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Privacy Prevails: Sodomy Law Repealed

On Sept. 24, the Kentucky Supreme Court issued its decision in **Wasson et al v. Commonwealth of Kentucky** and judged a portion of Kentucky's sodomy law unconstitutional. In a split decision, the seven member court upheld in a 4 to 3 opinion two lower court decisions which found that the section prohibiting private, consensual acts between adults of the same sex was unconstitutional. Justices C. Leibson, C.J. Stephens, J. Combs and J.J. Spain were in the majority decision with Justices J. Lambert, J. Reynolds and J. Wintersheimer voting in the dissent to not repeal the sodomy law. This decision and its impact on the lesbigay community require some perspective on the history of this case.

History of the Case

In 1986, Lexington police undertook an undercover sting operation outside of a local gay bar. An officer engaged Jeffrey Wasson (then 23) in a 25 minute conversation leading up to Wasson's invitation to the undercover officer to come home with him. The officer then led Wasson into mentioning sexual activity and arrested him on solicitation for sodomy, a misdemeanor crime defined as anal or oral sex between members of the same sex only. Rather than

quietly plea bargaining as many other victims of this law had done, Wasson and his attorneys Ernesto Scorsone, Pam Goldman and Dean Bucalos pursued the case into the courts in an attempt to overturn this law.

From the onset, this attempt appeared futile in the face of the 1986 US Supreme Court 5 to 4 decision in **Bowers v. Hardwick** in which the Court judged that states had the right to uphold sodomy laws as related to privacy rights for homosexuals. This decision came at a time of widespread AIDS hysteria and one US Justice has since said that in review he should have voted the other way on purely legal grounds. This swing vote would have effectively made all US sodomy laws unconstitutional. Sodomy repeals then where left to a state by state offensive.

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Apology Given

The October issue of the GLSO News inadvertently missed running a story on the Oct. 8th ACLU Town Meeting Series: "The ABC's of Lesbian/Gay/Bisexual Rights." GLSO News apologizes for this gross oversight for this important meeting and stresses the importance of both the national and local chapters of the ACLU in fighting for human and gay rights. For more information on joining the Central Kentucky Chapter of the ACLU, write CKCLU, PO Box 22132, Lexington, KY 40522-2132.

Can You Spare a Book?

Eastern Kentucky University's lesbian and gay support group, GLSSO, has begun a drive to create a reading room on homosexuality and l/g topics. The reading room is currently in EKU's counseling center and has had 20 books donated thus far. If you have either non-fictional or fictional books/articles dealing with homo/bisexuality (not pornographic in nature) or wish to donate money to buy books, please contact Laurie at (606) 623-3072.

Men's Chorus Says No on 9

The Lexington Men's Chorus recently made a donation of \$100 to the Portland Lesbian Choir and Portland Gay Men's Chorus to help them with their "We Sing OUT" tour around the towns of Oregon. This tour is to break down stereotypes of lesbigay people in an effort to defeat Measure 9, a proposed constitutional amendment on the Oregon November ballot that would outlaw any form of gay rights. The Lexington Men's Chorus received requests for donations from the Oregon groups as a fellow member of GALA, the international gay and lesbian chorus organization.

Call Frankfort Whenever...

GLSO News' Directory has two new number listings to help our community become more involved in the dealings of our commonwealth's representative democracy. If you wish to voice your opinion on a topic for your legislator or to check on a pending piece of legislation, we now list the toll-free (1-800) numbers.

Pull Out Your Poodle Skirts

Iris Events will present the Lexington community with a sock hop on Saturday, Nov. 7 at the Unitarian Universalist Church. Beginning at 9pm, an exciting program of events including dancing to 50's and 60's tunes, a limbo contest, hoola-hoop contest and period dress awards will commence. Tickets are \$6 per person and refreshments will be available as a fundraiser by UK Lambda. So, pull out those poodle skirts and sweaters and prepare yourself for a great time!

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GLSO 1992 Candidate Survey

GLSO News conducted a survey this year of local candidates for national and state office. Out of the 17 Democratic, Republican and Libertarian candidates who were contacted by a mail survey, only one returned the survey by the deadline. This candidate is Ernesto Scorsone, Democratic State Representative candidate for the 75th District. Although a better response to concerns of central Kentucky's lesbian, gay and bisexual community was hoped for, experiences with similar surveys in New Mexico show that it often takes years before candidates realize the potential benefits and actual voting strength of our community. Thus, in the lack of firsthand survey results, GLSO News has compiled voting records and positions of candidates from campaign literature and information provided by the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force.

President of the United States:

1. Bill Clinton/Al Gore (VP) - Democrats

The Clinton/Gore ticket has shown unprecedented support for lesbigays as shown by the high visibility of gay and lesbian delegates and speakers at the Democratic convention. Clinton has said that he would sign an executive order as President banning discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation in Federal employment. If the federal Gay and Lesbian Civil Rights bill passed Congress, Clinton says he would sign it. The Clinton/Gore ticket supports a woman's right to choice on abortion, would appoint an "AIDS czar" to deal directly with the HIV epidemic and does not support the military ban on homosexuals in the military.

Both the Human Rights Campaign Fund (the largest lesbigay PAC) and Queer Nation have endorsed Clinton.

2. George Bush/Dan Quayle (VP) - Republican incumbents

The Bush/Quayle ticket has shown itself to disdain lesbigays as evidenced by harsh gay-baiting at the GOP convention where gay Log Cabin Republicans and pro-choice Republicans were harassed. Bush has said that although he is "sorry," he considers families consisting of gays or lesbians with children "wrong." Both Belinda Mason and Magic Johnson as well as speakers at the NAMES Project AIDS Quilt showing have condemned the Bush administration's failure to implement the recommendations of the President's

own Commission on AIDS. The official Republican platform and the Bush/Quayle ticket also do not support a woman's choice for her reproductive rights.

3. Ross Perot/ Stockdale (VP) - independent

Although Perot made a statement on a Barbara Walters special where he said he would not put a gay person in his Cabinet owing to the controversy, Perot later qualified this by saying he would put the most competent people available in his Cabinet posts.

Unless otherwise noted, surveys were not returned.

U.S. Senator:

1. Wendell Ford - Dem. incumbent (Owensboro) As incumbent, the NGLTF gives Ford a 17% rating out of a possible 100% for his votes on lesbigay issues.

2. David Williams - Rep (Burkesville):

U.S. Representative 6th District

1. Scotty Baesler - Dem. Current mayor of Lexington who is pro-choice.
2. Charles Ellinger - Rep. Current Lexington Councilmember. Has taken an anti-choice stance.

State Senator 13th District

1. Michael Moloney - Dem: Incumbent.

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Fayette District Court under Judge Lewis Paisley ruled, however, that the sodomy law violated Wasson's rights to privacy as implied in Kentucky's 1891 state constitution. On appeal, Fayette Circuit Court Judge Charles Tackett upheld Paisley's decision and added that the law was also unconstitutional in that it only applied to homosexuals and was thus a violation of equal process before the law.

Six years after Wasson's arrest, the KY Supreme Court struck down certain sections of the sodomy law while leaving in force those sections dealing with rape or minors. Now, all Kentuckians are free to perform whatever sexual act they wish as long as it is in private with another adult and does not involve coercion, force nor prostitution.

The Decision

Writing for the majority, Justice Leibson states people do not need to "sympathize, agree with, or even understand" lesbian and gay sexual orientation to recognize a right to equal treatment before the law. Gays and lesbians are also more importantly recognized as "a separate and identifiable class for Kentucky constitutional law analysis because no class of persons can be discriminated against under the Kentucky Constitution." The Court interprets greater rights to Kentuckians to privacy than the Federal Constitution and judges that the majority's "sexual preference" is not a basis for criminalizing the minority.

The dissenting opinions by Justices Lambert and Wintersheimer state that the sodomy law should be upheld for three primary lines of argument: 1) that homosexuality runs against the traditions of Western history and Judeo-Christian morality; 2) that the commonwealth has the right to violate privacy for public health (i.e. AIDS); and 3) that such a broad definition of privacy could lead to legalization of consensual incest and in-home illicit drug usage.

The Justices received thousands of letters from conservatives petitioning them to uphold the law prior to their decision. Jeffrey Wasson has also lost 2 jobs directly or indirectly due to his arrest and decision to fight it.

His nursing career has also suffered.

Since the Decision

A backlash of anti-gay rhetoric has appeared in state papers and on conservative Kentucky radio stations since the decision. The right-wing extremist Family Foundation has condemned the decision as furthering homosexual demands for "special rights" (i.e. protection from discrimination).

Attorney General Chris Gorman has also filed a request for the Court to reconsider its decision. By process, the Court has 20 days to change its decision. Such requests are rarely reconsidered although only one judge would have to change his decision to uphold the sodomy law.

Taking a different tack, Republican State Representative John Harper of Shepherdsville has proposed a constitutional amendment that would make anal sex illegal for all sexual orientations. Harper claims that his proposition is not to legislate morality but to slow the AIDS pandemic. If passed by the Assembly, Kentucky voters could see this amendment on Nov. 1994 ballot.

More startling, a caller among a deluge of an orchestrated protest campaign threatened to kill the 4 judges who voted to overturn the statute.

Possible Impact

This decision is historic in that it is the first state sodomy law to be overturned since both the advent of media attention on AIDS and the **Bowers v. Hardwick** decision. Since the decision is based on Kentucky's constitution, the effects on similar court cases in Texas

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and Michigan are unknown. With Kentucky becoming the 26th state to not regulate private, consensual sexual activity, the majority of U.S. states now have no sodomy laws as supported by the United Nations Universal Declaration on Human Rights Commission.

On a state level, the sodomy law has been used against the Louisville Fairness Campaign and other continuing struggles to protect lesbians from discrimination. The repeal would appear to remove this line of argument.

Psychologically, the effects on lesbian relationships and self-esteem can not probably be measured. Gay citizens may now feel that they too have a voice and rights that are equal to non-gay Kentuckians. Also, the legality given to all expressions of love between lesbian and gay couples could possibly remove fears that subtly have undermined the strength of these relationships.

Whatever the future effects of this decision in both advancements and backlashes, it is critical to focus on this change as the result of one person's choice to stand up against an injustice.

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 40575, or call 276-5383.

Happy Anniversary, Eddie. Seven years and no itch here. Love, Willy

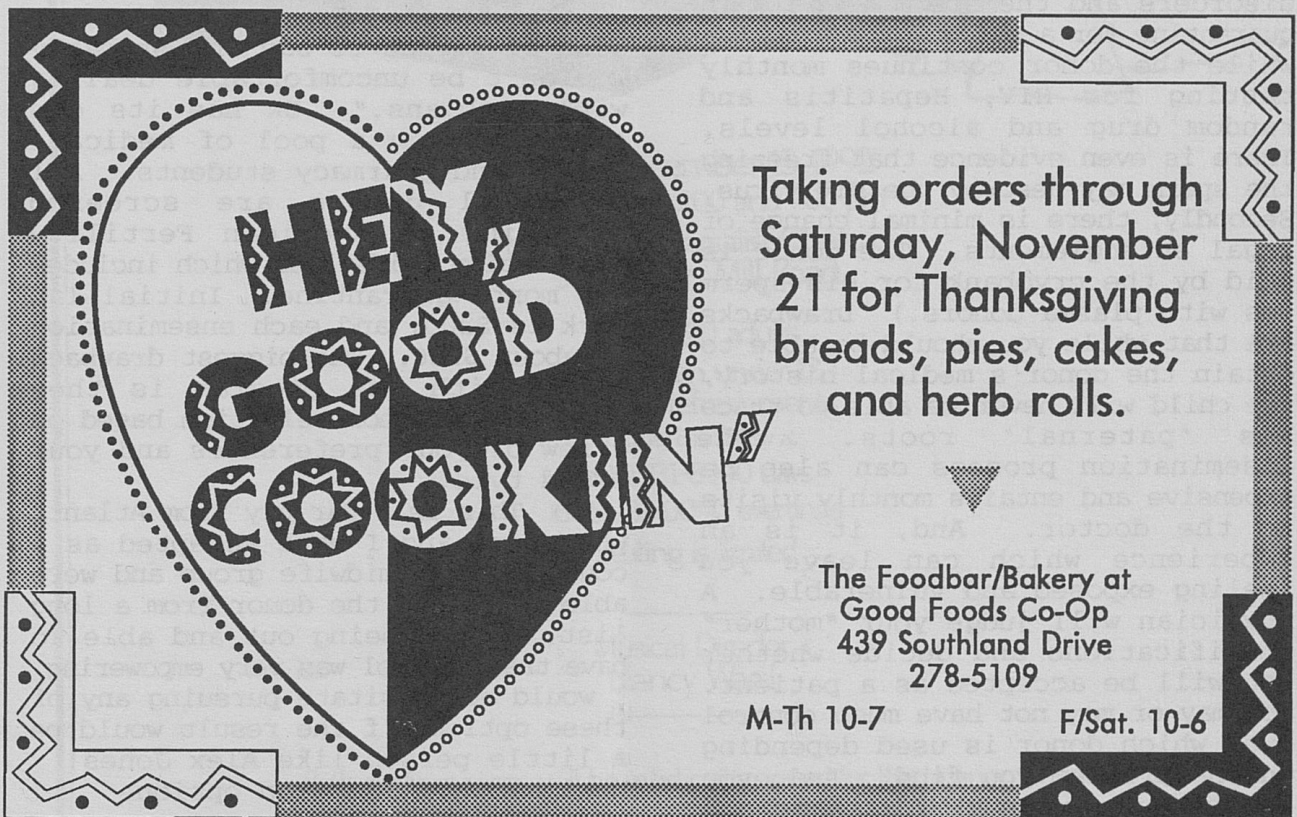
Sydney Smith and Bobbi Stout would like you to join us in the recognition and celebration of our 14th anniversary on Nov. 5.

Mark J, Thank you for the past 12 years of love, devotion, friendship, support, and happiness-- I Love You.

Steve R.

(Nov. 19, 1980)

The Lexington community congratulates Lucie Slone (of A La Lucie) and Roy Meyers on their wedding.

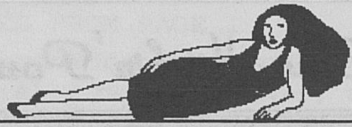


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by Laura Jones

Last month we discussed the option of using fresh sperm from a known donor. The second option involves semen and sperm collected by a cryobank (sperm bank) that is spun down to just sperm and frozen until used. This pure sperm is then placed by a physician directly into the UTERUS by use of a pipette through the cervicalos. The positive aspects are first- the donors are screened for AIDS, Hepatitis B, sexually transmitted diseases and genetic disorders and the sperm is held in quarantine for a period of 3-6 months while the donor continues monthly testing for HIV, Hepatitis and random drug and alcohol levels. There is even evidence that freezing the sperm may destroy the HIV virus. Secondly, there is minimal chance of legal entanglements. The donor is paid by the cryobank for his sperm (as with plasma donors.) Drawbacks are that while you should be able to obtain the donor's medical history, the child will never be able to trace his 'paternal' roots. The insemination process can also be expensive and entails monthly visits to the doctor. And, it is an experience which can leave you feeling exposed and vulnerable. A physician will judge your "mother" qualifications and decide whether you will be accepted as a patient. You may or may not have much control over which donor is used depending on the program you find. And, you go through repeated GYN exams and

evaluations which are both physically and emotionally uncomfortable.

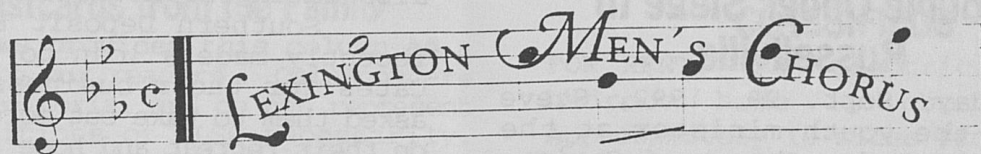
So, what was it like for me? Each month, approximately 12 days after my period, I began to check my urine with an ovulation test kit (\$80.00). Once the dipstick indicated I was about to ovulate, I called my GYN for an appointment and went to the office for insemination. Then the waiting starts. How do I feel? Am I nauseated? dizzy? The average number of attempts before pregnancy is 7. It took 3 tries before I became pregnant with Alex.

So, who in Lexington will inseminate "single" women? Not the Lexington Clinic nor Physicians for Women. The offices I found that would were:

-Dr. Guilers (will consider after a screening interview)

-Dr. S. Burress (Nicholasville)
And, the University of Kentucky has a program for DI, and there is one physician willing to inseminate single women. The program director went so far as to say "he probably wouldn't be uncomfortable dealing with lesbians." UK has its own cryobank from a pool of medical, dental and pharmacy students. All potential donors are screened according to American Fertility Association guidelines which includes a 3 month quarantine. Initial lab work is \$200, and each insemination is about \$180. The biggest drawback I see with the program is they perform the donor selection based on a few of your preferences and your blood type.

This is a far cry from Atlanta where Ann and I were accepted as a couple by our midwife group and were able to choose the donor from a long list. While being out and able to have that control was very empowering, I would not hesitate pursuing any of these options if the result would be a little person like Alex Jones!
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Couple Under Siege In Russellville

On Monday, Sept. 28, 1992, Steve Tyree, the youth minister at the Crittenden Drive Church of Christ, came into B & B Travel Inc. in Russellville, KY. According to owner Jim Turner, Tyree told the office manager that he was gay and seeking information on the Stone Mountain Retreat, a then male-only retreat near Russellville and also owned by Turner and his partner, Jimmy Cates. After taking a brochure on the retreat, Tyree made copies of the brochure and attached a statement by the Family Foundation condemning the sodomy repeal which alluded to sodomy being taught in public schools. These copies were then distributed around the Russellville town square for over a week.

Since that time, Turner and Cates have received threats to their lives, businesses and home. They have been forced to hire an around the clock security guard at \$8.50/hr. to protect themselves. Effigies of the men with the word "FAG" written on them were hung from trees outside of their home. Their once profitable travel service business has been unofficially boycotted to the point it has closed. On Sat., Oct. 3, a car reportedly attempted to break through a barricade to the Turner-Cates home and also tried to run down the guard. Local police have said in the face of the threats that they could not do anything until a crime was committed, yet took over an hour to respond to a call to the Turner-Cates home during the siege by a carload of homophobes. The police did, however, stop the car that attempted to run over the guard. The car and driver, Brian Harris, were then released. Turner and Cates have since filed charges, and Harris has been arrested. Neighbors who reportedly have threatened to shoot anyone coming off the mountain are

also facing arrest.

Southern Deposit Bank which recently made a loan to Turner and Cates for their business has also asked them to take out more insurance on their retreat and home in the face of the attacks.

In a phone interview, Turner, who moved to Russellville from Nashville to be with his partner (a longtime Russellville resident), said that the couple do not plan to move. Turner says "we're gonna fight it but we'll need some help." On a brighter note, Turner says that their church, Trinity Episcopal Church, has been supportive. Owing to the wonderful support the lesbians of the Lexington community gave to Turner and Cates at a local ACLU meeting, the couple have also expanded their retreat to serve both lesbians and gay men. And, Turner says this experience is leading him to a greater involvement in gay rights activism.



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Or write Gov. Jones, your legislator, or Justices Stephens, Leibson, Combs, and Spain

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2. Thank Jeffrey Wasson and his attorneys Ernesto Scorsone and Pam Goldman for helping to bring true the Kentucky constitution's promise of privacy for all.

"Thanks"
c/o GLSO, PO Box 11471
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3. Drop Jim Turner and Jimmy Cates of Russellville, KY, a line and let them know that you are thinking of them during this stressful period of harassment and vandalization for being gay. GLSO News is also providing them with a free ad this month. Remember their beautiful retreat when you need to escape the city.

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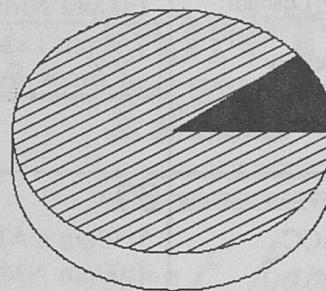
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OREGON- Hattie Mae Cohens, a black lesbian, and Brian Mock, a white and mentally retarded gay man, were killed in a Sept. 26 fire that destroyed the home they shared. Four suspected skinheads who had beat Mock 3 weeks previously were arrested for throwing the fire bomb that killed the two. This violence comes in the wake of the Oregon Citizens Alliance (OCA) drive to pass Measure 9, a constitutional amendment that would outlaw all gay rights in Oregon. This bill would overturn Portland and other Oregon cities' sexual orientation anti-bias clause for lesbigays. Since the Measure 9 initiative began, over 6,000 cases of harassment of homosexuals have been reported.

IOWA- Right-wing extremists Phyllis Schlafly (mother of a recently outed

gay man) and Pat Robertson are campaigning against Iowa's proposed statewide Equal Rights Amendment on the Nov. ballot. Letters to Robertson's followers declare that the ERA "encourages women to leave their husbands, kill their children, practice witchcraft, destroy capitalism and become lesbians." Similar tactics were successful in 1980.

MILWAUKEE- Aides for J. Peter Grace, chairman of W.R. Grace and Co. chemicals, issued an apology to New York governor Mario Cuomo and NYC Mayor David Dinkins for referring to them as "Cuomo the homo" and "Dinkins the pinkins" (referring to leftist leanings). Grace, a former Reagan appointee, issued the insults at an Ambrosia Chocolate factory opening in Milwaukee. Dinkins said he was not offended himself but found the comments about the governor offensive.

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SAN FRANCISCO- After a lively public debate, officials have decided to continue flying the gay rainbow flag over the library built as a memorial to assassinated gay councilman Harvey Milk. The flag was donated at the library's opening in 1989, and the city said the flag was a fitting symbol of its continued support for gay rights.

GREAT BRITAIN- To protest the Vatican's recent statement urging Roman Catholics to fight against gay rights and calling homosexuality an "objective disorder," the British gay activist group OutRage symbolically planned to crucify a lesbian in front of Westminster Cathedral on Sun., Sept. 20. The woman planned to wear a crown of thorns and a t-shirt reading "Queer to Eternity." No word if this action was carried out.

SAN FRANCISCO- Flip-flopping on its earlier decision to cut funding to the United Way for funding the homophobic Boy Scouts of America, Bank of America changed its mind and again is funding the BSA. Reporting a loss of \$150 million in business (unconfirmed), CEO Richard Rosenberg stated that he had met with the BSA and the BSA assured him that they were "open to those who keep our principles." BSA spokesman Black Lewis, however, reiterated that the BSA's policy prohibiting homosexual members had not changed and called homosexuals "immoral and unclean." Bank of America has a non-discrimination policy that includes "sexual orientation" that it previously cited as a reason for not funding the BSA.

DALLAS- The Gay and Lesbian Community Scholarship Fund entered its second year of providing educational funding for needy gay and lesbian students.

COLUMBUS, OH- "Come Out Voting," the groundbreaking 30 second television spot urging young lesbigay voters to register and vote debuted on September 23 during a broadcast of CNN's "Crossfire." The spot will aired in Columbus the entire week of Sept. 21st.

LOS ANGELES- LA radio station KFI canceled Susie Bright's September 14 appearance just hours before the show. Bright, famous for her frank and creative articles and books on lesbian sex, was promoting her new book, **Susie Bright's Sexual Reality**. Although Bright has appeared numerous times on public radio, KFI stated that they were afraid Bright's material would violate FCC indecency standards.

CALIFORNIA- After his veto of a more comprehensive bill last year, California Gov. Pete Wilson signed into law AB-2601 on Sept. 25. This new law protects lesbigays from discrimination in both public and private employment effective Jan. 1, 1993.

UTAH- On Sept. 30 the Salt Lake County Commission passed two new ordinances prohibiting discrimination based on sexual orientation for county employment and services. These are the first civil rights laws to include sexual orientation as a protected class in Utah's history. A recent poll, however, found that 65% of Utah citizens agreed that gays and lesbians should be protected from employment and housing discrimination.

WASHINGTON, DC- The board of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force has named Torie Osborn, former executive director of the LA Gay and Lesbian Community Services Center, as new NGLTF executive director. She replaces former director Urvashi Vaid who is on sabbatical.

Huge Crowds Turn Out for AIDSQuilt: A Personal Viewing

by Jeff Jones

Over 300,000 people visited the NAMES Project AIDS Memorial Quilt's International Showing in Washington, DC, October 9-11. The Lexington NAMES Project was one of the 22 initiative organizations. The Quilt was last displayed in its entirety in 1989. Today, the Quilt contains more than 20,000 panels covering 15 acres. Conceived in 1985 by Cleve Jones (PWA of Democratic Convention fame), the Quilt memorializes those loved ones lost to AIDS and is a consciousness-raising symbol for people living with AIDS (PWA's). This showing was the 4th time the Quilt has been shown in Washington, DC. Although the Quilt has repeatedly been shown directly across the street from the White House, both Presidents Bush and Reagan have failed to visit the Quilt.

Panels shown presented the global aspects of this disease with portions from Brazil, Thailand, Uganda, Great Britain and Japan. Both the famous and relatively unknown were memorialized with panels. Ryan White had several as did Perry Ellis, Liberace, Rock Hudson, and French philosopher Michel Foucault. The B-52's guitarist Ricky Wilson joined country comedian Wayland Flowers. African-Americans Max Robinson (ABC News) and designer Willi Smith joined US Congressman Stewart McKinney (CT) and ACT UP co-founder Vito Russo. Washington Redskin Jerry Smith shared the field with Keith Haring and Robert Mapplethorpe. Roy Cohn, gay-bashing closeted homosexual McCarthy crony, and Leonard Matlovich, gay activist military veteran, found unity at last in the Quilt. Kentucky AIDS activist Belinda Mason did not have any panels listed. Infection rates for women are soaring, but the current panels showed few women. Although some panels focused on humor, perhaps the saddest panels

were those designed and sewn by lovers or touchingly signed: "Love, Mom" or "I miss you. Your daddy." One simple panel honored a Hispanic father and son both dead of HIV. To bring the point home, many viewers found panels with their own names such as "Jeff" or even full names.

For this viewer, the most touching moments came as names were read. Beginning at 10am, a series of announcers including Holly Near, Susan Sarandon, US Surgeon General Antonia Novello, Miss America 1993 Leanza Cornett, Joel Grey, Tipper Gore and Louisville AIDS service workers read the names of people who had died of this disease: "John Smith...the veterans who defended our country who have died of AIDS...Mary Ann Jones...Aaron...and the 41 friends I have personally lost to this disease including my own beloved partner...I...I miss you, Joey..." or "George Helms...Jose Sanchez...Bob Wong...and my own wonderful son Michael Philips..." (not actual names). Voices cracked and wept over the microphone only to be answered by similar reactions across the huge crowd.

At 6:30pm, Liza Minnelli read the last names and then she led the Candlelight Memorial March from the Washington Monument, around the White House and to the Lincoln Memorial. The Washington Post estimated 90,000 people in the March but organizers estimated 250,000. It took the March 2 hours to file past the White House while the line often was 10-15 abreast. Passers shouted "shame, shame" and "4 more weeks" as they passed the White House to denounce the failure of the Bush administration to adequately address AIDS.

At the Lincoln Memorial a beautiful full moon greeted thousands and thousands of candles mirrored in the Reflecting Pool. A musical presentation from Heartstrings and original works was laced with speeches by Cleve Jones, DC's Congresswoman, and others. Jones called the Quilt "a monstrous thing" that had grown

and grown to now represent 13% of reported AIDS deaths in the US. He denounced the lack of an AIDS strategy by the Bush and Reagan administration. Others called attention to the disproportionately high number of HIV cases among African-Americans. Although Washington is a predominately African-American city, the majority of the Quilt visitors and Marchers were non-African-American. The presentation ended in a spirited song to continue the fight.

Several AIDS conferences attended the showing. ACT UP/DC held a funeral procession to cast cremated remains of PWA's on the White House lawn on Sunday to call attention to administration inattention. On Monday ACT UP activists were able to "hug the White House" in a similar demonstration by encircling the White House with 3 rings of hand-holding people.

Special local thanks should go to the Kentuckians from Lexington, Louisville and elsewhere who helped to assemble the Quilt and provide support services. Also, as a man, I noticed that many of the announcers and quiltmakers were women who have fought alongside and for their gay, bisexual and strayt friends, brothers, sons and lovers. I can only hope that the increasing number of female PWA's will get the support from gay/bi/strayt men that our lesbian/ bi/strayt sisters have shown.

Eastern State Hospital Reaches Out

Barbara Carter, Director of Eastern State Hospital's Volunteer Services, included GLSO and GLSO News in their annual drive for donations for the coming holidays. If you would like to donate money, gifts, or time (for wrapping gifts or caroling for instance), please contact Ms. Carter at (606) 255-1431 ext. 251. Help make the holidays brighter in the spirit of giving.

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1. Alayne White-Dem
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1. Jim LeMaster- Dem Incumbent.

State Representative 75th District

1. Ernesto Scorsone-Dem

Incumbent and sole survey reply. Scorsone was the defense attorney for Jeffrey Wasson that led to the repeal of the sodomy law. He supports the addition of "sexual orientation" to existing anti-bias laws for both the Commonwealth of Kentucky and Lexington/Fayette County. He supports the adoption of a statewide Hate Crimes Law that includes "sexual orientation" as a category. He believes that custody matters should be decided on the merit of the parent and not her/his sexual orientation. He states: "I believe abortion is a very personal decision that should be made by the woman involved." He supports increased state funding for AIDS research/education and lists lesbians/bisexuals/gays as personal friends.

2. Jeff Gilmore-Libertarian

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1. Ruth Ann Palumbo-Dem: Incumbent.
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1. Bill Lear-Dem: Incumbent.

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Robert Stephens (Lexington): Incumbent. Voted with the majority to overturn sodomy law.

Wedding Bells to Ring in DC for Many

Rev. Troy Perry, founder of the Metropolitan Community Churches (MCC), and the Elders of the MCC have voted to endorse the 1993 March on Washington. On Saturday, April 24, 1993, the day prior to the March, Rev. Perry will perform a non-sectarian ceremony formalizing the unions of hundreds, possibly thousands, of lesbian, gay and bisexuals. Perry performed a similar Wedding during the 1987 March.

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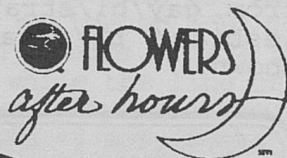
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on the issue of human rights and decision to again refund the Boy Scouts wrong. Emphasize the loss of business that they will now doubly incur for having originally not funded the Boy Scouts (and lost business) and now will lose again for their wishy-washy stance.

Richard Rosenberg, CEO
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5. Call toll free and thank Wells Fargo Bank for continuing to uphold their anti-bias policy for sexual orientation by not funding the homophobic Boy Scouts of America. You might also inquire into their credit cards, etc. **1-800-242-4932**

6. Call the tourist bureaus for Oregon and Colorado where the November ballot has a proposed constitutional amendment prohibiting any rights for homosexuals explicitly. Let them know that passage of such an amendment

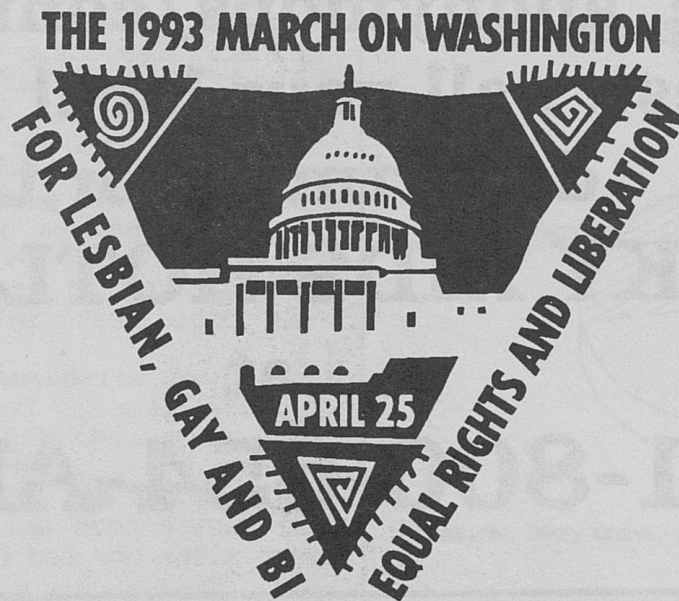
will cause you to take your tourist dollars elsewhere and that you will lobby to have family reunions, professional conferences, etc. moved out of these states. Call soon, the vote is on Nov. 3. Both states rely heavily on tourism and your calls are important.

Colorado: 1-800-433-2656
Oregon: 1-800-547-7842

A Big Thank You Needed!

Kentucky's bisexual, gay and lesbian community owes several brave people a big "thank you" for fighting to repeal the commonwealth's unjust, same sex only sodomy law. Although several have had the chance to fight their arrest for sodomy, Jeffrey Wasson stepped forward to take on this issue back in 1986. Likewise, his attorneys, Ernesto Scorsone and Pam Goldman, put in much time and effort into lifting the sodomy law. If you would like to thank these fine people, GLSO is collecting letters and postcards of thanks to deliver to them. Please write to: "Thanks", c/o GLSO, PO Box 11471, Lexington, KY 40575.

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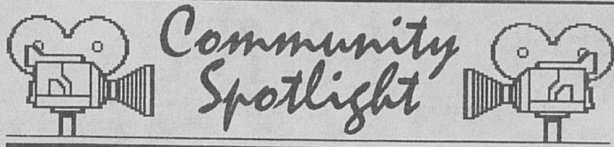
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13th ANNUAL GLSO CAMPOUT

by Steve R.

The 13th annual fall campout in Scott County was one of the best yet. The tents circled the huge log fire, and spread out from there. Our thanks again to Eddie and Willy for all of their work. Hot dogs were joined by grilled chicken and baked potatoes in the fire. The "Smooore Fairy" brought enough ingredients for everyone to O.D. on smoores with roasted marshmallows this year. (Yes—even the chocolate had nuts!)

The weather was typical Kentucky for the campout. While it was raining in Lexington the sky was just partly cloudy over the farm. The sunset was fantastic with all the rolling clouds—perfect gay shades of peach and rose. By 9:00 the sky was clear and the full moon was out—those of you who chickened out at the last minute missed a great night. A lightning show started way off in the west, and around midnight a small but interesting thunderstorm passed through. It soon cleared, and the next morning there was lots of sunshine for breakfast. Everyone shared a huge breakfast of bacon, eggs, sausage, and pastries. Thanks goes out to Doug for cooking the 3 dozen cheese eggs.

The camping Awards this year are:

* **GRAND AWARD: Flaming Billy Faux Bob Award**—to the macho stranger in the green 4-wheel drive jacked-up farm truck that everyone thought was a bounty hunter out for fresh blood, to Jeff G.

* **Paraphernalia Award**—for having a new picnic table and the most stuff, taken away from Jack this year, to Gerry H. and Alan W.

* **Sleeping Beauty (or Rip Van Winkle) Award**—for proving the second year in a row that going to bed too early can be dangerous to your health, to Lannie A.

* **Noisiest Camper (previously Most Noise from a Single Tent) Award**—for getting up at 4:00 and in a scratchy deep baritone: "I finally went to sleep, but then I woke up!" said at the campfire so that every single camper woke up, to Jack K.

* **Cow Chimp and Gag Award**—for putting up with Knox-annes vagi-knoxial ob-knoxious constant behavior, to Chip L. and Greg S.

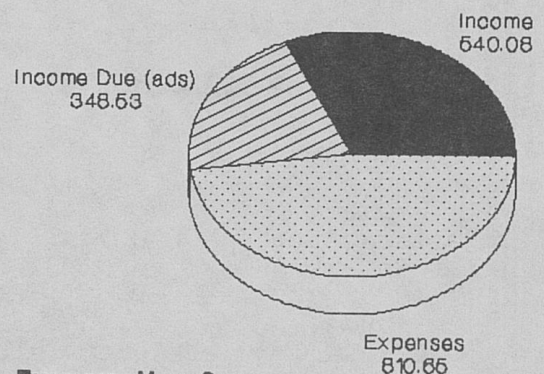
* **Anniversary Awards**—for having met on the campouts, to Willy & Eddie and to Steve & Mark

* **Port-a-Potty Award**—for being some of the first women to actually spend the entire night at the campout, to Lee S. and to Lorna N.

Each year the GLSO Campouts get better. This one could be titled "Remembrances of Times Past". With a smaller crowd than usual, everyone shared a special feeling of closeness around the fire. The campout is the second weekend of October every year. Get involved with GLSO Activities—you'll really be glad you did!

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