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A Publication by the Lexington Gay and Lesbian Services Organization

Womynweavers Lively This Spring

by Suzanne and Connie Womynweave is a social group for local women that began under U.K.Lambda and has taken off with a life of its own. It is open to all women. Please join us this Spring!

Saturday, May 8: We're going bowling at Southland Bowling Lanes at 3:30pm to be followed by a German dinner across the street at Marikka's Restaurant at 5:30pm. For more info, call Connie at 276-2554. Saturday, May 22: This weekend the Weavers are off to the Rauch Planetarium in Louisville for the 1pm first showing. The admission fee is \$3.50. Afterwards, maybe we can do a little shopping before popping in for dinner at Tynker's Bar and Grill (a lesbian bar) before heading home. We will meet Saturday morning. For more information, call Suzanne at 299-2188. Pride Week: Womynweave will be assisting with the set up for the picnic on June 12 and you can bet we'll be out in force for all the fun events planned! Friday, Sunday, June 25-27: We leave for a camping

be out in force for all the fun events planned! Friday, Sunday, June 25-27: We leave for a camping trip to Cades' Cove (near Gatlinburg) in the Smokey Mountains of Tennessee/North Carolina. There is something for everyone there ranging from the historic Cades' Cove settlement to hiking trails to Pigeon Forge's shopping outlets. If interested, call Suzanne TODAY because reservations need to be in by the first week of May.

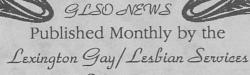
Walk of Life Draws Huge Crowd

The Walk for Life sponsored by AIDS Volunteers of Lexington drew a crowd of almost 1000 people to U.K.'s Commonwealth Stadium on Sunday, April 17, for a pledge walk. A group of prisoners in local prisons also participated and brought the total number of participants to over 1200! The proceeds from pledges raised over \$45,000 towards AIDS education/prevention and care for people with AIDS. Coordinated by the AVOL staff and Keith Lovan, the walk went extremely well with even the weather providing a fine, spring day. Rick Pitino was scheduled to appear and did produce several public service announcements for the Walk. Unfortunately, Pitino canceled at the last moment. Otherwise, the Walk was a splendid success. Owing to its success, AVOL has already announced the 2nd Annual Walk for Life to be held in April 1994. Look for it and get those pledges lined up.

From the Outgoing GLSO President

by Craig Clere While technically I'm still GLSO President until the end of June, in actuality it feels like it's time to say goodbye. I'm excited about the energy of the proposed new board and officers and feel confident of their leadership for the future. It seems hard to believe that I've been on the Board for five years and President for four of those years. Though at times a thankless job, it's been a reversal in an advantable of the proposed in the second of the proposed in the second of the proposed in it's been a rewarding and enriching time for both me personally and for the organization. I leave the organization at a time when the opportunities for volunteerism are at an all time high in Lexington. From the Diversity Business Coalition to the Services Network to Fairness, there are more places than ever for individuals to donate their time, money and energy. I'm confident that GLSO and it's services-GLSO News, the Phoneline, the Coming Out Groupwill continue to attract new energy and people. I'd like to thank all the board members with whom I've served. A special thanks to Debbie Currie, Mary Crone, Dave Radez and Bill Loggins. Their help and support have been especially important over the years. Special thanks also to Steve Savage for his support during the first years of my association with GLSO and Bruce Budge, my partner, for helping me make it through these trying last few months. Over the past year I've switched careers, ended a long-term relationship, started a new relationship, moved, worked towards becoming a homeowner and become a new co-parent to three boys. I'm looking forward to leading a "normal" life without my current responsibilities of GLSO and the UU Church of Lexington (I go off that Board in June as well!) Thanks again to everyone and good luck to the new board and officers.

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OUR LOOK AT THE
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You Are Going To Hell If...

by Jeff Jones

This story comes to us in part from QPI and is based around certain passages in the Bible that extremist Christians pick and choose from to condemn whatever behaviour (including homosexuality) that they see fit. Examining these Biblical passages, it might interest our readers to know what other behaviors are condemned:

...eating fruit from a tree less than 5 years old (Lev. 19:23) ...cross-breeding animals (Lev. 19:19) ...growing two different plants in your garden (Lev. 19:19) ...wearing a cotton-polyester blend (Lev. 19:19 and curiously also condemned in Christopher Robyn's Tome of Fashion Faux Pas) ...reading your horoscope (Lev. 19:26) ...consulting a psychic on those 1-900 #'s (Lev. 19:31) ...trimming your beard in certain ways (Lev. 19:27) ...getting a tattoo (Lev. 19:28) ...bearing a grudge (Lev. 19:17) ...collecting interest on a loan (Ex. 22:24) ...insulting a leader (Ex. 22:27) ...mistreating a foreigner (Ex. 22:21, 23:9) ...spreading false rumors (Ex. 23:1) ...driving a Mercury (Ex. 23:13 "and make no mention of the names of other gods...")

This list doesn't even include such heinous sins as eating pork or shellfish, not marrying your former sister-in-law if your brother dies without kids or the touching of another man's genitals by a woman when her husband is in a fight with this first man (punishable by having the woman's hand chopped off).

GLSO Nominations Announced

The GLSO Board Nominations Committee has announced the following nominations to the GLSO Board of Directors. The treasurer's position will change due to Mary Crone's decision to run for President. Additional nominations may be made at the May Board of Directors meeting. Elections will be held during June's Pride Week. A complete profile of the new board will be published in the July GLSO News. Recommended Nominees Term Expires Mary Crone * June 1995 President: June 1995 Vice President: Peter Taylor * June 1994 Secretary: Ron Sarver June 1994 Treasurer: Thom Branscum* June 1995 At-large (2 year term): Cole Rucker • Laura Kaplan • Terry Mullins June 1994 At-large (1 year term): Ann Olliges Continuing Board Members: At-large: June 1994 Linda Laporte * June 1994 Jeff Jones * * Current Board Member

A Chilling Correction

Commenting on the April article on the Holocaust under the Nazis, a figure of 6 million was reported for the number of people killed. Horribly, this figure is incorrect. Concerned readers called to say that 6 million is the figure for Jewish victims only. (Estimates by population experts place the entire present population of American Jews at just over 6 million for a figure of comparison.) The total figure for victims of the Nazi Holocaust range upwards of 12 million including homosexuals, Jews, disabled Germans, Slavic populations, Gypsies, Jehovah's Witnesses, anarchists, communists, and other groups.

Remember to Remember Your Volunteers!

The Tri-State Gay Rodeo Association is now selling tickets for its second annual Volunteers Banquet to be held Sunday, June 13, from 5:30-9:30pm at the Marriott Hotel (Newtown Pike and I-75). This banquet honors community volunteers who are chosen by their respective organizations. Tickets can be purchased at AVOL, Crossings Bar or any TSGRA member. Tickets may also be purchased through the mail and will be held at the door by mailing a check to TSGRA, PO Box 1576, Lexington, KY 40592. Checks should be made out to TSGRA and received in the mail no later than June 5. Tickets are \$20 each and include dinner. The deadline for submitting the name of your organization's Volunteer of the Year to the Tri-State Gay Rodeo Association for its Pride Week (June) Volunteers Banquet is May 13.

We Love Lawrence!

by Jeff Jones

The Lexington Herald-Leader has been running segments of the comic strip, "For Better Or For Worse" in late March and April in which the 17 year old character Lawrence Poirier "comes out" as an openly gay character. In the course of the story, Lawrence tells his best friend of his boyfriend Ben, a college student he met while skiing. Lawrence then comes out to his mother who screamingly informs his father. All too true to life, his parents throw him out of the house and then regret their hasty decision. While fearing their son is in some mirky gay space right out of the worst gay stereotypes, Lawrence's best friend finds him retreated to a table at a 24 hour donut shop. Personally, some of these segments have almost made me cry with the sincerity of the emotions I think all lesbians and gay men feel...and fear...on coming out. It is not like the comics have not carried other gay themes including a recent Outland piece on "Gay Presidential Pets." No, what is unusual is the sensitivity and reality of these pieces. Lawrence isn't even a pioneer: the first "out" human newspaper strip character was Andy Lippincott in Doonesbury who came out in 1977 and died in the strip of AIDS in 1990. North Bay, Ontario, cartoonist Lynn Johnson says that Lawrence has always been gay since when she conceived of him in the strip beginning in 1979. He is based on gay people she has known including a brother-in-law. Despite the sensitivity of this strip and the good the strip may have for people just coming out or possibly suicidal, frightened kids just recognizing they are "different," several papers influenced by extremist "Christians" have dropped or replaced the toons. These papers include The Commonwealth-Journal in Somerset, the Glasgow Daily Times, and The Winchester Sun. Apparently the editors of these papers easily cave into censorship and place marginal profits above the well being of lesbian and gay Kentucky kids who have suicide rates 2-3 times higher than strayt kids. But heh, it's their conscious, their papers and their advertisers... It is not their number that got called by a 19 year old friend last week after his mother in Georgetown threw him out of the house when she found out he was gay. But what about the Herald Leader here? After reading a story on Lawrence in the Saturday, April 3, paper, I decided that the "Christo-nazis" would surely be up in arms over my boy Lawrence. So, called to thank the paper for carrying it and found out I was the ONLY person in a city of 225,000 to call and say I like the strip. A few phone calls changed that, but the paper is still receiving subscription cancellations. The H-L's editor did make some half-hearted editorial plea that

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amounted to "hey, I'm against censorship and don't really like gays either, but we're gonna run it." Thanks for that firm stance on human rights, eh? Anyway, if you like this strip and think that gay people are a part of society and should be recognized as such, then please call the Lexington Herald-Leader's Customer Service number at 253-1314 and say thanks for Lawrence.

Next Board Meeting:

The next board meeting of GLSO will be Monday, May 24, at 7pm. In honor of Spring, we will gather in Mary's garden. Call Craig or Mary for more information.

Knoxville: Denver on Our Doorstep

The Knox County Commission (Knoxville, Tennessee) went on record on March 22 with a resolution opposing the inclusion of lesbians and gay men under the protection of the Civil Rights act. The vote was 14-2 in favor of the anti-gay resolution before a packed crowd of militant "Christian" supporters brought in by church bus and spearheaded by the American Family Association. Supporters of the resolution said that homosexuals did not need protection from discrimination because: a) it was a behavior/choice, b) gays cause AIDS by their behavior, c) gays already have above average incomes and education, etc. The American Family Association has ties to Colorado's Amendment 2 that strips any chance of equal protection from homosexuals. Knox County's resolution has no immediate effect in that Knox County, Knoxville, the University of Tennessee-Knoxville nor Tennessee currently have any protections against discrimination based on sexual orientation. The resolution, however, is a stumbling block for any future civil rights actions. It is unclear at this time if a boycott of Knoxville will follow. If you wish to express your opinion to the Knoxville Tourism Bureau, you may call 615-523-7263 or write: 500 Henley St., Knoxville, TN 37901.

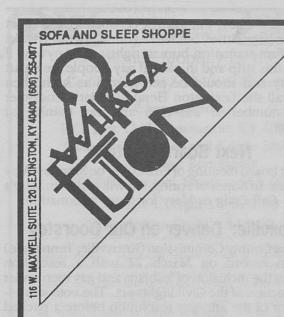
Clinton Appoints Lesbians and Gays

Keeping a campaign pledge, the Clinton administration has appointed one woman and four men who are

openly lesbian/gay. These leaders are:

Roberta Achtenburg: Assistant Secretary for Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity, HUD Keith Boykin: Special Assistant to the President and Director of News Analysis in the Office of Communications, White House Peter Pappas: Special Counsel to the President, White House Bob Hattoy: Associate Director of the Office of Presidential Personnel, White House Romulo "Romy" Diaz, Jr.: Deputy Chief of Staff and Counselor to the Secretary of the Department of Energy Other appointee hopefuls include other openly gay

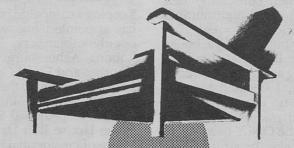
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CHRISTOPHER ROBYN'S HOMO HOLLYWOOD

By the time this column goes to press, the Supreme Diva Goddess Christopher Robyn shall have returned from a weekend of rubbing elbows with the stars in Washington D.C. Unfortunately, due to deadlines, I shan't be able to give you the Hollywood dish from D.C. until next month, but I'm sure you will all be on the edge of your seats until then as my loyal diva devotees. Brian Austin Greene, star of my diva-intraining sister's fav show Beverly Hills 90210, may be deserving of an Emmy for having to kiss on-screen love Tori Spelling. Greene reportedly gave a gossip hound at the Advocate such titillating tidbits like that Tori's dresses looked better on him, and other hints of his alternative lifestyle. Hmmm, perhaps Miss Thing can "drag" fellow sister, co-star Jason Priestly out of the closet too. My sister will be crushed! k.d. lang dominated the Juno Awards this month, the Canadian equivalent of the Grammys. In interviews, she shocked the nation by saying she was hurt by the Alberta legislature's decision not to issue a congratulations to her for her Grammy award like they would anyone else. Why do I have visions of thousands of leatherclad lesbians riding their Harleys up to Alberta and causing a riot? Madonna: The Movie....coming to a television near you! It seems that Amy Fisher has some competition in the made-for-tv movie department coming from none other than world's most famous fag nanny. A movie is in the works about Madonna's early years before she broke on the charts with her debut album in 1984. If Christopher Andersen's tell-all book is any indication of what her life was like, this movie will sizzle! Speaking of sizzle, this month's Quote of the Month comes from long-time lesbigay supporter Joan Rivers. "I caused my husband's heart attack. In the middle of lovemaking, I took the paper bag off my head. He dropped the Polaroid and keeled over and so did the hooker. It would have taken me half an hour to untie myself and call the paramedics, but fortunately the great dane could dial." And they say we're deviant!

"LIFE SONGS"

by Steve R.

Congratulations goes out to the Lexington Men's Chorus for its first Spring Concert. The concert was presented to a sold out crowd—yes, people were standing. The place was decorated with large colorful kites, candles on tall white pedestals, and large green ferns. The men wore black tuxedos with the new ceramic AIDS ribbon pins. Many people commented on the more powerful sound and improved quality of the voices—our eleven new members obviously made a difference! The chorus had its first program with paid advertising—over 40 pages of ads gave us support. The music performed showed the group's broad range. Songs included a mix of Negro spirituals, Aaron Copeland classics, the soft "The Pasture", part of the Robert Frost series, and doo wap 50's hits. The highlight of the evening was the quartet that sang "Book of Love" a capella—they were fantastic. The basses and baritones were featured in the choreographed version of "Smoke Gets In Your Eyes". We really appreciated the standing ovation from our audience. After the concert the chorus members each received long-stem red roses donated from Imperial Flowers. We all send our heartfelt thanks to Nancy Ward, director, and to Jan Martin, accompanist, for their tireless efforts. The Lexington Men's Chorus is now an affiliate member of the Lexington Arts and Cultural Council. (Please notice our listing in their ad in this months A.C.E. magazine). This is a major accomplishment of recognition in Lexington. It shows how much the Chorus is contributing to the positive image of gay people in our local community. Also, the Mayor's office was represented at the concert. The chorus will be performing at the Lafayette Retirement Center on Memorial Day. We will be at the Pride Week Picnic on June 12, and at the Volunteer's Banquet on June 13. Many members are taking a field trip to Chicago to hear a joint concert of the Windy City Men's Chorus and the New York City Men's Chorus, then back to Louisville to sing at their Pride Week Picnic. If you were unable to get tickets to our Spring Concert, you might try to see us at Lexington's Pride Week Picnic—you will be impressed! NEWS FLASH—The Lexington Men's Chorus was the Group Winner, raising the most money at the AVOL "Walk for Life" on Sunday. Congratulations to this group of hard working men!

Save Our Editor!

Jeff Jones wants to quit G.L.S.O. News but would stay on one condition- that I find him a husband! If you would like to be his husband then tell me about yourself and save our editor! Thanks! Kris Send letter to GLSO; POB 11471; Lex., KY 40575 ATTN: HUSBAND



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Dennis Stutsman and Daniel Stinnett of Frenchburg, KY, celebrate their fifth wedding anniversary on May 14. Our community congratulates Dennis and Daniel on this special day.

I want to wish a very special joint Mother's Day and Happy Birthday on May 9 to my mom. It comes as no surprise to me that her birthday is a fitting day for celebrating the Best Mother in the World. Love you very much, Jeff

GLSO Treasurer's Report

by Mary Crone, Treasurer

April 1993 Income:	828.75
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WANTED: Looking for sturdy, inexpensive, wooden kitchen table/chairs. Tired of eating off card table. Call Jeff at 276-5383.

MCC Meets in Motel...Again!

During the month of May, the Metropolitan Community Church will meet here in Lexington as a pilot project towards forming a permanent church here. As last month, worshippers will meet at the Glenhaven Room of the Greenleaf Inn on Nicholasville Road. Meeting times will be May 9 and May 23 at 6:30pm. For more information, contact Rev. Rex Van Alstine at 271-1407.

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More Than A Prom...

In high school many lesbians and gay men missed out in sharing the special joys (...and sorrows) of the high school prom. Or, if we did go, we went with perhaps someone special but not quite the gender of date we wanted. For some members of our community, the idea of having a special prom for lesbian and gay people is a special chance to share a romantic experience with a lifepartner or a new interest. Yet, some community members have strong reactions against the idea of a "prom." So, what to do? Fortunately for our community, the answer is the Rainbow Ball, an Iris Events production that is one of

Golf Anyone?

The 1st Annual National Lesbian Golf Tournament will be held August 19-22 in Minneapolis, MN. This event is hosted by Womens Golf Tours with prices ranging from \$159 to \$399. For more information, contact WGT at 1-800-373-7244.

ICBE Announces Beneficiaries for 1993

The Imperial Court of the Bluegrass Empire has announced the charities to which it will donate proceeds from the many events it has sponsored over the last year. This year's beneficiaries are AIDS Volunteers of Lexington (AVOL) and Gay and Lesbian Services Organization (GLSO). On behalf of GLSO, we want to thank ICBE for its generous support of both AVOL and GLSO as well as our entire community over the years.

Iris Events Helps New Ways Ministries

Phyllis Giberson, owner of Iris Events, recently discovered that the royalties paid to the author of the play, "Sisters," were donated in part to New Ways Ministries. New Ways is an advocacy and support organization for lesbian, gay and bisexual Roman Catholics. So, if you attended "Sisters", you are to be congratulated for helping this worthy national organization.

All the News from QPI

This month you may notice a listing for QPI after some stories. QPI, or Queer Press International, is the child of Thomas Hicks who decided a few months ago to create a free computer news service on gay issues. QPI works over Bitnet, Internet, Compuserve, GENIE and several computer bulletin boards and provides a much needed digest of news stories on lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgendered issues not often covered by the strayt press. Hicks either types in the stories himself from various sources or has "correspondents" who pass along news from their own states and organizations. Look for more QPI in the GLSO News in the future.

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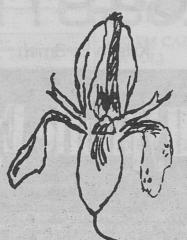
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The Culture Connection: Male Homosexuality Among The Sambia of New Guinea

by Barry James

Last month we began our discovery of the male insemination rituals of the Sambia of New Guinea, a people that believe fertile males are not born but are made via the passing of semen from adult men to boys. Let's continue checking in with the Sambia in our continuing world travels in search of how other societies experience homosexuality: We arrive at nighttime during the peak of the lower level initiation. We see a campfire in front of the cult house with all of the initiates fighting and competing for the most "virile" bachelor. As we can see, the initiates want the bachelors, or upper level initiates, who can give them the most semen. Once the bachelor decides on an initiate, the "couple" move off into the bushes to do their business and then come back out later only for the bachelor to be hounded by more initiates. The most "rapturous" fellators often become the most fierce warriors, which is the ultimate purpose of these rites and helps to build a basic personality structure of these males. For 10-15 years Sambia boys engage in homosexual behavior on a daily basis, first as a fellator, then as the fellated. Around the age of 18-25 the male gets married and becomes "bisexual," still participating in the initiation rites. Once the man becomes a father, however, he is expected to maintain only heterosexual behavior. Obviously, this could cause a problem for those who wished to continue this type of behavior. Though Sambia boys struggle to gain manhood, they also must renounce the female in them. This is done through ritualized nosebleeds mimicking and symbolizing the menstrual cycle of women. The Sambia define gender but also experience both genders: post-menopausal women are considered non-gendered at worst and are allowed to participate more fully in "men's business." One extremely interesting note about the entire ritual initiation is that the women never know about it. If a woman hears

two men arguing over who will have an initiate and questions them about it, then they usually say that they are arguing over, say, a beetlenut or some such object. The secret society is kept a secret from women on pain of death. Even though homosexual behavior is begun in ritual, it is far from being merely ceremony. Homoeroticism is seductive and oftentimes cruel. The initiation marks a psychosexual development in males from early childhood to middle-age and allows for "proper places" and outlets for all Sambia peoples. It relieves ambiguity and helps to define what is truly "male" and truly "female". Yet, there are secret practices (done by both genders) that show some gender crossing aspects, such as eating a certain food that has a particular "gender label" assigned to it. Homosexuality, in these terms, does not abrogate, or nullify, one's manliness but instead supplies the only vehicle in which to attain it. After witnessing these events, we prepare to hike back to the mountain patrol station and from there take our flights back to Port Moresby and a different conceptual reality. No matter, the hike and plane flights give us ample time to reflect on our own gender identities, the roles assigned to us by our own society, and the parts we play in them. But once again, rest up, because waiting in Port Moresby is our "Love Boat" waiting to be boarded. Next month we continue our cruise by skimming the Pacific to the islands of Polynesia where we will have some fun in the sun and a few surprises awaiting us.

1. Thanks to the people, strayt, gay and bi, who showed up at the U.K. SGA for the vote on gay rights.
2. Thanks to Nora Brashear and the other speakers at Morehead State's sexuality forum.

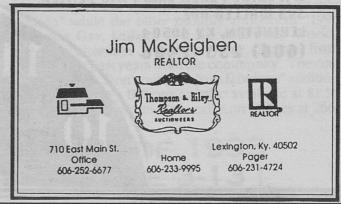
3. And a big thanks to the hundreds of people who

came out to the AVOL Walk for Life.

4. Thanks to Phyllis Giberson and Iris Events for helping out UK Lambda and New Ways Ministries with their fundraising.

(Have a special kudo? Call it in to Jeff at 276-5383.)





Hate State Update: News of the Boycott of Colorado

Legally, the battle to repeal Colorado's anti-gay Amendment 2 has been out of the news lately as the state waits for the upcoming court challenges. The only news from Colorado is that Gov. Romer has stated that the repeal of Amendment 2 is personal for him because of a gay relative in his extended family. Nationwide, however, there is a lot of news concerning other states:

Anti-gay Initiatives: Several states are facing constitutional amendment drives based on Colorado's Amendment 2 success that will effectively deny LesBiGays civil rights. Proponents of these laws need enough signatures of state residents to place the measures on the 1994 ballot. Here is news on these states: Alaska-An April 20 referendum focuses on an effort to repeal Anchorage's measure protecting homosexuals. California, Florida, and Michigan-A statewide anti-gay measure has been proposed for the 1994 ballot. Several other states including Ohio are facing similar drives. Idaho-A statewide, Amendment 2 style proposal has been made for the 1994 ballot but State Attorney General Larry EchoHawk says that he believes such a law would "violate the most essential constitutional principles" and opposes it. New Mexico-

A "gay rights" bill was narrowly voted down in committee and did not pass in New Mexico this year. The drive for the law did, however, unify the state's lesbigay community for further, future actions.

The Good News: Minnesota- On April 2, Republican Gov. Carlson signed into law a measure adding "sexual orientation" to the state anti-discrimination clause. Minnesota thus becomes the 8th state to protect homo/bi/heterosexuals from discrimination. Maine- A similar "gay rights" bill has passed both chambers of the state legislature and is now before the governor to be signed. Republican Gov. McKernon, however, says he will veto the bill despite the urgings to sign by the Rep. governors of Minnesota and Massachusetts. Washington State- A statewide "gay rights" law failed to pass but a Hate Crimes Law did pass that includes "sexual orientation." Illinois- A statewide ban on discrimination against gays in housing and employment passed a House committee. New York- A statewide "gay rights" law has passed the Assembly and is now before the NY Senate. Nebraska-A bill is before the legislature adding "sexual orientation" to the state's Fair Employment Practices Act.

Note: "Gay rights" bill is put in quotes because such laws protect not only homo/bisexuals but heterosexuals too from discrimination due to sexual orientation.





The LAST Installment on Children!!!

by Laura Jones

This is the final installment on creating gay and lesbian families that include children. If you have any other questions or just want to talk about the issue, please feel free to call me at 266-6568. I'm also looking for someone to fill in with Esmerelda's Parlour for a few months while I settle into a new job. So, if you are interested, please call. Finally, I want to wish all the women I've talked to that are inseminating Good Luck! Be patient and gentle with each other: it's such an emotionally charged period in your lives.

The other adoption option is from the Department of Social Services (a state agency). In Atlanta there was a differentiation between strayt and gay/married and single potential parents. I was shockingly surprised that the woman I spoke with here said that all applicants are evaluated equally and in fact, she had placed a child with a gay man earlier this year! Their guidelines are as follows: -between the ages of 21 and 65 -no criminal record -no history of spouse/child abuse -while there is no baseline income, you must be able to provide a stable home for the child/ren

These guidelines are accomplished by the applicant completing a training program, a home study that lasts 3-4 months, a background check and multiple interviews. This program has, though, a specific group of children that need homes. There are no infants-the intake for applicants for infants was closed in 1985 and many of these applicants are still waiting. There are several groups of special needs children available. One group are 10 year old or older. The others are sibling groups of 3 or more, severely emotionally disturbed or physically handicapped children of any age and educable/trainable children with IQ's less than 70. Infrequently, black or bi-racial children of any age will be placed with white families but are more readily available for adoption to black applicants. Some of these children have state assistance available to help provide them with special equipment or programs. By fostering children you do have an opportunity to be around younger children that may eventually be available for adoption. But, fostering children demands a special person: one who can love and provide for a child and then let go when the time comes. It is not recommended you go into it expecting to adopt. Kentucky is different than Georgia in that Kentucky has no HIV+ babies available for fostering or adoption. I hope it stays that way. An addendum to my last column-I have become aware of a Louisville attorney who is willing to assist "single women" in finding bi-racial babies through private adoption. Apparently, the wait is not long (less than one year) and the cost is dramatically less than an international adoption. I am willing to talk to any of you interested in this particular option. It has been a pleasure sharing Alex with you all. See you at Pride Week!!!

U.K. Students Move to End Discrimination

On April 14, the Student Government Association at the University of Kentucky voted almost unanimously (2 votes against which included outgoing president November) in favor of a resolution calling on the Board of Trustees to add "sexual orientation" to the list of protected categories in U.K.'s anti-bias policy. The bill was introduced by Senators Heather Hennel and Misty Weaver. U.K. Lambda members turned out in large numbers to represent lesbigay students, staff and faculty in favor of this resolution. A similar attempt was made in 1986 to add "sexual orientation", but it succeeded in amending the grading policy only. The deans of the U.K. Colleges of Arts & Sciences and Education have issued their own resolutions also. Most universities of U.K.'s ranking and almost all of the top ranked American colleges already have such protections.

Lexington Says "Gay Is OK!"

Representatives from the LesBiGay organizations in Lexington met at the March Gay/Lesbian Services Network meeting to vote on the design for the 1993 Gay, Lesbian, and Bisexual Pride Week logo. UK Lambda offered a \$50 prize to the winning design. After consideration of a number of creative designs, the winning logo by Bill Chandler was picked. This design features a hand making the "OK" gesture with a pink triangle in the palm. Chandler has several other gay-positive designs for sale at the Phoenix Bookstore and can be reached at 255-5469. Three t-shirt designs have been drawn from the basic logo. One features a small hand in the breast pocket area. The other two show a large hand with the discreet words "A Family of Pride" while the other proudly announces "1993 Lexington Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Pride Week". The two alternate wordings were chosen from comments in past years from the community. The cost is \$10 per shirt. Don't miss this "tres fabulous" addition to your wardrobe. Buttons are also available at \$1.50 each. For more information, call Ann Olliges at 266-6568.

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AIABAMA: Auburn University has set up a 3 member committee to investigate student groups to make sure they do not violate Alabama's sodomy and sexual misconduct statutes by promoting their violations. This committee is the result of a controversy over funding the Auburn Gay & Lesbian Assoc. If the AGLA is denied funding, the ACLU is considering challenging the sodomy law as unconstitutional.

WEST VIRGINIA: A bill has been introduced to the WV legislature to establish anti-discrimination laws based on sexual orientation. Opposition from extremist

Christian militants has been strong.

NORWAY: The Norway legislature passed a law recognizing same-sex partnerships. Adoption and church marriages are excluded. Norway becomes the second country after Denmark to recognize same sex couples.

WASHINGTON, DC: President Clinton's new budget calls for an additional \$227 million in AIDS research in 1994 and was announced April 8 by HHS Secretary

Donna Shalala.

ARKANSAS: A state legislative committee rejected an attempt to repeal Arkansas' same-sex only sodomy law despite a plea by Sen. Mike Everett who has a gay son. The only person to speak against the bill was Rev. Rex Horne, the Baptist minister of a church attended by President Clinton, who said that he believes in "compassion for all human beings" but "the erosion of our society must be rejected." (QPI)

PRINCETON, NJ: Princeton University has decided not to match employee donations to the Boy Scouts of America anymore due to the BSA's policies that openly discriminate against homosexuals and atheists.

(QPI)

PERU: Unlikely as it sounds, a bill introduced by the Democratic Left Movement seeks to recognize samesex couples by amending the Peruvian constitution.

(QPI)

SASKATOON, CANADA: The Roman Catholic Church of Saskatchewan has broken with a Vatican policy against gay rights by issuing a statement before all local parishes supporting protection of homosexuals from discrimination in an upcoming provincial government bill. (QPI)

LONDON, UK: The Law Lords, Britain's highest court, ruled 3-2 that certain consensual sado-masochist acts are criminal. The majority opinion stated: "Society is entitled and bound [their wording] to protect itself

against a cult of violence." (QPI)

USA: It took 8 years for the first 100,000 Americans to die in the AIDS pandemic. Horribly, this year marks the death of the second 100,000 Americans after only a 2 year period from the first group.





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editor, Jeff Jones.

1. If you don't like the way some Kentucky papers have removed the "For Better or For Worse" comic strip because of a sensitive depiction of the coming out of a gay character, Lawrence, let them know. Contact: a. Tim Stratton, General Manager The Commonwealth-Journal, Somerset, Kentucky b. Joel Wilson, Managing Editor Glasgow Daily Times, Glasgow, Kentucky c. The Winchester Sun, Winchester, Kentucky 2. Also, please call the Lexington Herald-Leader's customer service number at 253-1314 and thank them for carrying the strip and not caving into censorship.

3. Kentucky Senators Wendell Ford (D) and Mitch McConnell (R) both support discriminating against lesbians and gays by upholding the ban on homosexuals in the military. Let them know that you don't appreciate their homophobia nor Senator Ford's embarrassing position in regards to our first Democratic president in a decade. Ford: 233-2484 or... either

senator: Senate Switchboard, 202-224-3121 Senator Ford 343 Waller Ave., Lexington, KY

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4. Equally, former Lexington Mayor, Representative Scotty Baesler, does not support the lifting of the ban. Inform him of your disappointment at 253-1124 or write him at 508 Cannon Bldg., Washington, DC 20515.

5. Keep those gay-positive editorials coming in to the Lexington Herald-Leader and Kentucky Kernel.

Visibility is life as we say.

Choose Children With the Momazons

Momazons is newly-formed national organization for lesbian mothers and lesbians interested in having children. Their services include a resource directory, support groups, referral programs, chances to become involved with research projects, and a newsletter. One year memberships cost \$15-20 on a sliding scale. For more information, call (614) 267-0193 or write: PO Box 02069, Columbus, OH 43202.

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