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Two Battles Won, Two Battles Lost

Voters addressed 4 issues in various places on lesbigay rights on Nov. 3. While Portland, Maine, voters upheld their city's inclusion of "sexual orientation" in the city's city's anti-discrimination ordinance by a 57 to 43% margin, Tampa, Florida, voters chose to repeal a similar ordinance by a 58 to 42% vote.

After an ugly and violent campaign leading to the deaths by arson of a lesbian and her gay roommate, Oregon voted down Measure 9 which would have amended the state constitution to ban any type of rights for homo/bisexuals and forced the state to teach that homosexuality was "perverse and unclean." The final tally was 56% against vs. 44%

for the hate-ridden measure.

Disturbingly, Colorado voters passed the less publicized Amendment 2 to the Colorado State constitution by a 52 to 47% margin. It amends Sec. 30 to state: "Neither the State of Colorado, through any of its branches departments, nor any of its agencies, political subdivisions, municipalities or school districts, shall enact, adopt or enforce any statute, regulation, ordinance or policy whereby homosexual, lesbian or bisexual orientation, conduct, shall practices or relationships constitute or otherwise be the basis of, or entitle any person or class of persons to have or claim any minority status, quota preferences, protected status or claim of discrimination. This Section of the Constitution shall be in all respects self-executing." This amendment effectively repeals any current or protections public future discrimination for homo/bisexuals on CONTINUED TO PAGE 6

Cutting Off Colorado

Colorado voters decided on Nov. 3 to amend their state constitution to ban any state or local level protections from discrimination for lesbigays. does not pass moral judgment on lesbigays as did Oregon's Measure 9 and was campaigned for by religious, right-wing extremists as a "no special rights for gays" platform. Also unlike in Oregon where almost all state officials and then presidential candidate Bill Clinton condemned it, Colorado's Proposition 2 had the support of prominent figures and politicians such as Bill McCartney, outspoken homophobic, anti-choice coach of the Colorado Buffalos football team and head of the sponsoring group for Prop. 2, the Coalition for Family Value (CFV). The Religous Right spearheaded its funds towards these amendments in Oregon, Colorado and a now defeated statewide ERA in Iowa. It lost only in Oregon and by a much lower margin there than expected by opponents. There is already talk by these right-wing groups to put similar amendments on the ballots of more traditionally conservative states throughout the South, Utah, etc.

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Have you been discriminated against in the Commonwealth of Kentucky for your sexual orientation? THEN REPORT IT!

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Note: GLSO News thanks Geoff Gilmore, Libertarian candidate for the 75th St. Rep. district for returning the 1992 GLSO News Candidate Survey. His responses did not reach us by press time unfortunately.

Stuff It!

Due to a much-appreciated, increasing demand, we now have increased monthly copies of GLSO News from 550/month to 700/month. You may have also noticed the additional pages often appearing through the money provided by advertisers. Due to these changes, GLSO News is in need of people willing to help with the folding and envelope stuffing. Our core group of 5 is swamped! If you can help and want to join in the informal potluck afterwards with these stalwart souls, please, PLEASE!, call. The folding is normally on the last Tuesday of each For the holiday month at 6:30pm. schedule and directions, please call Lee at 277-9365.

Sources Needed

For a novel depicting gay life in Lexington in 1946 I need sources who can describe what Lexington was like for gays at that time. Please, if you were here then, I need your help. Call Linda West at 233-7075.

A Special Holiday Thank You

by Jeff Jones

The holidays and end of the year are a time to thank the people who make the GLSO News possible. As a volunteer project, the newsletter is the product of at least a dozen hard-working people who donate their time, money and labor each month. I would like to thank several people:

-Kristin Smith, my fellow co-editor, who does all the layout and has given GLSO News its great new look with her clip art -Lee, Willy, Mark and Steve: for years of patiently folding the News every month and to Lee for feeding us and having the folding in her home

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-Bev Lauderback: for suffering long, sleepless nights as Kristin and I type away on the computer in her home

-Lee Berman: my own favorite "breeder" who allows us to translate my IBM world to Kristin's MacIntosh world

-Chuck Smith: who is responsible for expanding the News, getting new advertisers and giving the new crew a great starting place

-our advertisers: who have allowed us to expand the News and provided our community with "gay-friendly" places to patronize

-our subscribers: for providing the foundation for paying to have our newsletter

Thank you all and Happy Holidays!

March on Washington Platform Finalized

An Oct. 3, Denver meeting of the National Steering Committee of the 1993 March on Washington has finalized 7 demands to focus on within the general purpose for the March: calling attention to demands for equal rights and liberation for lesbians, gays and bisexuals. The 7 major demands as quoted from the MOW Steering Committee:

1. We demand the passage of a Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT) civil rights bill and an end to discrimination by state and federal governments including the military; repeal of all sodomy laws and other laws that criminalize private sexual expression between consenting adults.

2. We demand a massive increase in funding for AIDs education, research and patient care; universal access to health care including alternative therapies; and an end to sexism in medical research and health care.

3. We demand legislation to prevent discrimination against LGBT people in the areas of family diversity, custody, adoption and foster care and that the definition of family include the full diversity of all family structures.

4. We demand full and equal inclusion of LGBT people in the educational system, and inclusion of LGBT studies in multicultural curricula.

5. We demand the right to reproductive freedom and choice, to control our own bodies, and an end to sexist discrimination.
6. We demand an end to racial and ethnic

discrimination in all forms.

7. We demand an end to discrimination and violent oppression based on actual or perceived sexual orientation/identification, race, religion, identity, sex and gender expression, disability, age, class, and AIDS/HIV infection.

Action Statement: The LGBT movement recognizes that our quest for social justice fundamentally links us to the struggles against racism and sexism, class bias, economic injustice and religious intolerance. We must realize if one of us is oppressed we all are oppressed. The diversity of our movement requires and compels us to stand in opposition to all forms of oppression that diminish the equality of life for all people. We will be vigilant in our determination to rid our movement and our society of all forms of oppression and exploitation, so that all of us can develop to our full human potential without regard to race, religion, sexual orientation/identification, identity, gender and gender expression, ability, age or class.

Congratulations Lexington and Kentucky!

1992 has been a special year for Kentucky's lesbigay communities. Here in Lexington we have seen a surge in lesbigay services and networking with the birth of the: Gay/ Lesbian Services Network, Diversity Business Coaltion, the Pink Pages, GLSO Discrimination Project, Bluegrass Bisexual Network, Lesbian Overeaters Anonymous, Lesbigay Parents Group, Women's Chorus, HIV+ Youth Support Group, Fairness of Lexington, and Neo-Pagan Group to name a few. Lesbigay student groups have sprouted at EKU, NKU, and Morehead St. We proudly marched as a group in our first parade here in Lexington this summer before 50,000 fellow Kentuckians. Our Supreme Court upheld that we do have equal rights in Kentucky and repealed the sodomy law after one of us, Jeff Wasson, stood up to this injustice. The harassment of members of our community in Russellville showed that Kentucky's lesbigays (and ACLU) will not sit back while our members are terrorized: will publicize and reach out. There have been setbacks to be sure, but as a community, Lexington and Kentucky deserve a big congratulations for collecting and connecting to help ourselves.

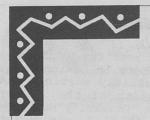


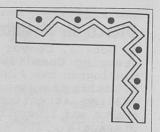
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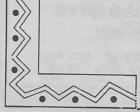


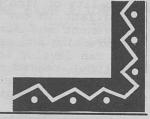
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Christopher Robyn's Homo Hollywood

It's raw, but you love it! It's time for the Supreme Diva Princess to dish the dirt on all your favorite famous fags (not to mention those delicious dykes

and bodacious bis!)

The mother of all fag hags has done it again: With a media blitz that would make the dead stand up and take notice, Madonna has been the hot topic for the last month. She has a new album, Erotica, with a video showing her frolicking with actress Rossellini and supermodel Naomi Campbell. Slipped Disc Records here in Lexington put the album on sale at midnight on its release date and believe me when I tell you every gay man in town showed up to Then, of course, there is the (Madonna+Isabella+ Naomi + Big book: Daddy Kane + Vanilla Ice + any gay man within a 50 mile radius). Even if you hated it, at least it knocked talk show host/rabid pit bull Rush Limbaugh off the top of the bestseller list.

In other Madonna news: (why is there always so much Madonna news?), "Madonna Stole My Lesbian Lover" accuses her friend/ shadow/ plaything, Sandra Bernhardt, according to the rarely reliable Star Magazine. The large-lipped reliable Star Magazine. lesbian has a recurring role on ABC's Roseanne as the business partner of Roseanne and her sister. A recent episode had her character, a recent divorcee, show up with her lesbian lover, perennial soap opera slut Morgan Roseanne was reportedly Fairchild. upset with the departure of the show's only gay character, played by Martin Mull, and demanded the writers add a new one in order to live up to her reputation

for portraying real life.

Disco Divas Erasure are OUT on tour in support of their new record, an EP of ABBA songs. I haven't seen the show, but it is reportedly more festively decorated than a trailer park at Christmas.

This month's "Big, Butch and Beautiful" award goes to Martina Navratilova for filing a lawsuit against the State of Colorado for passing Amendment 2, which prevents cities from

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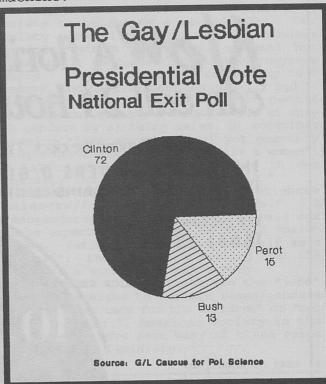
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Beverly (Pooney), Thank you for the three years together (Dec. 1st) and the two years (Dec. 15th) connected to the ball and chain! I do truely love you-you'll always be myBabygirl.

Love Ya, Kristin (PooPoo)

New Morning News Seeks Political Activism

New Morning Coffee House/ Community Peace Center has begun publications of a weekly newsletter. The "New Morning News" is intended to be a means of providing short notice publicity for the activities of the activist communities. "New Morning News" will be printed every Wednesday and is available only at the New Morning Coffee House. Deadline for submissions is every Tuesday night. Call 268-2983 and leave a message on the machine.



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state or local level in Colorado. This amendment is thought to be the first in the U.S. every voted on whereby an entire group of people are denied all civil rights under this group identity. The anti-discrimination ordinances that included "sexual orientation" for the cities of Denver, Boulder and Aspen are also repealed by this amendment. For more information on this, refer to "Cutting Off Colorado".

Gay/Lesbian Services Network Meets

Representatives for over 12 local organizations and services attended This new ServicesNet's second meeting. group meets the first Saturday of each month at 10am at the Unitarian Universalist Church. Every lesbigay service or organization is urged to send a representative to share information on each group's activities and to hopefully share resources and communication networks for the betterment of our community as a whole. The November meeting featured Jimmy Cates and Jim Turner, owners of Stone Mtn. Estate in Russellville, KY, who will appear on the Maury Povich Show. December meeting will serve as a distribution point for The Pink Pages, the new listing of gay friendly businesses and organizations. For more information, please call Ann at 266-6568.

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passing gay rights legislation. The tennis star has a home in Aspen, a traditional magnet for Hollywood homos.

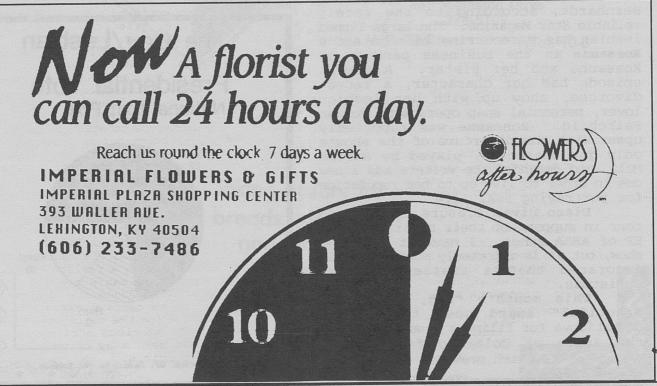
Worth checking out is (unless you are in Frankfort's MTV wasteland) MTV's The Real World. This show is overflowing with diversity and has the most adorable gay man in it. Also, it has a hot (but obnoxious) model who struts around topless much of the time.

Finally, two snaps up go to Elton John, the most successful "out" pop star in history for announcing that all the profits from the singles he releases in America (we're talking big bucks, baby!) will go to AIDS charities, including the Gay Men's Health Crisis.

Editors: Watch for more Homo Hollywood in upcoming issues as we "unleash the queen."

G/L/B Veterans Abound

Chapters of the Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Veterans of America are spreading around the country. Both Indianapolis and Columbus have chapters as well as several North Carolina groups. If local veterans are interested in this group, you can join for \$15 which includes **The Forward Observer**, a newsletter coming out every for months. Write GLBVA, 1350 North 37th Pl., Milwaukee, WI 53208-2834.





Life and Relationship Changes After Baby

This article could also be subtitled: "I thought you picked him up from preschool" or "I'm too tired to breathe much less kiss you." And, no matter what anyone tells you NOTHING can completely prepare you for the impact of the arrival of a child. Having the knowledge of the intensity of this impact can

help in two ways. First, you perhaps won't feel as alone with the inevitable frustration and despair. Raising Alex is terrific and has also magnified the stresses of life. We've found talking to other couples (both gay and strayt) with kids a real comfort. It not only alleviates that feeling of isolation but lets us see we are not the only parents facing these types of feelings. We've discovered that way before he was born, we erected a set of expectations for us as parents and Alex as baby. And each day as we fail to meet these expectations our feeling of frustration increases. It is when we talk with others that we discover how ludicrous these expectations are. And, these discussions help us realize that the stresses our relationship is facing are for the most part the same as those experienced by every couple

with a 2 year old. The second reason to recognize the impact of parenthood is to stress the importance of creating a certain attitude before hand to protect your peace of mind and relationship. In our community we create enlarged families in several ways: the birth In our community we create of an infant, adoption of an older child, or the merging of two adults, one or both with children from previos relationships. I have lived through both the infant and merged family experiences and find them a little different. In fact, Ann and I, have found that we share more similar issues with strayt couples with infants than with lesbian

couples with merged families.

Next month I will share with you my list considerations when preparing for parenthood no matter which course you take and also the prospects of adoption.
Happy Holidays,

Laura

Ann, and

Alex

Sermon from the Keyboard: How Queer Are You?

by Jeff Jones

Recently, a gay Unitarian minister named Exoo did a study of men who have sex with other men at four South Carolina rest stops. His concern was AIDS prevention for this group. Frighteningly, Exoo found that 80% of the men did not practice safer sex. Also interestingly, 85% of the men were in a bonded relationship with a woman and identified themselves mostly as strayts. None identified themselves as gay and only a handful as bisexual. These men disliked gays and avoided health services and practices that might identify themselves as "gay."

The question this study poses is: just what is this quality of "being gay." (For these men in SC obviously, being gay or bisexual is not defined by who you have sex with.) Moreover, who can be a "lesbian" or a "bisexual." For that matter, when is a

heterosexual "strayt?"

Talking with activist and researcher Nora Brashear at the University of Louisville, she points to six factors that make up our sexual identity. I felt our readers would find this of interest:

1. SEX: Your physiological characteristics (penis, vagina, both organs). A person can be female, male or other (hermaphrodite). 2. GENDER: Often confused with SEX, this is actually the characteristics designated by society to belong to a certain SEX. Our society generally sees only two genders (feminine woman and masculine man) but occasionally concedes there are androgynous people. Some other societies have up to 7 genders, and Native Americans usually had 3. Transvestites and transgendered people challenge our society's construction of only two genders by a) being males, b) sometimes dressing "like women" and c) yet possibly being a heterosexual male ("unlike a woman") or taking the dominant position in sex generally thought of as more "male."

3. GENDER IDENTITY: How one experiences

"maleness/femaleness/ otherness." transgendered person may have the male sex and be expected by society to have a "male" gender. Yet, he may identify himself as a "herself": there may be a feeling that the person is a woman in a man's body.

4. SEX/GENDER ROLES: These are the "jobs" a culture assigns to certain sexes/genders such as "women care for the children" or "men do the hunting." American society in the last decades have seen many of these roles challenged by feminists.

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Lexington Men Sing OUT

by John Geoghegan

Anyone who happens to be walking by a certain big, old, red house in downtown Lexington on a Thursday night might well have reason to pause for a moment, maybe even stretch her/his neck a bit to peer through the window. The picture before them would be that of 25 men sitting shoulder-to-shoulder in rows of folding chairs, their eyes transfixed on the robust, energetic young lady standing before them. No, it's not some unsavory scene from a bachelor party, but the weekly rehearsal of the Lexington Men's Chorus' upcoming Winter Festival of Song.

Even before McAlpin's began trimming its first Christmas trees of the season, the Lexington Men's Chorus has been busy honing a heart-warming mix of winter-themed melodies for its upcoming concert under the musical direction of Nancy Ward. The group, a member of the international Gay & Lesbian Association of Choruses (GALA), has made over a dozen appearances since its inception just two years ago. The Chorus has appeared at a Civil War encampment in Harrodsburg to a gig with the nationally touring musical production, "Heart Strings."

"The chorus has really been a positive force in Lexington," says Shelby Reynolds, the group's president. "I think we not only help to instill a sense of pride in Lexington's gay and lesbian community, but hopefully we can help portray the community in a positive light to the rest of the city as well."

"Our upcoming performance includes a few of the traditional Christmas songs," Reynolds says, "but also features numbers that are not traditionally associated with the Christmas season per se; some with wintery-type themes, and others that simply make you feel warm inside."

The Winter Festival of Song will be held on Sunday, Dec. 13, at the Unitarian Universalist Church at 3564 Clays Mill Rd. Performances are at 3pm and 7pm. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 for children 12 and under, and can be ordered by calling Shelby Reynolds at (606) 231-8900 days/231-0090 evenings. Free refreshments will be served following each performance, and both performances will be artistically signed for the hearing impaired.

Bisexuals Meet in the Bluegrass

The Bluegrass Bisexual Network is a group meeting in Lexington to provide a forum for activities and support for people in the middle of the continuum between exclusively homosexual and heterosexual: the millions of bi-affectional/sexual Americans. If you or a friend are bisexual in orientation and identification or wish to know more about this often misunderstood part of our queer community, contact Barbara at 268-8053. Both bi singles and couples (same-sex or opposite-sex) are welcome.

EKU Book Drive Continues

EKU's Gay & Lesbian Student Service Organization seeks both fictional and non-fictional books and reading materials on homo/bisexuality for a collection to be housed at EKU's Counseling Center to augment the University's meager library materials. 36 books have already been donated, but there is still a great need especially for books on bisexuality and non-fictional resources. Considering the cuts in library budgets and the high cost of many lesbigay-related books, please consider donating to this drive. For more information call Laurie at (606) 623-3072 or in Lexington, Jeff at 276-5383.

New Law Journal Available

Law and Sexuality is a new law journal covering issues related to lesbigays, legal issues and sexual orientation. For \$12 a year for an individual, a person can subscribe for this new journal from the Tulane Law School. For more info, write: Law & Sexuality, 6801 Freret St., New Orleans, LA 70118.

Lesbigay Parents Meeting in December

Lexington's new Lesbigay Parents group will hold its next meeting at 5pm on Saturday, Dec. 5. If you or your partner have children and issues relating to the special needs of lesbigay parents and their children, this group might be for you. For more information, contact Cyndy at 276-5471.

Frontrunners Welcomed

Do you like to jog or walk in the company of others? Then, Lexington's chapter of Frontrunners, the national lesbigay running club, might be for you. This group meets every Saturday morning at 9am at the UK water tower off Alumni Rd. for exercise followed by a light breakfast somewhere. For more information, contact Heith at 255-2945.



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NEWS SHORTS



CANADA- The Federal Court of Canada ruled on October 27th that barring homosexuals from the Canadian military violated the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms and ordered that the military no longer discriminate against homosexuals. The military said it would comply fully.

ATLANTA- Arson is to blame for a fire that badly damaged a clinic at the Atlanta Gay Center on August 28. There are currently no suspects but fundraising has begun to rebuild the clinic.

OREGON- The city of Springfield, OR, which recently voted in an anti-gay ordinance, had its city liability insurance suspended for 24 days by the Fireman's Fund in response to fears of possible losses arising from discrimination lawsuits over the new ordinance. Coverage has been reinstated but will now only cover \$1 million rather than \$3 million in losses.

ASHEVILLE, NC- An unnamed gay man won parental rights in a landmark artificial insemination case with a lesbian friend to whom he donated sperm. The resulting daughter was born under an agreement whereby the father surrendered rights as a parent but kept visitation rights. The unnamed lesbian mother sued after viewing the man and his mother's visits as taking on a role of emotional responsibility as a parent. NC law covers sperm donations to married couples in which the donor has not visitation rights but the law does not cover single women.

INDIANA- The Indiana United Methodist Church has ordered that no Indiana Methodist church may be used for commitment ceremonies similar to heterosexual marriages but reaffirmed its ministry to gay people.

MICHIGAN- Ann Arbor, MI, passed a resolution offering insurance and other benefits to the domestic partners of gays and lesbian city employees in an 8-1 vote.

CANADA- An independent board of inquiry ordered the provincial Ontario government to extend survivor benefits to the partners of gay and lesbian government employees under the Ontario Human Rights Code. Dental and health insurance benefits were granted in 1991 after a suit by a gay male lawyer in the Ontario government.

FLORIDA- Although Florida law bans adoption

by lesbians and gay men, foster parenting is not banned. A lesbian who directs an AIDS family counseling center received a license to foster a HIV-infected child. At the same time, a lesbian couple lost their 6-yr.-old foster child because Florida law does not allow unmarried couples to foster children. In a Catch-22, Florida law does not allow the women to legally marry.

SAN DIEGO- A California jury convicted 19 year old Todd Fluette, a Wisconsin sailor based in San Diego, of planning and carrying out the stabbing murder of a married bisexual man in Balboa Park. He faces a life sentence without parole.

WASHINGTON, DC- The Bush administration decided to support a New Orleans court decision allowing employers to cut HIV+ workers health coverage insurance.

LOUISVILLE- The General Assembly Permanent Judicial Commission of the Presbyterian Church (USA) issued a judgement on Nov. 4 that Rev. Jane Spahr, a "self-affirmed, practicing homosexual" as quoted by the decision, was improperly appointed as pastor of a Rochester, NY, church. Although the Downtown United Presbyterian Church chose Spahr as the best candidate and knew of her sexual orientation, a challenge by the regional Genesee Valley Presbytery led to Spahr's appointment being upheld until it reached the national judicial commission in Irving, TX.

NASHVILLE- The failure of Garth Brook's song, "We Shall Be Free," to enter the top 10 country singles (it is currently at 12th place) is seen as a statement about the song's lyrics: "when we're free to love anyone we choose, when this world's big enough for all different views, when we can all worship from our own kind of pew, then we shall be free." The singles rankings in country music are based on airplay time and some stations are refusing to play this song with its message of tolerance. Brooks stated in a Sept. interview that "our grandkids will say-'How could anyone ever think someone's sexual preference affected how their mind works.'"

BOSTON- Kevin Smith, Commissioner of the Div. of Capital Planning, and Mitchell Adams, Revenue Commissioner, came out in the Boston Globe as the first high level gay couple to acknowledge their relationship. The couple shares a home and are members of Republican Gov. William Weld's administration for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Fairness of Lexington

The Fairness Campaign of Lexington is alive and growing. Although the realization of our goal may be a long time in arriving, we have some projects in the works that we hope will bring our community closer together and develop interest in the campaign. Our 3 immediate projects are: 1) The Gay Apparel Drive: a clothes drive to benefit the homeless at the Hope Center, 2) election of a Steering Committee in January, and 3) Winterfest: an event featuring various workshops, food, and trade fair culminating with a dance.

The Hope Center is in need of warm clothing for the winter. If you have coats, gloves, hats or anything of this nature that you can donate, let us know. Especially needed are large sizes for women and men.

Fairness has so far developed under a coordinating committee where basically everyone is involved. But, now we are close to electing a steering committee to take over the general business so that individuals can concentrate on individual projects. The committee will consist of 1 representative from each sub-committee, 2 co-convenors (female and male), a scribe, a treasurer, and 2 at-large members. If you are interested

in what we are doing, there are three general meetings scheduled for Dec. 7, Jan. 11 and Jan. 25. All meetings are at Alfalfa's Restaurant and begin at 7:30pm.

Winterfest promises to be an exciting event but is still in the planning stages. If you are interested in helping in its organization and/or have ideas on what types of activities we should include, don't be

shy: let us hear from you.

Fairness is everybody's campaign. We need anyone who has time and energy they can contribute. How much or how little time you can spare will go towards helping our lesbian, gay and bisexual community to establish lawful recognition of our civil rights. So, if you are interested in the Fairness Campaign, join us at the upcoming meetings. For more information, contact Tomi at 266-1318.

Thanks for the Toons

Our readers may have noticed the wonderful cartoons promoting the 1993 March on Washington beginning in the Nov. issue. The cartoons are provided free of charge to GLSO News by the March on Washington Cartoon Project, a nationwide submission of gay/lesbian/bisexual/strayt cartoonists to advertise the April 25th, 1993, March.





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CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1 Near riots broke out in Denver The state when Prop.2 broke out. Democratic Party celebration was cancelled as the governor and other officials joined over 1000 people in a Crowds of up to 7000 protest march. people have braved the cold as protests continue. Gov. Roemer has vowed that no gay/lesbian person will lose their job or home over this amendment.

As this amendment makes a public statement that Colorado will allow discrimination against gays, hate crimes in the state have surged. Lesbigay services and individuals are reporting a huge surge in harassment calls,

vandalism and gay-bashing.

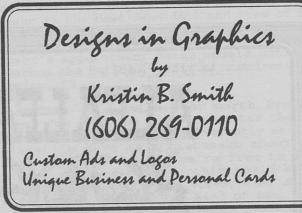
The only counties in Colorado to reject the amendment were the ones containing the ski resorts. As with the costly, \$200 million+ loss in business of a boycott of Arizona for not passing until Nov. 3 a Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday, the tourist areas feared a national boycott of the ski industry. Although Denver and Boulder were expected to reject the measure, the vote was very

close for passing it.

The cities of Denver, Boulder and Aspen along with currently 10 other individual plaintiffs (including Martina Navratilova) have filed suit against the state claiming that Amendment 2 violates the Equal Protection Clause of the 14th Amendment of the US Constitution, violates the rights of expression and association of homosexuals, usurps the powers of home rule cities and requires the state of Colorado to recognize and promote a particular religious belief over the separation of church and state. Colorado Pat Shroeder has written President-elect Clinton to ask him to follow up on his campaign promise to support the federal gay rights bill and make it a priority so as to override the Colorado amendment.

In response to this amendment, a nationwide boycott of Colorado is underway until the amendment is repealed. As with Arizona over the King holiday, South Africa with apartheid, and Avon over animal testing, boycotts are sometimes effective. Already the state tourism office has been bombarded with people

calling to cancel winter ski trips. Business leaders in tourism, Colorado's #1 business, are predicting a gloomy ski season and blaming the CFV for dampening bright business prospects. Professional organizations such as the American Political Science Association, United Church of Christ and American Library Association are discussing plans to refuse to hold conferences in Colorado. conventions have already Several There is currently no word if canceled. organizers for the annual Gay Ski Week in Aspen will move the January event that brings over 5000 to the town. To put pressure on Colorado economically, gay activists both within and without the state are asking people to boycott Colorado products and events ranging from tourism to beer to beef. Finally, once considered a haven of tolerance, rugged individualism and progressive social/environmental policies, Colorado's passage of this amendment is seen as affecting the state's image.





Join GLSO at the March on Washington

GLSO has organized a trip to Washington, DC, for the March on Washington for Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Equal Rights and Liberation (April 23-25). Arranged through the expert services of Pegasus Travel, the package includes travel to DC on a chartered bus leaving Friday evening and returning Sunday evening. Arriving in the wee hours on Saturday, accommodations are also included for that day and night at the Hyatt Arlington located conveniently near the Mall and Georgetown. Rates reflect number of persons in a room:

\$140 each (4 people to a room) \$155 each (3 people to a room) \$175 each (2 people to a room)

\$275 each (all by your lonesome) Space on the bus is limited and rooms are going fast. If interested, please call Beth Daly at 253-0955. If you are traveling by other means to DC, you might consider calling Jan at Pegasus Travel and see if he can arrange an additional room at the Hyatt Arlington with the Bluegrass Bunch.

Washington DC APRIL 25, 1993



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Other Countries, Policies on G/L in the Military

Pres.-elect Clinton has promised to lift the 1943 ban on homosexuals or perceived homosexuals in the military. Here are how some other countries treat this issue as drawn from a recent Lexington Herald Leader article and other sources: Canada - Integrated by court order this year

Denmark- Integrated France- Integrated Germany - Integrated

Great Britain - Banned, since June no longer penalizes homosexuality in the military

Iran- Discovery can be grounds for execution

Israel - Integrated

Italy- Integrated but homosexual behavior is grounds for expulsion

Japan - No specific policy, de facto integrated

Netherlands - Integrated, registered partners can share housing with hetero couples

Norway- Integrated

Russia - Banned, homosexuality is illegal Spain - No policy, de facto integrated Sweden- Integrated

Turkey- Banned, homosexuals in the military serve 3-6 prison sentence if discovered and then an 18-month "observed" compulsory completion of military service, no women in service.

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Gay and Lesbian Elected Official Increase

The United States gained 11 new openly gay and lesbian elected officials and re-elected 16 in races ranging from local boards of education to the US Congress. These include:

-Judy Abdo: Mayor/Santa Monica, CA -Dale McCormick (D): State Senator/

-Susan Farnsworth: State Rep./Maine -Barney Frank (D): U.S. Rep./Mass. -Gerry Studds (D): U.S. Rep./Mass.

-Karen Clark (D): State Rep./MN -Allan Spear: State Senator/MN

-Liz Stefanics (D): State Senator/ New Mexico

-Deborah Glick (D): State

Assemblywoman/NY

-Joan Lobis: State Supreme Court Justice/NY

-Gail Shibley (D): State Rep./Oregon

-Glen Maxey (D): State Rep./Texas

-Ronald Squires (D): State Rep./VT

-Cal Anderson (D): State Rep./WA

-Tammy Baldwin (D): State Assemblywoman/Wisconsin

(Party affiliation shown where known. All 5 openly gay Republican candidates lost their election bids including Ohio State House candidate Jerry Neal.)

NAMES Project Needs You!

The Friends of the Quilt, the NAMES Project here in Lexington, is in great need of "new blood" to continue the work of remembering those who have died of AIDS and celebrating life. The Quilt's impact is immense as a political, educational and emotional statement. Yet, here in Lexington, only a handful of people have kept this important work alive, and the NAMES Project is in danger of disbanding here. If you can donate time to sew or organize (whether for a specific person you knew or to help in general), call Katie at 272-2588.

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AUOL Busy for the Holidays

AIDS Volunteers of Lexington is busy this holiday season. On Dec. 2 there will be a meeting for anyone interested in or currently working the information booths set up by AVOL in area gay bars. AVOL training will be required for booth attendants, and new prospects will receive training before being placed at a booth. Dec. 16 is AVOL's Volunteer Appreciation Day with everyone asked to come in, spend some time, chit chat, eat some goodies and give AVOL a chance to show their appreciation. The festivities will start at 2pm and run until 7pm to give people time to drop in all day. Also, AVOL needs your support especially now. Donations for the holidays are highly welcome such as: non-perishable food items, non-food items (toilet paper, tooth paste, etc.) and that ever popular donation- money.



What Clinton Has Promised Us: A Checklist

President-elect Bill Clinton's campaign had unprecedented gay-positive planks and attention to the needs of our community. Now that he is elected after having gained the support and volunteer efforts of a large section of our community, it is time to watch if he will come through on his promises. Here are the promises to watch for (and push for):

1. to issue an executive order banning discrimination against gays/lesbians in federal employment and contracting

2. to issue an executive order dropping the ban on homosexuals in the military

3. to support federal civil rights legislation for gays/lesbians and to sign such a bill if it passes through Congress

4. to appoint qualified gays/lesbians to

major positions in his administration
5. direct the Justice Department to crack down on "hate crimes"

6. to fully fund the Ryan White Act for AIDS/HIV research, education and treatment

7. to fully implement the 2 Presidential

AIDS Commission Reports

8. to allow federal money to be used for condom distribution and needle exchange programs where local communities approve

9. to expand AIDS drug trials to include women and people of color

10. to appoint an "AIDS Czar"

Come Out with DIGNITY

Dignity is the national gay, lesbian and bisexual support group associated with the Roman Catholic Church. Here in Lexington, Dignity holds a monthly mass and welcomes both Catholics and non-Catholics to its meetings. Dignity also supports the efforts of the HIV/AIDS Ministry of the Diocese of Lexington under the direction of Father John Curtis. In December, the Dignity mass will be on Friday, Dec. 4, at 7pm. There will also be a special mass and dessert potluck on Dec. For more information, call Don at 299-4458.

Tell Your Sweetie Mushy Things

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

Spiritual Group to Hold Christmas Dinner

The Gay Men's Spiritual Group will hold a Christmas Day potluck at 2pm on Dec. 25. If you are interested in attending, come out and ioin them by calling Mitchell at 278-9901.

What's in December's **WORD** ...?

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- · location: unitarian church clays mill road

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- · date: febaary 7th
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- · tickets: \$8.00
- · location: unitarian church
- · date: febuary 13th
- · time: 9:00pm

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- · tickets: \$12.00
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· time: 8:00pm

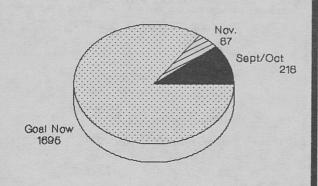
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6. SEXUAL ORIENTATION IDENTITY: One's reconciliation of one's sexual behavior and one's identity. Thus, there are lesbian prostitutes who sleep with men. The Excostudy subjects identify as heterosexual but are technically either bisexual or in a few cases homosexual. And, many lesbian and gay identified people may have had sexual/affectional relations with members of the opposite sex and thus have bisexual sexual orientations. The stigmas placed on these labels affect what one chooses.

If anything, these factors show that people are complex and not so easily fit into nice, neat categories such as "bisexual", "transgender" or "lesbian." For political reasons, lesbigays and heterosexuals seek to differentiate ourselves into an "us" and a "them." Yet, the mix is much more complex and as lesbigay sexual minorities, we need to also watch out for too quickly categorizing ourselves and others. Face it, folks: all of us (including heterosexuals) are queer in some way and should be happy that we and others are a little bit different.

Spare Change Project Goal \$2000 Total



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Asian and Friends Organizes in Ohio

A statewide chapter of Asians and Friends has formed in Columbus, OH, and seeks to include Kentucky's lesbigay Asian population. For more information, write Asians and Friends-Ohio, Box 134, 1487 W. Fifth Ave., Columbus, OH 43212, or call (614) 341-7349.





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