

G.L.S.O. NEWS

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"Hate State" Update

This is a listing of groups boycotting Colorado which amended its state constitution on Nov. 3, 1992, to ban any discussion of civil rights for homo/bisexuals (Amendment 2).

Cancellation of conventions alone since Nov. 3 has cost Colorado over \$10 million in lost tourist revenues.

-City of Atlanta: voted to not use taxpayer money for city business trips to Colorado. Atlanta hosts the 1996 Olympics and the Olympic HQ is in Colorado Springs. Attempts underway to move Int'l. Olympic Committee. Philadelphia, San Francisco and other cities are expected to follow suit with heavy pressure for the Conference of U.S. Mayors to endorse the boycott.

-AmFAR (American Foundation for AIDS Research): canceled Aspen fundraiser

-Nat. Council for Social Studies: canceled 1994 Denver convention (loss of potential \$4 million/ 4000 attendees)

-American Law Library Association: canceled 1998 Denver convention (loss of 5000 attendees)

-Coalition of Labor Union Women: canceled 1994 Denver conference (loss of 1500 attendees)

-XChange: publishing firm with \$5 million annual profits canceled move of its headquarters to Ft. Collins, CO

-Laurel Entertainment, Inc.: chose Utah over Colorado for the filming of Stephen King's "The Stand" because of A2. Loss of at least \$6 million.

-National Education Association: canceled Colorado Springs meeting of 450 top educators

-Women's Sports Foundation: abandoned plans to relocate from NYC to Colorado Springs for new HQ for 300,000 member/

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First Issue of Pink Pages Premier

The first issues of Lexington's Pink Pages, a listing of gay-friendly businesses in central Kentucky, made their premier on Sun., Dec. 6, at a festive debut at A La Lucie's hosted by the Diversity Business Coalition, promoters of the Pink Pages. Around 100 people showed up for a debut toasting with champagne and sparkling juices to celebrate this important accomplishment for our community.

The Pink Pages lists over 60 businesses that value their lesBigay patronage and includes many of the gay-positive businesses involved in the Diversity Business Coalition. The Pink Pages are set to appear twice annually with the next issue to come out in time for Pride Week. If you are interested in having your business listed, please contact Brad Garrett at 278-5109. Also consider asking businesses you patronize to advertise in the Pink Pages.

The Pink Pages are distributed free throughout the Bluegrass. Or, you can receive one in the mail by sending \$5 to the Diversity Business Coalition at PO Box 1465, Lexington, KY 40592-1465.

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Pride Plans Underway

Plans for the 1993 Lexington Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Pride Week, June 3-13 (proposed dates), are already underway. Rather than having GLSO coordinate Pride Week as in the past, this year's events are being planned by the various local services/groups gathered under the Gay and Lesbian Services Network with each group hopefully hosting or co-hosting an event. A percentage of profits from the June events are earmarked for creating a LesBigay community center here in Lexington. Such a center would provide the community with meeting space for information-sharing, meetings and social events. The national theme for 1993's Pride Week commemorating the 1969 Stonewall Rebellion is "A Family of Pride" emphasizing our communities connections to our families, both traditional and "alternative." G/L Services Network coordinator Ann Olliges is also coordinating Pride Events. If you are interested in helping or are also planning an event, please call her at 266-6568. June already looks exciting from preliminary plans!

-URGENT-

Contact Your Legislator Now!!

Right wing extremists are calling and writing state legislators to pass a constitutional amendment to undo the Wasson Supreme Court case which guarantees the right of privacy and equal protection to Kentuckians regardless of their sexual orientation.

Legislators need to hear from the majority of Kentuckians who don't want their privacy rights taken away. Call **1-800-372-7181** and leave a message for one or more legislators. Write to: Legislative Offices, Capital Annex, Frankfort, KY 40601.

When you call, you will be asked for your name, address and phone number as well as your message. Your message can be a simple, "I support the Supreme Court Wasson case on privacy" or "I'm opposed to a constitutional amendment that violates Kentuckians' right to privacy as decided in the Wasson case."

Do not leave a message for all representatives and senators. Those messages are placed on a large bulletin board and seldom read by legislators. Messages for specific legislators go to their desks.

Calls and letters have a tremendous impact! Call and write and get your friends and neighbors to do so as well! **Some Key Legislators (to call as well as your local Rep./Sen.)**

-Michael Moloney (Lexington): Senate Judiciary Cmt.
-Donald Blanford (Philpot): House Leadership
-John "Eck" Rose (Winchester): Senate Leadership
-Jo Elizabeth Bryant (Williamsburg): House Elections/Const. Amendments
-Kelsey Friend (Pikeville): Senate St. Gov. Cmt.
-Paul Clark (Louisville): House Elections/Const. Amendments

(provided by the Kentucky Fairness Alliance)

Join Sharelist

In the face of a recent surge in both pro-gay and anti-gay political organizing, both local and statewide lesbigay groups are finding a need for the creation of a mailing list to get information out on matters of importance to our community. Social events organizers are also interested in such a list to disseminate advertising on events ranging from Iris Events' Valentines Dance to the premier of the Pink Pages. UK Lambda has agreed to organize this Sharelist to then be shared with local and state political and social groups such as the Fairness groups in the state.

WARNING: Every effort will be made to share this list only with reputable groups. Once released, however, these addresses become part of a public domain and can be further released to other mailing lists without the authority or permission of Sharelist organizers. Thus, Sharelist, GLSO, UK Lambda and GLSO News are and can not be held responsible for any damages or inconvenience.

The need for a network of concerned lesbigay and lesbigay-supportive households is great. Homophobic extremists already have solid mailing lists/networks to organize,

inform and mobilize people. If you wish to be better informed and help out the struggle for human rights, please strongly consider joining Sharelist.

If you are interested in having your address included in this free Sharelist, please mail in a postcard with your name and address to: **ATTN: Sharelist, UK Lambda, PO Box 647, UK Main Station, Lexington, KY 40506.**

Statewide AIDS Directory Needs Info

The AIDS Services Center is producing a Statewide Resource Directory of services for individuals who are HIV+ or have AIDS, and their family members or significant others. The Directory is intended for use by human service workers, educators, and other professionals. Any organization or agency that provides AIDS related services and wishes to be included in the Directory should contact Jamie Rittenhouse, Office Manager of AIDS Services Center, (502) 625-5490 (Louisville) by no later than January 8, 1993.

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CHRISTOPHER ROBYN'S HOMO HOLLYWOOD

It's the holiday season, and the Hollywood Homos have been mighty festive!

Honorary gay man/reallife torchsinger

Barbra Streisand denounced Colorado at an AIDS benefit and called for a boycott. However, apparently some Hollywood big wigs got the best of her and she backed down and toed the official Hollywood line that a boycott would only hurt our supporters. Not to mention certain industry power brokers who own resorts and such in Aspen. Sounds fishy to me, Babs.

The previously mentioned benefit was a concert featuring selections from the Broadway musical "Guys and Dolls." The highlight of the event was **Elton John** singing "I Feel Pretty." "I feel pretty! Oh so pretty! Oh so pretty and witty and gay!" Indeed.

Meanwhile, at that same benefit **David Geffen**, Mr. Megabucks record company owner, finally came out. Of course, it's not as if we didn't already know. After all, this is a man who, according to Andy Warhol, told Madonna on the eve of her wedding that he would have gone stray for her. But wouldn't we all? Hmmm. I wonder if he's single?

A close reliable source of Christopher Robyn claims that her boyfriend's roommate is one of the many ex's of **Michael Stipe** of REM fame. She said that Queer Nation, the **Advocate**, and other groups were constantly hounding him trying to get a confession out of him. This isn't big news, as pop singer/alternative godhead **Morrissey** had already spilled the beans on their relationship in British pop magazine, **Q**, but we'd like to hear it from his lips. Maybe he'd let Christopher Robyn interview him (sigh!).

The **Diva of the Month** goes to Ru Paul. Ru is an Atlanta drag queen who made it big on the New York club scene. She was recently spotted in the **B-52's** "Good Stuff" video and now has gone from the club scene to dance queen with a video of her own playing on BET. Nary a peep from MTV yet, but I would keep an eye on **Miss Ru** as she is sure to raise some eyebrows (get a load of this Tipper dahl-ling!).

Finally, we have the bit of obligatory **Madonna news**. She has released the second

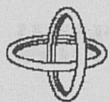
video from her "Erotica" album, the infinitely tamer "Deeper and Deeper." The only kinky thing in this video is Madonna's hair which at one point looks like Barbra Streisand afro circa 1977. The video is a romp through a 70's disco, with buxom drag queens, hunky men in their bare essentials, and a very unattractive Sophia Coppola (daughter of Francis Ford Coppola who should follow her father's footsteps and stay BEHIND the camera) eating a banana for no apparent reason. In other words, typical Madonna. Happy holidays!

Kentucky Fairness Alliance Forms

In October, a group of Kentucky's leading lesBigay activists and leaders gathered in Frankfort to discuss the building right-wing backlash against the Wasson Supreme Court decision. Out of this meeting has formed the Kentucky Fairness Alliance, a "statewide, non-partisan alliance of individuals and organizations dedicated to promoting equality for all people regardless of sexual orientation; advocating the adoption by local and state legislative bodies and governments, of legislation and executive orders which guarantee privacy rights and the equal protection of the laws to lesbian, gay and bisexual people; educating the public about the lesbian, gay and bisexual community; facilitating the passage of information between local and state-wide efforts; and supporting local efforts which are consistent with the goals of the Alliance" (mission statement). An interim steering committee of five volunteers and five people chosen to represent the Commonwealth's different regions was also determined at a subsequent November meeting. Faced with highly organized and well-funded right-wing anti-gay groups, the KFA promises to be a vital player in the protection of lesBigay rights in Kentucky. Initial meetings are forging links between P-FLAG, Louisville's Fairness Campaign, Fairness of Lexington, GLSO and many more groups. For more information, contact Keith at (606) 266-3934.

Louisville Has Group for LesBigay Youth

Gay, lesbian and bisexual youth face isolation, rejection, harassment and sometimes violence and suicide. For this age group, there is a large and active support group in Louisville called the Louisville Youth Group. If you know someone that could benefit from this group, contact them at (502) 635-1302.



The Hitchin' Post



GLSO News proudly offers a free 25 word announcement of Holy Unions and Anniversaries. Send your information to GLSO News, P.O. Box 11471, Lexington, KY 40513, or call 276-5383.

Happy 3rd anniversary to "Puppy." It keeps getting better and better. Jan. 18, 1990- Jan. 18, 1993. LOVE, "Kazy"

Sparse Turnout for Cold World AIDS Day

Around two dozen hardy individuals turned out for a candlelight vigil in Phoenix Park to mark a cold Dec. 1 evening as World AIDS Day. Organized in late Nov. by the Lexington Friends of the Quilt (NAMES Project) and AVOL, participants listened to local HIV activists/educators and then marched down the sidewalk of Main St. to place a large, red AIDS ribbon on the city's Christmas tree in Triangle Park. (The GLSO News regrets that we could not notify the community of this important event due to its organization after our deadline. The NAMES Project, AVOL and vigil marchers deserve considerable praise for not letting Lexington and local papers/television station forget World AIDS Day.)

Louisville Organizes for MOW

Louisville's Community Health Trust is also organizing a trip to DC for the March on Washington similar to the package arranged by GLSO. The CHT package includes a chartered bus from Louisville leaving on Sat., April 24, a night's motel stay outside DC, and return by bus after the Sunday March to arrive in Louisville early Monday morning. The cost is \$125 and includes a contribution to CHT for its efforts to provide for those in need with HIV/AIDS. For more info, call Jeff Nally at (502) 625-5490. For info on the GLSO package deal, contact Beth Daly at (606) 253-0955.

MOW Coordinators for Kentucky

There are two coordinators for the April 25, 1993, March on Washington for Region 10 that includes Kentucky and Ohio. These coordinators have information on events and travel. They are:

- 1) David Rittner, Louisville: (502) 634-9642
- 2) Carol Lipman, Cincinnati: (513) 241-3800/631-4201

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U.K. Bias Reports Sought

A committee at the University of Kentucky is looking into the potential need for the inclusion of sexual orientation to protect homo/bisexuals from discrimination. First, however, there is a great need to document cause for such a policy. Therefore, UK Lambda has been asked to collect information on 1) cases past and present of discrimination at UK relating to a person's sexual orientation, and 2) statements from lesBigay alumni and students about the atmosphere at UK for lesBigay students, staff and faculty. If you presently attend or work at UK or have in the past, please consider mailing in a short written statement to:

UK Lambda, PO Box 647, UK Main Station, Lexington, KY 40506. For more information, call Jeff at 276-5383. The University of Louisville and Transylvania already have these protections of human rights. It is time that the Univ. of Kentucky did too!

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WINTER FESTIVAL OF SONG

by Steve R.

Any type of review on a public performance is difficult. As a new member of the Lexington Men's Chorus it would be impossible for me to not be prejudiced, but facts are facts—this group of men was fantastic. Some comments from those who attended the concert: "Unbelievable!" "I'm really touched" "Wonderful!" "Impressed by the quality." The auditorium was filled with red poinsettias—four large baskets hanging from the ceiling, candelabra with white burning candles, and over fifty poinsettias arranged around the choir. The men wore black tuxedos, with red carnations and red AIDS ribbons—talk about a good-looking group! There are not enough words to describe how each choir member feels about our director, Nancy Ward—all I can do is to say "Thank you—we love you". She has shaped and molded this group of individual singers into a professional caliber choir. Our thanks also goes to our perfect accompanist, Jan Martin. (No, its not true that he will only play on Baby Grands!)

The music for the program was memorized, which really adds to the overall effect for the audience. The music showed the choir's broad range of expertise, from the popular "A Place in This World" to the spirited "Zion's Walls" to the delicate Robert Frost work "Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening". The choir signed the song, "In This Very Room" for the hearing impaired—it was really something to see. The BarberShop rendition of "Jingle Bells" showed the director's power of control over these men, when she whirled around and pointed to start the a capella piece. Almost 90 people attended the afternoon concert, and almost 130 were at the evening concert. The standing ovation was certainly appreciated.

The Lexington Men's Chorus benefit performance will be at the Pine Meadows Nursing Home this year. The Spring season is already filling up for the choir. In March we will be one of the featured groups at the Louisville Fairness Campaign Fundraiser, and the Spring Concert will be in April. Any men who can carry a tune (yes, buckets will do) should consider joining the chorus. It takes a lot of work and commitment, but the rewards are tremendous. Several members can not actually read music—practice tapes are given out. We meet every Thursday night, starting Jan. 14. Please call 231-0090 for information. Congratulations to the Lexington Men's Chorus for a fantastic winter concert!

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\$1 million annual budget organization

-**Aspen Gay Ski Week/Robin Tyler:** promoter Robin Tyler pulled out from support for Aspen's Gay Ski Week which attract over 5000 people annually

-**Joan Rivers, Jonathan Demme** (director of "Silence of the Lambs"), Whoopi Goldberg and Barbra Streisand (now softening her stance) have come out in support of the boycott of Colorado

-**Gay/Lesbian Victory Fund** issued a "travel advisory" for Colorado pointing to "adverse conditions" after Amendment 2

-**U.S. Student Association:** canceled Boulder meeting of 100 leaders

-**Queer Nation and The Lesbian Avengers:** support the boycott

-**NOW (Nat. Organization of Women):** denounced Amendment 2 and will boycott Colorado until its repeal

-**Unitarian Universalist Church:** General Assembly meeting in Denver in 1997 canceled (loss of 1500 reserved rooms)

-**United Teachers-Los Angeles:** nation's 2nd-largest teachers' union voted to boycott Colorado

-**Social Workers of America:** support the boycott

-**California Assoc. of Not-for-Profits:** withdrew support for Colorado-based American Fundware software

*****Reported Hate Crimes in Colorado against lesBigays have tripled since the passage of Amendment 2.**

Rooms Are Going Fast!

Reservations for rooms and seating space for the bus trip to the March on Washington sponsored by GLSO are being snatched up quickly. Only a few spaces remain. If you are interested in this trip, please contact Beth Daly at 253-0955.

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Remember Dr. Martin L. King, Jr. Day!

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Tell Your Sweetie Mushy Things

For the Febuary issue of GLSO News we have a special Valentines offer: for \$3 we are accepting Valintined messages up to 25 words (\$.10 per word after the 25 limit). If you want to tell your special someone, a certain organization or group of friends some words fitting for the holiday, please mail check/money order and message to the GLSO NEWS at POB 11471, Lexington, KY 40575 by the deadline of January 15, 1993.

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Homo Holidays: Domestic Travel

by Jeff Jones

Overlooked Opinions, a market surveying service targeting America's 25 million gays and lesbians, has found that homosexuals are far more likely to travel each year than our heterosexual sisters and brothers. As summer again approaches, our readers may be interested in a listing of some traditional lesBigay tourist locales. There is also an International Gay Travel Association which includes several local travel agencies. The IGTA can be reached at 1-(800) 448-8550.

1. **Key West, FL:** #1 domestic travel destination in 1990 according to the IGTA. This island town south of the Florida mainland has welcomed authors including Ernest Hemingway as well as hordes of gay tourists visiting its beaches, bars and bed & breakfast inns.

2. **San Francisco, CA:** The "Promised Land" to many lesBigay folk, SF's Castro District was an early center of gay political activism and the city as a whole has hundreds of bars, great restaurants, bookstores set among SF's beauty. The nearby **Russian River** area hosts many lesBigay campgrounds and beautiful natural scenery.

3. **Provincetown, MA:** "P-town" sits at the tip of Cape Cod and is a summer mecca for lesBigay beachgoers and a large artist colony. Hets, homos and bis comfortably mix together in this town where finding a man skipping by in drag as Dorothy from the Wizard of Oz is not altogether too uncommon.

4. **Northampton, MA:** Located near Amherst's Univ. of Massachusetts in the rolling Berkshire Mtns., Northampton's recent fame has come from its reputed ratio that 1/7 of all women in the charming college town are lesbians. Since a 20/20 news story on the town, more than a few womyn have detoured thru Northampton and found it worth the drive. Besides, having been there, I'll recommend the bagels!

5. Several large cities' "gay districts" attract many including: New York's **Greenwich Village** with its thriving community and lesbian block parties; Los Angeles area with **West Hollywood** (famed as the only city with an openly gay MAJORITY!) and **Laguna Beach**; Washington, DC's **Dupont Circle** area; New Orleans' **French Quarter** where wantonness and depravity are merely a Louisiana tradition; Atlanta's **Midtown**; Chicago's **New Town** and **Miami Beach**.

6. Some smaller towns host artists' colonies and large gay communities such as **Asbury Park, NJ**; **Rehoboth Beach, DE**; **New Hope, PA**; **Ogunquit, ME**; **Asheville, NC**; and **Saugatuck, MI**.

7. One of the biggest gay events in the US annually is the Hotlanta River Expo taking place the first weekend in August when thousands of gay men and women descend on the Chattahoochee River with rafts and then retire to Atlanta's nightlife for the evening.

8. Several organizers of the popular women's music festivals that occur in various states have also branched into the travel industry with Olivia Records (800) 631-6277 and Robin Tyler Productions (818) 893-4075 involved in cruises. RSVP Cruises offer similar cruises for gay men thru the IGTA, etc. Also, Womentrek (206) 325-4772 offers all-woman safaris and cycling tours of exotic foreign countries such as Tanzania and Nepal.

Next Month: Bed and Breakfast Getaways

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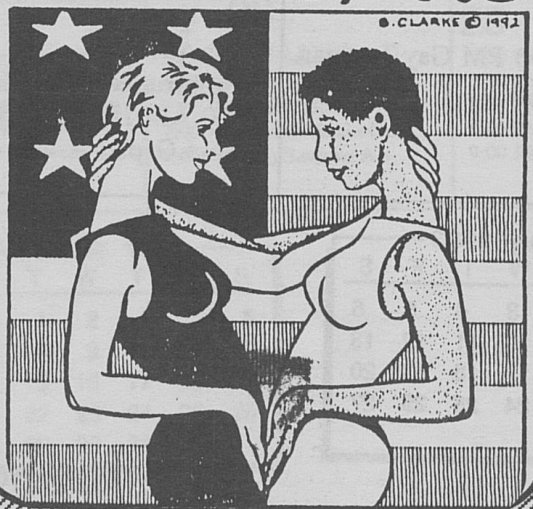
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Washington DC

APRIL 25, 1993



FAIRNESS OF LEXINGTON

by Lisa Laufer

The Lexington Fairness Campaign, birthed in a year of revival and accomplishment for our community, closed the last month of a busy 1992 with two goodwill outreach activities and plans for the first of the new year.

Holiday Parade Banner: Following up on our presence in the 4th of July Parade, volunteers painted and hung a banner from the front of The Bar Complex the evening before the Dec. 5 Holiday Parade. This banner wished Lexington a Season's Greetings from "our family." Early in the morning, a small but devoted group braved the cold to post handbills with the same message on kiosks and telephone poles along the parade route.

Gay Apparel Project: Again, with the cooperation of The Bar and the Unitarian-Universalist Church, Fairness organized the 1st Annual Gay Apparel Project. With the theme of "out of the closets and into the streets," winter clothes were collected for distribution through the Hope Center. A special thanks to all who made this important effort possible.

Steering Committee Elections: Looking ahead to 1993, the Fairness Campaign will be electing a steering committee in February. To date, this role has been filled by those attending the twice monthly general meetings. Elections have thus far been delayed to allow for direct participation by any and all interested parties. As our work has grown and broadened, the need for a structured coordinating committee has become apparent. Anyone interested is encouraged to nominate others/themselves for Steering Committee positions. If you have not previously attended our meetings, we ask that you try to do so in January. Orientation packets are available and volunteers will be able to answer any questions you might have in the half hour before the meetings. If you can not attend the Monday night meetings but are interested nonetheless, please call Tomi at 266-1318 within the next few weeks.

Martin Luther King Day: Fairness will commemorate the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., on Monday, Jan. 18, through participation in the Annual Lexington MLK Birthday Parade and rally. At press time, logistics of the parade are not available, so please refer to the Lexington Herald-Leader for parade time and place. Look for the Fairness banner and come march with the

Fairness contingent. March organizers are welcoming and encouraging a visible lesBigay presence. A sizeable showing would be both historic and appropriate: Fairness shares Dr. King's dream of freedom and justice for all people. Fairness supports the particular struggle by African Americans represented by Dr. MLK Day. Our march will show solidarity for the broader civil rights movement: affirming the struggle of others as we wish to be so affirmed.

Kentucky Fairness Alliance: Fairness of Lexington is participating in the recently formed Kentucky Fairness Alliance with a special emphasis on thwarting maneuvers to re-criminalize private, consensual sodomy through a constitutional amendment. Watch **GLSO News** for further details.

January Meeting Times:

Monday, January 11, 7:30pm at Alfalfa's Restaurant
Monday, January 25, 7:30pm at Alfalfa's Restaurant

Don't Hang Up

Don't hang up, I'm not a heckler
I NEED your help but I can't
tell you my name.
I'm in a phone booth while my mom
buys groceries,
so I won't take long.
I heard your talk show and I'm
scared.
Last summer, when I was just thir-
teen,
I balled with a guy I met at
the bus station.
Now I've got these purple spots all
down my stomach.
I drink five shakes a day
and I have lost fifteen pounds.
in just three months!
I'm afraid to go to our doctor cause
he's my dad.
He'd beat the shit out of me for
liking guys.
Can you tell me somebody else to
call?
Cripes! Here comes mom. Bye!

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Reprinted by his permission. This poem
is now a 4 min. video by Blue Productions,
Hollywood, for use for AIDS education in
California. It was produced by Mike
Silver and stars two 15 yr. olds who in
real life have AIDS.



NEWS SHORTS



CANBERRA, AUSTRALIA: Following on a similar change in Canada in October, the Australian government has dropped its ban on homosexuals in the military. This change makes the USA and Great Britain as two of the few 1st World countries to still prohibit homosexuals in the armed forces.

CINCINNATI: The Cincinnati City Council passed in a 7-2 vote an ordinance banning discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation.

CINCINNATI: Proctor and Gamble Co. has adopted an anti-discrimination policy for gays and lesbians. This company change adds to the number of companies in Lexington with such a policy.

ICELAND: The Parliament of Iceland unanimously passed a resolution calling for an end to anti-gay discrimination in October. A committee has been formed to make changes which may include legalization of gay marriages, which would make Iceland the second country in the world to do so. (Denmark is the first.)

WASHINGTON, DC: Queer Nation staged a kiss-in at Sen. Sam Nunn's DC office to protest his homophobic opposition to gays in the military.

NEW YORK: Respected NYC Schools Chancellor Joseph Fernandez has suspended the Queens District 24 school board for refusing to implement the "Children of the Rainbow" curriculum teaching respect for various family structures including the controversial gay/lesbian parents section. Other NYC districts opted to compromise by introducing the g/l families sections to older grades (5th or 6th) but the Queens area refused altogether. Vocal protests continue from the ousted school board and parents who fear that their children are being "recruited" and will be taught the particulars of anal and oral sex. Fernandez called the battle "emotional and draining" in the face of death threats but also commented that "a lot of my kids come from gay relationships and lesbian relationships...everyone doesn't come from a traditional family structure." (Lexington Herald-Leader story, 12/9/1992)

NETHERLANDS: Openly gay Antoine Bodar was ordained as a Roman Catholic priest by Dutch Bishop Henri Bomers on Sept. 26. The Vatican has yet to make a response.

CHARLOTTE, NC: The City Council did not pass an ordinance that would have protected s from discrimination in housing and jobs in a 4-7 vote.

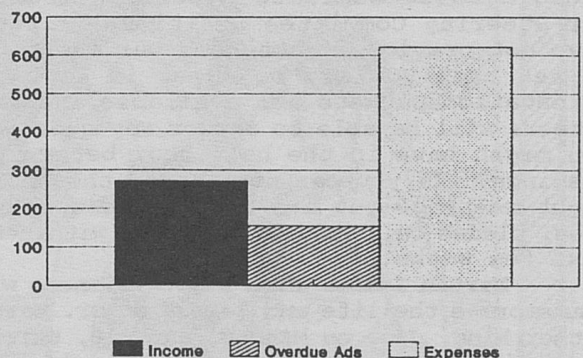
AUSTRALIA: The government of the Northern Territories has added the word "sexuality" to its anti-discrimination law after lobbying by lesBigay groups in Darwin and Alice Springs.

ATLANTA: The Fulton Co., GA, Board of Commissioners voted unanimously on Aug. 19 to add sexual orientation to its Equal Employment Opportunity Policy.

OMAHA, NE: An exhibit of a portion of the NAMES Project AIDS Quilt included over 75 panels that have been submitted since the International Showing in Washington, DC, in October. The Quilt now contains over 26,000 panels or less than 12% of the total known AIDS deaths in the USA.

WASHINGTON, DC: The US Supreme Court refused on Dec. 8 to overturn a lower court decision on Dusty Pruitt's case concerning her discharge from the military for openly acknowledging her homosexuality. In essence, the Supreme Court upheld that the military must prove its discrimination is rationally based and not due to societal disapproval.

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Treasurer: Mary Crone

Cyndy Says "Let's Get the Parents OUT!"

The LesBigay Parents Group is meeting regularly now. The next meeting will be on Saturday, Jan. 2, at 6pm when the parents will go out to a local restaurant and play games afterwards. The Dec. meeting included the kids, so the Jan. meeting will just be for the adults to chat and socialize. Also, the group is looking for a meeting space that is appropriate for bringing children. If you know of such a space or are interested in joining this definitely fun gang, call Cyndy at 276-5471.

Auditions To Be Held

Auditions for "Sisters," a play by Patricia Montley, will be held on January 16 at 1pm at the St. Augustine Chapel, 472 Rose St. This play will be hosted by Iris Events and UK Lambda at 8pm on March 6 at the Singletary Center Recital Hall, University of Kentucky campus. Tickets are \$12. For more information, call Phyllis at Iris Events (606) 272-1182.

Show Benefits AVOL

Individual members of the Imperial Court of the Bluegrass Empire (ICBE) volunteered time and talent at a benefit show on Nov. 19 to raise money for AVOL. The benefit was held at The Bar Complex and raised \$1500 through the generous contributions of female impersonators and singers including Natalie Gaye, Santana, Ashley O'Hara Moore and the current reigning Empress, Michelle Carrington. Natalie Gaye deserves special thanks for organizing this highly successful and well-attended benefit.

Doing It For the Family

As part of the 1993 Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Pride Week for Lexington, UK Lambda is sponsoring a logo contest suitable for t-shirts and buttons. The winning design will receive \$50 and will be chosen by the representatives of the local lesBigay services at the March meeting of the Gay and Lesbian Services Network.

Design specifications: Logo entries should express:

1. A tie-in to the national Pride theme for 1993: "A Family of Pride."
2. A tie-in to the local goal of raising funds to rent/buy a lesBigay community center for Lexington.

Designs showing the diversity of our community will also be highly regarded.

Deadline and Submission: Entries must be received by March 1, 1993, and should be mailed to- UK Lambda, PO Box 647, UK Main Station, Lexington, KY 40506. For more information, call Jeff Jones at 276-5383.

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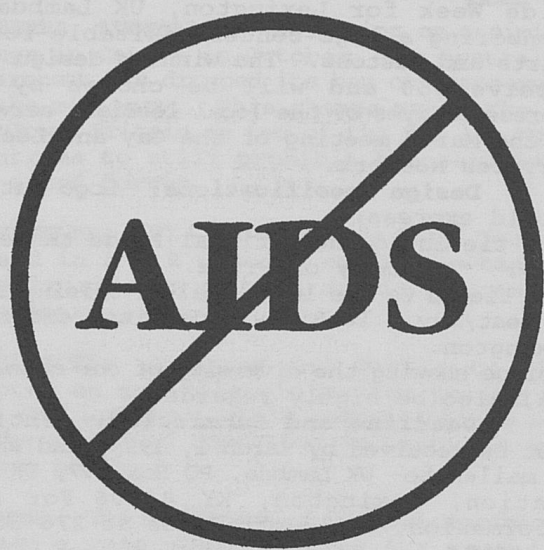
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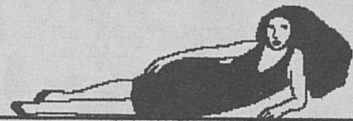
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Esmerelda's Parlour

by Laura Jones

I hope everybody had a great holiday! Our Christmastime with Alex at two was great...especially after my mother got over the fact that Santa brought Alex the Fischer Price "Play Kitchen" instead of the "Work Bench with Circular Saw." I didn't understand the problem until I jokingly said, "Don't worry Mom, Alex isn't GAY" and she said "Are you sure?" Just when I thought I had her trained...

Well, here is the rest of my December article about ideas for surviving gay parenthood. I've experienced both creating a family by becoming involved with someone who has children already and also by this process with Ann. These situations have some different aspects so some of these ideas are exclusively for one and some for both:

- 1. Find or create support groups.** Get together with and without the kids. Exchange books, clothes, nursery equipment, toys, frustrations and joys.
- 2. Realize that each parent will develop a different style of parenting** and don't try to make the other conform to yours. (Easily said...)
- 3. Try and work through major personal and relationship issues BEFORE** you start the parenting process: they will only be magnified later. Start with a pet: if you can't handle the cat, you need to reconsider the toddler.
- 4. Stay active in the gay community.** It's easy to lose this side of yourself and feel like some politically correct Betty Crocker.
- 5. Play women's music** loud and often. If you can learn to appreciate Raffi, the kids can learn to like Cris Williamson. (Ed.-men might try the latest soundtrack to Les Miserables or Elton John.)
- 6. Find safe sitters** and use them. (We swap "at home" laundry facilities for sitting with our friend Lonnie.)
- 7. Don't get overinvolved** in the relationship between your partner and

the father of the children (hindsight is 20/20).

8. Let him take the kids on the weekend without complaint (i.e. sleep in and enjoy it!)

9. Do not criticize the "ex" in front of the children.

10. Don't over commit yourself (i.e. change careers, move interstate, start school and buy a home for renovation all at once!)

11. Draw up a parenting agreement (esp. if this is a Donor Insemination situation) that outlines who gets "custody" if you separate. Does someone pay child support?

12. Don't underestimate the expense of the undertaking. We are constantly amazed at the sheer expense of formula, diapers, sniffle medicine and shots.

13. Finally, don't lose sight of the forest for the trees. Alex is something I have wanted all my life. Yet, between life's chaos and expense, it can seem so overwhelming. Then, when I finally slow down, and we cuddle on the sofa to watch Walt Disney (or watch him learn to string macaroni or write the letter "B"), I realize how great he is and why we did this. I guess if I had listened to or followed more of these ideas myself, this would have been easier, but the challenge is great fun that I wouldn't have missed for all the Liz Claiborne or Olivia Cruises in the world!

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