

# GLSO NEWS

## APRIL 1995

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### PROPOSED LOUISVILLE GAY RIGHTS ORDINANCE FAILS

On Tuesday, March 28, Louisville's Board of Aldermen voted down a proposed ordinance that would have extended equal rights to homosexuals in the workplace.

With a vote of 7-4, the Aldermen have for a second time defeated a proposal that would give homosexuals the same protection from discrimination that heterosexuals enjoy from birth.

Media attention has been focused on Alderman Paul Blather, who had previously told his colleagues and Fairness (of Louisville) members he would support the proposal, yet voted against it. "I voted my own conscience," he commented afterwards. Evidently, his conscience is not disturbed by lying.

The Board meeting was attended by an estimated 50 supporters of the proposal, who held signs that read "Waiting for Justice." 23 of the supporters were arrested and charged with criminal trespassing when they refused to leave the chambers. The Courier-Journal reported that at one point, a supporter stood up and

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### "DON'T ASK, DON'T TELL, DON'T PURSUE" POLICY DECLARED UNCONSTITUTIONAL

Thursday, March 31, 1995, saw U.S. District Judge Eugene H. Nickerson rule that the U.S. Military's anti-homosexual discrimination policy is not sanctioned by the Constitution.

The ruling was that the policy violated the right of free speech of the six homosexual defendants, all former servicemembers.

The judge's ruling also disagreed with the Pentagon's assertion that allowing homosexuals to openly serve their country will undermine "unit cohesiveness and morale." He wrote that the opposite is true: that the disruption occurs when anyone keeps secrets from their comrades.

He wrote that "Hitler taught the world what could happen when the government began to target people not for what they had done but because of their status." He also spoke out against the idea that sexual orientation determines misconduct.

The ruling applied only to the six who filed the suit jointly, but the ACLU is optimistic that it is a big step in the fight for fairness.▼

Rediscovering  
our  
History

CONTRIBUTED  
BY KAY  
MAXWELL  
Part 1 of 2

It seems to me as if I always played with boys, tried to wear "boy" clothes, played "boy games" as far back as I can remember. I even tried to pee standing up like the boys, and was caught by my mother "packing" a large crayon in my underpants when I was about 3-4 years old.

I never played with dolls or other "girl toys." The only girls I ever wanted to play with were those who were like me, and there were very few of them around in the late 1940s and early 1950s when I was growing up in Lexington, in Chevy Chase and around the Woodland Park area. My earliest memories of verbal admonitions from my mother included:

"You're not my child! You can't be my child!"

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**GAY AVIATOR GETS  
NAVY MEDAL**

WASHINGTON (AP) — Lt. Tracy Thorne says he's surprised and pleased that the Navy gave him an achievement medal even though it has been trying to kick him out since he went on national television in 1992 to say he's gay.

"I'm still befuddled by it all," he said after the ceremony Tuesday at which he was awarded the Navy Achievement Medal. "My commanding officer said, 'What are we doing here? On the one hand, we're kicking you out; on the other, we're giving you a medal.'"

Thorne, 28, said about 25 of his former colleagues attended the ceremony at Naval Air Systems Command in Arlington, Va., his last active-duty posting. Now a reservist living in Richmond, Va., Thorne has been waiting since July for Navy Secretary John Dalton to rule on the discharge recommendation.

Thorne said he did not know exactly how far up the chain of command the medal recommendation went. But he noted that the citation was signed "For the Secretary" by Vice Adm. W.C. Bowes, commander of the Naval Air Systems Command. Lt. Cmdr. Kenneth Ross, a Navy spokesman, said Thorne's award "reflects what he did at that command and what his commander thought of his work."

The citation recognizes Thorne's "professional achievement in the superior performance of his duties" between January and October 1994, while he was director of the Help Desk at Naval Air Systems Command information and technology division.▼

**SOME FACTS ABOUT  
LESBIGAY PARTNERSHIPS**

>From "CONTRACT to LOVE" by  
Elizabeth M. MacDonald  
(OUT Magazine, May 1993, pp 83-87)

Millions of gay relationships do not implode at the drop of a business card. On the contrary, the subtext to this litigious trend is the fact that gay couples have already staked a moral claim to marital rights. "Gay couples have always and will continue to ratify their long-lasting relationships," says Dr. Joyce Brothers. "There will always be people who speculate that gay relationships are inherently short-lived, but countless studies prove they're wrong."

**Here are the facts:**

- A poll of 7,800 gay and lesbian couples conducted by Overlooked Opinions in Chicago revealed that 56% were in monogamous relationships. But more than fidelity, the trend toward longevity is impressive. According to doctors David McWhirter and Andrew Mattison, co-authors of "The Male Couple: How Relationships Develop," the average length of 156 gay male relationships they studied was 8.9 years. The National Center for Health Statistics in Baltimore reports heterosexual marriages typically break up after 7.1 years. Other studies show thousands of lesbian couples together for 20 years or more. ... As a matter of fact, Gertrude Stein and Alice B. Toklas are buried together.

- Three years after Denmark passed its law legalizing gay marriages, only 17 out of 1,301 couples divorced, according to the Washington Blade. So far, the 1.31% gay divorce rate turns out to be lower than Denmark's 2.95% rate for heterosexual unions and the United States' 3.86% rate for marriages in their first

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# COMMUNITY NEWS

## GLSO ANNUAL BOARD NOMINATIONS

We are looking for community members who might be interested in serving on the GLSO Board. Our nominating committee members are Chris (276-2877) and Tammy (275-3037). We will be needing a new secretary, someone interested in developing social events, and a facilitator for coming out groups. Our monthly meetings are open and we welcome you to attend to learn more about how we function. Our April meeting is on Monday, the 6th, at 7:30. Call Mary (266-5904) for more information. If you are thinking of becoming more involved in the gay and lesbian community, here is a great opportunity.▼

## NEWCOMERS GROUP FORMING

It is often difficult upon moving to a new city to find an entrance into the lesbigay community. Joe (278-5032) has volunteered to start a newcomers group to give people new to Lexington a place to start. Even if you've been in Lexington for a while, this group may be of help to you.▼

## PRIDE MONTH COMMITTEE

If your organization is interested in being a part of the Pride Month activities, or if you want to advertise a particular event, you should contact Mary at (266-5904). Our April meetings are scheduled for Monday, April 10, and Monday, April 24 - both at 7:30 at Mary's house. For inclusion in advertising,

you need to have information in to Karl (271-2673) by April 10.

We are looking for volunteers to help with the picnic on June 4 at Bell Court. This kickoff event will offer food, a mini-people's rodeo, and space for vendors. Call Mary to volunteer to help out.

More than 400 of us showed up last year, and we are hoping to see even more turn out in '95!▼

## WOMYNWEAVE PICNIC

On Saturday, April 23, Womyn weave will be having a picnic. For a chance to socialize with a ton of great womyn, call Ramona (266-4672).▼

## GOOD NEWS FROM P-FLAG!

P-FLAG has had some more good news this month. Out regional directors, Tom and Debra Myers from Charleston, S.C., have been making the rounds of every P-FLAG chapter in their four-state area. It was the pleasure of the officers of P-FLAG to have lunch with them, hear what other chapters are doing and share our progress here in Lexington.

Besides this, Jean MB Genasci, the head of all the regional directors and a P-FLAG Board Member phoned to tell of some excellent new resources on making schools, colleges, and universities safe for gay and lesbian youth.

Jean, from Massachusetts, is fortunate to live in one of two states where the state legislature passed a gay student right bill forbidding

discrimination based on sexual orientation. Do you think we could get Kentucky to establish a Governor's Commission on Gay and Lesbian Youth like they have in Massachusetts? Jean is also answering two letters written to the editor in the Herald Leader in January and February: "Nothing Normal about Gays" and "Gays Too Influential". Ruth Fiscella answered the letter of March 6 which was entitled "Homosexuals are Sinners".

Another happening has been some good contacts in the community about P-FLAG. Ruth spoke to a group of Presbyterian clergy on March 1 about P-FLAG's work, education and advocacy against discrimination and in April a member of P-FLAG has been invited to speak at a senior citizens' group.

Do you have an organization that would like to hear from us? We're ready! Don't forget our meetings on the 3rd Thursday at 7:30 at Chapel Hill.▼

## LESBIGAY TRAVEL OPPORTUNITIES

The folks at our friendly neighborhood travel agency, Pegasus Travel Inc. Want you all to know that two leading travel companies, RSVP VACATIONS and OLIVA CRUISES & RESORTS are offering lots of exciting programs for lesbigay travelers in '95 and '96.

Club RSVP has set two dates for an all-inclusive land resort vacation in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico on April 23-30 and November 11-18. Cruise

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## UPDATE: MEL WHITE- PAT ROBERTSON MEETING

At 8 pm, March 8, 1995, Pat Robertson and spokesperson Gene Kapp went to Virginia Beach City Jail to meet with Dr. Mel White on the 23rd day of his fast. White had insisted on discussing with Robertson the rise of hate crimes against God's gay and lesbian children. In the short meeting arranged by Sheriff Frank Drew, White asked Robertson to do two things: first, publicly acknowledge the rise in hate crimes against gay and lesbian Americans; and second, to publicly condemn anyone who commits or incites these crimes. White's other request of Robertson was to meet with a delegation from PFLAG to hear their stories. Robertson assured White that he would respond to these requests within the next few days. Immediately upon Robertson's departure, Sheriff Drew informed White that all charges against him as been dropped. Following is a transcript of Pat Robertson & Mel White meeting at the Virginia Beach City Jail on March 8, 1995.

**(Editor's note: A letter White hands Robertson and Kapp outlines two requests: that Robertson publicly acknowledge and repudiate hate crimes against homosexuals, and that he meet with a group of parents of homosexuals from P-FLAG).**

**Mel:** Would you, one of you like to lead us in a prayer? Or would you like me to?

**Pat:** No, I will. Father, take control of this meeting and let Your blessing

be upon it. In Jesus ' name. Amen.

**Mel:** Amen. This is the total content of my meeting. Since you're together ... *(Mel hands us letter)* Can you read my printing, or should I read it?

**Pat:** Well, I can read it.

**Mel:** You can look over his shoulder, Gene.

**Gene:** Sure. *(There is a pause, as Pat and Gene silently read Mel's letter.)*

**Pat:** *(After we finish reading the letter)* All right. ... Do you want to keep this?

**Gene:** Yes, sure.

**Mel:** That's my only thing for you to consider, and after that I'm out of here. Thank God.

**Pat:** OK. Well, that's good. Mel, I want you to know I received word from your dear parents, your mother and father, and they're good supporters. They love you very much, and they're very concerned about you.

**Mel:** I know.

**Pat:** They don't agree, as you know, with your lifestyle, and I don't either. But that doesn't mean that we don't love you.

**Mel:** Thank you.

**Pat:** And I have never preached any hate against homosexuals or lesbians. And I would never condone violence or encourage violence. *(note: "Pat" has equated homosexuals and lesbians with satanists and nazis on his program, he has also stated that acceptance of homosexuality is one of the signs of the decline of our culture).*

**Mel:** Absolutely not.

**Pat:** I really wouldn't. And, I would of course again encourage people not to be violent against people like this.

For you, my good friend, I would pray that you would reconsider. I know you've gone through an awful lot, but I, you know I don't approve of it.

**Mel:** And that's perfectly legitimate for you to do that. It's the other stuff. It's the threat to the American nation ... that because we're tolerated ... God brings earthquakes and fires. ... That's the excess stuff that I'm worried about. But again, that's all my only agenda. I'd love to talk to you at length about it ... but probably ... Would I get an answer on those two requests?

**Pat:** I'll check about the other. I'm going out of the country, and I just don't know whether I ... this has been rather trying ... this whole experience, and I don't want to prolong it.

**Mel:** I'm sorry. No, I'm out of here no matter what. Just to see your smiling face, and I'm out of here. *(laughs)*

**Pat:** We're dropping the trespass charges, and I think you won't have to put up bail, or anything.

**Mel:** Oh, really?

**Pat:** Yes.

**Mel:** You guys have been gracious.

**Pat:** Well, I got a letter for you. You can read at your leisure about my position on this, and why I'm here and your dear parents.

**Mel:** By your coming to visit me in jail, I think you win.

**Pat:** Well, I don't know ... well, nobody wins.

**Mel:** Well, nobody ... well I don't think ... I think that you've shown your graciousness and I love you for it and I thank you for it.

**Pat:** Well, I receive that.

**Mel:** Thanks, Gene. You've been

from the front page

"Why don't you be a little lady!"

"All you ever want to wear are those dirty old bluejeans!"

"Why don't you just be like the other little girls!"

In elementary and junior high school, I played baseball, shot marbles, played basketball, tried to play football but didn't like it when the boys tried to get me to play offensive center so they could touch my crotch hard while waiting for me to center the ball! I started my periods when I was ten, and my mother tried to force me into wearing a bra in the fifth grade, finally succeeded in the sixth grade. I will always remember that afternoon when I was playing football with the neighborhood boys in front of my house. It was hot and we all took off our shirts. Suddenly one of the boys started pointing at my chest and yelling at the other boys to look at my "tits." I was mortified, ashamed, and ran into the house to die! I learned that day to hate my body, especially those breasts that suddenly made me so very different from the boys. Suddenly I didn't fit in with my friends anymore, suddenly I became a girl!

In junior high, I was forced into the "girl mode" because older boys found me physically attractive, and they wanted to date me rather than to play sports with me. When I was twelve, I could pass for eighteen. In sixth and seventh grades, I took ballroom dancing and became quite good at dancing the jitterbug, which was very popular at that time in my school. I even taught several boys to dance during this time. One

of the bad things that kept happening to me was that boys began making sexual advances toward me, and I was both hurt and confused that I wasn't being allowed to just be friends with boys: They all seemed to have another agenda, and one that I did not like! I had one male friend during this period who still let me be "one of the boys" and he tried to protect me when other boys made those unwanted sexual advances toward me.

I graduated from high school at sixteen. I was offered a Ford Foundation scholarship in Mechanical Engineering from UK but my mother refused to sign the paperwork so I could accept this scholarship because "well-bred young ladies do not go into that field!" So I became a Physical Education major and drank my way through the fall semester, 1961, dropped out with a 0.6 GPA at the end of the semester. The 22-year old alcoholic who had been pursuing me for two years asked me to marry him, told me he loved me, and I accepted since he was the first person who had ever said this to me. Like most of my peer group, I married to get out of my parents' home.

I first read about "lesbians" when I checked out Masters and Johnson's Human Sexual Response and Human Sexual Dysfunction from the UK Med Center library when I was 22 years old. By this time I was pregnant with my first child and my husband and I were buying our first house. In reading these books, I first learned about lesbians, was both curious about

and afraid of them.

In breastfeeding both of my sons, I finally learned to stop hating my breasts; in doing Lamaze childbirth with my second delivery, I learned to stop hating the rest of my sexual organs and could enjoy being a woman. I was, however, continuously sexually and emotionally abused by my alcoholic husband, and had never experienced orgasm except through masturbation. Each time he made sexual advances toward me and I rebuffed them, he would call me a lesbian. This worked well for him as I would then submit to his advances and stop pushing him away. I don't believe I let him kiss me after I was about 25 because, for him, every kiss led to an erection, and every erection led to intercourse.

I believe we stayed together those 22 years because I contracted with him, coached with him, and he didn't try to force me into "woman things" and dresses, accepted that "male" part of me. Also, I was a wonderful enabler for him. We both continued to get sicker, both together and individually. I was introduced to tranquilizers at age 19 when I was first treated for an ulcer due to the stress of my lifestyle. I spent the next 20 years self-medicating with drugs, then later alcohol, until I put him out and joined 12-step programs in early 1984. By then I had tried suicide and was emotionally and spiritually bankrupt, as well as physically exhausted from living with him and from the cancer surgery I had in 1983. (End of Part 1)

**See GLSO May for Part 2!**

*To contribute to the series, call  
Tammy at 275-3037*



April 1995

GLSO: 21 Years of Serving Kentuckians



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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from the front page

shouted, "The stench of hate in this room is foul" and sprayed air freshener.

Opponents, led by notorious homophobe Frank Simon, cheered when the results were announced and left the chamber. Shortly thereafter, Simon told the press that his group would work to register people to vote and work to vote out of office those who favored gay rights.

The Courier-Journal also reported that Fairness Campaign coordinator Carla Wallace, though visibly upset, delivered a speech to the Board, saying, "If those of you who voted for discrimination are laboring under the assumption that this issue will go away, you are sadly mistaken."

Homosexuals are not currently protected under the United States Constitution. Under the existing circumstances, unless a city, county or state has passed its own ordinance against discrimination, a person can be prohibited from enjoying the same rights as heterosexuals. That is, it is illegal to refuse to seat people in a restaurant because of their gender, race, religion, color, etc., but it is quite legal to refuse if they are homosexuals.

The Lexington Herald-Leader has yet to report on this issue.▼

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three years, according to the Baltimore center.

- Approximately 1,590 couples in San Francisco have legally established domestic partnerships since Valentine's Day 1991, according to Alma Rivera, spokeswoman for the National Center for Lesbian Rights, and these "often lead to gay contracts." However, 100 to 200 gay partnership suits are now lumbering through the city's civil courts, according to the Partners Task Force for Gay and Lesbian Couples in Seattle. These cases "are not on the rise, certainly not in any dramatic sense," says Donna Hitchens, an openly lesbian superior court judge in San Francisco who adjudicated these lawsuits for a year.▼

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options include a trip to the Spanish Riviera on September 3-10 and the Italian Riviera on September 1-17. RSVP's casual, intimate and affordable 100-passenger Seaspirit offers varied itineraries in the Pacific Northwest, British Columbia and Alaska between June 10 and September 16 this summer. 1996 RSVP options include numerous Caribbean itineraries in February and March. Tours of French Canada will be offered in July and the Eastern Mediterranean and Greece in August.

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Both Olivia and RSVP have earned RAVE reviews for their quality lesbigay travel vacations. To examine a brochure or for additional details, please contact Jan at Pegasus Travel, (606) 268-4337 in Lexington or (800) 228-4337 outside Lexington or stop by Pegasus' office at 2040 Idle Hour Center on Richmond Road. And remember, if you mention the GLSO at the time you make your travel arrangements (for Olivia, RSVP or other), Pegasus will donate 10% of their earnings to GLSO.▼

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under a lot of pressure too ... and you've handled this with elegance. And you look good on all those pictures they keep sending (laughs).

**Gene:** I appreciate it. And again, we're here in good faith and in good spirit.

**Mel:** Hey, I'm gonna say exactly what I gave you ... that's not to pressure. I'm gonna say you came graciously to me at a very busy time of your life, and I'm grateful.

**Gene:** Very good, Mel.

**Mel:** That's all I wanted.

**Pat:** Thank you.▼

### COMMENTS FROM MEL WHITE'S MOTHER

Despite the fact that Pat Robertson stated that it was Mel White Parents' letters that persuaded him to meet with White, Minister of Justice for the UFMCC, March 8, Faythe White, Mel White's mother has been quoted as calling Robertson cruel and nasty. Robertson insisted that, like himself, White's parents do not agree with or approve of Mel's lifestyle. "That's not quite accurate," said Mrs. White, "He's kind of putting words in our mouths. It's not our place, or Pat's, to judge Mel. I wish to God he wasn't gay, but I cannot say that I disapprove."

Mrs. White said that it was cruel of Robertson to have her son arrested and then refuse to meet with him for even a few minutes. "I think it was just plain nasty what Pat did, throwing him into jail. All he had to do was spend a few minutes with him," she said. "I wonder if he would have just let Mel rot in jail if we hadn't written him," she mused.

White's parents said they are evangelical christians who regularly watch Robertson's 700 club and have given over \$1,000 a year since the early '70's. They have even designated

\$100,000 in their will for Robertson's evangelist empire. Robertson's camp claims that this disclosure is not what influenced Robertson's decision to go to the jail and meet with Mel after repeating stating that there would be no meeting.

White's mother said she and her husband have left their son in God's hands because homosexuality, "isn't something that you choose." Mel's father, Carl, said, "If we afforded him [Robertson] a way to save face, I'm fine with it. I don't have any bad feelings." But he said that he disagreed with Robertson's statement that he and his wife were grieving over his son's lifestyle. What he had actually said to Robertson was, "We are proud of our son, Mel... He believes your propaganda has resulted in the murder of many gay people... It is difficult for me to understand your attitude. It seems that you are either afraid of him, although he has no malice toward you, or your pride and arrogance refuses to let you be Christian... I suggest you go to the jail, give him five minutes... Pray with and for him, thereby clearing your conscience and relieving the whole situation. I do not condone his lifestyle. I do not understand it, but he is my son. It could have been yours. My family is dishonored by your actions."

Robertson did not commit to White's request for him to publicly

acknowledge or denounce hate crimes against homosexuals or to a meeting with a delegation from PFLAG. He simply said he would consider it, but would be out of the country for a few weeks. Bearing Witness will continue to monitor the CBN broadcasts and publications in an effort to further Mel's mission to help stop harmful rhetoric which they believe incites violence and suffering to God's gay and lesbian children. To set up interviews with Mel or for more information about Bearing Witness call (804) 543-2460.▼

#### AND I QUOTE...

"Pat Robertson is an extraordinary institution builder and visionary. I believe when the history of the 20th century is written, there are two preachers who, in fact, shaped much of the domestic/political debate of post-World War II America. One was black. One was white. One was Martin Luther King, Jr., and the other Pat Robertson. They had an enormous, profound effect."

---Newt Gingrich

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### SO WE'VE HEARD...

Today I phoned Speaker Gingrich's office to express my support for the Gingrich-Elders plan. This is the proposal for public schools to set aside a few minutes each day for silent masturbation.

—Richard Stallman

"Heterosexuality is not normal, it's just common."

—An ad in the Austrian gay magazine Lambda Nachrichten from AIDS Help Vienna.

"The simple truth is, (U.S. Rep.) Richard Arney (who made the 'Barney Fag' remark) has a thing about homosexuals. He believes they are depraved human beings who engage in immoral behavior, which should be stopped or discouraged. Why will he not admit this? He thinks homosexuals should be hunted down and discharged from the military, subjected to mandatory testing if they contract a virus and actively discriminated against in the workplace and many voluntary organizations. Why

on earth wouldn't such a person use the term 'fag'? It would at least render his rhetoric consistent with his beliefs."

—Andrew Sullivan, editor of The New Republic.

"I long with all my heart to be a part of a community that fully enjoys difference, that bonds not on the basis of sameness, but rather out of true affection for what is sparkling unique about every person.

—a reflection for our community, contributed by M.C.

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*Sunday*  
*April 23, 1995*  
*5K Pledge Walk*

*University of Kentucky*  
*Commonwealth Stadium*  
*Lexington, Kentucky*

*Registration at Noon*  
*Team Photos at 1:30 pm*  
*Walk Begins at 2:30 pm*  
*Raffle Follows the Walk*



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