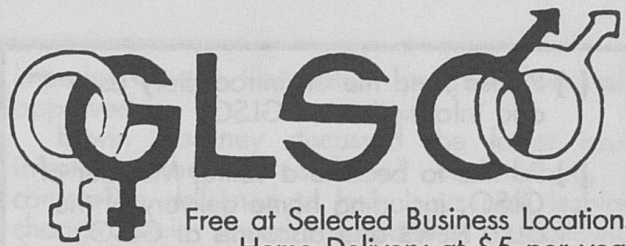


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## LEXINGTON LESBIANS AND GAY MEN TAKE A STAND

from Kate Black and Steve Savage

A vocal and determined group of lesbians, gay men and their friends protested the message of CrossOver Ministries and its director, Bruce Grimsley, during the third week of April. An affiliate of Exodus, International, CrossOver hosted a conference in Lexington at the First Assembly of God Church (remember Jim and Tammy Faye?), April 20-21, after a presentation at the University of Kentucky on April 19. CrossOver aims to convert homosexuals to heterosexuality, offering gay men and lesbians "freedom from homosexuality."

On the evening of April 19, approximately 15 protesters stood outside a meeting room in the UK Student Center with signs prior to the talk by Sy Rogers, president of Exodus, International. Later the protesters entered the room and stood in the back, continuing to hold up signs reading "Homophobia is a Sin. Repent Now," "Cross Over to Gay Rights," "Cure Homophobia," and other messages. Already present inside the room was a larger group of about 20 people prepared to ask challenging, diverting questions. Rogers apparently had planned to speak for at least the majority of the hour and a half presentation. Within 5 minutes, however, the president of GLUE raised her hand to ask a question. For the next 1 1/4 hours, protesters asked one question after another, effectively preventing Rogers from presenting his planned "testimony."

Rogers repeatedly denied that Exodus is preaching homophobia. According to Rogers, Exodus has two purposes: to give gay people an alternative if they do not wish to be gay, and to combat homophobia among Christians. Yet as several people in the audience pointed out, he consistently uses a "disease" model in his rhetoric - using strongly negative and condemning words such as "sin," "healing," "recovery," etc. A German linguist from UK pointed at the power of terminology to

seemingly hide an ideology and agenda, and, in fact, create a climate where active and passive intolerance flourishes. She even cited as examples similar use of propaganda by Nazi Germany which eventually led to incarceration and genocide of millions of people including homosexuals. Even though one of Roger's proteges attempted to help him understand this point, Rogers would not acknowledge its validity.

Later in the evening, the "discussion" became heated as several protesters cited cases of CrossOver representatives, including its leader Bruce Grimsley, using questionable - if not unethical - methods to gain "converts." One man reported a friend being harassed at work the day before; several protesters discussed PWA's having been hounded (even while in hospital rooms) and worse. A woman told her story of Grimsley and one of his assistants visiting her home unsolicited. Grimsley and Rogers denied all accusations, even though such acts of harassment by their colleagues have been documented in newspapers and magazines articles across the country (**Los Angeles Times**, Dec. 6, 1989). Rogers even went so far as to deny any responsibility for the actions of members of the organization he directs.

Without use of violence, the protesters effectively altered the content of the meeting. Consequently, the 4 or 5 dozen people who went to hear Rogers speak left with a far different message than that intended by CrossOver. Rather than hearing just CrossOver's description of homosexuality as depraved, sinful behavior, the audience heard the truth about CrossOver's unethical methods. They also saw gay men and lesbians taking a stand for themselves, their gay and lesbian brothers and sisters, and for the young lesbian and gay people so vulnerable to CrossOver's manipulations.

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## AUNT MARY

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Dear Aunt Mary,

Recently, I've heard a lot of talk about AIDS becoming a chronic, lifelong, and treatable disease. I also read that younger gays are returning to the sexual abandon of the pre-AIDS generation. Is there reason for optimism and can I relax a little now?

Sincerely, Jason

Dear Jason,

Aunt Mary has heard much about the new outlook for AIDS. In discussions with several doctors she has been told that the technology, drugs and so forth needed to make AIDS a chronic, treatable disease are foreseen in the next 25 years. In the course of medical and human history, 25 years isn't that long; but in the lifetime of one human, it probably means the difference between life and death. There are encouraging signs for those who know of a positive HIV status and begin early treatment, but the body may develop a resistance to the drugs being used (such as AZT) and the jury is still out on all of the other drugs being tested.

On the issue of sexual abandon, **Newsweek** recently had a series of articles on the future of Gay America and noted that many younger gays are engaging in sex at levels that rival the pre-AIDS generation. Well, there's nothing wrong with sex, per se, but there is something wrong if it is being done in unsafe ways - it borders on suicidal behavior. Unfortunately, most twenty-year-olds have little sense of their own mortality and, as a result, one can only argue for further emphasis on AIDS education. After ten years of this plague many of us would like to pretend it is fading, but the evidence thus far is only slightly more positive than it was in 1984 or 1986 (some might argue that it's more negative than four or six year ago). Aunt Mary wouldn't bet her life on rumors, hearsay, and unsubstantiated drug treatments at this point. In other words, safer sex is still in and will probably be so for a while.

Aunt Mary

Write to Aunt Mary: c/o GLSO, PO Box 11471, Lexington, KY 40575.

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## LOCAL NEWS

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### GLSO BOARD CONSIDERS MAJOR PHONELINE UPGRADE

from Teresa Reynolds and Craig Clere

The GLSO Board of Directors met for its monthly meeting March 21, 1990. Committee reports and old business were the first items to be discussed. Bill Loggins reported that final revisions were being made on GLSO's promotional brochure which will be ready for June's Pride Week celebration.

The Coffeehouse & Dance committee reported that \$22 was lost on the March coffeehouse. A high overhead and low attendance were blamed for the loss. The April coffeehouse featuring Yer Girlfriend, however, is expected to attract a large turnout.

Edwin Hackney discussed a new computer and answering machine system for the Gayline. The system would involve a computerized touch-tone line where callers could access tapes for the services they were interested in, as well as speaking directly to a Gayline volunteer if desired. The cost would be \$1300 for the initial start-up plus a \$40 maintenance fee in addition to the regular \$95 monthly phone charge.

Various fundraising options were discussed to finance the new computer and answering machine system. Following a lengthy discussion the Board decided to approve a fundraising solicitation involving two parties to be hosted by members of the community, in addition to a fundraising letter to be sent to GLSO members and friends. A raffle will also be held, with the final drawing for prizes held during Pride Week. Tickets for the raffle will be sold during late April and May. Bill Loggins reported already lining up nearly a dozen items for the raffle from local merchants.

The treasurer reported a stable treasury primarily due to increased advertising from **GLSO News** and continued subscription renewals and GLSO memberships.

Julie Smoak requested GLSO sponsorship of a women's city league softball team. Smoak's request for funds was unanimously approved by the Board. A funding request for an ad in the

Imperial Court's Coronation program was also approved.

Edwin Hackney discussed the latest issues involving the "CrossOver" conference, a conference designed to help gays and lesbians change their sexual orientation. Following discussion the Board approved sending Teresa Reynolds and Bill Loggins to the conference incognito to ascertain information regarding the conference.

Teresa Reynolds and Debbie Currie agreed to serve as the Election Committee to seek qualified Board members for the new Board beginning in June. Interested persons are encouraged to contact Reynolds, Currie, or GLSO President Craig Clere (266-8887). Elections to the Board will occur during Pride Week in June for three two-year terms, one one-year term, Secretary, and Treasurer of the Board.

The next Board Meeting was set for the final Wednesday of the month. GLSO Board meetings are open to the membership at-large. Consult the Directory for contact number regarding location and time.

### BLUEGRASS HUMAN RIGHTS ADVOCATES GROWTH CONTINUES

from BHRA

Bluegrass Human Rights Advocates is an educational and advocacy group for lesbian and gay rights. It is beginning its second year with enthusiasm and gearing up to sponsor an informative evening during Pride Week in June.

BHRA has been productive on the educational front. Several members participated in a panel on homophobia, sponsored by the Community Coalition for Cultural Diversity. BHRA's first major event was presenting James Wolf, author of Gay Priests. The event, held at the Central Library, was well attended.

On the advocacy front, BHRA met with state Rep. Ernesto Scorsone when the legislative session began to discuss AIDS-related legislation. The group supported Rep. Paul Mason's AIDS anti-discrimination bill, though writing Mason to criticize certain language in the bill which was later removed.

The organization is active and going places! Look for the BHRA brochure at Pride Week events. New participants are always welcome. Meetings are the first Sunday of each month at 7:30 pm. For location, call Pam at 266-7011.

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### **NAMES PROJECT RECEIVES FUNDS**

from the NAMES Project Kentucky

The fifth meeting of NAMES Project Kentucky was held April 11 at Transylvania University. Co-chair Rev. Dee Dale and Tim were in attendance from Louisville and provided an essential link to the Louisville community. The Project had it's first benefit in connection with the Tri-State Gay Rodeo Association (TSGRA) at Crossings and raised \$340. Many thanks to TSGRA and Crossings for allowing the Kentucky Chapter to be the beneficiary of their event.

Panel making is a focus of the local chapter, as well as the National NAMES Project. In the early days of Kentucky a quilt served many needs. Today Quilting Bees are being planned to assist families, friends and loved ones in making panels for the AIDS Quilt Memorial. Becki Olson, owner of Quilter's Square, will be providing workshop space at her store in Dudley Square, 308 South Mill Street, Lexington. The workshops are scheduled for the second Thursday of each month from 7-9 pm. Ms. Olson will be available to help anyone who has questions about designing and making quilt panels. The first workshop will be May 10.

There will be a display of the AIDS Memorial Quilt in Cincinnati, May 12, at Mt. St. Joseph Peace and Justice Center, contact person: Louise Akers, SC, 513-579-8547.

Names Project Kentucky will have their next meeting, 7:30 - 9:30 pm in Frankfort. Contact Dan for more information at 502-227-2486. For general information about the NAMES Project Kentucky, please call J.C., 299-8836, Steve, 233-1782, or write P.O. Box 588, Lexington, KY, 40586. Remember together we will "Keep the Love Alive."

### **PRO-CHOICE ALLIANCE CELEBRATES**

from Lexington Planned Parenthood

Lexington's Pro-Choice Alliance will celebrate its one year anniversary with a celebration at Woodland Park, May 12, at 2 pm. There will be games and booths from local participating organizations. All are invited.

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[TAKE A STAND, continued from front page]

On Saturday morning, April 21, approximately 15 people demonstrated in front of the the First Assembly of God church as conference participants entered and traffic passed by on Pasadena Road. One conference participant offered the demonstrators donuts (none were accepted) as a conference photographer took close-up pictures.

Will the photos be used to demonstrate acts of Christian love bestowed upon the protesters? Will any photos show the harassment, intimidation, and discrimination reported by so many at the hands of CrossOver?

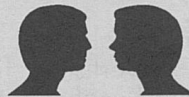
The participants in their organized resistance confirmed the success of their protest because of the individual and collective sense of empowerment experienced by taking a stand for ourselves; because CrossOver's intolerance, unethical and psychologically damaging ministry has not gone unnoticed by those who are outraged by them; and because conference participants who are questioning their own sexuality saw a diverse, dignified group of people publicly embracing their sexual identities. The groundwork has been laid for responses to future displays of homophobia.

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### PRIDE WEEK REPORT

from the Pride Week Committee

The 1990. Pride Week Committee has been hard at work preparing a full slate of events for what will actually be a ten-day celebration of Lesbian and Gay Pride (why limit ourselves to a week when there's so much to do?!). The following is the TENTATIVE schedule of events:

#### JUNE

- FRI 8 JOANN LOULAN -- Live and In Person!! (sponsored by GLUE). She promises a talk that will appeal to both lesbians and gay men!
- SUN 10 IMPERIAL COURT OF THE BLUEGRASS PRIDE WEEK SHOW
- MON 11 NATIONAL GAY & LESBIAN TASK FORCE Speaker (sponsored by BHRA)
- TUE 12 BOWLING NIGHT (sponsored by Rainbow Bowling League)
- WED 13 ARTS NIGHT (sponsored by GLSO/Esmerelda)
- THU 14 STOP AIDS FORUM; QUILTING WORKSHOP (sponsored by NAMES Project Kentucky)
- FRI 15 BAR NIGHT
- SAT 16 THEOLOGY FOR LESBIANS AND GAY MEN WORKSHOP -- (sponsored by Interweave)
- SAT 16 PRIDE PICNIC
- SUN 17 PRIDE WEEK WORSHIP SERVICE (sponsored by Interweave)

As you can see, with so much diversity, there is something for everyone, so we hope to see you all there!! Watch for details as to times and locations in the June **GLSO News**, or call the GAYLINE for more information.

### ARTSY TYPES NEED APPLY

from the Pride Week Committee

The Pride Week Committee would like Arts Night (Wednesday, June 13) to be a visual feast. Therefore, we're looking for all kinds of visual art to adorn the room in which Arts Night will be held. If you have artwork which you would like to submit for display (with the option to sell your work, should you choose), please call Debbie at 255-3851.

We are also in need of performers for Arts Night, although time will be somewhat limited, so we will only be able to select a few individuals to perform. If you would be interested, please call Debbie at the above number. We'll do our best to fit you in!

If you've participated in Arts Night before and would like to again, but haven't heard from us yet, please give a call. We may not know how to get in touch with you.

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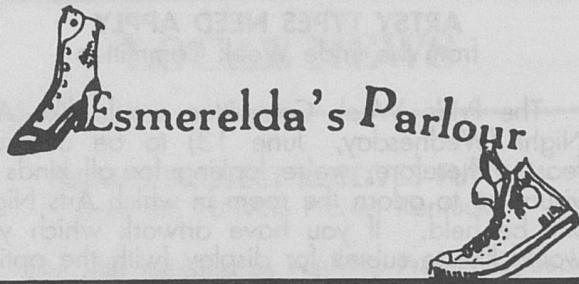
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### PLANNED PARENTHOOD CALLS ON AMERICANS TO REACH OUT AND TOUCH AT&T

from Lexington Planned Parenthood

A campaign is underway to express displeasure at the recent decision of AT&T to withdraw \$50,000 from a teen pregnancy prevention program because of Planned Parenthood's stand on abortion rights. Individuals can contact AT&T by writing Robert Allen, Chairman of the Board, 550 Madison Ave., New York, NY 10022 and Dr. Reynold Levy, President of the AT&T Foundation, 550 Madison Avenue, New York, NY 10022.

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Dear Ms. Martin,

Like a previous commentator, I found the December column thought-provoking. I realized how much energy I was giving other causes not specifically lesbian/gay identified. The March column, "United We Stand" was equally thought-provoking but in a negative way.

I've been following the incessant running commentary in "Lesbian Connection" and found your position well represented and very enticing. The whole idea of criticism of S/M is founded on the Judeo-Christian (patriarchal) notion of "judge not lest ye be judged." Although this position is enticing from this standpoint, I have come to reject this philosophical notion.

I reject the idea that my personal disapproval of violent-aggressive acts in intimate relationships is being judgmental of my sisters. It took me awhile to reach this understanding. I even felt ambivalence for a long time because I personalized the criticism of my lifestyle by society as a whole. The best way I can explain my present feelings on the subject is by analogy. Certainly we would agree that "consensual" substance abuse is improper behavior. Although we don't wish to condemn the abuser, we do not as a society (gay or straight) condone the behavior. Why? Because it is harmful physically and emotionally and that harm affects not only the abuser but their loved ones. The affect goes even further - society as a whole is harmed not only in economic terms but idealistic terms.

Aside from analogy I also looked at where these "needs" might be coming from. While I'm no psychoanalyst, from what I've read and feel I believe it often comes from past abuse by a trusted person like a parent. If love and intimacy are learned in a violent-aggressive way it may carry over later in life. I also feel that the S/M model comes from a patriarchal power model. You are either dominated or the dominator under that basic structure. Even in

switching "roles" among partners the model is the same.

It seems to me that people who advocate loving relationships among all humans need to examine their thoughts and feelings on the subject. For provoking these thoughts, I thank you. I'd like you to examine your own separation too.

Your article addressed behavior as well as external appearances, asking us not to be judgmental of S/M but, be cohesive. Not that I'm wild about sorority antics, since they are also coming from a patriarchal role model of what women are supposed to be but, I do not think they are worthy of your reprobations. "Disgusting hoards of cloned Barbie dolls, stamped with greek letters one is easily overrun by on campus?" So are you saying that an "image" is OK as long as it's gay, no matter how abusive it may be? Or is it OK to judge "them" because they judge "us?"

Yes, judgments are often unfair to others. Like you, I would like to see unity in the lesbian community, but not a unity that oppresses. Oppression of S/M lesbians is wrong. Oppression of sorority women, gay men, straights, everyone is wrong. Lets not limit our confines to any self-righteous attitude but lets not allow ourselves to be tricked into perpetuating harm to each other in so doing.

Sincerely,  
Jules

Dear Jules,

Thank you so much for your comments - it is always encouraging to know that someone is out there reading and cares enough about various issues to respond. I'm sorry I could not print your entire letter, but it was just too long. I think it is important for you and all the other readers of Esmerelda's Parlour to know that the article "United We Stand" was not written to condone S/M behavior or any other act or activity. In fact, you hit my point right on the head in your last paragraph - it is the oppression that can stem from our judgments of which I disapprove. It is in this context that I agree with your chastisement of my little comment about sorority girls. You are right and I realize that my feelings about these girls should not be aired in **GLSO News** or used as cause for any discrimination - thanks for making me think! I must, however, disagree with your suggestion that "United We Stand" was written

on the principle "judge not lest ye be judged." I am opinionated enough to where I feel that judgments are very important - individual judgments in large part make us who we are. But along with these judgments must come some degree of temperance and an open mind. Also, I have a great deal of trouble accepting your assertion that "judge not lest ye be judged" is simply a Judeo-Christian/patriarchal ideal. I am neither a Christian nor a Jew and I harbor no fear of the Judgment Day, but this idea still makes a whole lot of sense to me.

Sincerely, Angela Martin

### **FORGIVE ME!**

I'm afraid I stepped on some toes with the writing of last month's column "It's a Matter of Choice." So what's new, right? This seems to happen to me a lot. Somehow when I'm writing (say at work in the middle of my lunch hour as I did for this "Choice" article), my point mysteriously disappears and in its place appears this monster of a statement. Last month's column was not intended to offend any true bisexuals. Believe it or not, it wasn't meant to offend anyone. I did, however, make a mistake in my choice of the term 'pseudo-bisexual.' As one dear friend of mine was kind enough to point out, the use of this term is inflammatory and serves to perpetuate the judgments lesbians within our community tend to throw at the woman who sleeps with, or is capable of sleeping with, a man or a woman. I do stand by my real point that involvement in a relationship with someone who is unsure of or cannot handle their sexuality (this does not mean true bisexuals) is a matter of choice and should be viewed as such.

Please forgive me, Angela

### **SINGLE LESBIANS UNITE** from GLSO News staff

Are you mateless or new in town and want to meet other single sisters for friendship? I would like to organize a support/activities oriented group for women interested in planning and participating in single's activities.

This is not a dating service, but simply a means for single sisters to meet and have a social life without feeling ostracized in our couple-oriented society. If interested please call Lori, 255-5084, and leave your name and phone number.

### **LESBIAN HERSTORY ARCHIVES PLANS HERSTORY WEEK** from GLSO News

The Lesbian Herstory Archives is asking lesbians around the world to join them in a week of fundraising events, May 2-9, to raise funds for a building for The Archives.

One of the highlights of the week will be a series of house parties, held in communities from Athens, Georgia, to Anchorage, Alaska. These intimate gatherings will share information about The Archives and ask for contributions. Archives volunteers are coordinating and assisting community activists in planning these events. Some cities will be hosting dances and special events as well. Many local businesses will be designating a special day when a percentage of their sales will go to The Archives. Individuals can join in the effort by donating a day's pay to the building fund.

Co-coordinator Deb Edel says, "The Archives has always depended on grassroots support for its survival, and this week of fundraising is continuing that tradition with a special effort to raise money in honor of Mabel Hampton's birthday, to purchase a very necessary building."

The Lesbian Herstory Archives serves lesbians worldwide through its newsletter, bibliographies, research assistance, as well as its crucial work of collecting and preserving the world's largest and oldest collection of lesbian materials. The collection includes 10,000 books, 13,000 periodical titles, 12,000 photographs, taped oral herstories and other representations of lesbian lives and activities. For more information contact LHEF, Inc., PO Box 1258, New York, NY, 10016.

### **DANCE/THEATER TO HEAL FAMILY VIOLENCE COMING TO KENTUCKY CENTER FOR THE ARTS** from Artswatch

"Spin the Spiral," by Susan Ottzen, Phyllis Free and Laura Jane Cavanaugh, will be presented in Louisville on July 27 - 29. "Spin the Spiral" is a statement about healing family violence. The performance "is about violence and child abuse and experiencing the pain again so that we may heal ourselves." Tickets will go on sale at the Center's Ticket Services after June 1. For more information, call Artswatch at 502-893-9661

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## ANTI-GAY FOSTER CARE POLICY REVERSED IN MASSACHUSETTS

from Coalition for Lesbian and Gay Civil Rights

Gov. Michael Dukakis announced that the Massachusetts policy which effectively banned gays and lesbians from becoming foster parents, and thus from participating in adoption, would be reversed. The new state policy will not include sexual orientation as a consideration in the placement of children in foster homes. Many activists believe last November's enactment of a Gay Civil Rights Law in Massachusetts may have contributed to the change in policy.

Gay foster care became a source of controversy in 1985 when Dukakis ordered two children removed from the homes of Don Babet and David Jean, two gay men who had the children in foster care. The gay and lesbian community responded with outrage, and the groundswell of protest against Dukakis grew to national proportions, hampering his ability to win gay and lesbian support in his Presidential bid.

## STUDDS PRAISES 'SPEAK OUT' PROGRAM

from HRCF

Congressman Gerry Studds (D-MA), one of two openly gay members of the U.S. House of Representatives, is urging lesbian and gay Americans to join the Human Rights Campaign Fund's "Speak Out" program to counter anti-gay efforts on Capitol Hill.

"Most members of Congress have no idea that many of their constituents care about fair treatment of gay people," Studds states in a nationwide mailing. "That is why the HRCF 'Speak Out' program is vital."

After one year, the "Speak Out" program has proven to be the most successful grassroots mobilization effort in the history of the lesbian and gay rights movement. The program, run by the Human Rights Campaign Fund's Field Division, has been responsible for almost 100,000 messages to Congress on AIDS, lesbian and gay rights, and related issues.

"'Speak Out' is a strategy enabling citizens, gay and non-gay alike, to have their voices heard loudly, clearly and repeatedly on Capitol Hill," notes Congressman Studds. "By pre-authorizing brief messages to Congress on AIDS and lesbian and gay rights, participants in 'Speak Out' are heard and make a difference."

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## EFFECT OF CHILD-PORN RULING UNCLEAR

from *The Wall Street Journal*

The U.S. Supreme Court has upheld an Ohio law which makes it illegal to possess nude photographs of children, including those used privately in the home. The Court justified the ban on the grounds that owning such material perpetuates its demand. The demand therefore promotes exploitation of the children involved. This reasoning suggests the Court is preparing to ban possession of all material judged pornographic, since adult pornography is widely perceived as exploiting women.

The ruling further erodes individual "privacy" rights, and its possible effects are not limited to pornography. Using the Court's logic, laws could permit government to intrude into the home any time private activity perpetuates the commercial demand for material or products deemed to exploit others.

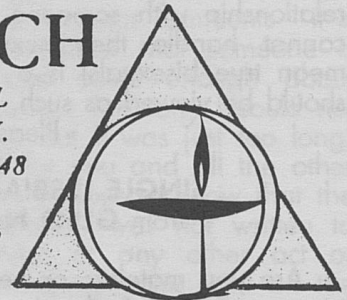
It also appears to reaffirm the 1986 Hardwick decision which upheld state laws prohibiting private, homosexual activity between consenting adults.

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## GAY AMERICA

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### DENVER, CO

Coors Brewing Co. said it may sponsor *Secret Passions*, a gay soap opera that is being produced for nationwide distribution on cable television systems. For several years, Coors has tried to mend fences with gays who are offended by allegations of antigay personnel practices at the firm's brewery in Golden, Colorado in the 1970s.

### HARTFORD, CT

The Roman Catholic diocese of Hartford said it opposes inclusion of gays as a protected class in a proposed state hate-crimes bill, arguing that "homosexuals do each other far more harm than anyone else does them."

### WASHINGTON, DC

Big Brothers of Washington has agreed to end its policy of refusing gay volunteers. Under a formal settlement Big Brothers will treat an applicant's sexual orientation in the same manner that they treat other personal characteristics.

Jeffrey Gould, an experienced health educator with a master's degree in counseling, was denied volunteering as a "Big Brother" simply because he is gay. Gould filed a complaint with the DC Office of Human Rights which ruled that Big Brothers was not exempt from the DC Human Rights Act. Shortly after Big Brothers changed its policy and agreed to institute a "gay sensitivity" training session for all staff. It will also do outreach to the gay community to publicize the change in policy and to promote opportunities for volunteer service.

### NEW YORK CITY, NY

The estate of gay photographer Robert Mapplethorpe, who died of complications from AIDS last year, donated \$1.3 million to two hospitals where Mapplethorpe was treated for the disease.

### PITTSBURGH, PA

The Pittsburgh City Council passed a lesbian/gay rights ordinance which was signed into law by the mayor on March 28. The new ordinance adds sexual orientation to the protected categories of race, color, religion, ancestry, national origin, place of birth, sex, handicap, disability or use of guide dogs.

### HUNTINGTON, WV

Six students at Marshall University face disciplinary action, and possible expulsion, for posting anti-gay signs on campus. In an earlier incident, vandals burned about 500 fliers promoting the campus gay rights group.

### WINNER, SD

School board officials have said they didn't know about strip basketball practice session at the local school that sometimes called for players to strip nude. The board passed a regulation that forbids the sessions in the future. The school's coach scheduled one practice session each year for the past eight years that called for players to remove a piece of clothing if they missed a free-throw shot. The session were meant, according to the coach, to instill team spirit and improve free-throw shooting.

### SALT LAKE CITY, UT

A traveling exhibit of Holocaust photos, "The World of Anne Frank: 1929-1945," had its mention of gays deleted by the Utah State Office of Education two weeks before the exhibit opened. Officials at the Anne Frank Center's branch office in New York City said the Utah incident was the first problem the center had with exhibit, which was shown in the Netherlands, West Germany, Austria, Great Britain, Italy, Japan, and elsewhere in the United States before coming to Utah.

Civil libertarians were quick to criticize the state's order to delete the material. Two days following a **Salt Lake Tribune** article about the deletion the pages were ordered restored, saying the order to delete the material was the result of a misunderstanding.

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## INTO THE FUTURE

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

May 4-7, 1990. 10th Annual Gay & Lesbian Press Association Convention. San Francisco, CA.

May 14-15, 1990. National Parents' Council AIDS Conference. Phoenix, AZ.

May 20, 1990. Seventh Annual Worldwide AIDS Candlelight Memorial.

May 24-28, 1990. IGBO X, the International Gay/Lesbian Bowling Tournament. Los Angeles, CA.

May 31-June 3, 1990. Womowrites 12th Annual Southeastern Lesbian Writers' Conference. Central Georgia.

June 7-10, 1990. AIDS: Living in Recovery Conference. Cincinnati, OH.

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Keith of Berry, KY (Cynthiana), please contact me again. Give address & phone. Mine is: Joey, PO Box 34, Richmond, KY 40475.

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### NATIONAL GAY/LESBIAN CRISISLINE

(800) 767-4297

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### DIRECTORY

<b>GLSO Gayline</b> .....	231-0335
<b>GLSO Board</b> .....	call Craig, ..... 266-8887
<b>GLSO News</b> .....	call Craig, ..... 266-8887
<b>GLSO Speakers Bureau</b> ..call Bill, ..	266-9175
<b>GLSO Coming Out Group</b>	
.... call Alan, .....	253-2414
.... or Teresa, .....	252-3106
<b>GLSO Coffeehouse &amp; Dance</b>	
.... call Esmerelda, .....	255-3851
<b>GLSO Rainbow Bowling League</b>	
.... call Chuck, .....	268-8541
<b>NAMES Project Kentucky</b>	
.... call J.C. ....	299-8836
<b>Lesbian Potluck</b>	
.... call Esmerelda, .....	252-7837
<b>Lesbian Passion Discussion Group</b>	
.... call Esmerelda, .....	255-3851
<b>Esmerelda's Parlour</b>	
.... call Angela, .....	255-3851
<b>Bluegrass Human Rights Advocates</b>	
.... call Kate/Amy, .....	272-4519
<b>GLUE (UK Support Group)</b>	
.... call Suzanne, .....	231-0255
<b>Gay/Lesbian AA</b>	
.... call Dave, .....	277-9522
<b>Gay/Lesbian Al-Anon</b>	
.... call Robert, .....	293-0516
<b>Imperial Court of the Bluegrass</b>	
<b>Empire</b> .. call Terry, .....	266-8715
<b>Dignity/Lexington</b>	
.... call Keith, .....	263-5940
<b>Liturgy</b> .... call Don, .....	299-4458
<b>Interweave</b> .... call Craig, .....	266-8887
(UU gays, lesbians and friends.)	
<b>AVOL</b> .....	276-AVOL
(AIDS support and education)	
<b>ACT-Lexington</b> .....	281-5151
(AIDS education and referral)	
<b>HIV+, ARC, AIDS Support Group</b>	
.... call Edwin, .....	233-0444
<b>Lexington-Fayette Co. Health Department</b>	
<b>AIDS Testing</b> .....	288-AIDS
(For anonymous counseling and testing, call the above number and ask for an AIDS Counselor.)	
<b>Madison County Health Department</b>	
<b>AIDS Testing</b> .....	623-7312
(For anonymous counseling and testing, call the above number and ask for an AIDS Counselor.)	
<b>Louisville Crisis Hotline</b> .....	(502) 637-4342

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## MAY 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.

### SPECIAL EVENTS

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- SUN 6 Bluegrass Human Rights Advocates, 7:30 pm
- WED 9 NAMES Project, 7:30 pm
- THU 10 GLSO Coming Out Support Group, 7 pm, 3rd floor, Frazee Hall, University of Kentucky; NAMES Project Quilting Workshop, 7 pm, Dudley Square, 308 South Mill; **GLSO News** Deadline

### WEEKLY EVENTS

SUNDAY Gay/Lesbian AA, 4 pm, Comp Care Center;  
**Gayline**, 231-0335, 8 - 11 pm

TUESDAY Gay/Lesbian Al-Anon, 7 pm;  
GLSO Rainbow Bowling League, 9 pm, Joyland Lanes

WEDNESDAY Gay/Lesbian AA, 8 pm, St. Joseph Hospital, CCI Meeting Room;  
**Gayline**, 231-0335, 8 - 11 pm

THURSDAY HIV+, ARC, AIDS Support Group;  
**Gayline**, 231-0335, 8 - 11 pm

FRIDAY Gay/Lesbian AA, 8 pm, Comp Care Center;  
**Gayline**, 231-0335, 8 - 11 pm

SAT 12 Pro-Choice Alliance One-Year Celebration, 2 pm, Woodland Park

SUN 13 Lesbian Potluck, 2 pm; AIDS Volunteers Of Lexington, 5:30 pm, Comp Care Center

WED 16 Interweave, 8 pm, Unitarian Universalist Church

FRI 18 Dignity Liturgy & Potluck, 7 pm

MON 21 Pro-Choice Alliance, 7:30 pm, Alfalfa's Restaurant

THU 24 GLSO Coming Out Support Group, 7 pm, 3rd floor, Frazee Hall, University of Kentucky; Dignity Rap Session, 7:30 pm

FRI 25- MON 28 Interweave Retreat

WED 30 GLSO Board Meeting, 7:30 pm