the federal gay civil rights bill.

Clinton maintains that the bill should not require religious organizations to hire gay people if they are opposed. He claims that such a requirement would violate the constitutional right to free exercise of religion.

But, Clinton maintains he has a "fundamental commitment to civil rights for gays and lesbians." He also has publically committed himself to sign the gay rights bill when it is passed by the Congress.

clinton has called for a repeal of the ban on gays and lesbians serving in the military, and pledges that if elected, he will issue an executive order

prohibiting discrimination against gays and lesbians in federal hiring and contracting.

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THE SUN WILL NEVER SET ...

On Tuesday, April 7, 1992, an AIDS Memorial and Benefit was held at The Bar Complex Showroom in Lexington, Kentucky. The event was to honor persons living with HIV or who have died from complications from AIDS.

It was sponsored by Friends of Kevin Drury (1963-1992) and benefited AIDS Volunteers of Lexington (AVOL), Friends of the Quilt (Lexington Names Project), and the Hospice of the Bluegrass AIDS Program. The theme of the memorial/benefit was "Don't let the sun go down on me."

The event was a resounding success, raising over \$2000. It proved that the gay and lesbian community in Lexington can be just

that, a community.

A memorial table and personal affects display was provided for the public who attended. The Lexington Signature Panel of the Names Project was provided by the

local chapter.

The cast of 16 performers donated all of their tips to the benefit fund. Natalie Gay was hostess and MC for the event. Cammie Detrich, Janelle Claiborne, Stacy Bryant, Rhonda K. Steele, Leslie King, Briana Carey, and Dale Lee performed at the event. Representatives from the three beneficiary groups made short presentations.

Complex Showroom remained The packed throughout the evening and Lexington got one of the best

shows ever put together.

The event is on video tape. Copies may be obtained by providing a VHS tape to either John Michael-1 or John Michael-2 at the Bar Complex Showroom.

INTERNATIONAL GROUP

Continued from page 1 if a gay bookstore is closed, if a gay newspaper is censored, when our fellow homosexuals are jailed for their sexual activities, can be there in solidarity to provide a voice of protest from the four corners of the earth. Continued on page 8

STATE SUPREME COURT HEARING

Continued from page 1 the protesters battled an early morning snow storm to arrive in time to greet the Supreme Court judges as they arrived at the Capitol. The demonstrators first stood on the Capitol steps, then moved into the rotunda.

Except for a man taking photos of the pro-privacy protesters, the 60 or so fundamentalists who came to the Capitol that day, sat in the court room along with about 40 who supported privacy rights.

In the case itself, several friend of the court briefs supporting overturning the statute had been filed by legal, health, religious, and psychological organizations. On the other side several legal briefs asking that the law remain in force were filed by legal and fundamentalist groups.

To overturn the statute at least 4 of the 7 judges must uphold the lower court's decision. Although the judges will render their decision in legal terms, political considerations will certainly play

a part in the outcome.

Last November, Lewis Paisley,
the District Court Judge who first
overturned the statute on constitutional grounds, won a landslide victory in an election for Circuit Court. His opponent made the sodomy statute a major campaign issue.

A year ago a University Kentucky research poll found that 2/3 of the state's population believe that all private sex acts between consenting adults should

be legal.

The Supreme Court is expected to hand down a decision on the sodomy statute's constitutionality during the next few months.

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GLSO Calendar of Events 1992

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GLSO NEWS READERS NAME THE BEST IN THE BLUEGRASS 1992

In a March poll, GLSO News readers named several "bests" in the Lexington and Bluegrass area. Here is a report on their views. The top three places to meet gay LEXINGTON MEN'S CHORUS

men are (1) The Bar Complex, (2) UK Lambda, (3) Crossings. If you are interested in meeting lesbians look at (1) The Metro, (2) friends and potlucks, (3) UK Lambda. To meet bisexuals you should go to (1) UK Lambda, (2) The Bar Complex, (3) the Unitarian Universalist Church.

Readers felt the best nightspots for lesbians is The Metro; for gay men, The Bar Complex; and for strayts, Lynaughs.

Alfalfa's and Fleur-de-Lys tied

for best restaurant.

The best music group is Yer Girlfriend. Crystal Blue and and Sirocco tied for the title of best drag queen. Chuck C. of the Bar Complex was named best bartender. Other businesses thought to be

the best are: pizza, Joe Bologna's, florist, Darryl's Gratz Park Flowers; men's clothes, Lazarus; women's clothes, McAlpin's; and Cut Corner and Disc Jockey tied for best record store.
The best lesbigay neighborhood is the Chevy Chase area.

INTERNATIONAL GROUP

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This is an exciting time in which to live, and we can surely make a world of difference to those less fortunate than ourselves.

Letter writing campaigns have been, and continue to be, an extremely effective means for promoting change worldwide. This is particularly true with respect to human rights abuses against sexual minorities whose rights are rapidly gaining legitimacy internationally.

To participate in this important work, write International Gay and Lesbian Human Rights Commission, 540 Castro St., San Francisco, CA

94114.

The Lexington Men's Chorus joined the Heart Strings cast in "Sometimes When We Touch" adding a splendid full, rich quality that blended elegantly."

GROWING AND MORE ACTIVE

-- Louisville Courier Journal

Lexington and Kentucky can be very proud of the Lexington Men's Chorus' participation in the Heart Strings performance in Louisville, April 11 and 12. This national tour is a fund-raiser for AIDS organizations. The money raised at the Kentucky performances was distributed to AIDS service groups throughout Kentucky.

The Lexington Men's Chorus has grown, but they still need you. They will now be preparing for an AIDS memorial service and pride week. Come join us if you would like to sing with a fantastic group of men and are able to make a commitment to rehearse.

UNITED WAY TO CUT BOY SCOUTS

The San Francisco United Way chapter notified six local Boy Scout councils it will withdraw its support unless they stop excluding homosexuals.

Sue Strong, Ph.D.
Psychologist

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RADICAL FAIRY SUPERHERO'S ONLY WEAKNESS IS SWEET POTATO PIE

by Chuck Smith

This isn't going to be an objective book review; it is about the Brown Bomber, my favorite superhero in the whole world. What, you've never heard of the Brown Bomber? You are forgiven. His regular appearances are in West Coast gay papers. So, except for the few times we in the rest of the country catch a glimpse of B.B. in gay comic

anthologies, we seldom see him.
Fortunately, B.B. is now at the local book store in B.B. and the Diva (Alyson Publications, \$6.95), a collection of the Rupert Kinnard comic strips featuring B.B.

his friends.

So, you say, who is this Brown Bomber? He describes himself as a "black, poor, radical fairy." (My friends now understand the reason he is my favorite superhero. I might add that he also has the hottest legs and most alluring smile in all comicdom.)

Kinnard explains that although he rarely has B.B. use his superpowers, "I like to think the Brown Bomber is the most powerful superhero of all. A fairy can do just about anything."

The Bomber does have one weakness, sweet potato pie. It's not his kryptonite, just something

he can't turn down.

B.B. is quite a contrast to his frequent companion, Diva Touché Flambé. She is a black, leftist, vegetarian, lesbian educator. She hosts a TV show, "Dishing With Diva," that asks questions such as, "What do gay men have in those

Macys bags they carry?"

B.B. and the Diva use wit and humor to combat homophobia and other unenlightened behavior.

For example, not long ago, they baby-sat for Gaylord, the infant son of conservative, straight, Christian, Republican, yuppies Kay and Ray Sediah.

Under B.B.'s influence, Gaylord said his first word. No, it wasn't "mommy" or "daddy." It was "Simon Nikoli," the name of a black, 29-year old, openly gay, South African anti-apartheid activist.

Several years ago the Bomber had a short fling with a certain

NAME: ERK (BROWN BOMBER) GAMBRELL AGE: PERPETUALLY 19 OCCUPATION: PART-TIME SUPER-HERO/FAIRY (THE MYSTICAL KIND) ITH AN INNOCENT BODY FUNCTION CALLED HICCUPPING, ERIC ABRUPTLY CHANGES. SOMETIMES AGAINST HIS WILL, TO AND FROM HIS B.B. PERSONA. EACH TRANS FORMATION IS FOLLOWED BY AN INTENSE COCOA AROMA. HIS PASSIONS INCLUDE TIME WITH DIVA MY GIRL" BY THE TEMPTATIONS AND HIS ONLY WEAKNESS IS SWEET POTATO PIE!

Michael J., who wears only one glove and has a pet chimpanzee. B.B. and Michael J. liked to think of themselves as comic characters.
"Of course, that makes sense

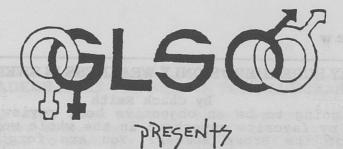
"Of course, that makes se for B.B." was the Diva's retort.

But there is also work for B.B. in the gay family. He is always trying to raise the political consciousness of his friend, the Vanilla Creampuff. Puffie's big concern is trying to understand why, although he spends loads of money to have his hair done and buys great clothes and cologne, he still can't keep a boyfriend.

The time spent with B.B., Diva, their friends and adversaries will be a time of enjoyment, whimsy, and occasionally of keen social

and political insight.

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WOMEN'S FESTIVALS OFFER A SUMMER FILLED WITH FUN, PRIDE-ENHANCING EVENTS

By Mary Sojourner Crone It's festival time again! I want to encourage all of you to consider a trip to one of these wonderful gatherings. There is enough variety so that you should be able to find one that fits your interests and needs. All festivals, to my knowledge, provide space and services for differently-abled wimmin.

Some wimmin may want to start with a small festival or one that does not require camping. Others may want to jump into the intensity of a week at the Michigan Womyn's Music Festival,

my personal favorite.

Each of the festivals is a stimulating, fun, pride-enhancing event. There is music, comedy, dancing, sports, politics, and spirituality. You can relax in the sun, you can do work shifts and learn new skills. You should also plan to spend some time for shopping at the "Lesbian Mall" filled with beautiful and unusual items offered by (mostly) lesbian artisans and business wimmin.

Here is a list of festivals scheduled for 1992. A few comments are included concerning the ones I have attended or have some

information about.

Memorial Day Weekend
CAMPFEST--near Oxford, Pa. ph:
(609) 694-2037. Campfest, RR5 Box 185, Franklinville, NJ 08322. IMINFEST--Wimin, PO Box 80204,

WIMINFEST--Wimin, PO Box Albuquerque, NM 87198-204.

SOUTHERN WOMEN'S MUSIC & COMEDY FESTIVAL--near Ashville, NC. Robin Tyler Prod., 15842 Chase Street, North Hills, CA 91343. New location (easy drive from Lexington) and new scheduling to accommodate wimmin who wish to stay in motels off fostival stay in motels off festival grounds. A relatively small (1000) and fun festival. Cabins available.

May NATIONAL WOMEN'S MUSIC FESTIVAL --May 28-31, in Bloomington, IN. NWMF, Dept. LC, PO Box 1427, Indianapolis, IN 46206. ph: (317) 636-7382. The closest and only indoor festival. Lots of known musicians and activities this year.

June WEST COAST LESBIAN FESTIVAL--June 5-7, on the beach! in Malibu, CA.
Particular Productions, 279
Lester Avenue, Oakland, CA 94606.
Ph: (510) 763-9228.
EAST COAST LESBIAN FESTIVAL-June

18-21, at Lakeside Camp on the NY/PA border. ECLF, 132 Montague Street, Brooklyn, NY 11201. Ph:

(718) 643-3284.

August MICHIGAN WOMYN'S MUSIC FESTIVAL--Aug. 11-16, near Hart, MI. WWTMC, Box 22, Walhalla, MI 49458. Ph (616) 757-4766. This will be the 17th year for the largest and for me, most interesting festival. It's like coming home.

Labor Day Weekend
WEST COAST WOMEN'S MUSIC & COMEDY FESTIVAL -- Robin Tyler Productions, address in Memorial Day listings.

RHYTHMFEST -- in north Georgia. Rhythmfest, 2009 Chapel Hill Rd., Durham, NC 27707. Ph: (919) 419-1923, small but growing.

NORTHEAST WOMEN'S MUSICAL RETREATin Tollend, MA. NEWMR, PO Box

550, Branford, CT 06405

SEPT-SISTERSPACE POCONO WEEKEND--Sisterspace, 315 S. 47th Street B-101, Philadephia, PA 19143. Ph: (215) 476-2424.

LESBIGAY PARENTS ORGANIZING

lesbian and bisexual Gay, parents, are you interested in starting a gathering for lesbigay parents in the area? If so, call Jeff at 253-9729. Other cities have similar groups to meet the special needs of lesbigay parents in the areas of relationships, custody matters and "family" family social outings.

1992 LEXINGTON GAY, LESBIAN, AND BISEXUAL PRIDE CELEBRATION

JUNE 4-14

Thur.. 4 -- Movie at the Kentucky Theater

Fri. 5 -- Movie at the Kentucky Theater

-- Ride For Pride (Bicycle Ride)
-- Movie at the Kentucky Theater
-- Plays by Between the Acts
-- "This Brooding Sky" Sat. 6

-- "Dos Lesbos"

-- Pride Church Service, Unitarian Universalist Church -- Movie at the Kentucky Theater -- Barn Dance, Tri-State Gay Rodeo Association Sun. 7

Wed. 10 -- Bowling Night

-- Speakers Thur. 11

-- Plays by Between the Acts
-- "This Brooding Sky"
-- "Dos Lesbos" Fri. 12

-- Arts Night, sponsored by GLSO
-- Bar Night, sponsored by area bars Sat. 13

-- Salute to Lexington Volunteers Banquet
-- sponsored by Tri-State Gay Rodeo Association.
Tickets, advance sales only \$20, may be purchased Sun. 14 at Crossings and from association members.

Watch for the final schedule with complete information on times and locations. It will be posted around town and included in the June GLSO News.

Help is need in the final planning for Pride Week Call Debbie, 255-3851.

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