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ALL BHRA ENDORSED CANDIDATES WIN IN NOVEMBER ELECTIONS

from GLSO News staff

For the first time since its formation the local gay/lesbian political organization, the Bluegrass Human Rights Advocates endorsed candidates running for office in Lexington-Fayette County. The results could not be more gratifying, with all BHRA-supported candidates winning easily.

Mayor Scotty Baesler won an unprecedented third term with an easy victory over former at-large council member Ann Ross. Both at-large council members endorsed by BHRA also coasted to easy victories. Vice-mayor-elect Pam Miller easily led all vote-getters in the at-large race for council. Miller's election as

vice-mayor sets her up as the candidate to beat in the 1993 mayoral election. Teresa Isaac surprised many local election watchers by registering a surprisingly strong second place.

In the final BHRA endorsement, Judge Gary Payne easily won election as district judge over Byron Ockerman. Payne directly benefited from the support of several BHRA members who worked on the Payne campaign.

This November's election marked the first time a lesbian and gay group issued candidate endorsements in Lexington.

ALL NATIONWIDE GAY-RELATED BALLOT MEASURES DEFEATED IN NOVEMBER

from Lisa M. Keen of the **Washington Blade**

Gay rights supporters lost all five measures on the ballot across the nation in November, including a highly publicized battle to preserve a domestic partners ordinance in San Francisco.

While all the measures lost by very small margins, the result amounts to the loss of three recently passed laws protecting gays and lesbians from discrimination, one prohibiting discrimination against people with AIDS, and one providing bereavement leave for gay and lesbian spouses of city employees.

The closest contest was in San Francisco, where the domestic partners law was on the ballot after being approved unanimously by the Board of Supervisors in May. The domestic partners proposition lost by only one percent of the vote---1,777 votes short out of a total of more than 165,000 cast. Observers speculated that voters were concerned about the city's fiscal health following the October 17th earthquake. Other revenue spending measures in San Francisco were defeated by equally small margins.

Rick Ruvolo, legislative aide to openly gay Board President Harry Britt stated another problem with the vote, "Fifty percent of the gays did not vote." Only about half of the registered voters in predominantly gay precincts turned out at the polls.

Athens, Ohio voters rejected by only 163 votes, or 3% of the vote, a bid to keep a gay rights law previously approved by the city council. In Concord, California voters repealed the city's recently passed ordinance banning discrimination against people with AIDS by a margin of 6%.

Gay rights ordinances were also repealed in Irvine, California and Tacoma, Washington. Irvine voters voted 53% for the referendum to repeal the law versus 47% to preserve the law. In Tacoma voters cast 52% to repeal versus 48% to preserve it.

Eric Rosenthal of the HRCF considers the November setback "just a blip. We're disappointed; but unfortunately, you can never go just straightforward."

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ASK AUNT MARY

Dear Aunt Mary,

Help!!! I am coming up to yet another trip home to see the family for the Holidays. Any tips on how to survive and keep my sanity?
In Crisis in December

Dear Crisis,

Yes, I do! Here are Aunt Mary's frivolous tips for surviving the Holidays at home.

1. When your Aunt Mary asks for the thirteenth year in a row why you're not yet married, tell her in your most recent conversation with Boddy, an extraterrestrial being and one of your best friends, he informed you that it is your destiny to be Elizabeth Taylor's twenty-first husband and that means, at least until next year, you will be unable to act on the marriage. Promise, however, to keep her informed.
2. When singing "Don we now our gay apparel" be sure to mention that your underwear has pink stripes and Don gave them to you.
3. Avoid fruitcake (unless it speaks to you).
4. Decorate the Christmas tree with your mother's pink plastic curlers.
5. At the Holiday dinner table, address the philosophical implications of Rudolph's red nose and it's relation to the current state of affairs in Eastern Europe (bringing this up early may cause your Aunt Mary to skip the question on marriage this year).
6. If asked to deliver Grace, mention that according to the **Enquirer** (your primary source of information) she was last seen with Elvis, Hitler, and JFK bagging groceries at a Kroger in Indiana and, as a result, it may take you a while to deliver her.
7. Switch all the name tags on the gifts.

Aunt Mary

If you would like to write to Aunt Mary, send your letters 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.

GLSO ACTIVITIES

GLSO NEWS NAMES NEW EDITORS from GLSO News staff

GLSO News, the monthly publication of the Lexington Gay & Lesbian Services Organization has named two new editors to its staff. Craig Clere, GLSO Board President, has been named Managing Editor. Clere had been serving as temporary editor following the departure of former editor Steve Savage in September. Angela Martin has been named Assistant Editor for the Esmerelda's Parlour section of **GLSO News**. Martin had been coordinator for the Esmerelda Ink collective which had been responsible for the section for the past six months.

Sectional editors are still being sought for the Calendar of Events and the Newsbriefs section of **GLSO News**. For more information regarding these positions, contact the number for **GLSO News** found in Directory.

OCTOBER GLSO BOARD MEETING HANDLES ROUTINE BUSINESS

from Teresa Reynolds and Craig Clere

The October 25th meeting of the GLSO Board of Directors focused on old business concerning routine matters. Discussion of the GLSO promotional brochure resulted in Edwin Hackney and Bill Loggins, at-large board members, agreeing to coordinate the production of the brochure.

The Membership Committee reported that no replacement has been found as yet for the at-large board position. Several additional names were referred to the committee for action at the November meeting.

Craig Clere reported, for the **GLSO News** staff, that no new editor has been found. Several additional persons have, however, volunteered for other newsletter staff positions.

Melanie Otis, at-large board member, was congratulated as the new Community Coordinator for the University of Kentucky Drug Study among Gays and Lesbians. Otis was GLSO's recommendation for the position and will be representing GLSO during the study.

GLSO agreed to contact the University of Kentucky group, Gays and Lesbians United for Education (GLUE), for a possible joint meeting in February. The meeting would take the form of a "getting to know each other."

All GLSO Board meetings are open to the general membership. Contact the number listed in the Directory for more information and the location site.

COFFEEHOUSES RESUME IN JANUARY

from Debbie Currie

In deference to the holidays, the GLSO Coffeehouses are taking a break during November and December. In part, that is to give us time to gear up for a GREAT Spring when we hope to have live entertainment at each of the four Coffeehouses planned. We are approaching some of your old favorites, such as Tendre and The Grinders, as well as some groups that have never appeared at the Coffeehouse before, and we're really excited about the possibilities!!

Although we have strayed from the traditional third Friday of the month several times this year, we plan to be back on a regular schedule next spring, with our intended dates being January 19, February 16, March 16 and April 20. Watch for more information about each of the Coffeehouses as their dates roll around. Our goal is to have each and every Coffeehouse be as wonderful as the September one was (if you were there, you know what I mean!). Don't miss out on the good times . . . be there!

WENDY'S BOWS TO HOMOPHOBIA

from Steve Savage

Under pressure from the American Family Association (AFA), Wendy's fast-food chain recently apologized for advertising on an episode of L.A. Law. The episode included a gay-positive character: a gay Olympic athlete suing a cereal company for breach of contract. The AFA later attacked Wendy's for running commercials during a program which they felt inappropriate for family viewing. Fearing public backlash, Wendy's responded by apologizing.

A VIEW FROM THE WASHINGTON, DC RALLY

from Craig Clere

During the weekend of November 12th, my partner and I had the envious opportunity of attending several events not available in Lexington. We attended the NGLTF's Creating Change conference in Washington, DC. On that Sunday, with over 200,000 others in attendance, we were able to spend nearly two hours walking, talking, and looking while at The Mall during the NOW-sponsored Mobilize for Women's Lives Rally.

There was excitement in the air while listening to the rally speakers, including New York City Mayor-elect David Dinkins, and NOW President Molly Yard. In many ways it was like the 1987 March on Washington. The feeling was similar, the sights and sounds familiar.

There were several impressions from that day that continue to linger with me. First, was the diversity of the crowd. We saw pro-choice Republicans and Roman Catholics along with the expected pro-choice groups of NOW, the National Abortion Rights Action League, and Planned Parenthood. Not unexpectedly, there were a substantial number of gay men and lesbians in the crowd, including some recognizable faces from the conference.

Prior to joining the rally, the closing keynote speaker of the NGLTF conference was Suzanne Pfarr, director of the Women's Project in Little Rock, Arkansas. Pfarr said that we as gay men

and lesbians needed to be at the Rally, not because of the support shown by pro-choice activists who work for lesbian and gay rights, not out of a sense of obligation, but simply because it was the right thing to do.

The most poignant moment for me occurred as we were leaving the rally to re-join the real world of work, school, Lexington, family hassles, GLSO, church and the newsletter. As we were walking down 17th street to the Metro, we heard the chorus of the Holly Near song "Singing For Our Lives". My partner, Steve, wondered aloud if they would include the line about gays and lesbians. While I confidently predicted they would, there was a bit of hesitation. After all, maybe the rally organizers would want to simply refrain from "that" line. In just a moment, however, the lyrics, "We are gay and straight together" was heard loudly. I would like to think, as Pfarr believes, that the crowd sang those lyrics that day because it was the right thing to do.

For those of you who can attend a rally closer to home, another pro-choice rally, the Rally for Women's Lives, will be held at the State Capitol in Frankfort on December 9th at 1 pm. The rally is sponsored by Kentucky NOW. Come and stand with lesbians, gay men, and non-gays to let Frankfort know that Kentucky is pro-choice.

NEW REPORT HIGHLIGHTS HOMOPHOBIC VIOLENCE

from the Center for Democratic Renewal

A new report from the Center for Democratic Renewal (CDR) ties the rising tide of violence against gays and lesbians to far right and white supremacist organizations that are using anti-gay bigotry to attract new recruits.

The report is entitled **Quarantines and Death: The Far Right's Homophobic Agenda**. "Gay people have increasingly become the target of bigoted violence," explained Daniel Levitas, executive director of the Atlanta-based CDR. "This report describes the theoretical framework of the far right's homophobic agenda and outlines the basic steps needed to confront anti-gay bigotry."

The Center for Democratic Renewal, formerly known as the National Anti-Klan Network, was founded 10 years ago as the nation's principal clearinghouse for information on

community-based responses to hate group activity and bigoted violence.

Quarantines and Death examines such issues as why gay men and lesbians have been targeted by far right groups, the nature of homophobic violence, and the ideology of the new right and the far right regarding homosexuality, AIDS and civil rights.

"This document underscores the basic need for all groups that are the targets of bigoted violence to work together," said Kevin Berrill, director of the Anti-Violence Project of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force.

Quarantines and Death is available for \$5 (including postage and handling) from the CDR, PO Box 50469, Atlanta, Georgia, 30302.

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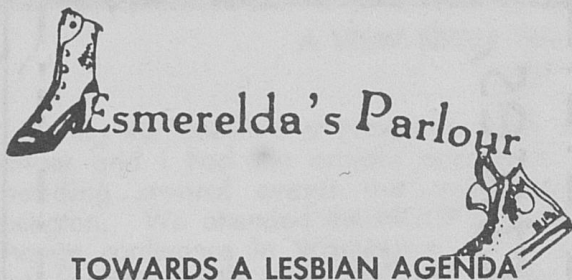
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TOWARDS A LESBIAN AGENDA from Angela Martin

My lover and I were treated to a wonderful experience last night (Nov. 11); one that we will no doubt always remember and forever seek to repeat. What I am referring to, or actually, who I am referring to is none other than the witty, sparkling, profound lesbianite JoAnn Loulan. JoAnn is the author of those two brilliant books we all know and love **Lesbian Sex** and **Lesbian Passion**, the latter being the inspiration for Esmerelda's Lesbian Passion Group. (Call Esmerelda for details!)

For those of you who missed JoAnn's performance I feel very sorry, because a performance it was! I really didn't know what to expect from her as a speaker, but I know I didn't expect to hear anything new or profound - that is nothing that I hadn't already read in her books. I did not expect to be thoroughly entertained, practically rolling in the aisles in laughter, while my lesbian consciousness was being subtly, gently, but profoundly raised. I expected to hear about sex, and I did. But JoAnn made us aware of our political/social/womyn-identified sexual selves - a sexual self we must continually fight for in a world that demands of us the hiding, the denial of our sexuality. We live in a world that gives us the message that, not only is our sexuality filthy, but it is an embarrassment, it is insignificant, and we do not have the right to demand that others deal with - we must keep it to ourselves.

The fact is that within our Judeo-Christian, patriarchal, Western society, the lesbian is more oppressed than the straight woman (for, after all, they are male-identified), the lesbian is more oppressed than the homosexual male (because they are men and inherently more significant). JoAnn points out that what we have done in order to be included is to become the "wives" of the straight women's political rights movement and the wives of the male homosexual's fight against AIDS. Lesbians have such "big hearts" that when we see injustice, when we see

suffering we want to help, we want to bring about change. And it just so happens that we can do this because we are, most of us, well educated, we do give our energy freely, we are a determined lot - we can see the big picture, the phenomenon of patriarchal persecution and injustice.

So, what do we do? Well, let's take JoAnn's example of the straight women's movement. A conservative estimate would be to assume that one-third of all the women active in NOW (the National Organization for Women) are lesbian. The lesbians are a major political force within the women's movement; we organize, we give our bodies to demonstrations and letter-writing campaigns, we run the half-way houses when the straight women go home at night to their husbands and children - we are the life's blood of this organization! And what has NOW done for lesbians? They have told us, "OK, you can join, but don't use the 'L' word because we certainly don't want anyone to think that we're gay, and don't hold hands at the fundraisers because we don't want our supporters to be uncomfortable." And we have agreed - we have sold out our sexuality in order to be involved within the movement for the rights of straight women. And, as JoAnn point out, it is the rights of straight women we are talking about, especially on issues such as pro-choice. Of course, these straight women will say, "but we're fighting for the rights of your body as well!" But, hey! Wait a minute! We are not acknowledged within NOW - these rights are not for lesbians (most of whom are not the ones getting pregnant and needing abortions anyway). We help these women in their movement under the guise of sisterly love, common need and common community - but they do not even accept or acknowledge our community. This is where JoAnn says many of our sexual problems lie; we deny our sexuality, therefore agreeing that it is bad or insignificant in order to belong and be accepted - in order to give away our powerful, earth-changing energy to others. In denying our sexuality we cause ourselves great and profound problems in the bedroom. We can't help but receive the unconscious messages of shame, embarrassment and filth.

So what do we need to do? We need to form our own LESBIAN AGENDA. We need to call in our debts. We need to let NOW know that we will continue to be involved in their movement but we expect the same in return -

AND WE EXPECT RECOGNITION AS LESBIANS. We need to let gay men know that we value working with people with AIDS and fighting for their rights, but we expect some of their money and bodies to be put back into our community - into our womyn's buildings, our archives, our bookstores and collectives. Too long have we been the caretakers of other movements at the price of our own sexuality or our own resources. All of this comes right back home to us, girls - it doesn't help our situation as lesbians one bit unless we demand it. It's time for a Lesbian Agenda - a movement for us, for our identity and our sexuality. And it's time our "friends" helped us out.

[As with all articles, the views expressed in this editorial are personal and do not necessarily represent those of the Board of Directors of the Lexington Gay & Lesbian Services Organization. Readers with differing views may respond by writing: **GLSO News**, PO Box 11471, Lexington, KY, 40575.]

EROTIC REVIEW II from Debbie Currie

Avid readers of Esmerelda's Parlour will probably remember reading "Erotic Review I" about his time last year in which Angela Martin reviewed **Dreams of the Woman Who Loved Sex** and **The Leading Edge**, two fine examples of lesbian erotica. In the year that has passed since then, we have kept our eyes open for new additions (preferable good) to the limited selection of lesbian erotica, and I have two new (1989) releases I'd like to share with you. The first, entitled **Lovers . . . Love and Sex Stories** (113 pages), is by Tee Corinne, who is also the author of **Dreams of the Woman Who Loved Sex**. Although not as ground-breaking as **Dreams**, **Lovers** is a very good book in its own right, straight-forward in its purpose and pleasurable readable. Her stories cover a wide and varied range of topics, from "Hot, Sticky Sex" to "A Nourishing Affair". She writes about sex, love, relationships, being ourselves and loving each other, bringing our lesbian selves joyfully into focus. While it may not be great literature, **Lovers** is a creditable contribution to the field of lesbian erotica.

My most recent discovery in the field of lesbian erotica is **By Word of Mouth: Lesbians write the erotic** (109 pages). This book is a compilation of short stories and poems written by an assortment of authors, and edited by Lee Fleming. The first thing that I want to comment on about this book is the first thing that I noticed about it, and that is that it has a knock-out cover. I think I could have picked it out at twenty paces. Needless to say, it served its purpose. After eagerly snatching it up and buying it, I toted my treasure home (all the way back from Chicago), savoring the anticipation of reading it. But, as is usually the case with compilations such as this, it has proven only partially satisfying. There is no disputing the erotic nature of its writings, but at times I found the writing itself to be cumbersome to the point of distraction. Now lets be honest, folks . . . if there's one thing that you should be able to just relax and soak up, its erotica. At its best, it should push all the right buttons, charging you up while not drawing attention to itself. Several of the authors in this book are quite successful at this, and their entries alone make it worth reading. Others, however, seemed to get bogged down (or so it seemed to me) in flowery, "other world" writing that left me confused and, at times, downright irritated. I realize, of course, that these are the very stories that will appeal to some of you, and that is why I recommend that each of you give this book a try. Diversity is its strength, so it is bound to have something for everyone. Happy reading!

(Each of these books was purchased out of town, so I am not sure of their availability in Lexington. I believe I have seen **Lovers** at Joseph-Beth on occasion. However, both books may be ordered through Special Media or Joseph-Beth Booksellers if not in stock.)

BLACK LESBIAN SUPPORT GROUP STARTING IN DECEMBER from GLSO News staff

A new support group for black lesbians is organizing in Lexington. The group is designed to facilitate communication between lesbians in the black community. For more information, contact Julia at 255-4224.

HHS CHIEF SIDES WITH DANNEMEYER ON GAY YOUTH SUICIDE REPORT from NGLTF

Dr. Louis Sullivan, Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Service (HHS), has sided with the anti-gay forces of Rep. William Dannemeyer on the recently released HHS Youth Suicide Report, saying portions of the report dealing with gay youth run "contrary" to the aim of "advancing traditional family values."

The response from Sullivan stunned gay rights activists who say the study has been widely praised for its fair and factual analysis of the growing problem of youth suicide, especially gay and lesbian suicide.

The National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF) has called for a meeting with Sullivan and has sharply criticized him for "alarmingly insensitive and frightening statements regarding gay and lesbian teen suicide."

The 110-page report analyzes and makes recommendations for stemming the increasing rate of teen suicides in the US. The study has a sizable section on gay and lesbian suicide, reporting that "gay youth face a hostile and

condemning environment, verbal and physical abuse, and rejection and isolation from families and peers."

The report goes on to state that "the traumatic consequences of these external pressures make gay, lesbian, bisexual and transsexual youth more vulnerable than other youth to a variety of . . . problems and self-destructive behavior."

In his written response to Dannemeyer, Sullivan states that "the views expressed in the paper entitled 'Gay Male and Lesbian Youth Suicide' do not in any way represent my personal beliefs or the policy of this Department."

"I am strongly committed to advancing traditional family values," said Sullivan. "Federal policies must be crafted with great care so as to strengthen rather than undermine the institution of the family. In my opinion, the views expressed in the paper run contrary to that aim."

LEXINGTON PLANNED PARENTHOOD SHOWERS PICKETERS WITH THANKS from GLSO News staff

The Planned Parenthood Center has a novel response to the picketing of clinics by Operation Rescue and other anti-choice groups. Those picketing Lexington facilities now receive a "Thank You" note from Planned Parenthood volunteers.

The project is a unique fund-raising program called the "Picket Pay Back Plan." Pro-choice donors pledge a contribution to Planned Parenthood for each picketer who shows up each day, during the period November 15 to May 15. Each picketer receives a "Thank You" note, and Planned Parenthood periodically bills supporters for the number of picketers present. Hopefully the program will reduce the number of anti-choice demonstrators who harass family planning clients.

The adjoining "Thank You" note clearly illustrates the simplicity of the program. If you would like to support the Picket Pay Back project contact Lexington Planned Parenthood at 606-252-8494.

THANK YOU FOR PICKETING TODAY !!!!

Each time you picket a clinic, our supporters make a donation. With your help, we can raise the funds necessary to promote family planning and expand all of our programs and services.

Not only do we agree with your right to demonstrate, we applaud it. Because, with your help and hard work, other organizations have raised more than \$30,000 this year on the picket pay back plan. This money can be used to:

- Pay for abortions for needy women
- Pay for birth control for men and women who cannot afford it
- Pay for community family planning education programs.

Once again, thank you for your continued presence and support.

AVOL SCHEDULES ANNUAL ELECTION
from GLSO News staff

The AIDS Volunteers of Lexington (AVOL) will elect officers and directors for 1990 at the December monthly meeting. Numerous nominations were accepted at last month's meeting. AVOL supporters are encouraged to attend the meeting at Comp Care on Dec. 10 to participate.

**MASSACHUSETTS BECOMES SECOND
STATE IN NATION
TO PASS GAY RIGHTS BILL**

from Coalition for Lesbian/Gay Civil Rights

Massachusetts, after 17 years of trying, has passed a gay civil rights bill which prohibits discrimination against gays in employment, housing, credit, insurance and public accommodation. The bill passed the Massachusetts House in April by a vote of 76-72 and received full approval by the Senate on November 6. Governor Michael Dukakis signed the legislation on November 15.

The bill empowers the Massachusetts Commission Against Discrimination to investigate and prosecute cases of anti-gay discrimination. Gay activists are mobilizing to fight a likely move by conservatives to place the law on the ballot, allowing voters to repeal the measure.

Wisconsin passed a gay civil rights bill in 1982. California's House and Senate passed a bill in 1983, but saw the bill vetoed by Republican Governor George Deukmejian. In recent years Connecticut, New York, and Iowa have all seen gay rights bills pass at least one house of their legislatures.

"The success of the Massachusetts gay and lesbian community will inspire and energize activists all over the country," said Sue Hyde, spokesperson for the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force. Hyde emphasized that of all the legislative work being done by gays and lesbian, none is more important than passing comprehensive civil rights legislation. "The important lesson learned from 17 years of filing the bill in Massachusetts is 'don't give up, don't shut up and don't go away.'"

**SAN FRANCISCO DOMESTIC PARTNERS
LEGISLATION SUFFERS SETBACK**

from SF Board President Harry Britt

After the October 17th earthquake struck the San Francisco Bay area, national media reports indicated that San Francisco had fallen into the ocean. Many of us were forced to call worried friends and relatives around the country and reassure them that most of the city was doing quite well. After the narrow defeat of Proposition S (the domestic partnership law), I feel the need to once again reassure the world that we are alive and well.

Virtually every poll taken prior to the election indicated widespread support. The legislation was unanimously passed by the Board of Supervisors and signed by the Mayor, and endorsed by every major newspaper in the city. Despite the results, we are confident that the vast majority of San Franciscans welcome gay men and lesbians as part of the family.

We knew from the start that those who were most likely to vote were against us. We knew we needed an extraordinary turnout to offset this relatively small but frequently-voting group of conservatives who do not represent the San Francisco experience of inclusion, acceptance and understanding. We launched an aggressive campaign, but the earthquake hit at a crucial time only 3 weeks before the election. We immediately diverted all of our energy and resources to assist in the city's recovery.

We have suffered a setback, but the defeat only temporarily postpones these important steps in recognizing non-traditional relationships. The Mayor's Task Force will immediately move forward to provide access to health benefits to the domestic partners of city employees. We will also move quickly to realize the dreams which were jolted in the election aftershock.

We are relying on you to help us spread the truth. The Board of Supervisors still supports this legislation, the Mayor has reaffirmed his commitment to legitimize gay and lesbian relationships, and mainstream San Francisco is ready to give its approval.

GAY AMERICA

NATIONAL

Republican National Committee chairman Lee Atwater praised California state Republican leaders for rejecting several antigay resolutions at their state party convention. The rejection reflects the party's commitment to the "politics of inclusion," Atwater said. "There is no place in our party for bigotry."

SAN FRANCISCO, CA

The San Francisco health department said it documented two cases, the first of their type, in which gay men were exposed to HIV through oral sex. City health director Dr. David Werdegart acknowledged the findings are based on interviews with the subjects, not clinical evidence, but said researchers were "absolutely sure" the two men were exposed to HIV through oral, not anal, sex.

WASHINGTON, DC

The World AIDS Day Coalition, an ad hoc group of major lesbian, gay, and AIDS service and advocacy organizations, has planned a major civil disobedience action at the White House on December 1, 1989. That day was declared World AIDS Day by the World Health Organization.

ANNAPOLIS, MD

A federal judge has dismissed former midshipman Joseph Steffan's lawsuit seeking reinstatement to the US Naval Academy as an openly gay man. Judge Oliver Gasch, in a 15-minute hearing, said he granted a request by government lawyers to dismiss the case because Steffan refused to answer questions about whether he engaged in homosexual conduct while attending the Academy. Steffan will appeal the decision to the US Court of Appeals.

BOSTON, MA

State attorney general James Shannon reached an out-of-court settlement with three

state senate police officers he had sued for allegedly violating the civil rights of gay protesters during a demonstration at the statehouse in January 1988. Under terms of the settlement, the officers did not admit guilt, but they will undergo sensitivity training about dealing with protesters.

GREENSBORO, NC

The Greensboro city council voted 5-4 to amend the city's personnel policy to prohibit antigay bias in hiring for municipal jobs. The council turned down a counterproposal that would have prohibited employment discrimination in general without specifically mentioning sexual orientation. Similar laws had been passed in three other North Carolina cities - Chapel Hill, Durham, and Raleigh.

ALBANY, NY

Albany attorney Keith St. John became the nation's first black openly gay elected official when he won a seat on the city's 15-member Common Council by capturing 75 percent of the vote. St. John ran as a reform candidate as part of a coalition of gays, tenants, environmentalists, feminists, consumer activists, and black community leaders. Openly gay council incumbents also won re-election in Rochester and Boston, while an openly gay challenger won election to a council seat in New Haven, CT.

DALLAS, TX

An investigative judge has recommended that State District Judge Jack Hampton be cleared of bias and misconduct charges for his anti-gay remarks last year. Hampton angered gay and civil rights groups last December when he gave a 30-year sentence instead of a life sentence to a man convicted of the execution-style murder of two gay men. Hampton stated that "some murder victims are less innocent in their deaths than others. These homosexuals . . . they're asking for trouble."

INTO THE FUTURE

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

February 14-21, 1990. National Condom Week.

March 8, 1990. Holly Near with John Bucchino, in concert. Berea College, Berea, KY.

March 22-25, 1990. 15th Annual Southeastern Conference for Lesbians & Gay Men. Raleigh, NC.

March 30-April 4, 1990. Orchestrating Our Role for the 21st Century. New Orleans, LA.

June 19-23, 1990. Sixth International Conference on AIDS. San Francisco, CA.

July 18-22, 1990. Third International Lesbian and Gay Health Conference and Eighth National AIDS Forum. Washington, DC.

August 4-11, 1990. Celebration '90, Gay Games III and Cultural Festival. Vancouver, Canada.

CLASSIFIED AD

GM looking for someone special to share my life, someone to love who'll love me back. I'm 34, 5'5", 149 lbs., black hair, brown eyes, have custody of my 3 children. Looking for someone who's 30-45, loves children, is sincere, romantic, enjoys candlelight dinners, quiet evenings at home, dancing, evenings out; willing to grow together and separately and wants love and a close relationship. I'm HIV negative. If interested send picture, address, phone to: Harold Sizemore, 503 Wildwood, London, KY, 40741.

NATIONAL GAY/LESBIAN CRISISLINE

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DIRECTORY

GLSO Gayline	231-0335
GLSO Board call Craig,	266-8887
GLSO News call Craig,	266-8887
GLSO Speakers Bureau call Bill,	266-9175
GLSO Coming Out Group	
... call Alan,	253-2414
... or Teresa,	252-3106
GLSO Coffeehouse & Dance	
... call Esmerelda,	255-3851
GLSO Rainbow Bowling League	
.... Chuck,	268-8541
Gay/Lesbian Literature Group	
.... call Alan,	253-2414
Lesbian Potluck	
.... call Esmerelda,	252-7837
Lesbian Passion Discussion Group	
.... call Esmerelda,	255-3851
Esmerelda's Parlour	
.... call Angela,	255-3851
Bluegrass Human Rights Advocates	
.... call Kate/Amy,	231-0350
GLUE (UK Support Group)	
.... call Suzanne,	231-0255
Gay/Lesbian AA	
.... call Dave,	277-9522
Gay/Lesbian Al-Anon	
... call Robert,	293-0516
Imperial Court of the Bluegrass Empire call Terry,	266-8715
Lesbian Overeaters Anonymous	
.... call Esmerelda,	252-7837
Dignity/Lexington	
.... call Keith,	263-5940
Liturguy call Don,	299-4458
Interweave call Craig,	266-8887
(UU gays, lesbians, and friends.)	
AVOL	276-AVOL
(AIDS support and education)	
ACT-Lexington	281-5151
(AIDS education and speakers)	
HIV+, ARC, AIDS Support Group	
.... call Edwin,	233-0444
Lexington-Fayette Co. Health Department	
AIDS Testing	252-2371
(For anonymous counseling and testing, call the above number and ask for an AIDS Counselor.)	
Madison County Health Department	
AIDS Testing	623-7312
(For anonymous counseling and testing, call the above number and ask for an AIDS Counselor.)	
Louisville Crisis Hotline	(502) 637-4342

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.

- FRI 1 Gay/Lesbian AA, 8 pm, Comp Care Center; Gayline, 231-0335, 8 - 11 pm
- SAT 2 Gay/Lesbian ACA, 5 pm, St. Joseph Office Park, Room 120
- SUN 3 GLSO Phonline Meeting, 1 pm, Gay/Lesbian AA, 4 pm, Comp Care Center; Lesbian OA, 5:30 pm, St. Joseph Office Park, Rm. 120; Gayline, 231-0335, 8 - 11 pm
- MON 4 GLUE, 7:30 pm, St. Augustine's Chapel, 472 Rose Street
- TUE 5 Gay/Lesbian Al-Anon, 7:30 pm; GLSO Rainbow Bowling League, 9 pm, Joyland Lanes
- WED 6 Gay/Lesbian AA, 8 pm, St. Joseph Office Park, Rm. 120; Gayline, 231-0335, 8 - 11 pm
- THU 7 HIV+, ARC, AIDS Support Group; Gayline, 231-0335, 8 - 11 pm
- FRI 8 Gay/Lesbian AA, 8 pm, Comp Care Center; Gayline, 231-0335, 8 - 11 pm
- SAT 9 Pro-Choice Rally in Frankfort; 1 pm, State Capitol; Gay/Lesbian ACA, 5 pm, St. Joseph Office Park, Room 120
- SUN 10 Lesbian Potluck, 2 pm; Gay/Lesbian AA, 4 pm, Comp Care Center; AVOL, 5:30 pm, Comp Care Center; Lesbian OA, 5:30 pm, St. Joseph Office Park, Rm. 120; Gayline, 231-0335, 8 - 11 pm
- MON 11 GLUE, 7:30 pm, St. Augustine's Chapel, 472 Rose Street; GLSO Forum, Topic: Holidays, 8 pm, Comp Care Center
- TUE 12 Gay/Lesbian Al-Anon, 7:30 pm; GLSO Rainbow Bowling League, 9 pm, Joyland Lanes
- WED 13 Gay/Lesbian AA, 8 pm, St. Joseph Office Park, Rm. 120; Gayline, 231-0335, 8 - 11 pm

- THU 14 HIV+, ARC, AIDS Support Group; GLSO Coming Out Support Group; 7:30 pm, Central Library, Conference Room C; Gayline, 231-0335, 8 - 11 pm
- FRI 15 Dignity Liturgy, 7 pm; Gay/Lesbian AA, 8 pm, Comp Care Center; Gayline, 231-0335, 8 - 11 pm
- SAT 16 Gay/Lesbian ACA, 5 pm, St. Joseph Office Park, Room 120
- SUN 17 Gay/Lesbian AA, 4 pm, Comp Care Center; Lesbian OA, 5:30 pm, St. Joseph Office Park, Rm. 120; BHRA, 6:30 pm, 409 1/2 Lafayette Ave; Gayline, 231-0335, 8 - 11 pm
- TUE 19 Gay/Lesbian Al-Anon, 7:30 pm; GLSO Rainbow Bowling League, 9 pm, Joyland Lanes
- WED 20 Interweave, 8 pm, Unitarian Universalist Church; Gay/Lesbian AA, 8 pm, St. Joseph Office Park, Rm. 120; Gayline, 231-0335, 8 - 11 pm
- THU 21 HIV+, ARC, AIDS Support Group; Gayline, 231-0335, 8 - 11 pm
- FRI 22 Gay/Lesbian AA, 8 pm, Comp Care Center; Gayline, 231-0335, 8 - 11 pm
- SAT 23 Gay/Lesbian ACA, 5 pm, St. Joseph Office Park, Room 120
- SUN 24 Gay/Lesbian AA, 4 pm, Comp Care Center; Lesbian OA, 5:30 pm, St. Joseph Office Park, Rm. 120; Gayline, 231-0335, 8 - 11 pm
- TUE 26 Gay/Lesbian Al-Anon, 7:30 pm; GLSO Rainbow Bowling League, 9 pm, Joyland Lanes
- WED 27 GLSO Board Meeting, 7:30 pm; Gay/Lesbian AA, 8 pm, St. Joseph Office Park, Rm. 120; Gayline, 231-0335, 8 - 11 pm
- THU 28 HIV+, ARC, AIDS Support Group; Gayline, 231-0335, 8 - 11 pm
- FRI 29 Gay/Lesbian AA, 8 pm, Comp Care Center; Gayline, 231-0335, 8 - 11 pm
- SAT 30 Gay/Lesbian ACA, 5 pm, St. Joseph Office Park, Room 120
- SUN 31 Gay/Lesbian AA, 4 pm, Comp Care Center; Lesbian OA, 5:30 pm, St. Joseph Office Park, Rm. 120; Gayline, 231-0335, 8 - 11 pm