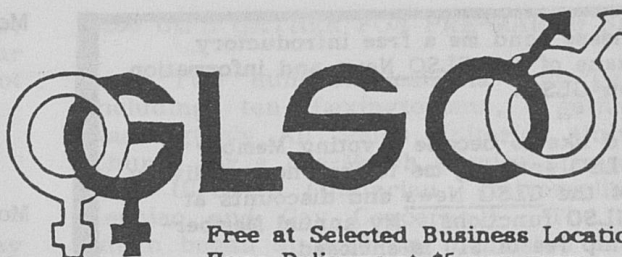


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REFLECTIONS ON THE MARCH ON WASHINGTON FOR GAY & LESBIAN RIGHTS

Being a part of the March on Washington for Gay and Lesbian Rights, Oct. 11, was an experience none of the participants will ever forget. Over 60 events were offered in connection with the March and various related activities. Choosing which of these to attend was difficult; six days were just not enough time!

At least 25 lesbians and gays from Lexington spent the weekend in Washington in the midst of half a million Gay Americans. Summing up the weekend is not an easy task, but maybe the following personal impressions from local Marchers will lend some of the exhilaration and energy of the experience to those who were unable to attend.

Favorite Signs:

Genuine Corn-Fed Iowa Faggot!
Breeder for Gay Rights.
Come Out Chris Cagney!
Gay Garbage Collectors.
My Doctor Is...My Lawyer is...And I
think my Uncle Harry is, too.
Keep your Church out of my Crotch!
I'm Thinking of the Ones Who Aren't
Here!

Favorite Chants:

F-L-O-R-I-D-A, Orange Juice Makes You
Gay!
200 Unitarian Universalists singing "Ho-
Mo, Ho-Mo, It's Off to March We
Go, We're Gay and Proud, We'll
Shout it Loud, Ho-Mo, Ho-Mo,
Ho-Mo..." to the tune of "Hi-Ho,
Hi-Ho, It's Off to Work We Go...".
600,00 Lesbians and Gay Men chanting
"Shame! Shame!" at the 7
fundamentalist hecklers.
1-2-3-4, Ronald Reagan wants a war,
5-6-7-8, he even thinks his son is
straight!

Favorite Buttons:

Buttons became an interesting phenomenon at the March. Nearly everyone was wearing some sort of button which identified them as Gay or Lesbian:

Dip me in honey and throw me to the
Lesbians!
Nuke a Gay Whale for Christ.
QUEER!
I'm not Gay but my lover is.

Enough to Bring Tears to Your Eyes:

The Healing Service for PWAs and all Gay
People held at All Soul's Unitarian
Universalist Church on Sunday
morning before the March.
Gay Men's Chorus dedicating a song to
former members who died of AIDS.
Denver Women's Chorus, Gay Men's Chorus
of Washington and the Gay & Lesbian
Bands of America performing "America
the Beautiful."
Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays
(P-FLAG) cheering on Marchers on
Pennsylvania Avenue.
Seeing a women spot the panel she had made
for her late brother pictured on the
"Names Quilt Project" commemorative
poster. I supported her for a
moment, she bought the poster, then
turned and walked back to the quilt.

Favorite Moments:

Two lesbians from Louisville stopping at a
pay phone and calling friends who
couldn't come, then holding out the
phone so they could hear the March.
Overhearing a young man breaking away
from the throng of gay people at
DuPont Circle say to his companion,
"It's a feast for the eyes and I don't
think I can stand it anymore!"

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Most Wonderfully Eerie Moment:

In the middle of Saturday afternoon, in downtown D.C., with traffic, overhead planes, tourists, and hecklers, the abrupt and sustained pure silence at the start of the Wedding Ceremony.

Most Hilariously Pathetic Action:

Almost every single male not attending the March was constantly clutching onto a woman when in public. God forbid anyone should think they were ...QUEER!

Most Infuriating Incidents:

March Organizers reported a TWA plane which had carried persons bound for the March was disinfected after the passengers disembarked.

Saturday night's Concert was delayed 45 minutes because ushers refused to work. They thought they would contract AIDS by tearing tickets.

Most Depressing Moment:

Returning home to the real world.

Best Feeling:

Knowing on every street, at any moment, for that weekend, only one-in-ten people were straight. WASHINGTON, DC WAS THE GAY CAPITOL OF THE WORLD!

Re-Entry into the real world was astonishingly depressing. And then the press coverage was ever more upsetting. Associated Press reported 200,000 lesbians and gay men took part in the March, even though this estimate came from the same people who twice during the preceding week tried to prevent the March from happening, the U.S. Park Service. March organizers were giving figures ranging from 500,000 to 750,000. Anyone who was there knows that any figure below half a million is ridiculously low; even the Village Voice insists the number of participants had to have been at least that, if not much higher. The Associated Press also drastically underestimated the number of couples who took part in The Wedding as only "several hundred", even though the Washington Post gave a much more realistic figure of more than 2000 couples plus another 3000 observers. Estimates taken from aerial photographs will eventually set the true figure.

Both the March and the headline on the Oct. 20 issue of the Village Voice sum up many of the achievements in Gay History in

the last century. As this headline shows, the March on Washington has replaced Oscar Wilde's famous quote "The Love That Dare Not Speak Its Name," with "THE LOVE THAT DARES TO SHOUT ITS NAME".

HARVEY MILK MEMORIAL SITE DEDICATED

On Saturday, October 10th, the day before the March, over 3000 persons gathered in Washington's Congressional Cemetery for a dedication ceremony on the site of the Memorial for Harvey Milk. Milk, San Francisco's first gay supervisor, was assassinated along with Mayor George Moscone, by former Supervisor Dan White.

The idea for the Memorial to honor Milk came from former Navy sergeant Leonard Matlovich while visiting the Paris gravesites of Alice B. Toklas and Gertrude Stein. Matlovich felt the United States needed a place where younger gays and lesbians could remember their fallen heroes and heroines. From Matlovich's inspiration the Never Forget association was formed to honor these persons. Milk's memorial is Never Forget's first project.

Milk's successor as supervisor, Supervisor Harry Britt, was one of the half-dozen speakers, many of whom talked of Milk's love for the community he helped found in San Francisco. The crowd was visibly moved as the speakers shared their experiences with Milk.

The ceremony concluded with the crowd organizing into groups of five which filed past the eventual site of the memorial to lay a flower. Milk's ashes were present, which added even more emotion to the event. The actual specifications of the memorial will be chosen later from designs taken from the lesbian and gay community.

200 UU'S GATHER FOR PRE-MARCH SERVICE

Two hundred lesbians and gay men, including ten Lexingtonians, gathered at Washington's All Soul's Unitarian Universalist Church for a pre-March service sponsored by the UULGC (Unitarian Universalists for Lesbian and Gay Concerns.) The service, which began at 9:30 am, consisted of several speakers including the Rev. Rose Mary Denham, who recently left the United Methodist Church over her sexual orientation in a highly publicized case. Rev. Denham has since affiliated with the Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA.)

The keynote speaker was the Rev. Jay Deacon, director of the UUA's Office of Lesbian and Gay Concerns. Rev. Deacon spoke of the desire of the UUA to have lesbians and gay men consider Unitarian Universalism as a viable religious alternative. The UUA was the only major religious denomination to endorse the March on Washington, and has been on the forefront of recognizing and endorsing lesbian and gay issues for the past fifteen years.

The most moving part of the service was a healing ceremony held for those who have suffered from AIDS. The congregation recited a chant while holding hands with each other, then vocalized names of friends who had died of, or who were afflicted with, AIDS.

Concluding the service three buses transported the UU'ers to the Ellipse where the group marched with other religious organizations in the March. Those who participated agreed that it was a perfect start to a wonderful day in Washington.

NEWSLETTER POLICY

You probably noticed the new format introduced in September's GLSO News: we've eliminated the cover page artwork and now begin the news on the first page (like a "normal" newspaper!). You may also have noticed the new subscription form on page 2. That change is important to you and to GLSO.

Each month we provide a few free copies of the GLSO News at businesses such as The Bar, Special Media and Joseph-Beth, so new people in town will know we're here to help. Those copies usually don't last long - everyone likes to get something free.

Our writers, editors, typists, delivery people and envelop stuffers are all volunteers. Over a hundred hours of free time is donated to each month's issue. But, it still costs us about \$200 per month for printing, postage, and supplies. We cover local stories and events, and try to provide information you will find valuable.

Please become a GLSO Member or GLSO News subscriber. Simply complete and return the coupon on Page 2. We need your help to cover costs if you wish to receive a monthly issue.

WOMEN'S NEWS

JUST WHO IS ESMERELDA?!?!?

She is a collective of women who have organized through the Gay and Lesbian Services Organization to provide the lesbian community with just that - community. We originally met through the Coffeehouse and Dance Committee and continue to be actively involved with the C & D's which help fund the GLSO News and the Gayline. When Feminist Alliance folded we welcomed anyone interested to join us for a continuation of Feminist - Lesbian politics and support. We have just re-established monthly Lesbian Potlucks (Esmerelda's Sunday Socials held the 2nd Sunday of each month.) We hope to eventually have a Lesbian movie night at one of the C & D's and to possibly sponsor a women's softball team this spring.

BUT WHY ESMERELDA?!?!?

We like the name . . . you know, Ezzie, (ok, it was Janette's idea.) We initially had to decide whether to be independent of GLSO or join forces. In a unanimous decision we chose not to splinter off but instead work with GLSO and strengthen both groups. But we still needed a name for phone/mail contact. Therefore if you call the Gayline or write to GLSO, just address your comments to Esmerelda and the message will get to us! We welcome your letters, calls, comments, and announcements. Please join us for a meeting, a dance or potluck!

That's about it for this month. We've included a great movie review this time! Also, remember there is no C & D in November but see our article on a production by Between the Acts!

In December we will begin an article on Women's/Feminist/Lesbian spirituality. It is intended to be an overview of a very intense and encompassing subject. Anyone who would like to contribute personal experiences or opinions on spirituality should write us now and we will print some of the letters we receive. Be well!

FILM REVIEW OF LIANNA

"Lianna" is a gem of a movie, filled from beginning to end with special little moments which are familiar to us all, leaving us with the sense that the director could have made his movie about any one of us, and made it just as interesting. In this case, his story is that of Lianna, a young college instructor's wife who is restless and dissatisfied with her

life. While attending a night class at the college she is surprised, but not particularly alarmed, to find herself attracted to the professor, Ruth. A growing awareness of the depth of her attraction tells her that this is no mere "schoolgirl crush", however, particularly when Ruth responds.

The chemistry between Ruth and Lianna is beautiful to watch unfold. Following fast on the heels of Lianna's budding relationship with Ruth, however, are the all too real complications and pitfalls she must face. We experience with Lianna not only the joy of her making love to a woman for the first time, but also the pain of having family and friend alike turn away from her. But Lianna is a survivor, and she forges ahead, knowing instinctively that there is no turning back. One day, as she walks alone along a street seemingly overflowing with women, she smiles to herself at the realization that she is seeing women in a whole new light . . . not just Ruth, but all women.

In a movie such as this, where so much of what happens is simply everyday life, character development is critical. This movie literally shines through its women, who are wonderful, complex, believable individuals. An interesting twist, however, is that this male director, whose female characters are developed lovingly and with great understanding, is unusually hard on the men in the movie, most of whom come across as ignorant, pompous, or downright despicable. Lianna's husband, in particular, seems to have absolutely no redeeming qualities, which may cause some viewers to think (however involuntarily) that it is no wonder that Lianna turned her back on men. We would hope, however, that this would not cloud the real issue, which is not that Lianna turned away from men, but that she discovered women. And oh, what a discovery! Debbie & Teresa

IN SEARCH OF WOMYN MUSICIANS

Labrys Records, a women owned independent record production company is interested in women with original lesbian-identified material for a recording project. They are especially interested in women of color and/or women who have an original approach to their music. All women will be considered. Women are encouraged to submit a home quality cassette containing 3 or 4 of their best songs and information about themselves to Labrys Records, P.O. Box 174, Tolland, CT 06084 by November 30, 1987.

COPING WITH ANTI-LESBIAN SEXUAL ASSAULT

Submissions are being sought for an anthology about the experiences of lesbians whose sexual assault or attempted sexual assault by men was motivated by anti-lesbian sentiment. By recognizing this extreme form of violence, the anthology seeks to empower survivors and expose the extent to which our homophobic society condones crimes against lesbians. Lesbian survivors/victims and their friends are invited to submit short stories, journal entries, poetry political analysis, and essays. Topics may include, but are not limited to, the following:

Circumstances of the assault or attempted assault;

Response of Lesbian/feminist communities;

Response (if any) of rape crisis programs, social services, police, medical, etc.;

How to empower survivors and motivate lesbian/feminist response;

How anti-lesbian sentiment was expressed or understood;

Process of identification as victim or survivor;

Your emotional and physical reactions as related to your lesbianism;

Political analysis.

Selections will be published anonymously upon request, but a name and address must accompany all submissions. Deadline for submissions is March 1, 1988; extensions will be granted if necessary, if requested in writing. Send submissions and correspondence to Sharon Vardatira, Box 2304, Harvard Square Station, Cambridge, MA 02238.

BETWEEN THE ACTS

A Women's Theatre Group Presents

"8 X 10 GLOSSY"

An award winning play, written by Sarah Dreher, "8 X 10 Glossy" is about the fear of loving and the fear of being loved. By searching deeply into the lives of four women - Mother, 2 Sisters, and Lover - the conflicts and secrets are exposed and resolved with compassion and caring by a fine balance between humor and hard-hitting emotion.

Friday & Saturday

November 20-21

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3564 Clays Mill Road

Tickets \$6-\$10 sliding scale

FREE UPDATED RESOURCE LIST FOR GAY COUPLES

Partners: the Newsletter for Gay & Lesbian Couples offers a free, newly expanded list of "Resources for Gay & Lesbian Couples." The annotated list contains information on nationwide social, political and support groups who serve gay and lesbian couples. Relevant books, videotapes and films are also listed. To receive a copy, send a self-addressed, stamped business envelope to: PARTNERS, Box 9685, Seattle, WA 98109.

COUPLES NATIONAL NETWORK CELEBRATION

Dubbed "A Peach of a Weekend," Couples National Network 3rd Anniversary Celebration is off the drawing board and promises to be a big event in Atlanta (Feb. 12-14, 1988.) This is the time when all the concept groups from the Couples National Network will collectively celebrate their anniversaries.

The weekend will start off with a welcome cocktail party, followed by a dinner dance reception with special guests, entertainment, and a farewell brunch on Sunday. In between, Atlanta Couples Together, the host group, will play tour guide to the sights and sounds of the South. Approximately twenty groups from around the country and New Zealand will participate and celebrate this grand weekend.

Couples National Network is an organization by and for couples from the gay and lesbian community. The organization provides social, support, and educational outreach to its membercouples. For more information regarding the anniversary celebration or about the Couples National Network write: Couples National Network, 343 Orizaba Avenue #C, Long Beach, CA 90814.

COUPLES NEEDED FOR SOCIOLOGICAL STUDY

A lesbian graduate student is seeking to interview gay/lesbian couples for a master's thesis in sociology. The study examines how lesbian and gay couples are affected by the division of labor in their relationship, but will include only couples in which one partner is the primary financial provider while the other partner is primarily responsible for household tasks. If you are interested, volunteer to: A. Fuller, Peace Studies, Colgate University, Hamilton, NY 13346. Phone: (315) 824-1000, ext. 547.

LOCAL BIGOTRY Chapter 4

Events in Lexington are proving to local gays and lesbians that things here are not as safe and just as they sometimes seem. One gay man is a recent victim of homophobic prejudice, and has found that in the midst of such bigotry there is no where to turn but to his gay brothers and lesbian sisters.

On September 28th, Tom Kahn, was pressured to resign from First Security Bank. He had been an employee there for six and a half years and had received several promotions and raises, eventually reaching a supervisory position. Nonetheless, upper management decided Tom was to be fired without allowing him to defend himself because of rumors circulating amongst other employees. His supervisors refused to tell him the accusing rumors and apparently did not make any attempt to discover the truth behind the situation.

The probation forms presented to Tom on Sept. 25th stated he had been relating "personal activities the nature of which is not only repulsive to average persons, but also should not be related according to common sense." According to established personnel procedure at First Security Tom should have first been given a verbal warning and then a written warning and finally probation, if anything about his work performance was not satisfactory. Both of these preliminary steps were bypassed in this case. Tom was simply told he could choose between resigning or staying with the bank. If he stayed at the bank he would be demoted and never be considered for promotion or raises.

Tom discovered through co-workers the rumors circulating about him were graphically homosexual in nature, and that he had contracted AIDS. When these rumors reached upper management, these managers did not realize that some of the stories were so bizarre as to be impossible, and they did not bother to learn that Tom in fact is HIV negative. Management cared not for the truth behind the rumors, but just that they had a gay man in their employ and that they wanted him gone.

Tom spoke to two local lawyers and was told that under both state and federal laws he is helpless in the face of such homophobic actions. The Fayette County Human Rights Commission has filed a complaint on his behalf based on sex discrimination rather than because of anti-gay discrimination. He has also been granted unemployment compensation, even though he voluntarily quit, because "Evidence of record supports his allegations

and shows that he had exhausted all reasonable alternatives to change the situation or to resolve the problem."

This case is not the first instance of alleged firing at First Security because of an employee's sexual orientation. But it is the only recent case in which the employee has fought back.

As Tom put it, "Each time I talked with someone about the trouble with the bank I was told there was nothing I could do. It makes you realize how vulnerable we are." There is no reason why we must be this vulnerable, as the March on Washington recently proved. We need each other's support to fight prejudice.

NGLTF RELEASES POLITICAL ACTION PACKETS

The National Gay and Lesbian Task Force announces the release of political action packets to inform, inflame, and inspire gay and lesbian activists and organizers working on the state level.

"Perhaps before AIDS we could ignore the politicians and let their disinterest in us pass for tolerance," said Sue Hyde, director of NGLTF's Privacy Project. "But given the Illinois legislative experience in which every bill regarding AIDS - from the repressive to the progressive - was passed by that state's legislature, we can not afford to let the politicians muddle through these issues on their own."

Focused on five central issues - sodomy laws, AIDS, family issues, hate crimes and civil rights protection - the packets include fact sheets on legislative campaigns within the past year. Also included are resource materials to help activists develop effective statewide action networks and information on NGLTF organizing projects which deal with sodomy laws and hate crimes.

The packets are a part of NGLTF's on-going State Action Lobby, whose aims are to press the gay/lesbian agenda at the state level. Packets may be obtained by writing the NGLTF State Action Lobby, 1517 U Street NW, Washington, DC 20009.

PLAY IN CINCY

Arts Consortium Studio, located at 1515 Lynn Street, Cincinnati, will be presenting "Boys in the Band," Thursday, November 12th through Sunday, November 15th. This play was one of the first gay-theme productions to receive wide acceptance, and to be adapted into a motion picture. Call (513) 381-0645 for ticket information.

Great Moments

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* all well drinks \$ 1.00*

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FROM DIGNITY'S PRESIDENT

Turning negative things into positives. It's funny. Of the things I am proud of in my life, perhaps being able to turn negatives into positives is what I'm the most proud.

I still remember a Unitarian Universalist church service on the lives of lesbian and gay people. A woman commented how she'd never had an easy time getting along with men. Several others agreed. After a moment's silence, I popped in with "I've never had any problem getting along with men." Laughter. Relief. A negative into a positive.

Just last month I was terribly sick. There was one weekend where I didn't sleep and it was extremely painful to swallow. I learned the following Monday I had mononucleosis. I learned on Wednesday I had strep on top of the mono. I missed work for a week and a half. I spent ten days doing very little but sleeping.

But, like so many other times, many good things came out of this experience. I drastically cut back on my schedule, and I had time to myself. Being sick has helped me to find a healthy balance between being overcommitted and not having anything to do.

The other plus is that I now have lost 20 pounds - 20 much needed pounds. I weigh now what I did the summer I went into college over 8 years ago. To say the least, I'm excited.

Turning negatives into positives. It's probably the healthiest thing I do.

I hope to see you at Dignity soon.
In peace, Keith

NOVEMBER DIGNITY CALENDAR

Tue 3th Liturgy at Don's, 299-4458,
7:30 pm
Thur 19th Rap Session at Keith's,
Topic: Risks, 269-8417
7:30 pm

ASK AUNT MARY

Dear Aunt Mary: Recently my lover of 8 years was hospitalized for a few weeks with a serious illness. Fortunately he has completely recovered and life has returned to normal. During his illness, on top of all my worry about his health, I was constantly under additional stress and hassle due to hospital personnel and doctors who refused to discuss treatment, prognosis or any other relevant information. I was simply told that this was privileged information between the patient, doctor and the patient's family.

My concern and the nature of our relationship was apparent to all, but I was treated merely as a visitor. For all intents and purposes I am the only family he has and I feel our relationship deserves to be respected! What could I have done to avoid this?
Angry - Lexington

Dear Angry: We have all heard the horror stories of individuals who have been booted out of homes they have shared for years with a lover, who never dreamed that because the house was in his name alone, his family would step in and quickly claim it upon his death. Or, about lovers who had no say in the funeral or burial arrangements, and even some who were barred from their lover's funeral by unsympathetic relatives. Your's is one more example of the legal problems gay couples face every day.

In addition to very careful choices of medical and financial advisors, gay couples must take advantage of wills, durable powers of attorney and other legal devices before the need arises in order to avoid this kind of unfair treatment. If you are involved in a long term relationship, now is the time to take care of this - tomorrow could well be too late. If you do not have an attorney, call the GLSO phoneline and you will be given several referrals.
Aunt Mary

If you would like to write to Aunt Mary, send your letter to: Aunt Mary, %GLSO, Post Office Box 11471, Lexington, Kentucky, 40575. If you would like a personal reply, please include a stamped, self addressed envelope. All names are strictly confidential.



AIDS UPDATE

AIDS VOLUNTEERS OF LEXINGTON

Announced last month, AIDS Volunteers of Lexington (AVOL) is a group of local gays who seek to improve AIDS awareness and promote safer sex practices within our community. With the support of Joey, AVOL has already established an information booth at The Bar on Saturday nights to distribute brochures and answer questions. This high visibility will raise community consciousness, even for those who don't stop to talk or pick up a flyer. A benefit is in the planning stages for November and will be publicized at The Bar when details are finalized.

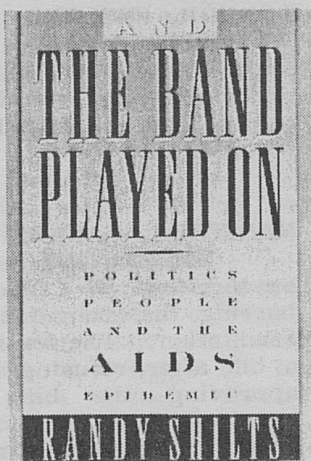
Get involved to learn more about AIDS and to promote awareness amongst fellow gays. The next meeting of AVOL will be at 5:30 pm, Sunday, November 8th, at Comp Care. Call Chuck at (606) 233-0492 for information on AVOL. PWA's needing support should call Edwin Hackney at (606) 233-0444.



AZT AVAILABLE BELOW WHOLESALE PRICE

Retrovir (AZT) is now available to individuals with AIDS at a price below wholesale, thanks to a national program announced recently by Family Pharmaceuticals of America, Inc. Family Pharmaceuticals, a South Carolina based pharmacy which serves patients across the nation through the mail has agreed to make Retrovir available for approximately \$200 per hundred capsules, including shipping. "The cost from Burroughs Wellcome for Retrovir may vary, but we'll keep the cost about 10% below the national average wholesale price," according to Kim Richardson, company Vice President. "The program is really quite simple. Anyone with a valid doctor's prescription can charge their purchase on major credit cards and Family will ship the medication in tamper-proof boxes by First Class mail, assuring that all transactions will remain confidential."

Individuals can enroll in the program by calling Family toll-free at 1-800-922-3444. This article is based on a press release from Family Pharmaceuticals. We strongly urge all AIDS patients to discuss the program with their personal physician before enrolling.



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GAY AMERICA

BERKELEY, CA

This past April, Tom Brougham was elected to the Peralta Community College Board by the voters of the East Bay Area of San Francisco. This brings the total of openly gay elected officials in the U.S. to 23, nine of whom are in California.

BOSTON, MA

A committee of the Massachusetts Senate voted on September 22 to approve a gay rights bill, thereby assuring the legislation of a vote by the full chamber. Gay activists have been pressing for action by the Senate Ways and Means Committee since last May, when the House passed the measure by a 77-65 vote. The bill will ban discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation in employment, housing, and public accommodations. If passed by the Senate Governor Michael Dukakis, a Democratic presidential candidate, has pledged to sign the bill.

NEW YORK, NY

Governor Mario Cuomo has announced plans for what is believed to be the nation's first statewide effort to scientifically determine the prevalence of HIV positivity among the general population. According to the Associated Press, Cuomo said a program will be launched this fall in which 100,000 New Yorkers will be given anonymous HIV antibody tests. Health officials estimate between 300,000 - 500,000 residents are HIV-positive, but Cuomo said in his announcement the state's random testing program "can give us more accurate information about what we're dealing with... about the extent of the problem."

PORTLAND, OR

In keeping with his campaign promise, Governor Neil Goldschmidt (D) will soon sign an executive order barring discrimination against gays in state employment, according to a report in *Just Out*, a Portland gay news.

The full scope of the draft proposal is still uncertain, but a subcommittee of the ACLU's Lesbian and Gay Rights Commission borrowed from executive orders in four other states to devise the draft.

When it became clear earlier this year the state's gay rights bill was not going to make it out of committee, Goldschmidt called on his legal counsel to prepare an executive order. The counsel said the order would be issued as soon as it could be prepared.

SAN FRANCISCO, CA

A San Francisco Superior Court jury on September 9 unanimously awarded James B. Short \$2.28 million in palimony payments for the 19 years he lived with realtor Charles Gale. The dispute is believed to be the first gay palimony case settle by a jury, and experts said the award is the largest involving two gay companions.

WASHINGTON, DC

A bill that would protect the privacy of people with AIDS and bar discrimination against them may have been dealt a setback recently when the Reagan Administration announced its opposition to the proposed legislation, which is currently before Congress.

Previously, Surgeon General C. Everett Koop had voiced support for the bill, arguing that the lack of such protection might thwart large-scale testing efforts. Health & Human Services Secretary Otis Bowen stated the Administration opposes the bill because it believes each state should be allowed to set its own rules and that Congress should not "rush in" to pass legislation creating "new substantive rights or enforcement procedures."

INTERNATIONAL

LONDON, ENGLAND

Britain's Labor Party, which officially supports gay and lesbian rights, has recently sponsored the election of London's second openly gay official, Bob Crossman, as mayor of Islington.

MANITOBA, CANADA

Manitoba has become the fourth province or territory in Canada to approve legislation barring discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation. The Manitoba legislature approved a bill after refusing to do so since 1981. In approving the bill, Manitoba joined the provinces of Ontario and Quebec and the Yukon Territory in giving civil rights protection to gays and lesbians.

MONTREAL, CANADA

Raymond Blair, an openly gay man, was elected to the city council this summer. He plans on working to achieve recognition of gays and lesbians as a legitimate minority.

INTO THE FUTURE

- November 12-15, 1987. "Boys in the Band," Arts Consortium Studio, Cincinnati.
- November 19-22, 1987. Mr. Gay USA Contest, Houston.
- November 20-21, 1987. Chicago AIDS Symposium '87. Chicago.
- December 20, 1987. Windy City Gay Chorus' 9th Annual Holiday Concert, Chicago.
- January 28 - February 3, 1988. "Shadowbox," Greater Hamilton Civic Theater, Cincinnati.
- February 12-14, 1988. Couples National Network 3rd Anniversary Celebration. Atlanta.
- February 14-17, 1988. Unitarian Universalists for Lesbian and Gay Concerns (UULGC) Convocation. Portland, ME.
- June, 1988. 9th Annual World Conference of Gay and Lesbians Parents Coalition International. Columbus.
- July 21-24, 1988. 6th Bi-Ennial International Assembly of Lutheran Concerned/North America. Toronto.

CINTIT '87

On the last weekend in September, seven Lexingtonians gathered in Cincinnati among 250 bowlers from across the continent to bowl in Cintit '87.

Their were two major highlights from the tournament for the Lexington bowlers. One was the flashy uniforms donated by The Bar! The Studs 'N' Silks - as they're known - could easily have won for best shirts. All five bowlers (Chuck, Bill, Dale, Keith, and Steve) express a big thank you to The Bar for being so supportive and generous!

The other highlight was unexpected. Keith K., Dignity president, bowled extremely well. In singles, he averaged 169 along with 46 added pins of handicap to average 215 for singles - good for 6th place overall. Having bowled comparatively in doubles (211 average) and then better in team (228 average), Keith finished with a 7946 for the weekend (216 average) and second place in the all-event category.

The bowlers were very appreciative of the Cintit '87 tourney. Organization was fantastic!

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- GLSO Gayline..... 231-0335
- GLSO Board.....call Jim, 299-0352
- GLSO Newsletter.....
.....call Steve, 266-8887
- GLSO Gay Parenting Group
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- GLSO Speaker's Bureau.....
.....call Barry, 268-3935
- GLSO Coffeehouse &
Dance.....
.....call Esmerelda, 231-7985
- GLSO Cards & Games.....
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- Lesbian Potluck.....
.....call Esmerelda, 277-2877
- Gay/Lesbian AA.....
.....call Craig, 266-8887
- Imperial Court of the
Bluegrass Empire.....
.....call Mark, 266-1779
.....or Jerry, 272-7381
- Dignity/Lexington.....
.....call Keith, 269-8417
- Liturgy.....call Don, 299-4458
- (Lexington's chapter of the national Catholic gay and lesbian support organization. See the Dignity page included in this newsletter.)
- Interweave.....
....call Craig/Steve, 266-8887
- A group within Lexington's Unitarian Universalist Church composed of gay men and lesbians and their non-gay friends.)
- ACT/Lexington..... 281-5151
.....call Dave, 271-4320
- (Lexington's AIDS support and education organization.)
- AVOL.....
.....call Chuck, 233-0492
- Lexington-Fayette County
Health Department
AIDS Information..... 252-2371
- (For anonymous AIDS counseling and testing, call Greg Lee at the above number.)
- Louisville Crisis Hotline.
..... (502) 637-4342
- Owensboro Gay Alliance..
..... (502) 685-5246
- National Gay and Lesbian Task Force
Crisis Line and AIDS Crisis
Line..... (800) 221-7044

NOVEMBER EVENTS CALENDAR

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Contact names and numbers for all events listed can be found in the Directory.

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| SUN 1 | Gay/Lesbian AA , 4 pm, Comp Care Center, 201 Mechanic St. | FRI 13 | Gay/Lesbian AA , 8 pm, Comp Care Center, 201 Mechanic St.; Gayline , 231-0335, 8 - 11 pm; GLSO Cards & Games , 7 pm |
| MON 2 | GLSO Forum , Topic: Women & AIDS, 8 pm, Comp Care Center. | SUN 15 | Gay/Lesbian AA , 4 pm, Comp Care Center, 201 Mechanic St.; GLSO Gay Parenting Group , 7 pm |
| TUE 3 | Rainbow Bowling League , 9 pm, Joyland Lanes; Dignity Liturgy , 7:30 pm | MON 16 | Rainbow Bowling League , 9 pm, Joyland Lanes |
| WED 4 | Gay/Lesbian AA , 8 pm, St. Joseph Office Park, Rm. 120; Gayline , 231-0335, 8 - 11 pm | TUE 17 | Gay/Lesbian AA , 8 pm, St. Joseph Office Park, Rm. 120; Gayline , 231-0335, 8 - 11 pm; GLSO News Layout , 7:30 pm; GLSO Coffeehouse & Dance Committee , 8 pm |
| THU 5 | Gayline , 231-0335, 8 - 11 pm | WED 18 | Gayline , 231-0335, 8 - 11 pm; Dignity Rap Session , Topic: Risks, 7:30 pm |
| FRI 6 | Gay/Lesbian AA , 8 pm, Comp Care Center, 201 Mechanic St.; Gayline , 231-0335, 8 - 11 pm; GLSO Cards & Games , 7 pm | FRI 20 | Gay/Lesbian AA , 8 pm, Comp Care Center, 201 Mechanic St.; Gayline , 231-0335, 8 - 11 pm; Between the Acts , presents "8 X 10 Glossy", Unitarian Universalist Church. |
| SUN 8 | Gay/Lesbian AA , 4 pm, Comp Care Center, 201 Mechanic St.; Lesbian Potluck , 2 pm; AVOL , 5:30 pm, Comp Care Center, 201 Mechanic St.; ICBE Grand Duke and Duchess Show , 9 pm, Sheraton Inn | SAT 21 | Between the Acts , Unitarian Universalist Church. |
| MON 9 | Interweave , 8 pm, Unitarian Universalist Church | SUN 22 | Gayline Training Session , 1 pm, Comp Care Center, 201 Mechanic St.; Gay/Lesbian AA , 4 pm, Comp Care Center, 201 Mechanic St.; ICBE Show , 9 pm, Sheraton Inn |
| TUE 10 | Rainbow Bowling League , 9 pm, Joyland Lanes; GLSO News , Deadline for Submissions | TUE 24 | Rainbow Bowling League , 9 pm, Joyland Lanes |
| WED 11 | Gay/Lesbian AA , 8 pm, St. Joseph Office Park, Rm. 120; Gayline , 231-0335, 8 - 11 pm; GLSO Speaker's Bureau , 7 pm | WED 25 | Gay/Lesbian AA , 8 pm, St. Joseph Office Park, Rm. 120; Gayline , 231-0335, 8 - 11 pm; GLSO Coffeehouse & Dance Committee , 8 pm |
| THU 12 | Gayline , 231-0335, 8 - 11 pm | THU 26 | Gayline , 231-0335, 8 - 11 pm |
| | | FRI 27 | Gay/Lesbian AA , 8 pm, Comp Care Center, 201 Mechanic St.; Gayline , 231-0335, 8 - 11 pm |
| | | SUN 29 | Gay/Lesbian AA , 4 pm, Comp Care Center, 201 Mechanic St. |
| | | MON 30 | GLSO Board , 7:30 pm |