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*NEWSLETTER*



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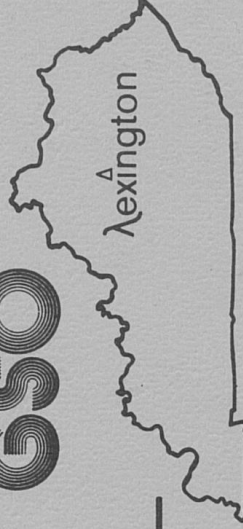
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*Lexington Gay Services Organization, P.O. Box 11471, Lexington, Ky. 40575*

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you love.*

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**LEXINGTON GAY AND LESBIAN PRIDE WEEK '85!**  
**JUNE 9-15**

We are proud to announce the uniting of the Lexington Lesbian and Gay Community for this years gay and lesbian pride celebration. This will be the first time Lexington has had a Pride celebration on this large of a scale. The week of June 9-15 was chosen for the activities. Participating groups include: Amber Moon Productions, Dignity/Lexington, Gay and Lesbian Democrats of Kentucky, Gay and Lesbian Union of Students, Lexington Gay Services Organization and Imperial Court of the Bluegrass Empire. A brief schedule of activities for the week is as follows:

- Sunday 9th: Show of Pride
- Monday 10th: Cultural Fair
- Tuesday 11th: Political Forum
- Wednesday 12th: Video Night
- Thursday 13th: Religion and Spirituality
- Friday 14th: Bar Night
- Saturday 15th: Gay and Lesbian Pride Picnic

Please see page 6 for complete details on all the events for this week.

**COME CRUISE WITH US**

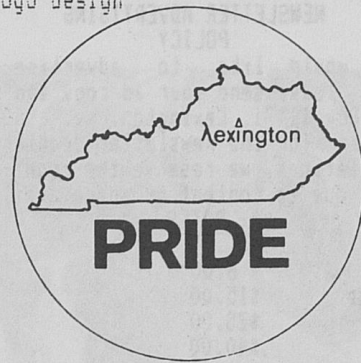
GSD will sponsor an Ohio River Dinner Cruise on Friday, July 19th. The boat will leave Covington, Kentucky at about 7:30pm (exact time will be confirmed) for a 2 to 2 1/2 hour cruise featuring Dixieland Music and a Prime Rib buffet dinner. Why not join us for a leisurely cruise to enjoy the night skyline of Cincinnati, good food, good music and very congenial company. And perhaps afterwards a visit to Cincinnati's elegant Palm Court at the Netherland Plaza Hotel followed by dancing at one of the many nearby discos. Due to the popularity of this cruise we have been informed that all reservations must be made by June 6th to assure that there will be room aboard the boat for our party. The cost will be \$30.00 (cash bar) per person and payment must be received by GSD before June 15th. Call Barry at 268-3935 to make reservations as soon as possible, but in all cases no later than June 6th. If Barry is not in when you call, leave a message including your phone number on the recorder and he will contact you to confirm your reservation. If you miss this one you're sure to be sorry, see you on the river!

**BEACH PARTY POTLUCK**

Put on your Ray Bans and throw your surf board and beach ball into the back seat! This months potluck, on Sunday, June 2nd, 1:30pm, at Jim and John's will have a beach party theme. There will be volleyball, badminton, swimming and beach party music. So dig up your flip flops, whip up your favorite dish and come up to the beach for a day of fun, sun and surf! Beverages will be provided.

Also, immediately following the potluck will be an organizational meeting for Gay and Lesbian Pride Week (June 9-15).

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**DIPPER DAN SCOOPS WIN OF RAINBOW LEAGUE**

After a long and fun-filled season of strikes, spares (and yes, a few gutter balls), Paul, Tim and Jim of the Dipper Dan team emerged on top as the victors of the GSD Rainbow Bowling League. The winner was determined at a special tie-breaking session between Dipper Dan and Fire and Ice, (Chuck, April and David).

Final standings for the 84-85 season were:

PLACE	TEAM NAME	WON	LOST	PINFALL	%
1	Dipper Dan	43.0	33.0	32,330	56
2	Butch	42.0	34.0	32,080	55
3	Chevy Three	41.5	34.5	32,467	54
4	Bananas	39.5	36.5	32,517	51
5	Spare Parts	39.0	37.0	32,152	51
6	M O's Glory	39.0	39.0	31,393	51
7	Fire and Ice	38.0	38.0	32,387	50
8	Wizard of Oz	38.0	38.0	32,292	50
9	Perkin Sea Paint	32.5	43.5	32,209	42
10	Three D's	27.5	48.5	31,406	36

Special thanks go to Bill for taking on the enormous job of organizing the league and Dale who did a fantastic job of organizing the banquet.

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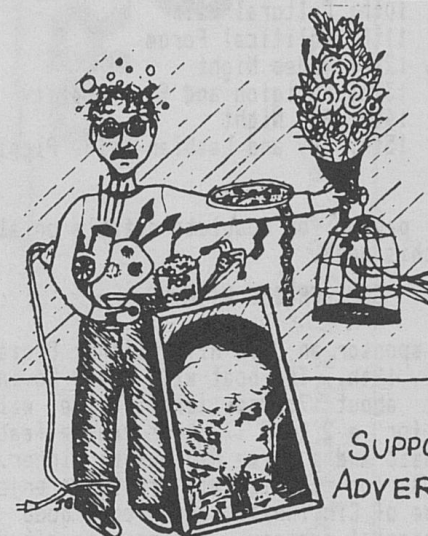
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I can't wait to shake all over them and the kitchen.  
Then I'll roll on the sofa to dry.

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### PRIDE SHOW

On Sunday, June 9th, The Imperial Court of the Bluegrass Empire (I.C.B.E.), Inc. is proud to kick-off this year's Gay/Lesbian Pride Week with a Show of Pride at the Circus Disco. This show helps get a week of activities and special events under way.

The I.C.B.E., Inc., is a charitable, gay organization that is set up to raise money for persons, groups and organizations in need. By holding fund raisers throughout the year, the Court has raised monies for G.S.O., Cisco Kids, AIDS, Toys for Tots, The Luekemia Society and others. In the future, the list will grow even larger with community support.

The Court, along with G.S.O., GALUS, Amber Moon, Dignity/Lexington and G.L.D., hopes that you will show your pride by attending all of the events throughout the week of June 9th through the 15th.

Proceeds from the Pride Show will go to a fund that is being set up between gay organizations for next year's Gay/Lesbian Pride Celebration.

### CULTURAL FAIR

On Monday, June 10th a Cultural Fair will be held at Arts Place from 7-9pm. The fair will include a slide presentation, Singers, Poetry readings, visual artwork and musicians.

### POLITICAL FORUM

A political theme is set for Tuesday, June 11th from 8-10pm at Arts Place. The speakers for political night of Gay/Lesbian Pride Week, sponsored by Gay and Lesbian Democrats of Kentucky (GLD), and UK's Gay and Lesbian Union of Students (GALUS), will be Mr. Rick Stafford of Minneapolis, Minnesota and Mr. Deney Priddy of Louisville.

Mr. Stafford is a member of the Democratic National Committee and has been a delegate to both the 1980 and 1984 Democratic National Convention. He has served on the 1984 Democratic Platform Committee, the Minnesota Democratic Party Executive Committee since 1978 and the Minnesota Democratic Party Central Committee since 1972. He is an ex-officio member of the National Association of Gay and Lesbian Democratic Clubs and is the Chair of the Minnesota Democratic Farmer Labor Party Gay and Lesbian Caucus since 1982. Currently he is employed by the State of Minnesota.

Mr. Priddy is a graduate of Eastern Kentucky University's Law Enforcement School. He has served as the President of Gays and Lesbians United in Equality of Louisville and has been active in the lobbying effort in Frankfort and Louisville. He worked closely with the Mondale-Ferraro campaign in 1984. He is currently seeking election as Alderman in Louisville's 8th Ward.

### VIDEO NIGHT

On Wednesday, June 12th, GSO is sponsoring Video Night. The event takes place at Arts Place starting at 6:30pm with the video "Lianna," a sensitive and sophisticated story of a married woman coming out, going through separation, divorce

and finally building loving relationships with other women. An excellent film that leaves you wanting more. A short break with refreshments will be followed by the video, "The Male Couple" at 8:15pm. "The Male Couple" is a loving and learning video for developing lasting and nourishing gay relationships. Based on the book by David McWhirter, MD and Andrew Mattison, Ph.D. A must see for gay couples or others looking for a long term, loving relationship.

The videos will be followed by refreshments.

### RELIGION AND SPIRITUALITY

Dignity/Lexington will sponsor a program on the role of religion and spirituality in the Gay/Lesbian life on Thursday, June 13th, 7:30pm at Arts Place.

The main speaker for the presentation will be LaPaula Turner, a black lesbian who is the pastor of the Metropolitan Community Church in Columbus, Ohio. Ms. Turner's topic will be "Free to Be."

Also speaking this evening will be Laura Haller from Louisville on the topic of women and spirituality.

A reception will follow the speakers.

### GAY AND LESBIAN PRIDE PICNIC

This will be Lexington's largest gay event in history. The gates will open at 12:00 noon on Saturday, June 15th at Jeter's Fun on the Farm. Jeter's is approximately 6 miles out Tates Creek Road, past New Circle Road, on the left. There is plenty of parking. This is a private party and is only being advertized within the Gay and Lesbian Community.

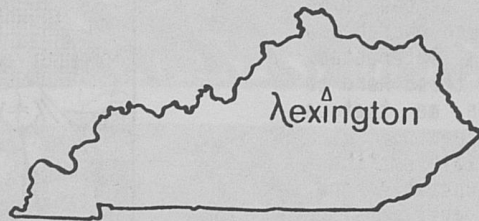
There will be free beer, lemonade, and hot dogs. Activities include, softball, volleyball, balloon toss, three legged race, high heel race, and more. At 8:00pm the DJ will start playing music for dancing. There is also a juke box, pool table, and video games for your entertainment pleasure. This event will be held rain or shine, since there are plenty of indoor activities.

There will be an information fair where each of the organizations in town will be able to answer questions and provide information about themselves. There will also be other organizations, groups and businesses that will have information booths.

Come out and be a part of Lexington's first major Gay and Lesbian Pride Celebration. \$2.00 donation, BYOB, set ups available. Bring a picnic lunch, blanket, lounge chair or whatever your heart desires. If you are sports minded or just want to lounge around in the sun and enjoy good company, be sure to come and spend the day with your fellow Gay and Lesbian community.

# PRIDE





## PRIDE

# 1st Annual Lesbian & Gay Pride Celebration

JUNE 9 - 15

A Week of Activities Marking the Beginning of Gay Rights Movement

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|----------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| SUN., JUNE 9   | SHOW OF PRIDE Circus, 9pm - 2am \$3 don.                                                                                                                           |
| MON., JUNE 10  | CULTURAL FAIR ArtsPlace, 161 N. Mill, 7-9pm                                                                                                                        |
| TUE., JUNE 11  | POLITICAL FORUM ArtsPlace, 8-10pm                                                                                                                                  |
| WED., JUNE 12  | VIDEO NIGHT ArtsPlace, 6:30 - 10pm                                                                                                                                 |
| THUR., JUNE 13 | RELIGION & SPIRITUALITY ArtsPlace, 7:30-9:30                                                                                                                       |
| FRI., JUNE 14  | BAR NIGHT SPECIALS                                                                                                                                                 |
| SAT., JUNE 15  | PICNIC & DANCE Jeter's Farm, noon-11pm, \$2 don.<br>B.Y.O.B. Free beer, soft drinks, & hotdogs 'til 8pm<br>RAIN OR SHINE!! <u>MANY</u> indoor & outdoor activities |

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## ASK AUNT MARY

Dear Aunt Mary: I am 21 and gay. I live in a very isolated place as far as the gay community is concerned. I have little chance to find a relationship here. I have been in love twice in about the past year and a half. The second time the guy was eighteen who I met through church and through a job I had. He didn't seem interested, not even in being a friend. I have tried hard to find someone but the thought dawned on me that a person can't look for love it must happen.

A lot of areas in my life, financial, emotional and my family relationship is pretty unstable now. I know in a good relationship someone must consider the other person's needs also. So in light of all my insecurities I'm scared of getting involved for the first time. I am trying the classified ads to find a mate. I don't really know where to begin. Any advice would be appreciated.

Confused

Dear Confused: I checked your postmark and then my map, and I hate to be the one to break this to you, but you are isolated from civilization as most of us know it, not just from the gay community. I'm afraid you will not find much acceptance of your lifestyle in an area of strong fundamentalist beliefs and bible belt values. This lack of acceptance tends to drive other gays into hiding, making your search for a mate even more difficult. I'm not sure how far you need to go reach a bus line, but my suggestion for you is Next Bus Out service by Greyhound.

Nothing is worse than feeling alone, and until you can reach an area where a real 'gay community' exists, you will continue to feel isolated. Don't! Find a way to move to a city where you can become a part of their gay community and don't look back. It may not be easy, but thousands of other gay men have found themselves in a similar situation and worked until they could change it. I hope you will do the same. Good Luck!!

Aunt Mary

If you would like to write to AUNT MARY, send your letter to: Aunt Mary, ZB90, Post Office Box 11471, Lexington, Kentucky 40575.

## BACK TO THE WALL

The mother of a 14 year old Lexington boy used by police last summer in a police investigation of male prostitution has filed a 12.5 million dollar law suit against the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government, Mayor Scotty Baesler, Police Chief John P. McFadden, former Commonwealth's Attorney Larry Roberts and 16 others. The boy's mother claims the police did not receive parental consent to use her son and that his constitutional rights were violated.

## From the President...



I... I CAN'T GO ON! I CAN'T GO ON BEING POLITICALLY CORRECT, SOCIALLY CONSCIOUS, CULTURALLY AWARE, FASHIONABLE AND BUTCH!... IT'S TOO MUCH!

## NEWS FROM UUC

From newsletter #1 of INTERWEAVE/OVUUD---the Ohio Valley Unitarian Universalist organization for lesbian/gay concerns: Participation in Interweave is open to all people, gay men and lesbians and others who are supportive of lesbian/gay concerns. Our goals are to work for increased understanding of lesbian/gay issues among members of the UU community; to facilitate at least one yearly get-together for District lesbians and gays; to act as a focal point through which District program/worship committees and ministers can channel requests for information and speakers, etc; to submit articles to the District newsletter and to local society newsletters in the interests of UU lesbians and gays. Our gatherings are open to all, except those special gatherings called to facilitate meetings of gays and lesbians only (for mutual support and action when confidentiality and anonymity are required).

(The OVUUD board liaison for INTERWEAVE is: Rev. Charles G. Kast, 3564 Clays Mill Rd., Lexington, Ky 40503; 606-223-1448) To be on our mailing list, contact Charles.

## GAY MEN TO FIGHT FOR FOSTER SONS

Two brothers, aged 2 and 3 1/2, were taken from their foster parents after only two weeks because of an uproar by community residents. The gay couple, Donald Babetts, 36, and David Jean, 31, of Boston, plan to challenge the removal by the state of Massachusetts, according to their attorney.



JUNE

# BREZING'S

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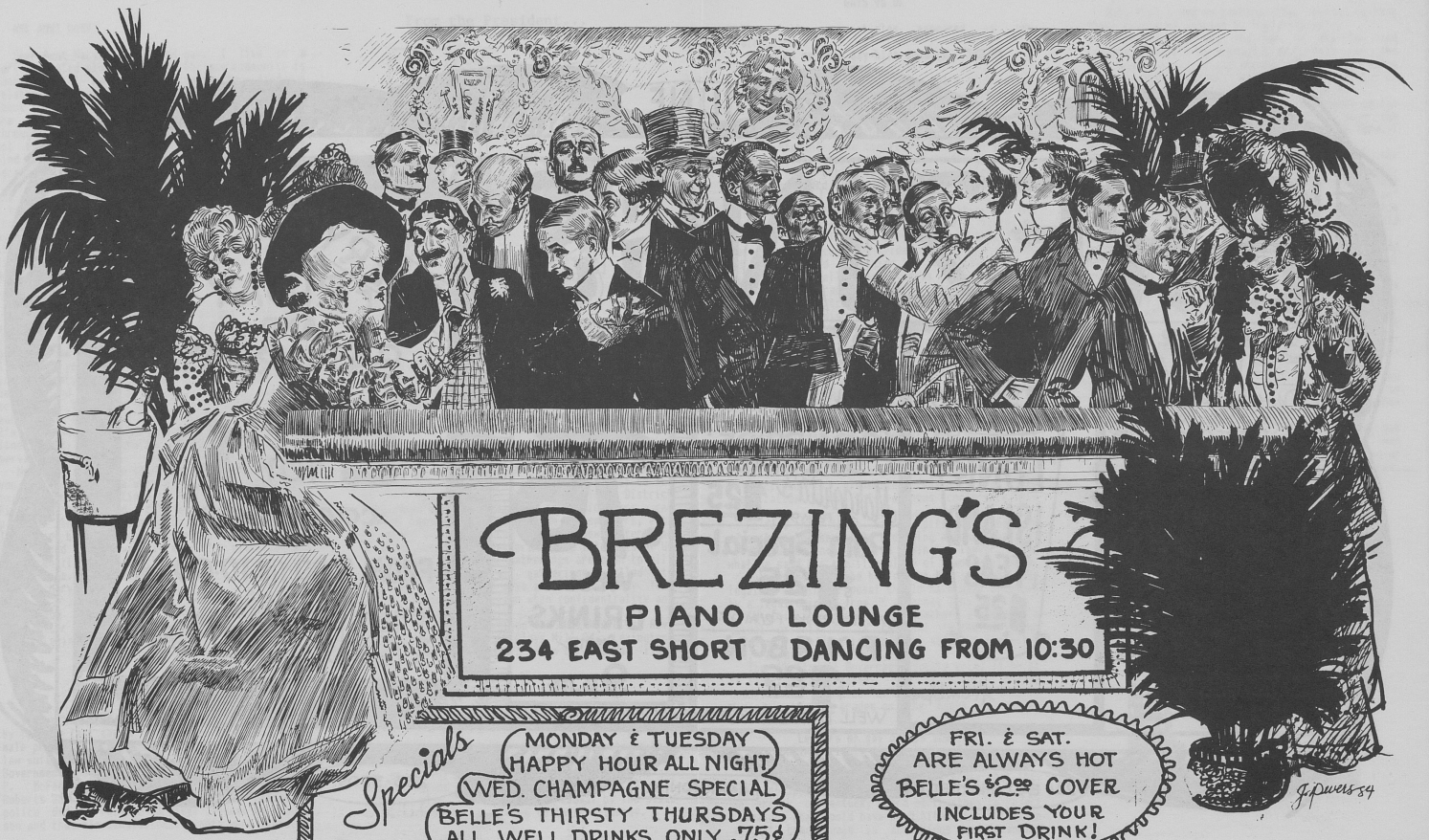


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## GAYS vs UK

The following articles appeared in the Herald-Leader:

### **UK board rejects gay-bias measure 5/8/85**

By Ray Cohn and Cheryl Truman

The University of Kentucky board of trustees yesterday rejected a measure that would have prohibited discrimination against gay men and women in admissions and financial aid.

The action upheld the recommendation of the board's student code committee and came after two students with opposing views addressed the trustees. The action was taken by voice vote, and none of the board members explained his vote at the meeting.

At the trustees' meeting, opposition to the proposed sexual-orientation language was expressed by Mark Cranfill, who told the board that since there was "no documented evidence" that any student had been denied admission or financial aid, "I think this basically classifies as a non-issue."

Cranfill, a graduate student from Shreveport, La., said that because the student code of conduct already barred discrimination based on beliefs, there was no need for the sexual-orientation provision.

"It would never come up unless the person openly professes it or pushes it, a so-called militant," Cranfill said.

He contended that if the trustees adopted the sexual-orientation proposal, they would be lending "their legitimacy to this issue."

Steve Abrams, the chairman of the UK Gay and Lesbian Union of Students, said after the meeting that "as far as the board of trustees, (the issue) is taken care of, but we are not going to give up." He declined to elaborate, saying that his organization would hold a news conference this morning.

He said that there was a difference between advocating homosexuality and being a homosexual.

UK trustee Tommy Bell, a Lexington lawyer, cited what he said was the illegality of homosexual acts.

But Abrams told the board that the issue of the legality of the proposal should have been disposed by a legal opinion from UK attorney John Darsie.

"What is at issue then is whether a student's sexual orientation is relevant to the admission process or the decision to grant students financial aid," Abrams said.

The UK Student Government Senate voted 14 to 11 in favor of the proposal. The UK Faculty Senate Council has approved a measure that prohibits discrimination in grades on the basis of sexual orientation.

### **Leaders of gay groups vow to continue rights fight at UK 5/9/85**

By Dan Anderson

Leaders of gay groups said yesterday that they were disappointed with the decision by the University of Kentucky board of trustees to reject a measure that would have prohibited discrimination against homosexuals in admissions and financial aid.

But, they vowed to continue their effort to have their rights recognized by the university.

Keith Elston, the chairman of the Gay and Lesbian Democrats of Kentucky, said that gay men and women would "fight strongly in whatever means we see fit against whatever government or administration seeks to deny us our rights."

Elston, speaking at a news conference on the steps of the UK administration building, said the gay group's action likely would take the form of demonstrations and protests.

Elston said the group had not ruled out the possibility of legal action against the university.

On Monday, the board of trustees rejected a measure that would have added "sexual orientation" to the list of minorities protected from discrimination in admissions and financial aid decisions.

Steve Abrams, the chairman of the Gay and Lesbian Union of Students, said he was not surprised by the trustees' decision.

"There was not much doubt in our minds what they were going to do," Abrams said. "I'm not happy, but I am not surprised."

Abrams, a senior from Lexington, said he did not think the trustees were discriminating against gay men and women. "Perhaps they just did not have enough information," he said.

In a statement, Elston said he resented the "implication that adding 'sexual orientation' to the list of protected minorities somehow impugns... legitimate minorities."

Elston, a former UK student, said he was considering returning to the university and was concerned that he might be denied admission or financial aid because of his gay rights activities.

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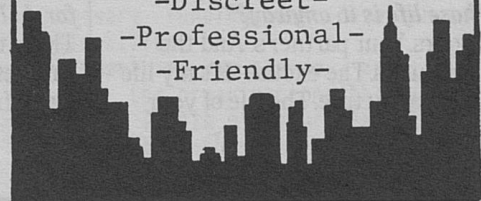
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# THERE IS NO LONGER AN EXCUSE FOR SPREADING AIDS

Right now in the Gay community, we're faced with some extremely difficult decisions because of AIDS—sexual decisions affecting our lives and lifestyles. We Gay men have come up with a lot of excuses for avoiding the issue.

We all know that safer sex can reduce the risk of contracting and spreading AIDS. Some practices are more effective than others; some we have questions about.

We all need to make informed decisions, not excuses. You'll probably agree that none of the following excuses justify the spread of AIDS in our community.

## **"Whose responsibility is it?"**

It's yours. Your partner's. And the community's. *Everyone* must take a concerned and active role if we're going to stop the spread of this disease.

Here's another common excuse: "If someone doesn't ask me to practice safer sex, I figure that's their decision and I respect it."

Why? Aren't *you* concerned? Perhaps your partner is just as uncomfortable in raising the issue as you are.

## **"Whose life is it, anyway?"**

It's yours. Your partner's. And the community's. The excuse "It's my life" is only partly true. The life of your

### **AIDS SAFE SEX GUIDELINES**

- Safe
  - Massage, Hugging
  - Mutual Masturbation
  - Social Kissing (Dry)
  - Body-To-Body Rubbing (Frottage)
- Possibly Safe
  - French Kissing (Wet)
  - Anal Intercourse With Condom
  - Sucking—Stop Before Climax
  - Watersports—External Only
  - Cunnilingus
- Unsafe
  - Anal Intercourse Without Condom
  - Semen or Urine In Mouth
  - Sharing Sex Toys
  - Blood Contact
  - Rimming
  - Fisting
  - Vaginal Intercourse Without Condom

\* Bay Area Physicians For Human Rights (1984)

partner and the well-being of our community are also at stake.

AIDS is not just a physical problem. There are political, social, and economic effects as well. There is already evidence that social freedoms may be restricted because of AIDS. AIDS can be used as an excuse for anti-Gay action and legislation.

Making decisions about sexual practices is difficult. Sticking to those decisions is even more difficult. But this isn't a moral issue; it's a matter of life and death.

## **"Changing my sex life isn't a cure for AIDS."**

That's true. There is no cure or vaccine. And researchers think they are years away from developing one. Safer

sexual practices are our *best* means right now of reducing our risk and stopping the spread of AIDS.

## **"Change? Nobody else is doing it!"**

The fact is that a major research project conducted by the AIDS Foundation among San Francisco Gay men revealed that two-thirds of the Gay community is making a serious effort to reduce their risk by practicing safer sex. *Two-thirds.*

Talk about it. Even though it's a difficult subject for everyone, chances are your partner is just as concerned as you are and would probably welcome a chance to discuss it.

Let's stop making excuses.

Let's stop the spread of AIDS.



For more information about AIDS prevention, call the San Francisco AIDS Foundation: (415) 863-AIDS  
Toll-Free in No. CA (800) FOR-AIDS  
TTY (415) 864-6606



## WE CARE

Several weeks ago, one from our community tragically took his own life. Friends, family, and neighbors could find no real substantive reasons for his death, and they were left with a multitude of unanswered questions and crushing grief.

From time to time, members of our community may feel battered by life's problems in general and particularly those directly and indirectly related to being homosexual. Life can certainly be difficult and unexplainable at times, but yet it must be dealt with in a positive and realistic manner. The G.S.O. Gayline is available to callers on a limited basis and those people taking calls have experience in relating to gay oriented dilemmas. However, they aren't necessarily qualified to deal with all situations which you may encounter. If your circumstance is especially difficult and overbearing, please don't hesitate to call the Comprehensive Care Center at 233-0444. They have trained counselors who can discuss your particular problems. If they can't immediately assist you they can refer you to someone who can talk with you right away.

Moreover, take a friend aside and express your needs to him or her relating the seriousness and nature of your concern. Please don't wait until you absolutely cannot take anymore

**EDITORS NOTE:** The following article seems particularly relevant to the gay community as we see more and more attacks on our lifestyle by the "the new right" and various fundamentalist ministers.

### FUNDAMENTALISM IS REGRESSION TO PRIMITIVE FORM OF THINKING

by Sidney J. Harris

Over the years, I have learned much, and I hope, understood much, from my reading of the Bible. Perhaps the most important thing I have learned is how to read the Bible - that is, with discrimination, with historical perspective, and with some appreciation of literary techniques.

My respect for Scripture is too great to permit me to approach this varied collection as if I were reading a literal transcription direct from the hand of God. To believe that is to ignore everything we have learned in the last century about its contents and composition.

The Bible is a work of art as much as it is anything else. It is a cloak of many colors and fabrics, not a seamless web. There is immense wisdom in it, and some historical truth, mixed with superstition and inaccuracy and contradiction and fiction and allegory.

Modern scholarship in biblical studies has made enormous strides in analyzing and separating those parts of Scripture that reflect the authentic text from the many additions and revisions and alterations and mistranslations that have crept into it.

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## NEWS FROM GAY AND LESBIAN DEMOCRATS OF KENTUCKY

On June 28, 1969 at 3:00 in the morning, a small gay bar in New York's Greenwich Village was raided by the police. This fact in itself was not particularly unusual, because police raids on gay bars were quite frequent. The usual routine was to arrest a number of individuals (quite often doctors, lawyers, and even clergymen), take them to jail where they were allowed to plea-bargain to keep their names out of the papers.

This particular raid was different, though. A small group of people, many of whom were drag queens, cheered and whistled as their friends were led out of the Stonewall Inn and placed in police vans. As the crowd gathered, a carnival atmosphere developed and people began tossing coins at the ones being arrested. Then someone threw a bottle and eventually, bricks and rocks. This touched off a series of riots we now call the Stonewall Revolution, the anniversary of which we celebrate every June with Gay Pride Festivals around the country. This was the birth of the Gay Rights Movement.

In the sixteen short years since Stonewall, lesbian and gay Americans have fought valiantly for the right to be treated as equals in the eyes of the law and of society itself. Consider this: Across this country there is a large and constantly growing number of cities that have enacted ordinances designed to protect our civil rights. There are also several states that have passed similar legislation into law.

Elected officials around the country and even in Kentucky, are beginning to pay attention to gay political organizations and work with them. Furthermore, lesbians and gay men from Cape Cod to San Francisco to Bunceton, Missouri are finding it easier to seek and hold elective office as openly lesbian and gay candidates.

The Democratic Party has been striving for the past decade to be inclusive of their gay and lesbian members. This led to the establishment of the Lesbian and Gay Caucus to the Democratic Party, which was organized by our parent organization, the National Association of Gay and Lesbian Democratic Clubs. This caucus with 70 members was larger than more than half of the state delegations at last year's Democratic National Convention.

The AIDS crisis has motivated many people to become involved politically, yet AIDS death tolls are still rising. We are saddened and outraged by the deaths and impending deaths of our friends and lovers while the Reagan Administration seeks to reduce necessary funding for research to find a cure for this killer.

There is something you can do. You can become involved with the organizations that are fighting for you. Give a little of your time, talent or money to help further this worthy cause. Show some pride in your organizations and in your community, for if you don't stand up for us, there may be no one left to stand up for you.

#### EXPERIMENTAL DRUG OK'D FOR AIDS VICTIMS

by Associated Press

WASHINGTON--The Food and Drug Administration said yesterday that it would allow a California pharmaceutical company to provide an experimental drug to any AIDS victims whose doctors asked for it, but company officials said they had not agreed to such a plan.

The FDA, in an internal advisory, said it had agreed to let Newport Pharmaceuticals of Newport Beach, California, conduct a "compassionate-use protocol" that would allow the drug Isoprinosine to be distributed, at the request of a doctor, to individual AIDS patients.

Sales would have to be at cost; no profit could be made.

An FDA spokesman, commenting on the decision to allow distribution, compared the drug to an experimental cancer treatment, saying, "The fact that they're not perfected becomes immaterial if your life expectancy is a week or a month."

But company officials, advised of the FDA announcement by a reporter, said they were unaware of the action, had not agreed to broad distribution of their drug under the requirements stipulated by the FDA, and doubted they could handle such a task.

"We have not really agreed to conduct a compassionate protocol with regard to AIDS," said Cynthia Renger, the manager of regulatory affairs.

Isoprinosine is not a cure for AIDS, or acquired immune deficiency syndrome, the FDA said. It is, however, one of about a half-dozen drugs about to begin clinical trials.

Scientists hope Isoprinosine may be of help because it stimulates the immune system, the agency said. AIDS kills by destroying the immune system and leaving the body defenseless against infection or disease.

#### ATLANTA TV STATION DROPS BRYANT AFTER FIRST APPEARANCE

by Associated Press

Anita Bryant, who once sparked controversy with her outspoken opposition to a Miami gay-rights ordinance, has been dropped from a local television show after one appearance. She was taken off "PM Atlanta" because of negative reaction from viewers, WAGA-TV general manager Paul Raymon said Thursday.

"We were under the impression, and I think she was as well, that the past controversies that had surrounded her no longer existed," Raymon said. "But we did get something of a groundswell of reaction that indicated that it still does exist, at least in Atlanta."

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THE HOLOCAUST  
from Dignity/Lexington Newsletter

Author Elie Wiesel's eloquent, passionate plea to President Reagan to cancel his visit to the Bitburg cemetery, a section of which contains 22 graves of Nazi SS soldiers, was living proof of the pain still suffered by survivors of the holocaust. Six million Jews who died in Nazi Concentration camps during World War II have been remembered in memorial services, moments of silence and gatherings to reunite surviving relations.

Gay people have been omitted from most memorials erected to the victims of Nazism. According to one source, a half-million known gay people, mostly gay men, died in the holocaust. We must remember them; if not by ceremony, then in our minds and hearts.

This excerpt from Heinz Heger's "The Men with the Pink Triangle" is offered as a remembrance. It's an edited portion of the introduction by translator David Fernbach. This book and Frank Rector's "The Nazi Extermination of Homosexuals" are available from Dignity/Lexington's library:

"In 1929 the Reichstag committee on the penal code recommended the abolition of paragraph 175; by which male homosexuality had been a criminal offense throughout Germany since 1871. The reformed penal code, however, was never introduced, due to the Nazi takeover in 1933. By 1935, any form of 'lewdness' between two men was included in the offense of homosexuality. 'Lewdness' now meant a mere kiss or embrace, or even a work of fiction with homoerotic content.

Convictions under the new law rose rapidly. From 1931 to 1933 some 2300 people had been convicted. From 1937 to 1939 the total had increased to 24,450. A further decree of 1935 provided for the compulsory sterilization (often castration) of homosexuals, along with epileptics, schizophrenics, and other 'degenerates.'

The standard punishment for homosexual behavior between adults was six months' imprisonment. But this penalty was only the tip of the iceberg. On October 11, 1936, Heinrich Himmler, who now had command of all Nazi security services, declared in a speech that homosexuality was to be 'eliminated.'

Conviction for homosexuality meant almost automatic transfer to a concentration camp after serving the sentence 'legally' imposed in a regular prison. But that was only one path that led gays to death under the Nazis. Besides the tens of thousands who ended up in concentration camps by this route, the Gestapo dispatched many more without trial. Mere suspicion of being homosexual was taken as sufficient cause to be sent to a camp. And the accusation of homosexuality, even if false, could still be a pretext for getting rid of undersirables, clergy in particular.

A distinction must be made between the concentration camps and the extermination camps proper. At no time were homosexuals sent directly en masse to Auschwitz, though many gay people were

among the hundreds of thousands of non-Jews who died in the gas chambers there. The general fate of homosexual prisoners was to be worked to death, or to die of brutality in the process in a concentration camp. The conditions at the Sachsenhausen brick-works, the infamous 'death-pit' described in this book, were in no way accidental, or the result of the particular sadism of the camp authorities. The central headquarters of the SS laid down that conditions there should be 'level 3', which meant the average life expectancy for the prisoners could be no more than a matter of months. Himmler himself expressly stipulated that certain categories of prisoners, including homosexuals, were to be worked to death in this way. Thus if it was only the 'surplus' of the homosexual concentration camp population who were deported to Auschwitz. There were very few gays sent to Sachsenhausen and the other work camps who lived to tell their story. It is hardly accidental that Rudolf Hess, a senior SS officer at Sachsenhausen, was later to become the commandant of Auschwitz.

Paradoxically, while the holocaust of the Jews rose in ever growing frenzy through the war years, the liquidation of at least 'Aryan' homosexuals began to slacken. Though thousands continued to die, right through until 1945, the shortage of skilled industrial workers meant the recruitment of many gays to the new concentration camp arms factories, including the narrator of this book, where they had at least to be kept alive. And when the 'thousand-year Reich' faced imminent defeat, it even sought to win to its side the homosexuals it had only yesterday been set on exterminating, promising them freedom if they 'volunteered' as cannon-fodder.

It is impossible to give any accurate figure for the total number of people killed by the Nazis solely for their homosexuality. Many concentration camp records were destroyed by the SS, as a German defeat became certain. During the twelve years of Nazi rule, nearly 50,000 men were convicted for homosexuality the majority of these certainly ended up in concentration camps and did not survive. We must add those who died in the armed forces under the 1942 law which imposed the death penalty for being homosexual or committing homosexual 'offenses.' The total number who died, therefore, must have been several tens of thousands.

Oppressors always seek to divide their victims. The Nazi oppressors, however, have even succeeded beyond the grave, in that neither their Jewish victims nor their other victims, have stretched out a hand to us and made known to the world that we homosexuals, too, shared their fate. I have several times found myself talking to people who were active in the anti-fascist movement in the 1930s, and have been politically committed now for half a century, but who, in 1980, were genuinely unaware that homosexuals had been systematically persecuted by the Nazis.

Today, we have the chance to understand this, and to explain to the world at large."

(cont. from pg. 15)

I am far from suggesting that there is only one "correct" way to understand the Bible, or that such specialized studies as "hermeneutics" and "form-criticism" are necessary tools for the general reader. But for fundamentalists to insist that only their reading is the correct one is not only the height of arrogance but the depth of ignorance as well.

Fundamentalism - whether it be Christian, Jewish or Moslem - is a willful regression to a primitive form of thinking. If man is created in the image of God, as many believe, then it is his intelligence, his capacity for reasoning, that most sets him apart from other creatures. Not to use this God-given faculty to try to comprehend the different levels of meaning in the Bible is a rejection of his greatest gift to us.

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SAT 1 GAY AND LESBIAN PRIDE DAY AT KINGS ISLAND, doors open at 10:00.

SUN 2 "BEACH PARTY", (GSO Potluck), 1:30pm at Jim and John's, for more information call, 299-0352 or contact any member. Don't forget your beach ball, surf board, and flip flops. Bring a dish and a friend. See you at the beach!

MON 3 GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING, 'ELECTION NIGHT', 8:00pm, GSO office, 431 S. Broadway, Suite 322; "ALL ABOUT EVE", 7:30pm, Movie at the Repatory Theatre, Cincinnati, for more information call, 1-513-221-7800.

WED 5 GAY AA, 8:00pm, St. Joseph Hospital, Room 186; RELIGIOUS SERVICE, 7:30pm, All Saints Chapel, 122 Ida St. Cincinnati, for more information call, 1-513-221-7800.

FRI 7 VOLLEYBALL/POTLUCK, 6:30pm, Jacobson Park Shelter #5; LESBIAN PICNIC, 6:00pm, Bennett Woods, Cincinnati, sponsored by LSSG, for more information call, 1-513-221-7800; GAY AA, 8:00pm, Comprehensive Care Center.

SAT 8 CINCINNATI PARADE, 11:00am, forming at City Hall, 12:30pm Parade, 1:00pm Rally at Fountain Square, Guests; Jeff Levi (NGTF), Pamela Stanley, Cincinnati Gay Mens Chorus, for more information call 1-513-251-5614.

SUN 9 SHOW OF PRIDE, 9:00pm, Circus Disco, \$3.00 donation, Proceeds to go to the Lexington Gay and Lesbian Pride Fund.

MON 10 CULTURAL FAIR, 7:00pm, Arts Place, there will be a slide presentation, singers, poetry readings, visual artwork, and musicians, Free!

TUE 11 POLITICAL FORUM, 8:00pm, Arts Place, Speakers will be Mr. Rick Stafford of Minneapolis, Mn. and Mr. Doney Priddy of Louisville. Free!

WED 12 VIDEO NIGHT, 6:30pm 'Lianna', 8:00pm Break and Refreshments, 8:15pm 'The Male Couple', Arts Place, Free!; GAY AA, 8:00pm, St. Joseph Hospital, Room 186; DIGNITY LITURGY, 7:30pm, UK Newman Center.

THU 13 RELIGION AND SPIRITUALITY, 7:30pm, Speakers; LaPaula Turner (MCC Columbus) and Laura Haller (from Louisville), Reception to follow, Arts Place, Free!

FRI 14 BAR NIGHT, Specials at participating bars, watch for more information: GAY AA, 8:00pm, Comprehensive Care Center.

SAT 15 GAY AND LESBIAN PRIDE PICNIC, 12:00 (noon) until 11:00pm, Jeter's Fun on the Farm, Free Beer, lemonade, and Hot Dogs! Softball, Volleyball, Balloon Toss, Three Legged Race, High Heel Race... 8:00pm Dancing with DJ. Rain or shine, plenty of indoor activities. Pool tables, Juke Box, Information fair... Lexington's first major Pride Celebration, \$2.00 donation, BYOB, Set ups available.

SUN 16 MISS GAY KENTUCKY PAGEANT, 7:00pm, Sheraton Ballroom, (Lexington), for tickets, reservations, or info call 1-502-223-0365.

WED 19 GAY AA, 8:00pm, St. Joseph Hospital, Room 186.

FRI 21 VOLLEYBALL/POTLUCK, 6:30pm, Jacobson Park, Shelter #5; GAY AA, 8:00pm Comprehensive Care Center.

SUN 23 PHONELINE MEETING, 2:00pm GSO office, 431 S. Broadway, Suite 322, volunteers are needed for this worthwhile cause, all training is provided: OTTER CREEK PRIDE PICNIC, 12:00pm (noon), Louisville, Pine Grove area, \$2.50 admission.

MON 24 GSO BOARD MEETING, 8:00pm.

WED 26 GAY AA, 8:00pm, St. Joseph Hospital, Room 186.

FRI 28 GAY AA, 8:00pm, Comprehensive Care Center.

SUN 30 STONEWALL MARCH, Columbus, Ohio.

### MAJOR UPCOMING GSO EVENTS

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(see story for more detail of events).

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OCTOBER Oktober Feast

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