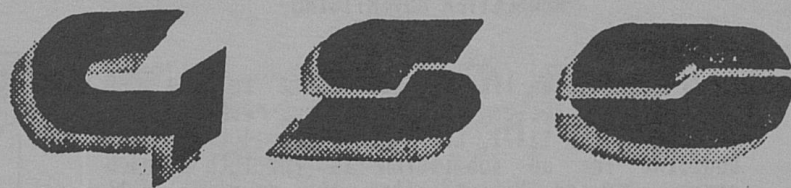


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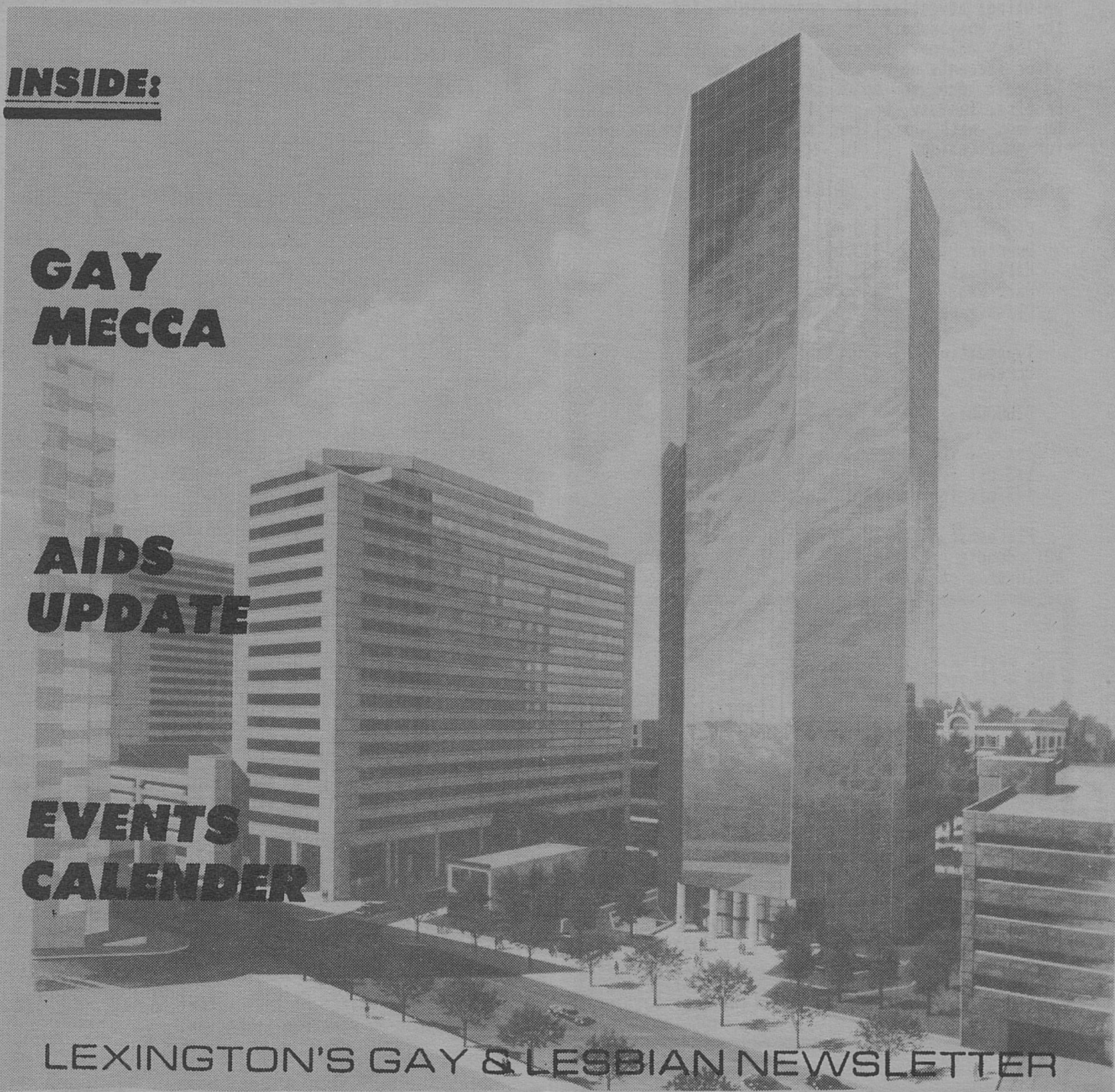
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About the cover - This erection is a new development in downtown Lexington.



# CITY VOTES TO GO GAY!

By T. West

In a private vote last week the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government unanimously approved a measure that would create a public relations campaign designed to attract more Gay businesses and residents to Lexington.

"These efforts are being made in response to some citizens who feel that the city is already becoming a haven for homosexuals," said one city official. "We don't want to let things get ahead of us like we have in the past."

The city official stated he felt that Lexington would be a perfect spot for a new "Gay Mecca."

"We've peddled tobacco, horses, bourbon, coal and southern belles to the media until it's become sickening," he said. "It's time to give the people what they want....MEN, and lots of them, TOGETHER, and WOMEN, lots of them, TOGETHER."

The president of the Lexington Gay Services Organization met in secret session with the leaders of Lexington's gay organizations. The purpose of the meeting was disclosed at a news conference last Friday, when it was announced that all Gay organizations would receive penthouse offices in the new blue phallic symbol on Main Street.

John Smith (not his real name), chairman of a local bank said, "We see Gays as a very substantial economic base. After all, the majority of them aren't making payments on station wagons and diapers."

As well as economic changes, Lexington's aesthetic future looks good, too.

Downtown will become a showplace as thousands of designers, decorators, and artists pour in and lend a helping hand.

"Bars are springing up everywhere," said one bar owner. "It looks like the cat is out of the closet, so to speak. Everyone knows that Lexington's future is in pink triangles."

And pink triangles is right, as plans have been announced to "Paint the Park Pink" at Main, Vine and Broadway.

Other developments planned for downtown include the renaming of streets like Vine and Mill. Some of the new names are: Castro, Gay, Christopher, etc.

A 50 story condominium will be erected on the former site of the Vine Center, which was condemned for having "no taste."

A prominent commercial development firm announced plans to cross the future Lake Lexington with a scaled-down version of the Golden Gate Bridge.

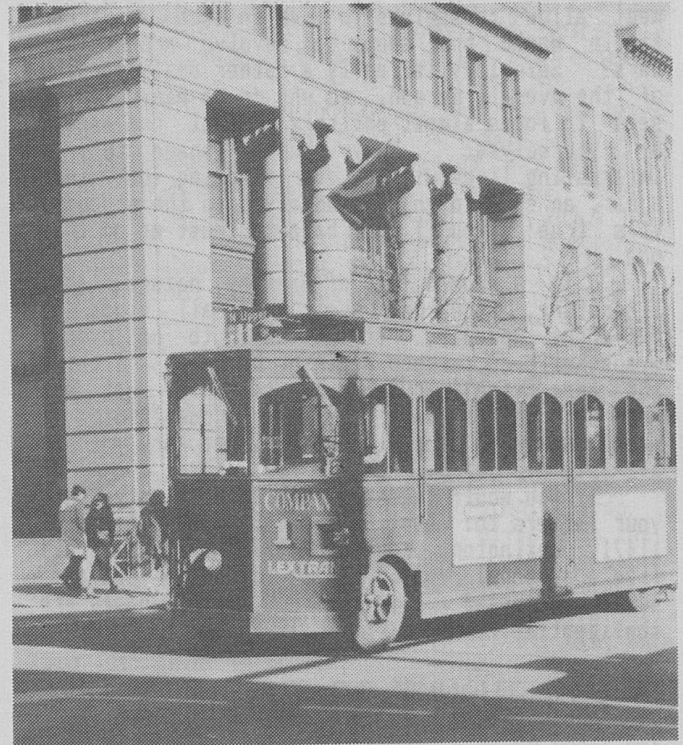
But this milestone in Bluegrass history does not come without its blows to the community. Jerry Falwell has announced that he will lobby to have the city removed from all U.S. maps just as he did with San Francisco, Key West and Fire Island.

The public relations campaign approved by city hall includes more money than has ever traded hands at all U.K. ball games put together. The money is to be used to promote Lexington as "The Up and Coming Capitol of: Dragshows, Gay Rights, Tea Dances and Same Sex Marriages."

Yes, the Justice O' the Peace is looking into the legalities of gay matrimony.

Lexington will lose the title "Heart of the Bluegrass" to become "The City of Sisterly Love."

Of Course, this will be sub-headed by "APRIL FOOL."



## GAY MECCA

Lex-Tran thought ahead when they purchased San Francisco - like trolleys to serve the downtown area.

## ASK AUNT MARY

Dear Aunt Mary: I'm tired of being gay - I mean really, it is so boring! The same old bars, and there are so few, and the same old people, and there are so many, but they all look and act the same. I thought I had found an exciting new world to explore when I came out, but after a few years of exploring I finally realized there is just not much there. The lights are on, but nobody is home, if you know what I mean.

The weekend is rapidly approaching and the thought of another night of having to swim through a sea of cigarette smoke in a crowded bar to socialize with my friends is just too much to bare. You can sign me: Tired and Late

Dear Tired: My first thought is that perhaps you are tired of winter, this traditionally being the season for spring fever and all. I think we all begin to experience acute boredom about this time of year waiting for the weather to finally allow us to enjoy the outdoors again. Maybe the frustration of spring being so near, yet so far, is coloring your view of life in other areas. I know it does mine, from time to time.

The other thing that comes to mind is really more of a question. Why do so many of the gays I meet allow themselves to live in such a narrow little world that seems to revolve around gay bars? Sexuality is really a rather small portion of the overall person, so why do so many of you seem to focus almost entirely on that one aspect of yourselves. Many people manage to lead interesting lives without ever stepping foot into a bar, and seem to enjoy themselves in the process. It's true! You'll just have to trust me on this one.

In a world full of history, nature, art, literature, theatre, music and all kinds of different people, it is hard to be overly sympathetic to someone claiming boredom. I think the best overall advice I can offer is, get up, get out (of the bars), and stop complaining - nobody wants to hear it anyway! Aunt Mary

If you would like to write to Aunt Mary, send your letters to: Aunt Mary, GSO, Post Office Box 11471, Lexington, Kentucky 40575. If you would like a personal reply, please include a stamped, self addressed envelope. All names are confidential.

## A BIG THANKS TO THE IMPERIAL COURT

GSO thanks Fredia, Ron and Kevin for providing an informative and enjoyable presentation at the March Forum. The increasing cooperation between Lexington organizations is very heartening. The work of the Imperial Court is to be commended and applauded. Thanks for taking the time to share and educate - especially with Coronation so close. Good luck, and thanks again!

## THIS AND THAT

The Episcopal Diocese of Lexington would like to know if anyone is interested in taking part in an INTERGRITY support group. For more information, call Bill Webber at 254-7898

A support group for lesbians is now meeting monthly in south-central Kentucky. For more information please send SASE and/or phone number to, Lake Cumberland Area Support Group, Post Office Box 27, Nancy, Kentucky 42544

Efforts to establish an MCC (Metropolitan Community Church) in Lexington will continue this month through Christian worship, prayer and fellowship. The meeting will be held on Sunday, April 13th at 3:00 pm. All persons are invited to attend and participate as the Christian Gospel of salvation, social action and community are proclaimed; and homosexuality is accepted as one of God's gifts to us in the same way that heterosexuality is one of God's gifts. Write or call for further information: 252-5452 or Post Office Box 11686, Lexington, Kentucky 40577-1686. Come, be a participant in a Church where God uplifts the hearts of ALL people.

GSO would like to coordinate the formation of a gay parenting support group. The first meeting is tentatively scheduled for Monday, April 21st at 8:00 pm at the GSO office. Anyone interested in more information or with any suggestions, please call Barry at 268-3935. Don't be startled by the answering machine!

## DIGNITY REGIONAL MEETING

During the weekend of March 7th-9th, Dignity Region V convened in Detroit. Lexington's delegates were Keith K. and John G.

Perhaps the biggest action was the reactivation of the Social Action Committee. Four members were chosen as their state representatives (from Ohio, Indiana, Michigan and Kentucky) and Keith K. was elected chair.

The committee will serve as a watchdog of state and local issues in their respective places. It will also work to identify social needs and educate Dignity chapters in the region. Perhaps most importantly, it will serve as a reference source for each state and work on consciousness-raising issues both large and small. If you have suggestions or questions, let Keith K. know.

The region is also working on a grant from the Chicago Resource Center for AIDS workshops.

In addition to business, many other things happened - a workshop on self-identity, a cocktail party, liturgy complete with choir, all meals including entertainment were provided. All of this was enhanced by Detroit's active nightlife which provided delegates a chance to enjoy a fun weekend. The next regional meeting is set for August in Traverse City, Michigan.



## DISCRIMINATION

Lesbian and gay people face discrimination every day. It is not being fired, or becoming an outcast, or rejected by friends and family that is as prevalent as subtle discrimination. Read Jeff's story and see why.

### JEFF'S STORY

by Keith K.

I have a friend, his name is-uh-Jeff. He's nice enough for a straight guy, I guess. You know, I still don't believe one of my friends could be straight without me knowing. But I've learned with some of them you just can't tell.

Of course, we were friends long before I found out. I suppose it had occurred to me that Jeff might be straight because he was spending a lot of time with this woman named Jenny. But then those things don't occur to you.

I didn't meet his friend named Jenny for the longest time. I guess Jeff was afraid for me to meet her. I'm glad he was afraid because it was really hard to talk to her. I mean what do you say to your friend's-uh-girlfriend. That was another problem: how do you introduce them? I remember once they were together and I tried to introduce them to a friend and said, "This is my friend Jeff and his --." Well, I stopped myself really quickly. His what? I didn't want to freak this friend out by saying that this was a girl Jeff was seeing. Also, I didn't want to make Jeff uncomfortable. Finally, I said, "-and his friend, Jenny."

Thinking about it later, I tried to remember how Jeff introduced Jenny to me. I think he just said, "This is Jenny, and she's important to me. I want you to know that." He never did call her anything but Jenny. So I still don't know how to introduce his friends. Maybe I should ask, but I don't want to embarrass him. It might make him nervous.

I have to smile because with Jeff it was always different. I knew him before he went straight - since second grade. We used to play football, watch TV, and go swimming. And over the years, in junior and senior high, we'd do other things. We'd double date occasionally but usually we got together and talked about school or played basketball. I always tried to get him to go out more but he always had an excuse. Eventually I just stopped asking. I figured he'd straighten up sooner or later - but not that literally. It bothered me he didn't go to the prom. I tried several good-looking guys to set him up with, but he said he wanted "someone special." I guess now that someone special was a girl. In fact, he added he didn't want to spend all that money on someone who wasn't special, and I believed him.

He went away to college while I stayed here and went to school. We'd talk about different things. I would talk about the guys I was dating and skipping class. Jeff would talk about being on his own, and then we'd talk sports as always.

Before his senior year during the summer Jeff was home. He was over and we were talking. He said there was something he had to tell me. I remember him being really nervous. Finally, he admitted being straight. Even though it had occurred to me, I was shocked. I'd seen straight people on Phil Donahue before (and Phil is so pro straight, too, it's annoying. Two of them coming right into my own living room saying they loved each other. They looked so -- so unusual), and I'd heard stories about this guy at work (he has an earring in his left ear), but my best friend!...

I looked really hard at Jeff. Thank God he didn't look or act straight. I asked him if he was going to molest children, and he said no. I felt a little better. I asked him why he chose to be straight, and he said it wasn't a choice at all. That was such a stupid question, certainly no one would ever choose to be straight. He said he knew when he was 5 years old - because he felt different. I looked at him again - and felt a little sick. I really felt sorry for him. Can you imagine how awful? To have to spend the rest of your life like that - unhappy and scared? I know I wouldn't be straight for all the money in the world.

He said he was happy. Surely not, not being that way....but maybe he is. He said there were some good books to read. He asked if I wanted to read one, and I said sure. It was the least I could do for Jeff. He went to his car and I just sat there. I couldn't believe it. I'm not real thrilled about having a straight for a friend, I mean what will my friends say? But Jeff's been my friend since second grade and that's more important.

He came back in and gave me the book - Loving Someone Straight it was called. I looked through it while he told me to ask any questions. I was too shocked for a minute to think of anything. My friend had just changed right before my eyes. I asked him, "Now that you're different how do I treat you?" He said he was not different, that he's always been the same person. I also asked who else knew. Jeff named a few names and I asked if they were going to think that I was straight, too? He said no, and I tend to believe him, but you just never know.

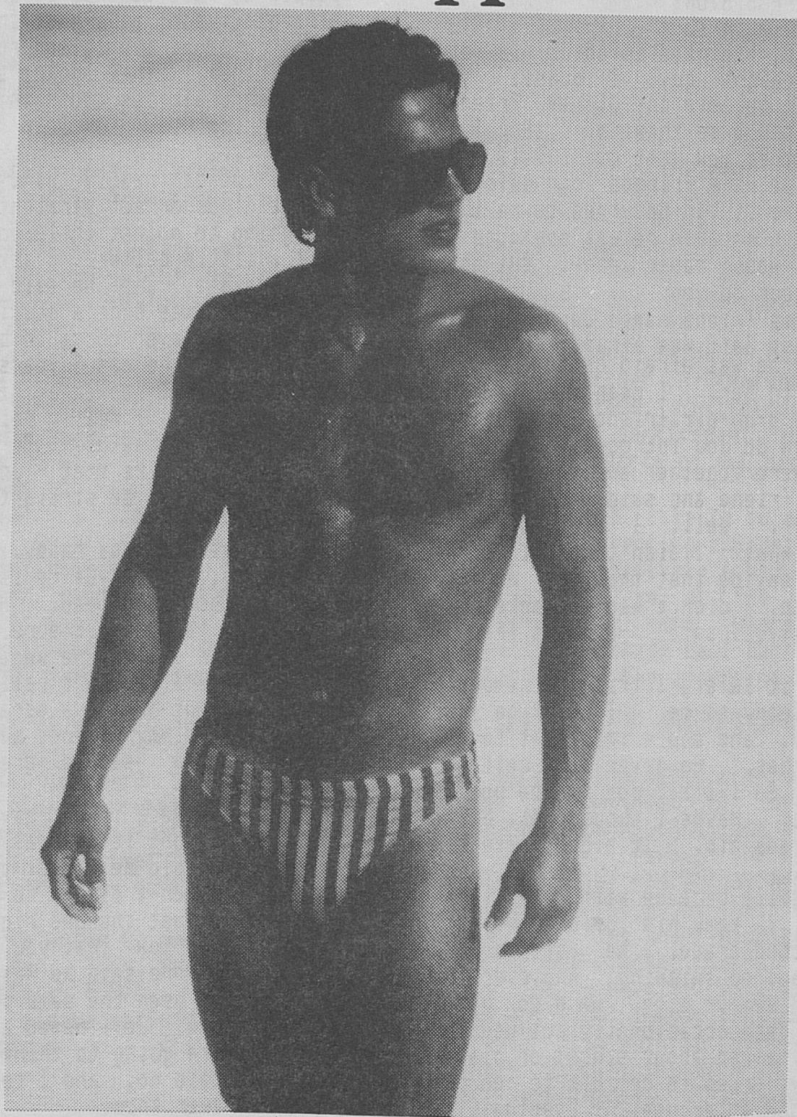
We talked about other things, and finally, I said my parents would be home soon and that he should go. He then asked a very strange question: Was I ashamed of him? Of course I said no. I did ask him before he left if he thought he could change and be normal and gay like the rest of us? I shouldn't have asked. Jeff got very upset (they do tend to be flighty and temperamental, don't they?) and went off on how people had tried everything from electrical shock therapy to

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medication to religion and they were still straight. But if you could choose, I persisted, wouldn't you really rather be straight. I could tell I'd cornered him because he said no, he could never be something that made him a different person than who he was now. I wish he could have been honest. Who in their right mind would choose and like being straight?

I don't see Jeff much anymore. He's in another city with a new friend -- Amy, I think is her name. I get a note from him from time to time. He seems to be getting by okay.

Looking back I have to laugh about that night he beat me 6-0, 6-0 in tennis. It just had never occurred to me that a hetero could have a backhand passing shot. I remember he played out of his mind that night. He was inspired I guess. That was the same night we ran into a friend of ours. This friend asked Jeff who he was seeing and Jeff hemmed and hawed before I jumped in and saved him by making up this fictional guy, Eric, who was really good looking and that they had just started seeing each other. I also told Jeff not to be the strong, silent type. Boy, what a good cover. You know, I think Jeff appreciated my helping him hide, but he never said so.

He'd be really proud of me a while back. I told this bigot off at a party. My lover, Mark, and I and this creep got into a big argument. He said that straights should be killed, and I told him in no uncertain terms that it was okay to be straight and that straights had every right to live even if they were different from us. It was really neat with Mark there because this guy couldn't accuse me of being straight.

I think about Jeff from time to time. I miss him. I just hope he's happy in that life. I worry about him. But Jeff always knew how to take care of himself. He'll be careful. I'd hate for him to lose a job or get beat up. Backhand passing shots shouldn't go to waste.

## NEW YORK COUNCIL APPROVES GAY RIGHTS LEGISLATION

by Associated Press

NEW YORK -- The City Council approved a gay rights bill 15 years after a similar bill was first introduced in the early days of the homosexual rights movement.

The bill, passed 21-14, would prohibit discrimination based on sexual orientation in housing, employment or public accommodation.

"Their conscience must have told them they were doing the right thing," Councilman Samuel Horwitz said of his fellow council members. "I feel great. It was a hard fight."

More than 100 police officers were assigned around City Hall as supporters and opponents gathered to await the vote.

The gay rights bill grew out of a police raid on a gay bar, the Stonewall, which set off riots in 1969 and is considered the flashpoint of the movement.

A gay rights bill was first proposed in New York in 1971 but was largely ignored. Another bill had reached the full council only once before, in 1974, when it lost 22-19.

## APRIL FORUM: LESBIAN AND GAY RELATIONSHIPS--BECOMING CLOSER FRIENDS

Our April program will focus on the relationship between lesbians and gays within our community. We'll look at how the past, the present, and the future have shaped these relationships. Issues that will be discussed in conjunction are separatism, AIDS and the socialization of women and men in our society in general. Come and share your thoughts - led by a panel of lesbians and gays.

The program will begin at 8:30 pm. The board report and community input begin at 8:00 pm. Refreshments provided.

## AIDS ALERT KICKOFF

GSO would like to extend a great big thank you to the Actors' Guild of Lexington, for their outstanding efforts in getting the GSO AIDS Alert project off the ground.

The Guild raised over \$600 for the newly-formed GSO project with their opening night performance of The Normal Heart. AIDS Alert was formed for the purpose of educating people in the Bluegrass area on the ever-broadening AIDS issue.

Special thanks go to director Barry Williams, co-director Marty Isaacs and the rest of the crew: Joy Anna, Michael, Katherine, John, Raul, W.G., Patrick, Alison, Ruth Ann, Susan, Carol, Steve and Lisa. And to all of the cast who did a superb job, ("in order of appearance"): Raul, Daryl, Ran, Gordon, Georgeanne, Barry, Michael, Perry, Dan, and Michael.







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# AIDS UPDATE

STUDY FINDS

## PARENT GETS AIDS VIRUS FROM CHILD

by Associated Press

ATLANTA - Federal health officials reported the first case of a parent's getting the suspected AIDS virus from a child. But they attributed it to extensive contact with the blood and bodily fluids of a very sick infant, not to ordinary contact among family members.

"This is a very extreme example," said Dr. Harold Jaffe, a top AIDS researcher at the Atlanta-based Centers for Disease Control.

The child, now 2, was born with a severe intestinal abnormality that has required numerous operations, the use of bags to collect his excretions, and blood transfusions from a least 26 donors.

In one of those transfusions, probably in May 1984, he picked up the virus thought to cause AIDS from the blood of an infected donor, the CDC reported.

The boy's mother, in months of caring for him in a hospital and at home, frequently handled his blood, his waste and tubes used to feed him.

The mother wore no gloves during these procedures and "often did not wash her hands immediately after blood or secretion contact," the CDC said.

A test of her blood last October showed evidence of the virus. The woman, 32, has not developed the symptoms of acquired immune deficiency syndrome, the often-fatal disease that cripples the body's immune system.

The CDC has issued extensive guidelines for people handling the blood or bodily fluids of medical patients, recommending gloves and other barriers to prevent transmission of the suspected AIDS virus or other viruses. If those guidelines are followed, they "should prevent transmission," the CDC said in its weekly report.

The case reported is the first transmission from child to parent of the virus reported in the five years since AIDS was discovered.

The CDC noted that the case may be similar to that of an Englishwoman who, although not a health professional, was caring for a Ghanaian man who was diagnosed posthumously as having had AIDS. She contracted the disease, although she denied that she and the man had sexual contact - the chief means of transmission for AIDS.

The case of the American mother and child and the case of the British woman "suggest that (AIDS virus) infection may, on rare occasion, be transmitted during unprotected contact with blood or other potentially infectious body secretions," even without cuts or sexual contact, the CDC said.

by Associated Press

LOS ANGELES - Tuberculosis, heart disease and even muscle strains have been misdiagnosed as AIDS, says a researcher who found that 10 percent of a group of patients sent to an AIDS clinic really had other ailments.

One man died of cancer that went untreated for four months because it was misdiagnosed as AIDS.

The study, published in the March issue of the Western Journal of Medicine, involved a review of records of 80 consecutive patients referred to the University of California at San Francisco

## RULE WOULD BAR IMMIGRANTS WITH AIDS

by Associated Press

WASHINGTON - Health and Human Services Secretary Otis R. Bowen has signed a draft regulation that would deny immigration rights to foreigners who suffer from AIDS, the department confirmed.

The proposed regulation, now under review by the White House Office of Management and Budget, would add Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome to the list of medical conditions that are grounds for refusing entry. Other conditions on the list include syphilis, leprosy and tuberculosis.

The proposal also seeks public comment on whether all applicants for immigration to the United States should be tested for antibodies to the AIDS virus. The presence of antibodies indicates exposure to the virus, but not necessarily that the victim has or will get AIDS.

The screening proposal reportedly was strenuously opposed by the Public Health Service, a branch of the Health and Human Services Department, during drafting of the regulation.

A source close to the Public Health Service, speaking on condition of anonymity, said its objections were based on logistics rather than policy, and involved questions about the medical capability of foreign countries to conduct the screening test.

The proposal was first reported in Medicine and Health, a McGraw-Hill publication.

Health and Human Services Department spokesman Charles Kline said the report was "essentially true." He said the regulation was sent to the budget office about a week ago and that there was no deadline for the budget office to act.

The budget office reviews all major federal regulations. If approved by the office, the regulation would be published in the Federal Register and be subject to public comment, ordinarily for 60 days.

## SOME PATIENTS MISDIAGNOSED AS HAVING AIDS

clinic for treatment of AIDS or a less severe condition known as AIDS-related complex.

"We were surprised to find that 10 percent (eight) of the patients referred to us with diagnoses of AIDS or related diseases actually had other diseases," said Dr. Harry Hollander, the clinic's director.

The ailments included tuberculosis, muscle strain, heart disease and a cancer known as Hodgkin's disease - what Hollander and his co-author, nurse Dawn D. Cortland, call "pseudo-AIDS" diagnoses.

The misdiagnosis rate probably is higher than the nationwide rate, Hollander said, because San

Francisco-area doctors unconsciously overemphasize the possibility of AIDS when seeing ill people who belong to groups at high risk for AIDS, such as homosexual men.

"It's a matter of people's thinking getting pigeonholed based on the fact AIDS is such a prominent disease these days and on everybody's minds," he said.

Sloppy diagnostic work and a failure to obtain complete medical histories aggravated the problem in some cases. So did the fact that AIDS cripples the body's disease-fighting immune defense against a broad variety of infections and cancers, Hollander said.

"It is imperative to use rigorous diagnostic criteria to avoid both traumatizing patients with news of terminal illness and delaying therapy for other unrelated diseases," Hollander and Ms. Cortland wrote.

One pseudo-AIDS patient was a 33-year-old homosexual sent to the clinic for what other doctors thought was lymphadenopathy, a lymph node enlargement related to AIDS.

But the clinic's doctors determined he had a type of tuberculosis that affects the lymph nodes rather than the lungs.

Another patient was a 20-year-old winery worker who complained to fatigue and pain under his right arm for 10 days. Clinic doctors found his pain was muscle strain caused by lifting heavy cases of wine, Hollander said.

## DISCHARGE OPPOSED FOR 11 EXPOSED TO AIDS

from Herald-Leader

The Navy should not discharge any active duty person who has been exposed to the deadly disease AIDS, a federal judge was told in Washington.

Richard J. Wertheimer, attorney for 11 Navy enlisted men who have been exposed to the virus, told U.S. District Judge Louis F. Oberdorfer that there was "an hysteria" in the service about anyone who has shown up positive in the test for AIDS antibodies. The test indicates exposure to the virus, but does not mean the person has or will get the disease.

## PUBLIC HEALTH MD REMOVES AIDS VICTIM'S BODY HIMSELF

from American Medical News

When city employees refused to remove the body of a victim of acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS) from a basement bedroom, Andrew D. McBride, MD, who is the Washington, D.C. public health commissioner, dressed in gloves and an apron and removed the body himself.

"This is an example of a real working commissioner of public health," said Jim Graham, director of the Whitman-Walker Clinic, which had helped care for the victim, 25-year-old Michael Lanier, during his illness.

The body remained in the home for more than six hours, according to a report in The Washington Post. Members of Lanier's family sat in the apartment throughout the afternoon, waiting for medical technicians to pick up the body, the paper reported.

The stalemate arose when police called the medical examiner's office to remove the body and a technician on duty refused to go.

All city medical technicians have refused for

several months to handle victims of AIDS until they are granted hazard pay to supplement their income of \$12,000 to \$15,000 per year. Police officers also have refused to assist because they did not have protective clothes and considered their duty outside of their responsibilities, said police spokesman Lt. William White.

Dr. McBride drove to the apartment himself after being alerted of the incident. "Rather than scouting around for someone else, he just did it himself," said Charles Seigel, a spokesman for the city's Department of Human Services.

Employees of both the medical examiner's office and the police department already have received lectures and literature in handling people with AIDS. But they may have been frightened by the sight of Lanier's skin lesions, it was reported.

Dr. McBride has scheduled a meeting with employees of the medical examiner's office. In addition, the police department says it will plan extra training sessions on handling people with AIDS.



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TUE 1 GSD RAINBOW LEAGUE BOWLING, 9:00pm, Joyland Bowl.

WED 2 DIGNITY BOARD MEETING, 6:30pm, Newman Center; GAY AND LESBIAN AA, 8:00pm, St. Joseph Office Park, Room 120; PHONELINE (231-0335), 8:00pm - 11:00pm.

THU 3 DIGNITY RAP SESSION, 7:30pm, for more information call 254-9812 or 273-8056; GAY AND LESBIAN SUPPORT GROUP, 7:30pm, Pathways, 325 East Main St., Morehead, Ky, for more information call 498-2135 or 784-4161; PHONELINE (231-0335), 8:00pm - 11:00pm.

FRI 4 GAYLINE (231-0335), 6:00pm - 9:00pm; GAY AND LESBIAN AA, 8:00pm, Comprehensive Care Center; INTERWEAVE POTLUCK, 6:00pm, at Keith K. apt., for more information call 273-8056; CARDS AND GAMES, 7:00pm, GSD office, 431 S. Broadway, Suite 322.

SUN 6 GSD POTLUCK, 1:30pm, at Thomas' in Richmond, for more information call Thomas at (606) 623-0924 or Jim and John at 299-0352; GAY AND LESBIAN AA, 4:00pm, GSD office, 431 S. Broadway, Suite 322; PRIDE WEEK ASSOCIATION MEETING, 7:00pm, GSD Office, 431 S. Broadway, Suite 322, anyone interested in helping organize this years Pride Week Celebration is welcome.

MON 7 GSD FORUM, 8:00pm - Board Report and Community Input, 8:30pm - Program, This month's program will be on Lesbian and Gay relationships - becoming closer friends. Free food and drink. GSD office, 431 S. Broadway, Suite 322.

TUE 8 GSD RAINBOW LEAGUE BOWLING, 9:00pm, Joyland Bowl.

WED 9 DIGNITY LITURGY, 7:30pm, Newman Center; GAY AND LESBIAN AA, 8:00pm, St. Joseph Office Park, Room 120; PHONELINE (231-0335), 8:00pm - 11:00pm.

THU 10 PHONELINE, (231-0335), 8:00pm - 11:00pm.

FRI 11 PHONELINE, (231-0335), 6:00pm - 9:00pm; GAY AND LESBIAN AA, 8:00pm, Comprehensive Care Center.

SUN 13 SPEAKERS BUREAU MEETING, 6:00pm, GSD office, 431 S. Broadway, Suite 322, anyone interested in helping is welcome; GAY AND LESBIAN AA, 4:00pm, GSD office, 431 S. Broadway, Suite 322; MCC (Metropolitan Community Church) worship, prayer, and fellowship, 3:00pm, call 252-5452, or write PO Box 11686, Lexington, Ky. 40577, for further information.

MON 14 PROGRAM COMMITTEE PLANNING MEETING, 7:30pm, for more information call Keith K. at 273-8056; FEMINIST ALLIANCE MEETING, for more information call 231-8911 or 273-7870.

TUE 15 GSD RAINBOW LEAGUE BOWLING, 9:00pm, Joyland Bowl.

WED 16 PHONELINE (231-0335), 8:00pm - 11:00pm; GAY AND LESBIAN AA, 8:00pm, St. Joseph Office Park, Room 120.

THU 17 PHONELINE (231-0335), 8:00pm - 11:00pm

FRI 18 GAYLINE (231-0335), 6:00pm - 9:00pm; GAY AND LESBIAN AA, 8:00pm, Comprehensive Care Center; CARDS AND GAMES, 7:00pm, GSD office, 431 S. Broadway, Suite 322.

SUN 20 LESBIAN POTLUCK BRUNCH, 11:00am - 1:00pm, at A.B. and June's, for more information call 252-7292; PRIDE WEEK ASSOCIATION MEETING, everyone welcome, please come and share ideas, GSD office 431 S. Broadway, Suite 322; GAY AND LESBIAN AA, 4:00pm, GSD office, 431 S. Broadway, Suite 322.

MON 21 INTERWEAVE MEETING, 7:30pm, Unitarian Universalist Church.

TUE 22 GSD RAINBOW LEAGUE BOWLING, 9:00pm Joyland Bowl.

WED 23 GAY AND LESBIAN AA, 8:00pm, St. Joseph Office Park, Room 120; PHONELINE (231-0335), 8:00pm - 11:00pm.

THU 24 DIGNITY PROGRAM MEETING, 7:30pm, Newman Center; PHONELINE (231-0335), 8:00pm - 11:00pm.

FRI 25 GAYLINE (231-0335), 6:00pm - 9:00pm; GAY AND LESBIAN AA, 8:00pm Comprehensive Care Center; CARDS AND GAMES, 7:00pm, GSD office, 431 S. Broadway, Suite 322.

SUN 27 PHONELINE MEETING, 2:00pm, GSD office, 431 S. Broadway, Suite 322, anyone interested in helping others by volunteering one night a month to being a phonline listener, please come!; GAY AND LESBIAN AA, 4:00pm, GSD office; GSD SPEAKERS BUREAU MEETING, 6:00pm, GSD office, 431 S. Broadway, Suite 322; GSD BOARD MEETING, 6:00pm, (board members note that this is a change from the usual Monday night meetings!).



MON 28 FEMINIST ALLIANCE MEETING, for more information call 231-8911 or 273-7870.

TUE 29 GSO RAINBOW LEAGUE BOWLING, 9:00pm Joyland Bowl.

WED 30 GAY AND LESBIAN AA, 8:00pm, St. Joseph Office Park, Room 120; PHONELINE (231-0335), 8:00pm - 11:00pm

MAJOR UPCOMING GSO EVENTS

MARCH Easter Bonnet Benefit  
Circus Disco March 30

APRIL Spring Fling  
April 25

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NATIONAL GAY RIGHTS ADVOCATES

The National Gay Rights Advocates spring newsletter reports the following:

NGRA's Director of AIDS Civil Rights Project, Benjamin Schatz, has been appointed by the National Association of Insurance Commissioners to serve on a select panel of experts working with the Commission to formulate national policy concerning AIDS and insurance.

The United States Supreme Court will hear oral arguments on March 31, 1986 in Bowers v. Hardwick, a case challenging the validity of the Georgia sodomy statute. NGRA has filed an amicus curiae brief with the Court, arguing that Georgia has exceeded its inherent police power to regulate when it criminalizes private sexual conduct by adults. Hardwick was arrested in his own bedroom in Atlanta, Georgia and charged with sodomy, a felony carrying a maximum penalty of 20 years in prison. The Supreme Court has not issued a written opinion in a case involving gay issues since 1967.

NGRA also has an appeal before the Nevada Supreme Court in a case challenging that state's sodomy laws.

In response to the efforts of local activists and the threat of legal action by NGRA, Texas Commissioner of Health Dr. Robert Bernstein announced that he was withdrawing a proposed regulation to allow people with AIDS to be quarantined. NGRA have also been working with local groups in Indiana, Ohio and California to monitor and defeat proposed AIDS quarantine laws in those states.

NGRA has appealed a court order requiring a gay father to take an HTLV-III antibody test as a pre-condition to visiting his children. This case in Chicago is the first of its kind in the nation.

The nation's first AIDS employment discrimination case was recently concluded in Ventura, Californian. A decision in the case is expected later this spring. NGRA has a similar case pending in Detroit, where an employer has collected \$100,000 from the death of an employee who they had fired when they learned he suffered from AIDS.

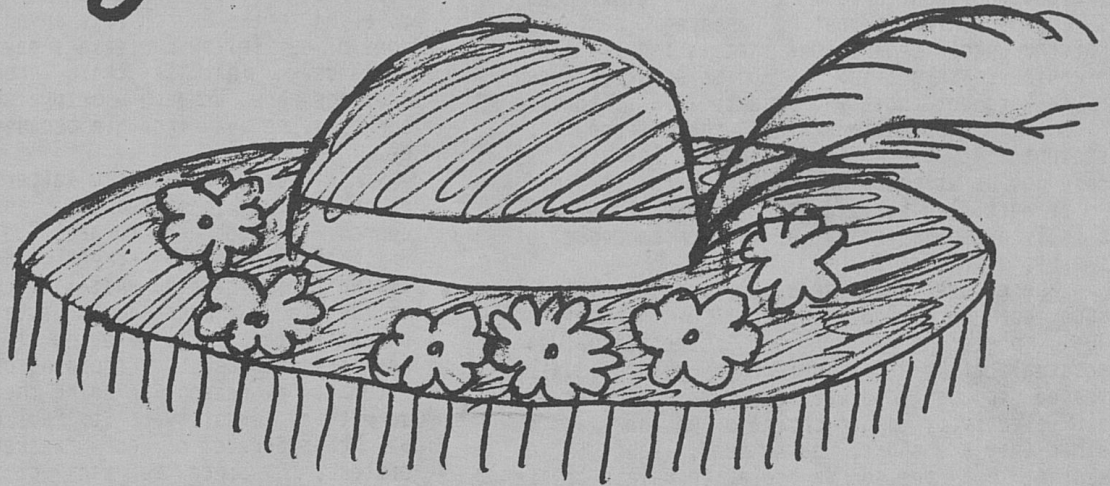
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GSO BENEFIT

# The Easter Bonnet Party and Contest



Easter Sunday, March 30  
Circus Disco 9:00

Grand Prize Winner Chosen By  
5 Category Finalists Imelda Marcos  
Queen Mother · Carmen Miranda · Lucy Ricardo · Alexis

Admission is \$1 off with your bonnet!  
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## GOD, THE GAY, AND THE CHURCH

by a Gay Clergyman

The degree of comfort a gay person is able to find with his God and his faith is directly related to the concept of God he has grown up with or accepted as an adult. If his God is some kind of merciless judge just waiting to strike down the person who varies the least bit from a myriad of celestial requirements; the gay person will find it very difficult to find any peace or comfort in his relationship with God. If, on the other hand, his God is so loving that he has spent centuries forgiving untold generations that failed to reach perfection in this life; if God is actually known for seeking out those who repeatedly fail to live up to his expectations (see the entire Old Testament!): There is no reason why the Gay should not be at peace and comfort with his God.

It must also be said that if concepts of what God is like can be wrong, so can our concepts of His expectations of us.

Where does human sexuality come from? "All things come from God." None of us "chose" our sexual preference. For heterosexual and homosexual alike that preference was gradually revealed to us as we matured. We can exercise great selectivity in our choice of partners as to whether they are short, dark, tall, light, fat or muscular, but the sex we prefer to relate to is predetermined and an innate part of our God given life.

Now it must be granted that based on the Scriptures God does seem to favor and encourage only the kind of sexual behavior that produces babies. Should we expect the Creator to encourage any thing less than creation? Yet, from the earliest Christian times there has also been a teaching and many examples of the fact that it is possible to deliberately choose not to procreate and still live a life of blessedness too. If God loves monks and nuns who deliberately choose a lifestyle that will not produce babies; he most surely must love those whose sexual preference isn't going to produce them either. After all, if God really only approves of sex acts that can produce babies a lot of heterosexuals are in trouble as well - thanks to effective birth control.

Our sexuality is just one more way God has given us to express ourselves to those we love. Like everything else we have been given there are certain responsibilities that come with our sexuality. If a gay person wishes to be a good Christian he must remember that for him promiscuity has as little to do with real love as it does for his heterosexual brother or sister. Trying to lead a chaste life while searching for that special person will be as difficult for the Gay person as for anyone else. And the success rate coming out of such an attempt will probably not be any better for the homosexual than it is

for the heterosexual, but it is clear that this is what God expects of us. And as long as we are trying to lead that kind of life God will accept us and forgive us when we fail. There is a difference between loving and using, between being loved and being used. People of all sexual persuasions who know this and live accordingly are happier and healthier.

Okay, so God loves us and that love requires a certain kind of behavior. That doesn't make us any different from any other Christian, does it? So why should we permit ourselves to be separated from our fellow Christians? Why avoid being involved in the Church like anyone else? Because some of our fellow Christians may be uncomfortable with us? That is their problem! And their feelings are as much a betrayal of God's love as our staying away from Him because of them would be.

My sexual preference matters a great deal to me when I am in my bedroom, not when I am in church. I go there to meet God, to learn from Him, to feed on his strength and wisdom. Why, during those moments, what I or the person next to me do in our beds should matter is beyond my understanding. It makes no difference whether I am attending church, shopping or consulting an attorney, my reason for being there has nothing to do with my sexuality! St. Paul does advise us to be considerate of our "weaker" brothers and sisters. Since so many of them are almost hysterical about "queers" I can think of no reason why I would do anything deliberately to aggravate them while we are together in the presence of God. That is not what I came to Church for. I haven't noticed any heterosexuals flaunting their sexuality in the church either. Of course I could wear my sexuality like a badge in public but I would be rejected as rapidly as any lecher or nymphomaniac from the otherside is. And that kind of behavior in the church would indicate the satisfaction I was seeking had little to do with the love of God or my fellowman.

The institutional church has a good deal to atone for in it's treatment of many groups including the Gay community. But how is it to realize this if we cut ourselves off from it? Change of this nature can only come from within. That is where we belong. Quietly working side by side with our fellow Christians, proving our equality before God. It has been said prayer changes things. Praying together rather than separately is bound too. It is true that for the foreseeable future we gays will have only each other to turn to for understanding and support. That is why we have our own organizations. But for God we need the Church and the Church will always include more than just ourselves. How else could it really be the Church. We belong together with the rest of humanity in God's Church. Whether or not some of those in the Church agree, is quite irrelevant!

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