# DECEMBER NEWS 1990



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### **ELECTION 1990 WRAP-UP** from GLSO News staff

Election Night 1990 brought a huge defeat, the re-election of Senator Jesse Helms of North Carolina over Harvey Gantt, by a margin of six percent. Raleigh **News and Observer** polls showed that 15 percent of those who voted in the race made up their minds about how to vote in the last week of the campaign. Helms' campaign ran ads with a racially divisive message that Gantt supported "racial quotas" in employment hiring practices. Of those 15 percent, 60 percent said they decided to vote tor Helms, enough to provide Helms with his victory margin.

There were numerous victories, however, across the country. The Human Rights Campaign Fund (HRCF), which contributed over \$516,000 to 129 candidates, reported that 113 of their supported candidates were elected. The 113 victors included 19 new members of Congress, 15 of whom have already indicated they will sign on as cosponsors of the federal

gay rights bill.

Somewhat offsetting the North Carolina loss, Minnesota Republican Senator Rudy Boschwitz was defeated by his more liberal Democratic challenger Paul Wellstone. "The gay community feels depressed over Helms' re-election," said HRCF Executive Director Tim McFeeley, "but we counterbalanced our loss in North Carolina with a gain in Minnesota."

On the state level, Texans celebrated a come-from-behind win of Democrat Ann Richards over Clayton Williams. Richards had been attacked frequently for her support of repealing the state's sodomy law. Richards never altered her position on the sodomy issue during the campaign and would take the time to explain why the law was a discriminatory measure.

In the Massachusetts gubernatorial race, Republican William Weld defeated Democrat John Silber. In an unusual turn-of-events all the state's major gay and lesbian groups supported Weld, the Republican. Silber, the president of

Boston University, opposed the inclusion of sexual orientation in the school's anti-discrimination clause and made statements

comparing homosexuality to bestiality.

California voters choose Republican Senator Pete Wilson over former San Francisco mayor Democrat Dianne Feinstein. Gay Republican clubs supported Wilson, but most other gay groups in the state supported Feinstein. Wilson is expected to be a moderate in social issues and has not decided whether to support a state gay rights bill.

In Connecticut, former Senator Lowell Weicker, running as an independent, was elected governor over two challengers. Weicker was a consistent supporter of gay issues during his Senate years. Weicker's election may improve chances for passage of the statewide gay rights bill in the state, which was just narrowly defeated last year and in 1988.

In local referenda, voters in San Francisco and Seattle approved limited domestic partnership legislation. Voters in Tacoma, Washington and Wooster, Ohio, however, overturned anti-discrimination ordinances for lesbians and gays.

In individual races, all five openly gay

elected officials who were seeking re-election won. U.S. Rep. Gerry Studds (D-MA) won re-election to a ninth term with 53 percent of the vote; and U.S. Rep. Barney Frank (D-MA) won his re-election with 66 percent of the vote. In state-level races two state house members were re-elected as was one state senator.

In San Francisco two lesbians won seats to the Board of Supervisors joining openly gay Board President Harry Britt in the eleven member council. Lesbians were also elected to the New York Assembly and the Maine Senate.

In analyzing the results, McFeeley stated, "we saw some very solid gains, and, overall, the election was a very good one for the gay and lesbian community.

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### **ASK AUNT MARY**

# AUNT MARY'S SECOND ANNUAL "TIPS FOR SURVIVING THE HOLIDAYS"

- 1. Chase the partridge out of the pear tree.
- 2. Destroy 12 copies of Bing Crosby's White Christmas.
- 3. Paint your toenails alternately red and green and remove your slippers at the stroke of midnight on Christmas Eve.
- 4. Roast chestnuts in the microwave (call the Fire Department before hitting the start button).
- 5. Use candles as lights on the tree you purchased in September (again, call the Fire Department).
- 6. Openly confront shoppers about their purchases at Walmart.
- 7. Take up two or more parking spaces at the mall with one car.
- 8. Flee the country (Aunt Mary recommends avoiding Baghdad and Kuwait City).
- Request an audience with Father or Mother Time for 11:59 New Year's Eve to discuss replacing Guy Lombardo with Erasure.
- Resolve to break all your New Year's resolutions.
- 11. Telephone Bette Midler and ask if the Divine Miss M. will ever return.
- 12. Have a safe and happy holiday season!

Seasons Greetings, Aunt Mary

If you would like to write to Aunt Mary, send your letter to: Aunt Mary, c/o GLSO, PO Box 11471, Lexington, KY 40575. For a personal reply, include a stamped, self addressed envelope. All names are strictly confidential.

## LOCAL NEWS

### BALLROOM DANCING CLASSES BEGIN from GLSO News staff

Leann's Body Shop, 1830 East Picadome Park, will offer ballroom dancing classes for lesbians and gay men beginning December 1 at 7 pm. Participants may pay by the class. This is a great opportunity to help your spouse learn to dance! For more information call 276-2821.

### KENTUCKY NAMES PROJECT QUILTING WORKSHOP EXPANDS from GLSO News staff

The Kentucky NAMES Project's panel making workshop has expanded to include a Louisville location. In Louisville the workshop will be held the last Friday of the month at the University of Louisville. For more information on the Louisville workshop contact Kevin Elkins at (502) 637-5608.

### LETTER TO THE EDITOR

November 21, 1990

Dear Craig and GLSO members,

Thanks again for contributing \$75 for the rental on the theatre for a screening of "Video Against AIDS" and for the prominent coverage in two issues of the newsletter.

Because of GLSO's generous help, along with that of other community groups/businesses, AVOL will be able to use the total amount raised from the brunch and video - almost \$2000 - for services to PWA's and those with HIV infection.

I think this event was community collaboration at its best. Bravo to all of usl

> Sincerely, Kate Black

### The Kentucky Historical Calendar 1991



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### A LETTER TO RETIRED SUPREME COURT JUSTICE LEWIS POWELL

from Sue Hyde, NGLTF Privacy Project Director

Dear Justice Powell,

I was at first glad to read in the national media that you regret your vote in <u>Bowers v.</u> Hardwick. You cast the deciding vote to uphold the Georgia law criminalizing private, adult, consensual sex and you supported with your swing vote a decision that denies personhood and the fundamental right of privacy for lesbian and gay people in the United States.

I thought about your misgivings about the vote expressed an understanding of what the decision has meant to us. Evidently I was wrong, because you also said that the <u>Bowers</u> vote has not occupied even 30 minutes of your

time since you made the decision.

The case brought by Michael Hardwick was not "frivolous." The court's decision has done much damage to lesbians and gay men. Since gay people are so manifestly invisible to most heterosexuals, I have listed below some

examples of the impact of Bowers.

-- Since Bowers, at least four men in Tennessee have stood trial for "crimes against nature," that is, consensual sex with an adult partner. Two received suspended jail sentences of five years. Men in other states have gone to jail for similar "crimes."

-- Since Bowers, a mother in Georgia was denied custody of her 7-year-old son because, as a lesbian, she is an unconvicted felon in that state.

-- Since <u>Bowers</u>, the New Hampshire legislature prohibited lesbian and gay people from becoming foster parents in that state, citing the majority opinion in Bowers as evidence of the unacceptability of homosexuality.

-- Since <u>Bowers</u>, a woman was prevented from applying for a job with the Dallas Police Department because, as a lesbian in Texas, she is automatically assumed to be a criminal and unsuited for work as a law enforcement officer.

-- Since Bowers, a constitutional challenge to the military's policy of excluding and discharging gay and lesbian people was turned aside at the federal appeals court level, in part

because the <u>Bowers</u> majority denies us a fundamental right to privacy.

Lives ruined. Careers destroyed. Families ripped apart. The stories of damage done by Bowers go on and on. If you need more proof of the impact of this case, please contact me. I

have so many more examples in my files that my heart hurts.

Lesbian and gay men's lives are not frivolous and we are not frivolous people. We are angry and resolute that the wrong you have done us should be set right as soon as possible. We will continue our 25 battles in 25 state legislatures and in 25 state courts to undo your terrible mistake.

Justice Powell, you can help us in two ways. First, write a letter to the high courts and legislators of each state that retains a sodomy Tell the state court judges and the legislators that you have erred and you would not wish them to compound your mistake by failing to decriminalize private, adult, consensual sex in their states. I have enclosed with this letter an address list of the governments in unreformed states to assist you in this task. This will be a bit time-consuming, but it will help us when we knock on the doors of state governments and courts if you have already visited them.

And then, on behalf of Michael Hardwick, who was handcuffed, arrested, and spent many hours in jail awaiting release on bail, I ask this of you: Please make sure that your colleagues on the U.S. Supreme Court - the sitting justices - know how you feel about your vote in <u>Bowers</u>. Your repudiation of your own vote in the case is the strongest argument for a review and a reversal by the court. Help to restore our faith in the ideals of justice and equal protection for

all under the law.

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# CONGRESS REFORMS IMMIGRATION POLICY from NGLTF

The U.S. Congress has given final approval to landmark legislation that removes gay men and lesbians from the nation's list of immigration exclusions and paves the way for removal of

HIV and AIDS from the policy.

The Congress passed the Family Unity and Employment Opportunity Immigration Act. The act contains sweeping provisions for allowing immigrants and visitors to enter the country and reforms McCarthy-era restrictions that prevented many people - gays and lesbians included from visiting the U.S. During conference committee negotiations on the bill the lawmakers added a clause that gives the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) power to delete AIDS and HIV from the list of restricted diseases.

Since the 1950s the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS), following passage of the McCarran-Walter Act, has held that individuals "afflicted with psychopathic personality, or sexual deviation" are ineligible to receive a visa or enter the U.S. Although the American Psychological Association and other groups long ago removed homosexuality from lists of "mental disorders," the INS has continued to use the policy.

The AIDS immigration restriction, created by Senator Jesse Helms in the previous Congress, has received considerable national and international protest. HHS and the Bush Administration have repeatedly said it was Congress' responsibility for removing HIV from

the immigration list.

# AIDS/HIV PREVENTION TRAINING SCHEDULED FOR LOUISVILLE from GLSO News staff

An AIDS/HIV prevention resource training workshop will be held December 5 and 6 in the Forum of the Louisville and Jefferson County Health Department, 400 East Gray Street.

Subjects covered include: general AIDS information, infection control, testing procedures, demographics and epideminology of the HIV virus, legal ramifications, and worksplace regulations.

For more information or to register call (502) 625-5601. There is \$20 fee for all materials

and refreshments.

### CHARGES DROPPED AGAINST CINCINNATI HAND-HOLDING COUPLE from Heartland

Two men arrested for holding hands in a parked car have been cleared of all charges, but gay and lesbian activist question whether the case should have ever come up.

The men were cited in Eden Park for "disorderly conduct by creating a offensive condition." The arresting officer testified that he saw the men holding hands when he shined a flashlight into their car. Hamilton County Judge Joseph Leubbers promptly dismissed the charges saying that the charges were too vague to mean anything.

# MOST GAY & LESBIAN COUPLES POOL INCOME

from Partners

Financial interdependence was widely observed among the 1,266 gay and lesbian couples surveyed by **Partners Newsletter for Gay & Lesbian Couples**. Fully 82 percent of the male couples and 75 percent of the female couples shared all or part of their incomes. In addition, the longer couples had been together, the more likely they were to share income.

"In their management of household income, same-sex couples appear to share a primary characteristic with married heterosexual couples," said Demian, Ed.D., who edits and publishes the bimonthly newsletter with his 10-year-partner Stevie Bryant. "These survey results provide yet another reason to ask why the law typically treats same-sex couples differently than heterosexual couples. We believe gay and lesbian couples deserve the same financial options enjoyed by married couples."

In the Partners study, some of the individuals surveyed were able to share job benefits with their partners. Health insurance coverage for partners was available to four percent of the

women and six percent of men.

A free summary of results from the national survey may be obtained by sending a SASE, business size, to Partners, Box 9685, Seattle, WA 98109.

When we were at the pool yesterday my mind kept flashing. It was like I was watching a picture show and I had just arrived, trying to figure out what was happening. The pool seemed different. I spread out my towel and began to watch the dots bouncing in and out of the water the black date and the white date. the water -- the black dots and the white dots -and listened to the whistles of the lifeguards and searched the blue pool for my youngest little white dot taking swimming lessons.

It was while I was searching for my little white dot that I noticed how many black dots there were in the blue pool, more than I'd ever seen there before, and I'd been coming to that seen there before, and I'd been coming to that pool for a long time. There were big black dots with big voices and little black dots with shrill voices; and they were bouncing in the blue pool, and I searched for my little white dot, and the whistles blew, and I was sitting near the lifeguard stand, remembering when I was a lifeguard blowing my whistle.

"Keep of the rope!" all lifeguards holler.
"No wrestling!" all lifeguards holler; and a young white dot stood beside the lifeguard stand: "But, but, but . . . " I heard him stammer. "Take a break" the lifeguard said, "Settle down. My manager has just called the

"Settle down. My manager has just called the paddy wagon;" and he turned around as though he was searching the park to see if it was coming; and I noticed my attention to what I'd just overheard, and I wondered why he said

I searched the blue pool again for my white dot. Seeing him dive underwater, my gaze traveled through the fence. A police car drove up and whistles blew -- and my eyes searched the pool again; then a second police car drove up, and then a third police car drove up; and two policeman ran, and all the black dots hurried to the corner of the fence. The black dots in the blue pool moved quickly, in slow motion thru the water, and I searched for my white dot. I was feeling fear, and I was surprised at my feelings, but I suddenly didn't like being enclosed behind that fence beside the blue pool and all those black dots gathering in one corner. The police left and the black dots disbursed among the white dots, and the whistles blew:

. . . and a white dot yells from across the pool "If you can't play by the rules you're out!" and the black dots mimic the white dot's threat. Anger rises out of the water and I search the blue pool for my white dot, wanting to leave ashamed of my fear.

As I watch, a white static dot emerges from the men's dressing room, and other white dots cluster around it as he moved electrically across the steamy concrete; my own little white dot comes over to me crying, big tears gathered at the corner of his eyes. He sits beside me the corner of his eyes. He sits beside me huddled under his towel. "What happened?" I

"They pushed me under water. I almost drowned. They tried to pull off my bathing suit. They did? Who did?"

"They did, over there"; and I look in the direction he points, at small, bright colored black dots playing in the blue pool. "Why did they do that?" I ask sympathetically.

"I don't know why," he says through tears.
"I accidentally kicked one of them when I was swimming under water with my eyes closed, and

swimming under water with my eyes closed, and then they pushed me."

I gathered my things and dots and headed

for home. 'Is this racist' I ask myself?

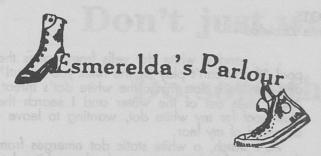
"Hey! remember me?" the static white dot asked as we passed by. "Remember me, from the juvenile detention center, when you came and read poetry?" I remembered him. "They jumped me. The police ran 'em off. I hit 'em, too. They got me, though. They hit me once, got me in the eye."

"I can see some blood" I said nervously, moving away, slowly remembering the day I read poetry, remembering listening to the poems they wrote. "You know me" the static white dot continues as I drift away. "I'm a good kid" he

"You be careful" I suggest as we leave the fence around the blue pool, drive home in the

rain . .

The downpour began as soon as we got in the car. We got out just in time, it seemed. 'Is this racist' I asked myself again, remembering, how racist I thought I wasn't. And now I'm wondering if the question isn't really, to what degree.



This month I have a couple of follow-ups! In the August 1990 issue of **GLSO News**, Angela Martin had an article entitled "The '90s, A Decade For Lesbians?" In that article she addressed NOW's national agenda and their lack of attention towards lesbian issues. Angela stated, "Lesbians should not have to work for equal rights and equal billing within a women's organization, but it appears they must. I hope that lesbians within NOW are working at changing it." Well you NOW members now have that chance. In the October/November 1990 Bluegrass Chapter NOW newsletter is the following announcement: Lesbian Concerns Committee -- Attendance by the lesbian community at Take Back the Night was terrific! Bluegrass NOW is hoping to start a lesbian concerns committee to focus on issues of particular concern to lesbian women. If you're interested in being a member of this committee, call the answering service (233-4393) and let us know. We'd like to become more responsive to the concerns of our lesbian members.

So, what do you think about that???
Secondly, in response to last months article on bringing white womyn and African American womyn together, this is what I heard from my one African American friend; that I better do my own housekeeping! She said that African American womyn are tired of educating us "white folk" on racism. It's our problem and our responsibility to change. She gave me a book to read; Black Women, Feminism, and Black Liberation: Which Way? by Vivian V. Gordon. In this book Gordon says "Black women have a different past, a different present and because of institutionalized racism, a different future from that of white women. Black women do not perceive their enemy to be Black men, but rather the enemy is considered to be the oppressive forces in the large society which subjugate Black men, women, and children. A preoccupation with the equalization of roles between Black men and women is almost irrelevant when one places it within the context

of total priorities related to the survival of the race. Black women are distressed by the surrender of much within the Black community to a promise of a "better situation" through integration, which for the dominant group, usually means movement from Black culture into White conformity. This encourages losses of vital African American talent and resources." So what I'm hearing is fear of losing their identity, their culture, by conforming to the White women's ways. And are we saying that our ways, our culture, is the better way?!

Gordon emphasizes the following: 1. African American women have endured abject deprivation; 2. African American women have been victims of a racism which defined them as less-than-human, whereas White women have been defined as having limitations or unique roles appropriate to their gender within the human species; 3. African American women are in a partnership struggle with Black men for their emancipation; while White women enjoy the economic benefits of the privileged White male; 4. African American women have been and continue to be victims of racism by White women in the organized feminist movement.

In questioning the viability of Black/White women coalitions, Gordon concluded that only short-term, issue-specific coalitions are viable. She believes that the perspective of most women's movement programs is that Black and White women have suffered a common experience of oppression which is gender-specific. There is a pervasive unwillingness to acknowledge the distinctively different nature of oppression for White women and non-White women. Seldom is attention given the extent to which White women have benefited from the oppression of Black women and/or have been active participants in racism.

Laura

# CULTURAL ETIQUETTE from Laura Drew

While at the Michigan womyn's Music Festival this summer I picked up a little book: Cultural Etiquette: A Guide for the Well-Intentioned by Amoja Three Rivers.

Well-Intentioned by Amoja Three Rivers.

The following excerpt has really had an impact on me and I would like to share it with you.

The various cultures of people of color often seem very attractive to white people. But white

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people should not make a playground out of other people's culture. We are not quaint. We are not exotic. We are not cool. Our music, art, and spiritualities are but small, isolated parts of integrated and meaningful ancient traditions. They were developed within each group, for that group, by deities and teachers of that group, according to their own particular conditions and connections to their cosmos, and their own particular histories and philosophies. In addition, our cultural expressions also carry all the pain, joy, bitterness and hope that reflect our lives and our struggles in dealing with so-called Western civilization. While most philosophies can have universal application, it has been the habit of many non-people of color to select unconnected pieces of our cultures for fads and fashion, taking them totally out of context and robbing them of all meaning and

It's like we take all the beautiful old things from

our own cultures

And we take the blood and pain that whites have heaped upon us too, And we deal with it all, mix it up. Compost it, plow it under, work the soil, Pull the weeds, nurture the seedlings And finally, Here it is, our garden These fruits, These songs and dances, These visions.

Then here **YOU** come, Fresh from the Big House, Having neither sowed nor plowed,

But fully expecting to reap.

Now is is perfectly natural for human beings to share and blend cultures, but let us face a hard reality: 20th century white society is culturally addicted to exploitation. Cultivate an awareness of your own personal motivations. Do not simply take and consume. If you are white and you find yourself drawn to Native American spirituality, African drumming, or Latin rhythms, make an effort to maintain some kind of balance. Learn how our history relates to your own, how your privilege connects and contributes to our oppression and exploitation. And most importantly, make it a fair exchange, give something back.

If you want to pick the fruit, then carry some manure and plow some fields. Give your land back to the Indians and the Mexicans. Make reparations to the Africans. Send relief money to Middle Eastern and Asian disaster victims. Lobby Congress for fair immigration laws. Provide rides for Elders of color or single

mothers who need to get to the market. Quietly contribute money to the African National Congress, Akwesasne Notes and La Raza.

Then take your drum lesson and your dance class. Then burn your sage and cedar.

# From Joyce

Women On Women: An Anthology of American Lesbian Short Fiction. Edited by Joan Nestle and Naomi Holoch, New York:

Penguin Books, \$9.95.

For a "baby dyke" like myself, this book was a wonderful find. The fiction I have been reading in the brief year since "coming out" has been amateurish stuff, written, it seemed, by women told by friends that they could write. In other words, it was not literature. This anthology of short fiction is literature of the best kind in every one of the 28 stories. My only disappointment with some of the works was with their brevity - I found myself aching to read more.

The 28 authors are both established writers and newcomers, but only a few of the pieces have been published previously in literary periodicals. The styles range from Willa Cather's subdued "Tommy, The Unsentimental", to Sapphire's erotic "Eat". Several stories capture you in the everyday lives of everyday lesbians of color, such as Becky Birtha's "In the Life"; a couple of stories deal with the trauma of coming out, such as Leslie Lawrence's piece about a woman developing her "Lesbian Imagination".

My own favorite pieces are the more homey stories about lost love ("In the Live") and tenderness ("A Life Speckled with Children" and "Our Life in lowa"). A line from "lowa" illustrates: "We were in our late thirties together and just discovering that if you wait long enough, life gives you something holy. Life herself."

Some readers will enjoy the more poetic "Letting Bode", with wonderful prose: "The whites of her hands swim out pure like the tops of newborns from the bunches of her overlarge sleeves. Bode is, was, and will be." Others will be attracted to Leslea Newman's "A Letter to Harvey Milk" and to several stories dealing with Jewish lesbian life.

Overall, it is truly a wonderful book to read, with some very fine writing. As the editors also state: "These are stories that surely have been told before, but they have not been heard."

### LOS ANGELES, CA

Sherry Sperling has been convicted of battery in a case that prosecutors said marked the first use of the battered-women syndrome in

a case involving lesbians.

Sperling was sentenced to three years' probation and ordered to enroll in a treatment program for batterers. Women affected by the syndrome believe that they deserve to be battered, so they lie to protect their assailants. Prosecutors successfully used evidence about the syndrome to explain why Sperling's victim syndrome to explain why Sperling's victim recanted her account of Sperling's attack on

### SAN FRANCISCO, CA

The National Endowment for the Arts exonerated a national gay arts organization last month of allegations that the group violated the NEA's anti-obscenity ban. The federal General Accounting Office requested the NEA investigation after receiving complaints about the group from Sen. Jesse Helms (R-NC).

The art group, Frameline, sponsors the annual San Francisco International Lesbian and

Gay Film Festival, attended by 25,000 people this year. The NEA investigated whether Frameline violated the Helms amendment to the NEA appropriations fund, which states that NEA money may not be used to promote homoerotic works which, "when taken as a whole, do not have serious literary, artistic, political, or scientific value." An NEA official concluded that the works presented at the festival had artistic integrity and "the festival was considered to be one of the premiere ones in the world."

### WASHINGTON, DC

The U.S. Supreme Court, in its first pro-gay decision involving the military, has ruled that Sgt. Perry Watkins must be allowed to re-enlist in the Army. The high court refused to hear the case in which a lower court had already ordered Watkins re-instated. The decision affects only Watkins and will not enable other servicemembers to seek reinstatement.

Watkins was drafted into the Army in 1967 though he acknowledged on a service entry form that he was gay. He re-enlisted three times and was refused re-enlistment only in 1981 after the Army adopted a more stringent policy of discharging all gays and lesbians.

### BOISE, ID

A federal jury convicted three white supremacists of plotting to fire-bomb a gay Seattle disco. The three were found guilty after 10 days of testimony from 50 witnesses. Defense attorneys charged that FBI agents had encouraged the men to make such actions against gays. That allegation was rejected. The jury heard nearly 100 hours of secret recordings of the defendants describing the planned blast as a "meat grinder."

### **NEW YORK CITY, NY**

"Music for Life," raised nearly \$2 million for the city's AIDS services group Gay Men's Health Crisis. The benefit was held at Carnegie Hall and featured a performance by opera singer Placido Domingo. Famed conductor Leonard Bernstein had been scheduled to host the event but died two weeks earlier.

#### AUSTIN, TX

The state's two largest universities, the University of Texas at Austin and Texas A&M in College Station, have both adopted policies that protect students, faculty members, and staffers from antigay discrimination. The National Gay & Lesbian Task Force estimated that about 200 of the country's colleges and universities officially prohibit antigay discrimination.

#### OLYMPIA, WA

Gov. Booth Gardner has stated that he plans to propose expanding the state hate-crimes law to protect gays and lesbians. The hate-crimes law currently mandates stiff penalties for harassment motivated by hatred of the victim's race, color, religion, or disability.

### **LEXINGTON NIGHTLIFE**

The Bar Complex, 224 East Main, 255-1551. The restaurant, Cafe Montparnasse, open from 6 - 11 pm, Saturday 6 pm - 3 am. Also features Johnny Angel Disco, Gilded Gage Cabaret, and the Living Room Lounge. Afterhours Saturday night from 1:30 - 3:30 am.

Crossings, 117 North Limestone, 233-7266. Lexington's mens' bar. Cowboy night 1st Saturday, Leather night 3rd Saturday.

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call Esmerelda, GLSO Rainbow Bowling League	255-3851
call Teri,	268-4789
call Teri, GLSO Cards & Games call Thom, NAMES Project Kentucky call Katie Lesbian Potluck	266-3208
call Katie	223-3855
call tsmerelda	271-6131
Esmerelda's Parlour call Laura,	276-2685
Bluegrass Human Rights Advocates call Kate/Amy,	272-4519
GLUE (UK Support Group) call Susan, Gay/Lesbian AA	259-0037
Gay/Lesbian AA call Tom, Gay/Lesbian Al-Anon call Robert, Imperial Court of the Bluegrass Empire call Terry, Dignity/Lexington	273-1779
Gay/Lesbian Al-Anon call Robert,	293-0516
Imperial Court of the Bluegrass Empire call Terry,	266-8715
call Keith	263-5940
(Unitarian Universalist gays, lesbians and AVOL	266-8887 friends.) 276-AVOL
(AIDS support and education) ACT-Lexington (AIDS education and referral)	
HIV+, ARC, AIDS Support Group call Edwin, Lexington-Fayette Co. Health Departm	233-0444
(For anonymous counseling and testing)	288-AIDS
Madison County Health Department AIDS Testing (For anonymous counseling and testing, coabove number and ask for an AIDS Counseling and testing)	623-7312 all the
Louisville Crisis Hotline	454-6699

## DECEMBER EVENTS CALENDAR

Contact names and numbers for all events listed can be found in the Directory on the previous page. The Comp Care Center is located at 201 Mechanic Street, Lexington.

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SUNDAY	Gay/Lesbian AA, 4 pm, Comp Care Center;
	Gayline, 231-0335, 8 - 11 pm
THECDAY	Gay/Leshian Al-Anon, 7 pm:

**WEEKLY EVENTS** 

TUESDAY	Gay/Lesbian Al-Anon, 7 pm; Rainbow Bowling League, 9 pm, Joyland Lanes
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WEDNESDAY	GLUE (Gays & Lesbians United for Education) - UK's student,
	staff and faculty group, 8 pm,
	St. Augustine's Chapel,
	472 Rose St.; Gay/Lesbian AA,
	8 pm. St. Joseph Hospital, CCI
	Meeting Room; Gayline,
	231-0335 8 - 11 pm

THURSDAY	HIV+, ARC, AIDS Support Group; <b>Gayline</b> , 231-033	5,
	8 - 11 pm	

FRIDAY	Gay/Lesbian AA, 8 pm, Comp.
	Care Center; <b>Gayline</b> , 231-0335, 8 - 11 pm

SUN	2 Working Class Kitchen - Poetry & Performance Art, 6 pm, a la Lucie's, 159 North Limestone
WED	5 GLSO Board Meeting, 7:30 pm
THU	6 GLSO Coming Out Support Group, 7 pm, Frazee Hall, University of Kentucky
SUN	9 Lesbian Potluck, 2 pm; Aids Volunteers Of Lexington, 5:30 pm, Comp Care Center
MON	10 GLSO News Deadline
WED	12 NAMES Project, 7 pm, Rosenthal Complex, Transylvania University
THU	13 NAMES Project Quilting Workshop, 7 pm, Dudley Square, 308 South Mill
FRI	14 Interweave's "Night Out", 7 pm; GLSO Cards & Games, 8 pm
MON	17 Pro-Choice Alliance, 7:30 pm, Alfalfa's Restaurant
TUE	25 MERRY CHRISTMAS!!!
FRI	28 GLSO Cards & Games, 8 pm
DATES MAY BE INCLUDED IN THE CALENDAR BY CALLING 266-8887 OR BY WRITING: GLSO NEWS, PO BOX 11475	
THE DE	LEXINGTON, KY 40575.  ADLINE IS THE TENTH OF THE MONTH.  OUS KEEP THIS CALENDAR CURRENT!