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TELLING GAY STORIES: THE TRUTH CAN SET US FREE

from Chuck Forester, Co-Chair of the Board of the Human Rights Campaign Fund

Ann Landers doesn't usually tell her readers off. That's why it came as a surprise to see the two recent columns when she came down firmly against readers who attacked the idea of gay marriages. One subtle writer from Wisconsin had put the case for bigotry rather bluntly: "Those faggots should go back in the closet where they belong." Ann's response was right on target, stating her shock at the "viciousness and intolerance" of those opposed to legitimizing gay relationships.

Mixed in with the anti-gay sentiments Ann printed were letters of support, many from heterosexuals who knew a gay man or lesbian. One father wrote that he had two sons, one straight and one gay. Both deserved the same rights, he said. His response should not have surprised me, because it only confirmed a point that pollsters discovered some time ago: Support for gay rights is greatest among those who know a gay person.

Unfortunately, most heterosexuals know only what they learn from the mass media. Twenty years ago, Stonewall was but a blip on the media's radar screen. Ten years later lesbian/gay stories were beginning to appear. Today the power of gay politics and the AIDS epidemic have put us on the front page of every major daily in America and the evening news. Despite the attention, to most Americans, gays and lesbians, remain an unknown quantity, we're an abstract entity, not people with hopes, dreams and lives.

Until we tell the public who we are they have little to go on. For example, their images of gay men are often limited to the Religious Rights' slanderous view of us as sexual perverts, the popular media's vision of a misunderstood boy next door dying of AIDS, and the traditional stereotypes of the mincing hairdresser and the lesbian mechanic.

One reason why Barney Frank's recent problems generated such interest in the mainstream press is because he is a living, breathing homosexual who is willing to talk about his personal life. Barney has shared a very real-life story with Americans. He has been honest about it, and that's news because people want to know about us.

While few of us will have the impact of a Barney Frank, all of us can make a difference. Too often we are shy about sharing our personal stories with friends, family and coworkers. They, in turn, are reticent, fearful of offending by asking questions. In some cases family and friends don't know enough about gay people to begin framing the questions they might have. Still, they want to know who we are.

I know from experience the kind of questions they have. When did you discover you were gay? Have you ever faced discrimination? How do you meet other gay people? How did your parents react? Do you enjoy being gay?

All of us should start answering those questions for the heterosexuals we know. The more we talk about being gay, the more our neighbors, friends and families will understand the need to combat homophobia and bigotry. Our answers will give them information, the kind of information that can replace the stereotypical views of gays and lesbians with a more honest view of who we are. Just as important, our answers can forge new allies in the fight for equality.

Some of you will say, "I don't have anything new to add. My stories aren't interesting." Don't believe it. Even if you convey the fact that your life is more like your straight friends' life than different from it, that's important information. It needs to be told. And it is best told to people you know. [cont on page 5]

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ASK AUNT MARY

Dear Aunt Mary,

On the twelfth day of Christmas I exceeded the limit on all of my credit cards. Paying the minimum on all five cards is about all I'll be able to do and that will only pay the monthly interest charges. I usually don't worry about money but I'm completely stressed out.

Sincerely,
Big Spender

Dear Big Spender,

It's not unusual to find oneself strapped financially after the holidays. Psychological measures of stress include Christmas as a moderately stressful life event and the financial aspect of the holidays contributes to that stress.

Many financial advisors suggest that we can handle comfortably about thirty percent of our monthly income in short-term debt. It sounds like your current short-term debt exceeds your monthly income. Feeling stressed in such a situation is not surprising. Take some solace in the fact that you're not alone and then do something about it.

One of the more common solutions to credit card overload is to take out a long-term loan at a lower interest rate (probably around 14%) to pay off your credit cards. With the bank you can work out a repayment schedule that you can handle without undue financial strain. The key to this approach is to not use your credit cards or, at least, not to exceed what you can comfortably pay off each month.

In any case, you would probably do well to tear up most of your cards or, at least, stop carrying them with you. Who wants to be a slave to the credit card industry?

Aunt Mary

If you would like to write to Aunt Mary, send your letter to: Aunt Mary, c/o GLSO, PO Box 11471, Lexington, KY 40575. For a personal reply, include a stamped, self addressed envelope. All names are strictly confidential.

GLSO ACTIVITIES

LETTER TO EDITOR

FUNDRAISING DISCUSSION HIGHLIGHTS NOVEMBER GLSO BOARD MEETING

from Teresa Reynolds and Craig Clere

The November GLSO Board of Directors meeting was held November 29, 1989. Committee reports began the agenda of the meeting. The Phoneline Committee reported finding a replacement for Craig Clere to run the Phoneline computer. Clere announced that he would continue as editor of **GLSO News** through the end of June, 1990, though he requested additional help.

Melanie Otis announced the plans for the University of Kentucky Drug Study. Otis will include a cover letter to those on the GLSO mailing list to explain the procedures covering their involvement with the drug study. Only Otis will have access to the names of individuals from the GLSO mailing list. Persons who do not return their questionnaires will have their names removing from any survey list. Following discussion, Edwin Hackney moved approval of the guidelines discussed by Otis and the Board assented.

The Board revised its membership fee policy, upon the recommendation of the President, to reflect a "family" membership covering two memberships with one subscription to **GLSO News** at \$15. The new membership rate becomes effective January 1.

The treasurer reported that the GLSO Treasury is running \$300 in the red for the year-to-date. This prompted a lengthy discussion regarding fundraising. Following this brainstorming session, the Board focused its attention on a Service Auction, possibly in conjunction with another local organization. The Board plans to take action on the Service Auction and other fundraiser suggestions at its next scheduled meeting.

The February Forum will be conducted with the UK student group, Gays & Lesbians United for Education, GLUE, as a "getting to know you" meeting.

The December meeting, due to the Christmas holiday, is scheduled for January 3, 1990. Board meetings are open to the membership, consult the Directory for a contact number.

Dear GLSO,

Yes, I am angry and I dare you to print this letter and picture. I can't imagine why GLSO would get involved in any way with the abortion issue. After all that's one problem gays don't have!

But since you persist on printing monthly updates its time to let loose.

For starters you have insulted this Dignity chapter by supporting a group of people who believe that they have the right to decide over someone's life just because it's inconvenient, stressful, or expensive.

Dignity, and all gays, should support the right of all minorities including the unborn - think about the consequences of people being able to decide who should live or die.

Don Reichert

Dear Don,

The Gay & Lesbian Services Organization has no position on the "abortion issue." Pro-choice views have been expressed in **GLSO News**, but as a strictly individual view. Many individuals, including myself, feel strongly that the rights of reproductive freedom are fundamental privacy rights that affect all of humanity, whether lesbian, gay, or straight. For this reason, **GLSO News** will continue to inform its readers of pro-choice events.

Many feel that the lesbian and gay movement needs to build coalitions with progressive groups, with the pro-choice advocates being an important such group. If we only supported issues which directly affected ourselves, how could we honestly expect non-gay persons to support equal rights for gays and lesbians? After all, equal rights for gays and lesbians is not a specific problem heterosexuals have!

Just as there are pro-choice persons in all organizations, there are also those for whom abortion is unacceptable for any reason. I certainly cannot speak for GLSO in this matter, nor, I feel, can you speak for all Dignity members.

Thank you for your support of **GLSO News** and I hope this relieves your concerns regarding the pro-choice issue.

Craig Clere

**PFLAG ESTABLISHES FAMILY
AIDS SUPPORT PROJECT**
from PFLAG

A nationwide program to assist parents and other family members of persons with AIDS has been undertaken by an organization composed largely of parents of gay and lesbian children.

"Grief, compounded by a climate of fear and discrimination, threatens to isolate millions of family members affected by AIDS," said Paulette Goodman, President of the Federation of Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gay, or Parents FLAG. "We want to provide them with guidance and information, plus the kind of strength that can only come from others who have been through the same trials."

The Federation comprises more than 200 chapters and contacts throughout the country. Its principal function, in Goodman's words is that of "keeping families in loving relationships."

To that end, Parents FLAG sponsor local support groups to help families and friends understand and accept their gay loved ones. It also promotes education on the nature of homosexuality, and advocates the full human and civil rights of gays and lesbians.

Parents FLAG's Family Support Notebook, containing basic information for family members, is available from local Parents FLAG contacts or from the Federation offices, P.O. Box 27605, Washington, DC, 20038-7605. Copies may be ordered for a suggested tax-deductible donation of \$12 each. The Notebook contains sections on medical and treatment information, psychosocial, education, legal and legislative issues, religious and spiritual support, and bereavement matters.

**SUIT FILED CLAIMING ILLEGAL REDUCTION
INVOLVING AIDS-RELATED BENEFITS**

from Lambda Legal Defense & Education Fund

Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund has joined a lawsuit brought by a Texas man with AIDS against his insurer and employer after they altered his group health insurance plan to lower the lifetime cap on AIDS-related claims from \$1,000,000 to only \$5,000.

The plaintiff, John McGann, has worked for the employer, H & H Music Co., since 1982 and has been covered by the employer's group health plan since that time. In December

1987, he was diagnosed with AIDS, and he began submitting medical claims shortly afterwards. In July of 1988, H & H announced that it was canceling its group medical plan -- operated by General American Life Insurance, also a defendant in the case -- and was instituting a self-insured plan, with General American as administrator. In making the change, H & H revealed that the new plan would impose a limit of \$5,000 on all AIDS-related claims, even though the ceiling for all other illnesses would remain at \$1,000,000.

McGann filed a complaint with the Texas Commission on Human Rights alleging that the cap placed on AIDS-related coverage violates state anti-discrimination laws. Several months later, McGann received a "right-to-sue" notice from the Commission, and he then filed a civil action in federal district court in Houston against H & H and General American.

The complaint alleges violation of the federal Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974. It also alleges violations of the Texas handicap discrimination statute, the Texas Insurance Code and the Texas Deceptive Trade Practices-Consumer Protection Act. The complaint seeks reinstatement of McGann's previous benefits and actual, compensatory and punitive damages, together with court costs and attorneys' fees.

OLIVIA RECORDS PLANS CRUISE
from GLSO News staff

Olivia Records has just released a limited number of cabins for both of their 4-night women's cruises to the Bahamas February 12-16 and 19-23, 1990. Passengers will leave Miami aboard the S.S. Dolphin IV with stops in Key West, Nassau and a day at a private island, Blue Lagoon. Special entertainment will be provided on each sailing by **all** of Olivia's recording artist, Cris Williamson, Teresa Trull, Tret Fure, Deidre McCalla, Dianne Davidson and Lucie Blue Tremblay.

Women interested in sharing fun, sun and music with 600 women should call Olivia immediately as these cabins will go quickly. Olivia is also offering a 7-night Caribbean Cruise October 28 - November 4, 1990. Call 1-800-631-6277 for more information.

FROM DIGNITY'S PRESIDENT
from Keith

A couple of months ago I had a flat tire. No big deal -- except I was outside Shelbyville at 11 pm on a Sunday. Still being a AAA member, I called and they came. I made it back to Lexington on my donut spare. The next day I took it to S & S Tire on Richmond Road. This should be the end of the story. Unfortunately, it's not.

While I was waiting with the other deflated souls my casual glancing around suggested that there were at least three of us getting our cars repaired. One other man was particularly effeminate. When his car was called he nervously went to the counter, paid his money and left. It was after he left that we who were left got an earful.

"Man, I believe that boy has the virus," one serviceman said. His cohort grunted. It obviously was not enough for the serviceman. "If you ever make me wait on one of those people again," he continued, "I'll quit first." He rambled on for several minutes about those people.

Two of those people (myself being one) exchanged glances. When the serviceman called my name I went to the counter. I would like to say I calmly told the guy off or made a pass at him or called him "Sugar." I didn't. I did decide I would never send business there again. I did send a letter telling them why. I did not get a response.

I hope you never have to encounter homophobia. Unfortunately, it's there. And in Lexington, it will be here for some time. We can make a difference. Spend your money at places where you know the atmosphere is tires. Don't go to S & S Tires on Richmond Road.

I hope to see you at Dignity soon.

DIGNITY HAS NEW PHONE
from GLSO News staff

Keith, President of Dignity-Lexington has a new phone number, 263-5940. The January Rap Session marks the beginning of five years of rap sessions. All are invited to Keith's at 7:30 pm, Thursday, January 25."

**CLARIFICATION REGARDING GALLUP POLL
CITED IN NOVEMBER GLSO NEWS**
from GLSO News staff

In the November issue of **GLSO News** a Gallup poll was cited indicating a growing intolerance towards gays and lesbian. In fact, the most recent Gallup Poll, October 1989, shows that almost half (47%) of adults think homosexual relations between consenting adults should be legal, up from only 1/3 who felt that way in 1984. 71% now feel that homosexuals should have equal job opportunities, compared to only 59% who favored equal opportunity for gays and lesbians in 1982. Thanks to Gregory King, Communications Director, of the Human Rights Campaign Fund for noting our outdated information.

GAY STORIES [cont from page 1]

From my personal experience working as an up-front gay man in generally non-gay environments, I know that unless I begin the discussion, the information never gets exchanged. It is time we start telling non-gay Americans about who we are.

Our stories are often very interesting. First of all, each of us lived part of our life as two people: as the private, fearful gay man or lesbian and as the apparently straight colleague or friend or child. Second of all, we have been forced to think long and honestly about who we are. As a result, we have some experience in differentiating between what we'd like to believe about ourselves and the truth.

Whether we like it or not, gay men and lesbians are hot news today. After years of effort and struggle, the issues of importance to the lesbian/gay community are on the national agenda. Decisions that affect our future are going to be made in the next several years. If we want those decisions to be positive, we have to tell the world more about ourselves.

Some may resist, but most people who know you want to hear your story. We can make the world we share with others a little less tense and more honest by telling the stories of our lives. It is important part of building the better place that all of use want to leave for the next generation of lesbians and gay men.

HOLOGRAM

from Joy

Let's join together already having names and directions.

Let's join together focused on the possibility of sharing what we already have,
not in hopes that you can supply what I sorely lack.

Let's join together because there is a wholeness within each of us, to share
with the other.

Not because there is a great void that I expect you to fill.

Come and be with me because you are unafraid to love.

Not because you fear your own company.

Bring with you your own definition of yourself.
Show me your boundaries and your flexibility,
and I will show you mine.

To merely tell one another is not enough, for our memories sometimes become
fuzzy and full of ourselves.

Come with unwavering opinions as well as compromises,
with values that are set, as well as with an open mind.

Do not come expecting our life lines to be one.
Because when support becomes dependency, the abundance of two contributions
dwindles to be a thin unyielding single stream.

Do not come with fears about forever or trying to manipulate tomorrow.

See where it leads, without the heavy burden of having to define "us" as an
all encompassing thing that needs to defy eternity.

Let's join together "already having found it".
So that our joining creates a hologram; each part reflecting the whole.
Rather than creating an interlocking puzzle, each part incomplete and
dependent on the rest.

HEAVEN

from Bill

How odd to think of Heaven
And find it in a crumpled sheet
and hair in the eyes
and the slim curve of a back
and a laugh close to your ear.
All this is physical!
Heaven, we are told, is spiritual!

But
I know spirit only through
the body
and the body's loving touch
is Heaven.

THE ONLY GIFT

from Bill

There is no thing
I may give to you
which can tell
how much I love.
There are no words
to utter
That can weight
how deep my love.
there is only me
In silence reaching out
to touch, to offer and to give.
I am the only gift.
And I am yours.

HUMAN RIGHTS CAMPAIGN FUND ANNOUNCES PLANS FOR NATIONAL FAMILY REGISTRY

from HRCF

In the wake of the failure of San Francisco's domestic partnership law on Election Day, the Human Rights Campaign Fund has decided to develop a nationwide family registry program to build grass roots support for the concept of lesbian and gay families.

"We can no longer wait for lesbian and gay men in long-term loving relationships to be validated and acknowledged by this country's legislative and political bodies," HRCF executive director Tim McFeeley stated in announcing plans for a National Family Registry. "The lesbian and gay community is going to have to lay the groundwork first."

Along with Kathleen Stoll, Director of HRCF's Lesbian Issues and Outreach Project, McFeeley announced the creation of the registry which will be maintained by the Campaign Fund in Washington. "Self identified lesbian and gay families -- defined broadly as our most important close relationships -- can register with the National Family Registry," Stoll stated.

"These family units are not limited to traditional domestic partnerships or two-person couples," she noted. "We want to encompass a broader definition of family. While we recognize that this is an ambitious effort, we are committed to taking the steps needed to end discrimination against the families created by lesbians and gays," Stoll said.

The primary goals of the Registry will be as an educational tool to increase the visibility of lesbian and gay families and to recapture the term "family" from the right wing. Beyond its utility as an educational tool, the National Family Registry will provide an alternative "institution" to conventional marriages, providing recognition and support in the lesbian and gay communities for the relationships that are forged.

Plans for the organization of the Registry are currently underway. Lesbians and gays who would like to participate should contact Kathleen Stoll at HRCF, 1012 14th Street, NW, Suite 607, Washington, DC, 20005.

GAYS AND LESBIANS IN THE ARMED FORCES NEED YOUR HELP NOW!!!

from Gay & Lesbian Military Freedom Project

Following the October 18 release of "Nonconforming Sexual Orientations and Military Suitability," an internal Department of Defense (DOD) report which openly criticizes the DOD policy of excluding and discharging gay men and lesbians from the Armed Forces, the Pentagon is extremely vulnerable to political pressure to rescind its homophobic and dangerous policy.

Your Senators and Representatives need to hear from constituents that the Pentagon must implement all recommendations of the PERSEREC report, authored by Theodore Sarbin and Kenneth Karols. The authors state, "Under prevailing social conditions, a public admission of homosexuality carries less stigma than in earlier times, and is no legal bar to most employment . . . Our studied conclusion is that the military services will soon be asked by

the courts or the Congress to re-examine their policies and practices regarding recruitment and retention of men and women whose sexual interests deviate from the customary."

The PERSEREC report invites Congressional intervention to drag the Pentagon kicking and screaming into the 1990's. Urge your Congressional representatives to work for rescission of the DOD policy of exclusion and discharge. This policy, which declares that "homosexuality is incompatible with military service," was established in 1943 and has accounted for the early discharges -- many of them under less than honorable conditions -- of 100,000 men and women. Additionally, a 1989 Gallup poll indicated that 60% of respondents believed that gay men and lesbians should be allowed to serve in all branches of the Armed Forces.



Esmerelda's Parlour



ANNOUNCING ESMERELDA'S LEXINGTON WOMYN'S ANTHOLOGY

from Angela Martin

Esmerelda will be producing an Anthology in a newsletter format this year, which will debut during PRIDE WEEK in June. The Lexington Anthology will contain creative works by womyn in the local community including poems, prose, short fiction, critical essays, and reproducible pen and inks or photographs.

All womyn are encouraged to consider contributing works to the Lexington Anthology and to submit more than one work when doing so. Those of you who have work selected for the Anthology will not be paid for your contribution, this is the first year for the Anthology and Esmerelda cannot afford to pay the contributors (including those working in editing, layout, and advertising). What we can do is supply you with two copies of the Lexington Anthology, which will be sold to the community at a minimal fee to help cover the printing costs, and we can also give your work exposure in the Lexington area. The artist will retain the rights to her work. As mentioned above, the Anthology will debut during PRIDE WEEK, June, 1990, but it will also continue to be sold at various functions throughout the remainder of the year.

We are accepting submissions of up to 5 poems, 3 prose or short story pieces of up to 2000 words, 2 essays of up to 1000 words. Submissions of up to 3 photos and 2 pen and ink drawings are also welcome. These numbers apply to each person per category, please do not send work for more than two categories. Themes should concern womyn in some way. All entries should be typed and doubled spaced with a SASE enclosed bearing sufficient postage for the return of your work if you want it sent back to you. We will not be accepting any work that has been published previously, including in **GLSO News**.

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The DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS is
APRIL 1st, 1990!!

All submissions should be mailed to:

"Esmerelda's Anthology"
c/o GLSO
P.O. Box 11471
Lexington, KY 40575

WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD
TO SEEING YOUR SUBMISSIONS!!
PLEASE PARTICIPATE!!

LETTER TO ESMERELDA'S PARLOUR

from Laura Drew

I am writing a positive response to the Esmerelda's Parlour columns written by Angela Martin.

Angela continually challenges me to go within and to examine my own beliefs, prejudices, and internalized homophobia.

Angela is provocative and I feel we need more of that in a community that seems so full of complacency.

It takes courage to challenge others and I commend and support Angela.

I give a lot of my energy to crusade for womyns issues. Now, with Angela's help I am questioning why I don't put that same amount of energy into lesbian rights issues. Is it my own internalized homophobia?

Certainly "food for thought."

JEAN O'LEARY, NGRA HEAD, RESIGNS

from **The Advocate**

With angry words for her detractors, Jean O'Leary resigned from her position as executive director of National Gay Rights Advocates (NGRA), a California-based public-interest law firm, on December 4. According to O'Leary, disgruntled former employees "orchestrated" a campaign against her and were aided in their efforts by a gay press that willingly printed "lies and innuendo."

Although O'Leary had received a unanimous vote of confidence from NGRA's board of directors only two weeks before her resignation, she decided to step down in order to end a bitter power struggle.

WHALESONG from Debbie Currie

Memories wash over me
Endlessly

The past is not
to be left
Unlived
though there is no changing
What already is

Or was, that is

Mother of my pain
Is a life filled with
Too much
Not enough

A familiar cry
From deep within
lays
Poised upon my lips
Aching for release

Whalesong

A story that must
be told
by a storyteller
Who cannot stop

A mournful song
of missed opportunities
Melancholy melodies
Hauntingly reassuring
For they are what I know

Awash with memories
Open wounds take them as salt
Into themselves
Wrap themselves about them tightly
The stinging strangely satisfying

A penance

It takes but to live
One moment
To open up the door
For regrets

I must sing my song

I must not forget

Whalesong.

LUMIERE
from Teresa Reynolds

Moon
making love
to Mother Earth,
tides come in
rolling fingers
over smooth whiteness;
still world
and wetness
beauty, and
her ecstasy
heard in nightsong.
The air is filled with sweet musk, and
Earth cries out--
Lumiere--

They lay together intertwined
and night drapes over them.

The sky is dark,
but stars shine fierce
with their dreams.

**PLANNING UNDERWAY FOR NATIONAL
LESBIAN CONFERENCE**

from Second Stone

A national lesbian conference is planned for April 24 to 28, 1991 in Atlanta, Georgia. 160 lesbians gathered recently in Portland, Oregon for the second planning meeting for the conference. The date of the conference set in 1991 is in order to allow for maximum accessibility for all lesbians.

Conference planners have expressed a commitment to make this conference accessible in all ways to lesbians who have previously been under-represented at such events. The steering committee structure approved by the Portland planning group is reflected in the composition of the interim task committee, which includes 50% lesbians of color, 20% lesbians with disabilities, older lesbians, young lesbians, deaf lesbians, and Jewish lesbians.

Each task committee member is expected to work on one of the nine committees that are working to make the conference a reality: Program, Nurture, Mobilization and Networking, Fundraising, Disability and Access, On-Site Planning, Media, Logistics, and Clearinghouse and Educational Action Network.

An interim office where interested lesbians may write for information (please send SASE) is: NLC, P.O. Box 3057, Albany, NY 12203.

GAY AMERICA

NATIONAL

The nation's Roman Catholic bishops backed away from their earlier qualified support of condom education as a way to prevent AIDS. The bishops voted 219-4 at their annual fall meeting in November to accept a statement calling condom education a "quick fix" that promotes a false sense of security.

SAN FRANCISCO, CA

An Evangelical Lutheran Church of America congregation has hired two lesbians as the first gay clerics in their denomination, even though church rules forbid ordination of gays and lesbians. The women have been named assistant pastors at St. Francis Church, located in San Francisco's heavily gay Castro district.

MARYLAND

Jeffrey Donohoe, a gay account executive who won a week-long, company-paid vacation for two in Hawaii, settle a discrimination complaint against his company, which had refused to allow him to take his male lover on the trip. In settling the case, Donohoe's employer agreed to change its policy and to allow the lover to accompany Donohoe on company-paid vacations. The company also paid Donohoe an undisclosed sum of cash. The settlement prohibits principals in the case from revealing the name of the company or the amount of money it paid to Donohoe.

MINNEAPOLIS, MN

The Minneapolis civil rights department ruled that the Roman Catholic archdiocese of Minneapolis and St. Paul discriminated against Dignity when it refused to renew the group's lease for a religious facility on the University of Minnesota campus. The department determined that the decision violated the Minneapolis civil rights code, which prohibits antigay bias. A Dignity spokesperson said the group hopes to recoup its legal fees and negotiate an apology from the archdiocese.

NEW YORK, NY

The state housing commission has issued new rules that allow nontraditional family members, such as long-term gay lovers to take over the leases of apartments covered by state rent regulations. The rules are consistent with a recent state court ruling that the surviving partner of a long-term gay relationship has a right to take over the couple's rent-controlled apartment.

SAN ANTONIO, TX

A jury has ruled that an X-rated movie depicting gay and bisexual sex is not obscene by the city's prevailing standards. The decision came in the trial of a video store employee who was charged with promoting obscene materials by renting the movie *Bi-Heat III* to an undercover police officer during a sting operation. Jurors were shown the video-tape during the trial.

SEATTLE, WA

The number of cases of gonorrhea and rectal gonococcal infection in gay and bisexual men is one the rise in Seattle for the first time since 1982. The increase suggests that gay men in the city may be slipping in their commitment to safe sex. From 1982 to 1987, cases of gonorrhea among gay and bisexual men dropped 96%. Health officials predict that 1989 cases in Seattle will rise from the 27 cases in 1988 to over 100 before the year's end.

MILWAUKEE, WI

An appeals court ruled that Army reserve staff sergeant Miriam Ben-Shalom, a lesbian who is fighting the Army's policy against enlistment of gays, can stay in the service until her planned appeal to the Supreme Court is settled. Ben-Shalom has carried her appeals through the court system for the past seven years.

INTO THE FUTURE

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

- February 9-11, 1990. Bluegrass Classic Bowling Tournament. Louisville, KY.
 February 14-19, 1990. Third Annual Black Gay & Lesbian Leadership Conference. Atlanta, GA.
 February 16-18, 1990. 6th Annual Unitarian Universalists for Lesbian & Gay Concerns Convocation. Dallas, TX.
 March 2-4, 1990. Midwest Regional Meeting of Presbyterians for Lesbians & Gay Concerns. Minneapolis, MN.
 March 8, 1990. Holly Near with John Bucchino, in concert. Berea College
 March 16-19, 1990. Annual Convention of the Association for Gay, Lesbian, and Bisexual Issues in Counseling. Cincinnati, OH.
 March 22-25, 1990. 15th Annual Southeastern Conference for Lesbians & Gay Men, Raleigh, NC.
 April 21-22, 1990. Spring Meeting of Affirmation-United Methodists. Kansas City, MO.
 May 4-7, 1990. 10th Annual Gay & Lesbian Press Association Convention. San Francisco, CA.
 May 20, 1990. Seventh Annual Worldwide AIDS Candlelight Memorial.
 May 24-28, 1990. IGBO X, the International Gay/Lesbian Bowling Tournament. Los Angeles, CA.

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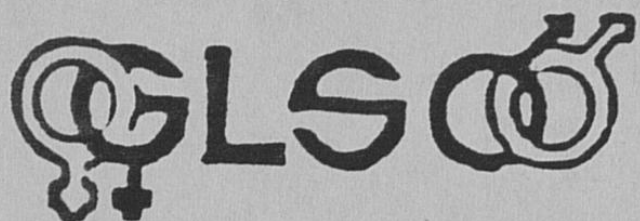
DIRECTORY

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.... or Teresa,	252-3106
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.... call Keith,	263-5940
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AVOL	276-AVOL
(AIDS support and education)	
ACT-Lexington	281-5151
(AIDS education and referral)	
HIV+, ARC, AIDS Support Group	
.... call Edwin,	233-0444
Lexington-Fayette Co. Health Department AIDS Testing	252-2371
(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) 637-4342

JANUARY 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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| TUE | 2 | Gay/Lesbian Al-Anon, 7:30 pm; GLSO Rainbow Bowling League, 9 pm, Joyland Lanes | MON | 15 | Pro-Choice Alliance, 7:30 pm, Alfalfa's Restaurant |
| WED | 3 | Gay/Lesbian AA, 8 pm, St. Joseph Office Park, Rm. 120; Gayline, 231-0335, 8 - 11 pm | TUE | 16 | Gay/Lesbian Al-Anon, 7:30 pm; GLSO Rainbow Bowling League, 9 pm, Joyland Lanes |
| THU | 4 | HIV+, ARC, AIDS Support Group; GLSO Coming Out Support Group; 7:30 pm, Central Library, Conference Room C; Gayline, 231-0335, 8 - 11 pm | WED | 17 | Interweave, 8 pm, Unitarian Universalist Church; Gay/Lesbian AA, 8 pm, St. Joseph Office Park, Rm. 120; Gayline, 231-0335, 8 - 11 pm |
| FRI | 5 | Gay/Lesbian AA, 8 pm, Comp Care Center; Gayline, 231-0335, 8 - 11 pm | THU | 18 | HIV+, ARC, AIDS Support Group; Gayline, 231-0335, 8 - 11 pm |
| SAT | 6 | Gay/Lesbian ACA, 5 pm, St. Joseph Office Park, Room 120 | FRI | 19 | Dignity Potluck/Liturgy, 7 pm; Gay/Lesbian AA, 8 pm, Comp Care Center; Gayline, 231-0335, 8 - 11 pm; GLSO Coffeehouse & Dance, 8:30 pm, Unitarian Universalist Church |
| SUN | 7 | Gay/Lesbian AA, 4 pm, Comp Care Center; Lesbian OA, 5:30 pm, St. Joseph Office Park, Rm. 120; BHRA, 6:30 pm; Gayline, 231-0335, 8 - 11 pm | SAT | 20 | Gay/Lesbian ACA, 5 pm, St. Joseph Office Park, Room 120 |
| MON | 8 | GLSO Forum, 8 pm, Comp Care Center | SUN | 21 | Gay/Lesbian AA, 4 pm, Comp Care Center; Lesbian OA, 5:30 pm, St. Joseph Office Park, Rm. 120; Gayline, 231-0335, 8 - 11 pm |
| TUE | 9 | Gay/Lesbian Al-Anon, 7:30 pm; GLSO Rainbow Bowling League, 9 pm, Joyland Lanes | TUE | 23 | Gay/Lesbian Al-Anon, 7:30 pm; GLSO Rainbow Bowling League, 9 pm, Joyland Lanes |
| WED | 10 | Gay/Lesbian AA, 8 pm, St. Joseph Office Park, Rm. 120; Gayline, 231-0335, 8 - 11 pm; GLSO News Deadline | WED | 24 | Gay/Lesbian AA, 8 pm, St. Joseph Office Park, Rm. 120; Gayline, 231-0335, 8 - 11 pm |
| THU | 11 | HIV+, ARC, AIDS Support Group; Gayline, 231-0335, 8 - 11 pm | THU | 25 | HIV+, ARC, AIDS Support Group; Lesbian Passion Discussion Group, 7:30 pm; Dignity Rap Session, 7:30 pm, Topic: Taking Stock; Gayline, 231-0335, 8 - 11 pm |
| FRI | 12 | Gay/Lesbian AA, 8 pm, Comp Care Center; Gayline, 231-0335, 8 - 11 pm | FRI | 26 | Gay/Lesbian AA, 8 pm, Comp Care Center; Gayline, 231-0335, 8 - 11 pm |
| SAT | 13 | Gay/Lesbian ACA, 5 pm, St. Joseph Office Park, Room 120 | SAT | 27 | Gay/Lesbian ACA, 5 pm, St. Joseph Office Park, Room 120 |
| SUN | 14 | Lesbian Potluck, 2 pm; Gay/Lesbian AA, 4 pm, Comp Care Center; AVOL, 5:30 pm, Comp Care Center; Lesbian OA, 5:30 pm, St. Joseph Office Park, Rm. 120; Gayline, 231-0335, 8 - 11 pm | SUN | 28 | Gay/Lesbian AA, 4 pm, Comp Care Center; Lesbian OA, 5:30 pm, St. Joseph Office Park, Rm. 120; Gayline, 231-0335, 8 - 11 pm |
| | | | TUE | 30 | Gay/Lesbian Al-Anon, 7:30 pm; GLSO Rainbow Bowling League, 9 pm, Joyland Lanes |
| | | | WED | 31 | GLSO Board Meeting, 7:30 pm; Gay/Lesbian AA, 8 pm, St. Joseph Office Park, Rm. 120; Gayline, 231-0335, 8 - 11 pm |



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