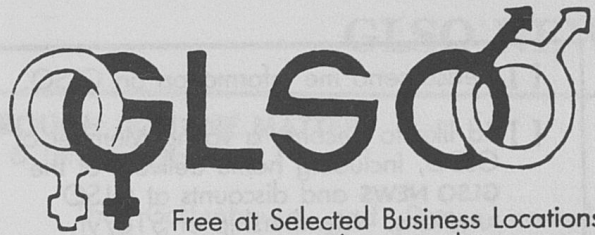


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VIDEO AGAINST AIDS BEGINS NOVEMBER 4 from GLSO News staff

Video Against AIDS, a compilation of 22 original video works by artists, activists, and health educators, will be held on three successive Sundays - November 4, 11, and 18 at 2 pm at the Lexington Central Library Theater, 140 East Main St. The event is sponsored by AVOL (AIDS Volunteers of Lexington) with support and contributions from The Bar Complex, Bluegrass Human Rights Advocates, GLSO (Gay & Lesbians Services Organization), Kentucky Film Artists Coalition, and The Metro. Admission is free but donations will be accepted.

Video Against AIDS was conceived as a counter-representation of the AIDS crisis and as cultural intervention through the venue of home video distribution. The works in Video Against AIDS are diverse in form and style, too - from lyrical and campy music-videos to experimental and surreal pieces to boldly confrontational documentaries.

All proceeds from Video Against AIDS and a pre-opening brunch at Fleur-De-Lys restaurant will go to AVOL. To attend the opening brunch, call 252-7946 for reservations. There is a \$20 minimum donation for the brunch.

Program #1 on November 4 will include the following themes and videos:

PWA POWER

Survival of the Delirious;
Work Your Body: Options For
People Who Are HIV Positive

DISCRIMINATION

The Second Epidemic

AIDS AND WOMEN

Safe Sex Slut;
Cori: A Struggle for Life;
Doctors, Liars and Women:
AIDS Activists Say
No to Cosmo.

Program #2 on November 11 will include the following themes and videos:

RESISTANCE

The ADS Epidemic;
Snow Job: The Media Hysteria
of AIDS;
We are NOT Republicans;
Stiff Sheets

MOURNING

Mildred Pearson: When
You Love a Person;
The Inaugural Display of
the Names Project Quilt;
Danny

COMMUNITY EDUCATION

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Program #3 on November 18 will include the following themes and videos:

LOSS

A Plague Has Swept My City;
Gab;
A;
This Is Not An AIDS
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They are lost to vision altogether;
Reframing AIDS

ACTIVISM

Another Man;
Testing the Limits, NYC, (Part 1).

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ASK AUNT MARY

Dear Aunt Mary,
Why are people gay?

Sincerely, Jonathan

Dear Jonathan,

Some people are just lucky. Others are born with limp wrists and have domineering mothers or passive fathers, or so they've said. Aunt Mary likes the first reason and views any, and all other reasons, as politically motivated. Whenever Aunt Mary has appeared on a "What's my line, I'm a homosexual" panel this question is almost always one of the first to be asked. And how does Aunt Mary respond? Well, decorously of course, but beyond that she has grown tired of the question because of the underlying assumption (a cause in many people's minds implies a cure!).

The two current theories represent either the constructionist or the essentialist position. Basically, we either construct our identity through our experiences and shared values as a subculture or we're born with same-sex sexual preferences. Previously, Aunt Mary preferred the "we're born that way" and was surprised by gay and lesbian writers who argued against that position. After all, how could mainstream society condemn us for something over which we have no choice? The problem with this argument is that it misses the point. Regardless of how we've arrived there, there are a lot of us out there and if ten percent or more of the population is something we ought to deal with it. In addition, the essentialist position might explain why someone is homosexual but can it explain why someone is gay? How does one develop a gay identity? What constitutes gay culture and why do most of us share similar perceptions of what it means to be gay? Who created gay culture and how is it transmitted. By genetic structure???

Well, before Aunt Mary goes off the deep end let's just say that, as of today, no one really knows why; and, our current theories, while more humanitarian, are still political. Try diverting the audience's attention when the question is asked. Or, at least, point out the political implications of the question.

Aunt Mary

GLSO BOARD PLOWS THROUGH ROUTINE MATTERS

from Craig Clere & Teresa Reynolds

The September meeting of the GLSO Board of Directors was held at Bill Loggins' home. Committee reports were the first item of the agenda. The Phoneline committee reported purchasing the first equipment necessary to upgrade the Phoneline. Additional equipment and a new computer system are still to be acquired. Edwin Hackney, Phoneline Coordinator, has begun planning for the expanded use of the Phoneline. A recent training session has resulted in several new volunteers and a regular staffing of all four nights a week.

The Speaker's Bureau reported several engagements scheduled for upcoming months before year-end. The **GLSO News** committee reported a continued increase in memberships and subscriptions resulting from improved renewal procedures.

The Coffeehouse and Dance committee reported that the traditional coffeehouses will end with the November event. There will be large scale events on a quarterly basis.

The Board approved a request by the Trilogy Project for updated letters to be sent to **GLSO News** subscribers describing the project's progress. The Board also approved purchasing 50 calendars from a local artist as a fundraising project. This approval followed a reminder of limitations non-profit organizations are required to follow for fundraising projects.

The Board was informed that the Bowling League has 72 persons bowling this year, a league record. A gay men's chorus has also been formed with approximately 25 men showing interest in the chorus.

Following the scheduling of next month's meeting, the Board adjourned at 9:30 pm.

GLSO FALL CAMPOUT A BIG SUCCESS

from Steve R.

The eleventh annual fall campout at Eddie's farm was the most difficult one to reach in the history of the campouts. Almost thirty people made it up the muddy slope to the top of the farm, with a little help from our friends. Everyone had a fantastic time again this year; thanks to Eddie and Willy from all of us. The skies cleared, the stars came out, and, thanks to the cooler weather, more people huddled around the huge campfire. We had hot dogs again, but this year smores took the place of the plain toasted marshmallows.

The campsite was moved closer to the entrance because of the ground conditions, only a half mile instead of the usual mile! The tents were lined up along the trail, so we looked a bit like a tenement row, only we did not have our numbers. The dew was a bit heavy the next morning with fog as thick as pea soup! The coffee was as great as ever, and everyone made breakfast. The annual "walk through the woods" was rather uneventful; the cows had not left their annual trail markers for us.

The annual awards have some really special categories this year: Most Obvious Question Award - "Have you seen Josephine Road

anywhere?" to Steve B.; The Battle of the Virgins (never camped out before) to Alan and Steve B.; Convention of Names to "Steves" to Steve B., Steve B., Steve G. and Steve R.; Most Four-Wheel Drive Vehicles to make it up the hill Award presented to Henry Ford I for doing what he did the best! Best Rear End Curves Show Award to Alan and Gerry; Worst Baby Jokes (and best homemade chocolate chip cookies) Award to P.J. from Louisville; "Keep Away From My Husband" Award to Peggy; The Decade of Togetherness Award to Steve and Mark for their 10th year anniversary; The Mighty Mutt Award for the dog who has made it to the most campouts (even more than his masters) to Ricky; and finally, the Top Honors Award - Best Twirling and Blowing of the Flaming Fire Batons to Bruce.

Every year the campouts have their own personality. One year was motor homes and over a hundred people, one year was Disco, a couple of years have been cold, last year was the warmest (80 degrees), and this year the foggiest. No matter what it's like, those of you who did not make it missed a lot of fun, food, and companionship. Try it next year!

LOCAL NEWS

NAMES PROJECT KENTUCKY NEWS from NAMES Project

World AIDS Day is December 1 and volunteers with the NAMES Project are working with other Lexington based AIDS service groups to organize a series of events in Lexington. Katie McCormick is arranging for an organizational meeting as this article is going to print, but it's not too late to volunteer. Call Katie (223-3855) for details about how to help.

The NAMES Project Kentucky was represented by more than 20 volunteers at the Columbus Day weekend display of the Quilt in Chicago October 5 - 7. Lexington was one of the cities co-hosting the Chicago portion of the five-city national event. Nine Kentucky chapter members were selected to participate in the traditional Unfolding Ceremony as Cleve Jones began reading NAMES from the site of the Houston Quilt display. Cleve was followed by readers from each of the other host cities: Washington, Atlanta, Los Angeles and Chicago.

INTERWEAVE BEGINS MONTHLY "NIGHT OUT" PROGRAM

from Craig Clere

Interweave, a group within the Unitarian Universalist Church of Lexington, will start a monthly "Night Out" beginning in November. The evening will consist of dinner at a local restaurant followed by a program at a member's house. This month Interweave will be dining at Joe Bologna's, 120 West Maxwell, at 7 pm on November 9. The program will be a video/discussion of a "48 Hours" episode on gay bashing. All are welcome to attend.

For the past five years Interweave has been involved within the local Unitarian Universalist Church of Lexington and the greater lesbian and gay community in Lexington. They have worked extensively with the Pride Week celebrations, being responsible for the Pride Week Worship Service during those years.

Interweave is a local chapter of the Unitarian Universalists for Lesbian and Gay Concerns, an affiliate organization of the Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA). The UUA has a long history of support and affirmation of lesbian/gay rights both in the community and in their local churches.

Jessye Norman was the feature reader in Chicago and led those present in a chorus of "Amazing Grace".

Throughout the three-day event, Kentucky volunteers were able to work with volunteers from Chicago, Detroit, Cleveland, Cincinnati, and the state of Iowa, to name a few. The chance to see how a major display is handled and experience the message that a large display of the Quilt convey helped all of us renew our commitment to have a major display in Kentucky soon.

The NAMES Project Kentucky Chapter meets the second Wednesday of each month. We also sponsor a Quilting Bee the second Thursday of each month courtesy of Ms. Beckie Olson of Quilter's Square in Dudley Square. This month's general meeting is on the 7th with the Quilting Bee on the 8th. Call Katie at 223-3855 for more information.

BHRA SUSPENDS REGULAR MEETINGS from GLSO News staff

Bluegrass Human Rights Advocates has suspended its regular monthly meeting schedule. Amy Steele, spokesperson for the group, reported that the group needed some time to re-group but will continue to work on special projects as the need arises.

BHRA had been meeting for the past year on a monthly or bimonthly basis. Its projects have included bringing Robert Bray of the National Gay & Lesbian Task Force to Lexington for the 1990 Pride Week activities; staging several protests in conjunction with the Crossover Ministries conference; participating in the Louisville Pride Week March and Rally (where BHRA member Dennis Stutsman promised a Lexington march in 1991); and, coordinating local response to the Human Rights Campaign Fund's congressional postcard project.

Individuals associated with BHRA seem to indicate that member burn-out is a major reason for the decision to "pull-back" from a regular planning schedule. Hopefully, those currently affiliated with BHRA, or new individuals, will find a way to increase involvement in this extremely worthwhile organization.

AVOL WINS INSURANCE GRANT from GLSO News staff

INSURE, a national, non-profit foundation funded by the health and life insurance industries and part of the Insurance Industry AIDS Initiative, has awarded \$2,400 to AIDS Volunteers of Lexington to help the organization move into a new office that is closer to its clients and wheelchair accessible.

INSURE's funds come from member companies of the Health Insurance Association of America (HIAA) and the American Council of Life Insurance (ACLI), two Washington, DC-based trade associations. Members of both associations also participate in the Insurance Industry AIDS Initiative by providing funding directly to AIDS service organizations in their local communities.

In presenting the \$2,400 check, Ronald Scowby, chair of Bradford Life stated "The focus of the initiative is to continue insurance industry support of community-based organizations such as AVOL. America's health and life insurance companies continue to be the largest funder of such programs in American business, and we hope this provides an incentive for other businesses to become involved in what is still a critical national problem."

Lexington-Fayette Urban County council members Debra Hensley and Teresa Ann Isaac also attended the presentation. They facilitated AVOL's receipt of the grant by allocating part of their discretionary funds as matching funds for the grant.

Pam Goldman, AVOL's executive director said that the funding will help the organization be more accessible to its clients and to the disabled community. "We need more space that will accommodate support group meetings and more than one activity at a time."

KENTUCKY HAS FIRST STATEWIDE GAY/LESBIAN PAPER from GLSO News staff

The Letter, successor to **The Lavender Letter**, has begun publishing in Louisville by The Letterhead company. The publication, while primarily focusing on Louisville news, includes advertising and news from around the state. The October issue of the paper included ads from Lexington's The Bar Complex, The Metro, Crossings, and McMillan Design - the production company for the paper.

LOUISVILLE HATE CRIMES ORDINANCE BECOMES LAW DESPITE OBJECTIONS

from Kentucky Gay and Lesbian Educational Center

Louisville's controversial hate crimes ordinance, which makes it illegal to intimidate or terrorize people because of race, religion, disability, and sexual orientation, among other categories, became law on October 14 despite a non-binding opinion by Kentucky's Attorney General that its enforcement provisions were unconstitutional. The ordinance marks the first time that gay men and lesbians have received legal protections of any kind, as gay men and lesbians, in the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

The ordinance, passed by Louisville's Board of Aldermen in July on an 8-4 vote, met with stiff opposition from radical right religious groups who felt that the ordinance would legitimize a "homosexual lifestyle." It was drafted in large part as a response to two widely publicized cross burnings and an attempt to burn the home of a black family in a mostly white neighborhood earlier this year.

Its main problem, according to Attorney General Fred Cowan (who is felt to be generally favorable to liberal causes), is in its enforcement provisions. He felt that the aldermen overstepped their authority by enhancing the penalties of existing state laws - a legal prerogative retained by the Kentucky state legislature under its constitution.

Paul Bather, a black alderman from Louisville's West End who drew up the ordinance, has requested that commonwealth and county attorneys, but not the police, delay enforcement of the ordinance until appropriate amendments can be devised that would answer the Attorney General's objections. Local lesbian and gay activists assented to the move.

The paper is an excellent way to keep Kentucky's gays and lesbians aware of issues and events across the state. Kentucky has lacked such statewide focus, being one of few states in the area without a statewide lesbian/gay organization.

The Letter is distributed in local bars and Joseph-Beth Booksellers, or by mail for \$10 to Letterhead, Box 3882, Louisville, KY 40201.

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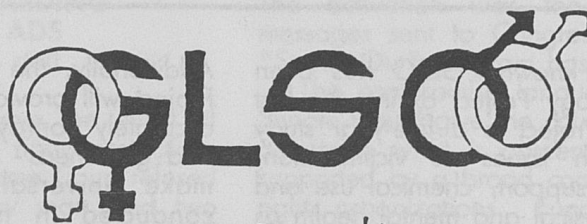
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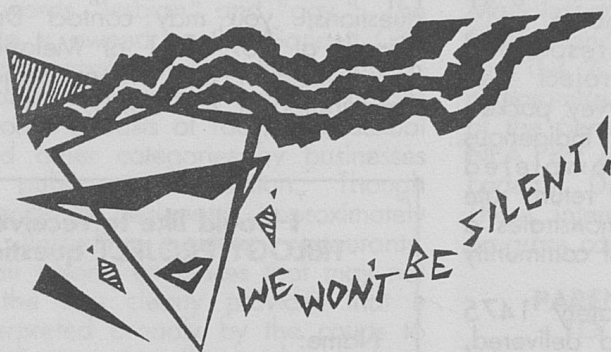
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THE TRILOGY PROJECT

As many of you know, GLSO has been assisting with the Trilogy Project during the last year. The Trilogy Project is a five-year study which examines such issues as victimization, discrimination, social support, chemical use and abuse, AIDS and physical and mental health as they pertain to Kentucky lesbians and gay men. The study is being conducted by Dr. William F. Skinner of the University of Kentucky Department of Sociology and is funded by a federal grant from the National Institute on Drug Abuse.

The local community has responded enthusiastically to the Trilogy Project with approximately 64% of the 700 survey packets distributed by GLSO and Lexington indigenous researchers resulting in completed questionnaires. This is an excellent return rate for a survey of this type and demonstrates a significant commitment on the part of community residents.

In Louisville, where approximately 1475 questionnaires were mailed or hand delivered, the overall return rate is 41%

Based on the first 500 surveys coded, 280 (56%) men and 218 (43.6%) women have participated in the project. (Two participants did not indicate their sex.) In addition, ages of participants range from 18 to 74, average length of education is 15.3 years and over 90% are white.

If you still have a questionnaire, we hope you will consider completing it and participating in this community project. The data being collected will provide important information for future civil rights struggles in our area.

Additionally, the approach taken by the Trilogy Project will provide information which can more accurately portray the lives of Kentucky lesbians and gay men - unlike the many studies which make universal claims based on surveys conducted in metropolitan bars and bath houses.

If you have not received a survey packet and would like to, please return the coupon provided below. If you have additional questions, you may contact Dr. William F. Skinner at 257-6891 or Melanie Otis (GLSO Board member and Trilogy Project Community Coordinator) at 257-6878.

I would like to receive the TRILOGY PROJECT questionnaire.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Mail to:
Newsletter
PO Box 11471
Lexington, KY 40575
Attn: Melanie Otis



NGLTF RECEIVES \$15,000 GRANT FOR AIDS LOBBYIST POSITION from GLSO News staff

The Gay Men's Health Crisis (GMHC) announced a \$15,000 challenge grant to the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF) to help fund an AIDS and lesbian and gay health lobbyist position.

The NGLTF lobbyist will represent the gay and lesbian community in pressing federal involvement in AIDS. The health lobbyist will advocate especially on behalf of gay, bisexual and lesbian people of color with HIV and AIDS and will staff NGLTF'S on-going role as the co-chair of NORA (National Organizations

Responding to AIDS) Housing Task Force. In addition to AIDS issues, the NGLTF lobbyist will focus on gay and lesbian youth suicide, lesbian health care advocacy and other health issues facing our community.

"NGLTF has been working on AIDS since 1983, often in conjunction with GMHC," said Urvashi Vaid, NGLTF's executive director. "We are pleased to receive this vote of confidence in our work. This grant will help strengthen our role as an outspoken gay and lesbian voice on national policy."

**WISCONSIN SUPREME COURT REFUSES
TO HEAR CASE REGARDING
GAY CLASSIFIED ADS**
from **GLSO News** staff

In a decision that could have the effect of severely diminishing major civil rights protections in Wisconsin, that state's Supreme Court refused to hear the appeal of a gay man and two lesbians who claim they encountered discrimination by the Green Bay **Press Gazette** which refused to accept their classified advertisements because their announcements contained the words "lesbian" and "gay." The **Press Gazette** is owned by the Gannett Co., the largest media conglomerate in the country.

The Wisconsin statute at issue prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, sex, sexual orientation and other categories by businesses and places of public accommodation. Though the statute specifically designates approximately 15 businesses (including theaters, restaurants, hotels, and hair salons) as places that may not discriminate, the law clearly provides that it should be interpreted broadly by the courts to prohibit discrimination by "any place where accommodations, amusements, goods or services are available." By refusing to review the case, the Supreme Court has approved a very narrow construction of the law made by a lower court which could result in more widespread discrimination throughout the state.

"It is an outrage that the Wisconsin Supreme Court would implicitly approve an interpretation of the state's major civil rights law which would now allow discrimination not only by newspapers but by department stores, travel agents, banks and thousands of other businesses not explicitly noted in the statute," stated Paula Ettelbrick, an attorney in the case. "This is an intolerable result in a state that made the bold first move to ensure that lesbians and gay men are protected by law." In 1982, Wisconsin became the first state to pass a state-wide gay rights law.

**HRCF ACTIVATES "SPEAK OUT"
ON NEA DEBATE**
from **GLSO News** staff

The Human Rights Campaign Fund (HRCF), the nation's largest lesbian and gay political organization, has activated 20,000 "Speak Out" messages to members of the United States Senate in the controversial debate over funding

of the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA). The activation was the largest number of messages sent to Congress by HRCF since the "Speak Out" program has existed.

The compromise language supported in the Senate would give the courts the responsibility to determine what is obscene. This language is supported by a broad coalition of arts and civil rights organizations. Funding for the NEA has been hotly debated in Congress for the past year, with a particular emphasis given to the Endowment's support for the works of openly lesbian and gay artists such as the late Robert Mapplethorpe and performance artists Holly Hughes and Tim Miller.

"The 20,000 'Speak Out' messages on the compromise language guarantee that members of the Senate will hear from supporters of the NEA, not just from our opponents," said Steve Endean, Director of the HRCF's Field Division. Those interested in joining the "Speak Out" program can call HRCF at (202) 628-4160.

**PARENT & CHURCH PARTNERSHIP
TO ADDRESS YOUTH SUICIDE**
from **GLSO News** staff

Right-wing religious and political leaders who wave the banner of "traditional family values" are a major impediment to overcoming the teen suicide problem, according to a parent-church-educator coalition formed to help prevent the gay/lesbian youth suicide problem.

The project, "Respect All Youth," is being undertaken by the Federation of Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays, with financial assistance from the United Thank Offering Fund of the Episcopal Church.

Its principal function will be to develop and furnish training materials to those who work with youth, according to Paulette Goodman, President of Parents FLAG. Goodman said the project will alert counselors, school administrators, and church educators of what needs to be done to "counteract the devastating effect of society's anti-gay attitudes toward our children."

Government studies show that lesbian and gay teenagers are up to three times as likely to attempt suicide as other young people, because of the stigma society places on them. Rep. William Dannemeyer (R-CA) recently prevailed upon Louis Sullivan, Secretary of the Department of HHS to disavow the studies in the interest of "traditional family values."



Esmerelda's Parlour



I am a privileged, white womyn. I am a Lesbian. I am a Feminist. I work to educate our world about RAPE; that includes: sexism, classism, sex role stereotypes, homophobia, and racism.

I have one Black womyn friend, or do I say African American or Womyn of Color. I work with no black womyn. The human service agency where I work serves few black womyn.

Why is that? Are our cultures so different? Is it fear of diversity? I hear black womyn trust the men that abuse them more than they trust white womyn. I hear white womyn have power and control issues; is that the barrier? Is it trust, safety issues, anger, hostility?

Is it white womyn's ethnocentrism, the belief in the inherent superiority of one's own culture; seeing white people as the center and everyone else as variations on that theme? Or, is it black women being prejudice (prejudge white people); but this is not racism. Racism = power + prejudice. In the United States white people have the power. Therefore, racism in the United States is white people's problem.

Oppression, is that the barrier? Our own internalized oppression, maybe. That which keeps us living behind walls of protection, walls of isolation . . . Unlike the obvious oppression of apartheid in South Africa, our oppression - that of Western society - is so sophisticated, so much so that the dominant class, the patriarchy, has little to do to oppress the subordinate class, that being womyn, we do it to ourselves. We fear and judge one another's diversities. We keep ourselves from the feeling of sisterhood, from our own empowerment.

I have been very fortunate this past summer to have attended three Womyn's Music Festivals and The National Coalition Against Sexual Assault (NCASA) Conference. At each event I was challenged to confront racism. What I discovered was to no longer deny that I have racist issues but that the first step is to accept

that I do and deal with it. Racism and the racial stereotypes it spawns are so subtly interwoven into the fabric of Western society that every so often, even those with the best of intentions, will display bad cultural manners. This does not necessarily mean one is a bad person. Sometimes we just don't know any better.

So, what will it take to bring white womyn and womyn of color together?

"Race" is an arbitrary and meaningless concept anyway. There are no real divisions between us, only a continuum of variations that constantly change, as we come together and separate according to the flow and movement of human populations.

So, where do we go from here? Well . . . From Blanche Jackson's Anti-Racism: The 7 Step Program:

1. Be an active ally to all oppressed people. Take the initiative in intercepting oppression.
2. Do not let anyone be racist or racially prejudiced in your face.
3. Have the courage and commitment to lovingly confront even your friends and your employers when they are offensive.
4. Support farmworkers by boycotting produce from offending companies.
5. Write letters to the editor.
6. Do outreach.
7. Stand up for what you know is right.
8. Seek out or start anti-racism groups.
9. Read books by and about people of color.

Feedback, please . . . anyone interested in getting an anti-racism group going in Lexington? Call Esmerelda if you are.

In Sisterhood,
Laura Drew

NEW PERFORMANCE GROUP IN TOWN from Laura Drew

Working Class Kitchen: Poetry and Performance Art is a new non-profit organization established and directed by Laverne Zabielski. The group will be performing at A La Lucie's, 159 North Limestone, 6 pm, on the first Sunday of each month, beginning November 4.

All are welcome to attend the performance. Anyone interested in performing may contact Laverne at 278-4107.

DIVERSITY * SOLIDARITY * EMPOWERMENT

from Laura Drew

The National Lesbian Conference (NLC) is committed to fighting racism and other forms of oppression. NLC is committed to accessibility for all lesbians with disabilities.

During the last few years lesbians across the country have been discussing the need to create, publicize and implement a national lesbian agenda. These discussions have taken place in a variety of settings including conferences, women's music festivals, social and spiritual gatherings, and political events.

The National Lesbian Conference (NLC) is an opportunity for lesbians to bring these discussions to a national setting. Our lesbian agenda must come through collaborative means to form a lasting foundation. Through the conference we can meet each other, identify common issues, have fun, build coalitions and plan for our future.

NLC will include workshops, plenary sessions, cultural events, a craft and exhibit space, opportunities for various groups to meet and much more. The events will take place in the Atlanta Civic Center, the Radisson Hotel and the Hilton Hotel April 24-28, 1991.

The initial organizers of the conference recognize the incredible resources, abilities and expertise lesbians everywhere have to bring to this event. The focus of conference organizing

has been to spread the word about the event to as many communities as possible to include the diversities of our communities in all planning and to build our grassroots strength.

A DOLLAR A DYKE !!! - What if 5,000 lesbians of all shapes, colors, and abilities were to come together from around the country? And what if they listened to each other? And learned from each other? And what if, after 4 days of listening and learning, they returned to their homes all over the country with a new respect and understanding of how magnificently diverse a community we are?

The goal of NLC is to provide a forum for all of the diverse populations of the lesbian community throughout the United States. They need assistance to fund this effort. If every lesbian in the nation donated \$1 to this project, annual conferences could be funded for the next 3 years. Please help. Send a dollar or check to: NLC, PO Box 1999, Decatur, GA, 30031. Watch for donation jars at future local events.

Anyone wanting more information, wanting to get involved on a local, state, or regional level, call Esmerelda! Proposals are also being sought to fill 400-500 slots for workshops and panels. The participation of Lesbians of Color, Lesbians with Disabilities and Old Lesbians is especially encouraged.

ESMERELDA'S BOOK REVIEW

from Joyce

Invisible Lives: The Truth about Millions of Women-loving Women, by Martha Barron Barrett. New York, Harper & Row Publishers, 1990. \$9.95.

After 25 interviews with lesbians of all ages, in all stages of being "out", Martha Barron Barrett, a straight woman, reaches the kind of awakening each of us has wished for our family and friends. She writes in the prologue, "Gradually, and with sometimes painful self-examination, I came to understand that even the benign attitude of 'live and let live' is in fact discriminatory. That toleration, even acceptance, is a far cry from genuine empathy; that pride and joy are for the lesbian virtually non-existent."

The book is a compilation of women she met, and in each of the 35 chapters, we find ourselves, our friends, or someone we know - a

feast of the ways lesbians live their lives.

Barrett recounts the lives of the very closeted, the jocks, the feminist activists, and persons who are "the girl next door". She has chapters on older lesbians, sexuality and its diverse meanings, couples, and singles. Barrett picks up the themes of secrecy and hidden persons, of coping and stress in daily life, and of lesbians denying their being.

While this may sound a bit depressing, I challenge you to read this book and not find yourself in it. Every one of us has a sister in one of the vignettes. Barrett has given us an easy to read documentary of our lives.

Because she is straight, she writes from a point of view of her own awakening amazement and anger, and the book becomes a statement of awakening and anger that can be shared with our straight friends and family.

GAY AMERICA

SAN FRANCISCO, CA

A new analysis of the sexual behavior of dozens of men infected with HIV has implicated oral sex between men as a greater risk than many had assumed. The researchers looked at 82 men at three continuing Bay area studies who tested positive for HIV. Of the 82, 17 percent reported they had engaged only in oral sex, and no other risky behavior. "We've always pointed out that oral sex was a potential risk. Now, we've confirmed it," said Warren Winklestein, one of the reports primary researchers.

SANTA ANA, CA

A teacher with AIDS who won the right to return to his job after being barred from the classroom because of the disease, has died of AIDS. Vincent Chlak, 45, died of AIDS-related complications in early October. Chalk's case against the Orange County Department of Education was the first attempt by a teacher infected with AIDS to fight transfer out of the classroom.

WASHINGTON, DC

The House of Bishops of the Episcopal Church admonished a colleague for ordaining an open homosexual at their recent annual meeting. By a close vote of 80 - 76, the House of Bishops "disassociated" itself from the ordination nine months ago of an openly gay priest by Bishop John Spong of Newark, NJ.

Spong contended that the church has been quietly ordaining practicing homosexuals for years. Spong stated, "The way the church treats its gay and lesbian members so deeply violates my conscience that it strains my life by tearing it between my loyalty to Jesus Christ and my loyalty to this church. Yet it is a church that historically has rejected blacks, women and gays in succession."

NEW YORK CITY, NY

Life magazine's recent issue honoring the 100 most influential Americans of the 20th century included 11 open or outed gays,

lesbians or bisexuals, although it didn't mention their sexual orientations.

The 11 are: Composer Leonard Bernstein, choreographer George Balanchine, playwright Tennessee Williams, tennis star Billie Jean King, anthropologist Margaret Mead, actor Marlon Brando, author Jack Kerouac, artist Andy Warhol, poet T.S. Eliot, former FBI director J. Edgar Hoover, and former First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt.

EUGENE, OR

The University of Oregon has opened family housing to unmarried gay and straight couples who have children. Childless couples are still barred from the apartments. Student leaders hailed the decision as "a step in the right direction."

TACOMA, WA

Voters will decide this month whether to extend anti-discrimination protections to gays and lesbians. A gay-rights law was passed by the City Council in 1989, but repealed by voters six months later. Supporters of the law then collected enough signatures to put the measure back before the voters. Only in Boulder, Colorado has a gay-rights law ever been enacted through a referendum.

OTTAWA, CANADA

The General Council of the United Church of Canada (formed by the merger of most Canadian Methodists and Presbyterians) has voted overwhelmingly to reaffirm its controversial 1988 decision barring sexual orientation as a criterion for ordaining ministers.

Though a majority of the church's congregations have expressed their opposition to the policy of ordaining gays and lesbians, a committee of 26 commissioners argued before the Council's vote that any change "would send an unacceptable message to the church of retreat from the justice position established by the church in 1988." The United Church is Canada's largest Protestant denomination.

LEXINGTON NIGHTLIFE

The Bar Complex, 224 East Main, 255-1551. The restaurant, Cafe Montparnasse, open from 6 - 11 pm, Saturday 6 pm - 3 am. Also features Johnny Angel Disco, Gilded Gage Cabaret, and the Living Room Lounge. Afterhours Saturday night from 1:30 - 3:30 am.

Crossings, 117 North Limestone, 233-7266. Lexington's mens' bar. Cowboy night 1st Saturday, Leather night 3rd Saturday.

The Metro, 156 West Main, 254-9881. Shows every weekend. Afterhours Friday and Saturday, 1:30 - 4 am.

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| (For anonymous counseling and testing, call the above number and ask for an AIDS Counselor.) | |
| Madison County Health Department | |
| AIDS Testing | 623-7312 |
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| Louisville Crisis Hotline | (502) 454-6699 |

NOVEMBER 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.

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WEEKLY EVENTS

- SUNDAY** Gay/Lesbian AA, 4 pm, Comp Care Center; **Gayline**, 231-0335, 8 - 11 pm
- TUESDAY** Gay/Lesbian Al-Anon, 7 pm; Rainbow Bowling League, 9 pm, Joyland Lanes
- WEDNESDAY** GLUE (Gays & Lesbians United for Education) - UK's student, staff and faculty group, 8 pm, St. Augustine's Chapel, 472 Rose St.; 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

- SUN** 4 Opening Brunch for Video Against AIDS, 11:30 am, Fleur-De-Lys, call 252-7946 for reservations; Video Against AIDS, 2 pm, Central Library Auditorium
- WED** 7 NAMES Project, 7 pm, Rosenthal Complex, Transylvania University
- THU** 8 NAMES Project Quilting Workshop, 7 pm, Dudley Square, 308 South Mill; GLSO Coming Out Support Group, 7 pm, Frazee Hall, University of Kentucky
- FRI** 9 Interweave's "Night Out", 7 pm, Joe Bologna's, 120 West Maxwell; GLSO Cards & Games, 8 pm
- SAT** 10 **GLSO News** Deadline
- SUN** 11 Lesbian Potluck, 2 pm; Video Against AIDS, 2 pm, Central Library Auditorium; Aids Volunteers Of Lexington, 5:30 pm, Comp Care Center
- FRI** 16 GLSO Coffeehouse & Dance, featuring Yer Girlfriend, 8:30 pm, Unitarian Universalist Church, 3564 Clays Mill Pike
- SUN** 18 Video Against AIDS, 2 pm, Central Library Auditorium
- MON** 19 Pro-Choice Alliance, 7:30 pm, Alfalfa's Restaurant
- FRI** 23 GLSO Cards & Games, 8 pm
- WED** 28 GLSO Board Meeting, 7:30 pm
- FRI** 30 Dignity Liturgy, 7:30 pm

I.C.B.E. (Imperial Court of the
Bluegrass Empire) and the Bar (224 E. Main) present...

"WHEEL OF DRAG", Wed. Nov. 7
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