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GLSO Adopt-A-Highway Project Bashed!

On August 14 the Kentucky Department of Transportation placed two signs reading "Gay and Lesbian Services" on KY 1969 (Rice Road) to show the involvement of GLSO in the state's Adopt-A-Highway program. Between August 29 and September 14, the signs had been vandalized four times either by pushing one or both of them to the ground or uprooting both signs. The State replaced the signs in position each time until the final theft of both signs on September 14.

The Transportation Department has been responsive and supportive thus far in dealing with this situation. In a letter from Chief District Engineer Charles Powers, the vandalization of public property and waste of taxpayer-paid labor for replacement of the signs was deplored along with the unfairness to GLSO. A Department survey of Kentucky's Adopt-A-Highway program finds that this is the only instance where a sign has

been repeatedly vandalized. By the terms of the Adopt-A-Highway agreement, the Transportation Department has the right to cancel GLSO's participation or assign it another section of highway. At press time, there were no suspects in the vandalization. The Transportation Department has made no further mention of the problem since September 15 other than notify GLSO of the attacks on the signs. The GLSO Board will address this issue at its regular meeting and thus there is no response yet on the problem at press time.

AUOL Bands Against AIDS

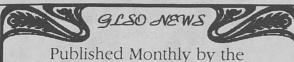
During October AVOL (AIDS Volunteers of Lexington) is hosting a number of events for AIDS Awareness Month including:

-Sun.18: 5th Annual Fundraiser at Artsplace, 7-10pm, dance/silent auction, tickets: \$20 advance and \$10 at the door

-Sat.24: Cut-A-Thon with area hair salons donating portion of profits -Thurs.29: The Blueberries and Ten Foot Pole play at Lynaughs and donate their proceeds to AVOL.

!!!SODOMY LAW REPEALED!!!

As GLSO News goes to press on Sept. 24, word comes that the Kentucky Supreme Court has decided in a 4 to 3 decision that Kentucky's same sex only sodomy law is unconstitutional by violating the right to privacy as guaranteed in the 1891 Kentucky state constitution. Sexual acts in private between consenting adults are no longer prohibited in Kentucky.

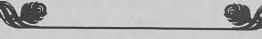


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The Dishin' With Auntie Hedda column no longer appears in GLSO News.

New Board Member Joins GLSO

Tom Branscum, current Emperor of the Imperial Court of the Bluegrass Empire, recently filled an open position on the GLSO Board.

What Columbus Symbolizes for Lesbigays

Oct. 12 is the observed day to honor the first voyage by Christopher Columbus to the Americas. Columbus did not "discover" America: people were already here and evidence points to earlier visits by Norsemen and other Europeans. But, Columbus initiated sustained contact between the two hemispheres. The impact of this contact on foods, diseases, history, and culture is enormous. For gays, lesbians and bisexuals, Columbus' voyage also

introduced a virulent strain of homophobia to the Americas. Prior to Columbus, a great many of the diverse Native American societies had an open acceptance homosexuality. "Berdaches," androgynous men who dressed as women and married more stereotypical men, often were revered as spiritual leaders. The Lakotas recognized "winktes" (men) "koskalakas" (women) as being bound by a Spirit/Divinity into a relationship with someone of the same sex. These special people also were seen as having the ability to prophecy. Various Native American cultures have a number of words to describe gender roles and sexual orientations. Some men took on the roles traditionally assigned to women. Some men married these "women-Some women took on the "masculine" roles of hunter and joined their lives with those of more traditional women. Sometimes relationships did not fit into this butch-femme dichotomy: two "butch" women might marry. Whatever the form of homosexual and bisexual love, it existed in a respected and institutionalized manner. Families not have viewed such relationships as ideal, lesbigays had an open, vital role in Native American societies.

Yet, Spaniards and later other European invaders viewed such tolerance with disgust. Early accounts call Native Americans "sodomites" and use this behavior as justification for enslavement and forced conversion to Christianity. Thus, although this anniversary of Columbus' voyage has brought out a number of viewpoints, the impact on sexuality has often been overlooked.

A Word on Words

Kristin Smith and Jeff Jones

Several readers have commented on the somewhat different usage of words used in the GLSO News for people of the same sex involved in a sexual, romantic and/or sexual/ affectional relationship. Arguments about the dubious benefits of "political correctness" aside, our inclusionary policies and space limitations conflict when almost every other sentences has phrases like "gay, lesbian and bisexual" in it. So, readers can expect to see a scattering of all types of words and concepts in the GLSO News reflecting the various ways our community describes itself. Here are some of them:

-homosexual: fairly clinicalsounding and often used incorrectly in the strayt press to denote only male homosexuals; also points only to sexual and not affectional connotations

-fag/dyke: derogatory words now being "reclaimed" by our community as political statements. Yet, these words offend some. These words sort of follow the argument of: "My boyfriend can call me a fag, but the grocery store clerk had better not." -lesbigay: It's short. It's inclusive. It means: lesbian (les) +bisexual (bi) + gay male (gay) = lesbigay.

-lesgay: Like the above but with bisexual removed.

-strayt: A new spelling of the traditional use of "straight" to denote "heterosexual." Removes the meaning that hets are morally correct (=straight and narrow) and makes the word look more like "gay".

-het: Short for "heterosexual."
Pithy and not derogatory like the
term "breeder."

-bisexual: A person with emotional and sexual attractions to both genders. A woman can be a "bi-fem" and a man a "bi-male."

-homosex/heterosex: New words to differentiate between homosexual and heterosexual sex acts.

-holy union: "Homo-marriage." The formal, ritual union between members of the same sex.

-lesbian: Derived from Lesbos, Greek island home of the poetess Sappho. A woman who loves other women. Like "gay," some women take offense at this word because it connotes a culture as well as just a sexual act.

-gay: Although originally inclusive in character, "gay" has come to define only men in some eyes and further lesbian "invisibility." As with "lesbian," some men who have sex and relationships with other men may not call themselves "gay" because of the links to a "gay culture."

-queer: The big, bad, political word. Loaded with political connotations, this word is often used by activists as a single word (now reclaimed from homophobes) that includes lesbians, gay men, bisexuals, transsexuals, transgenders and the whole tribe of people not quite meeting heterosexual, boy-girl assumptions. Still offensive to some.

-fag hag/fruitfly: A derogatory term for women who hang around with gay men. "Strayt supporter" or "gay affirmationist," though not as colorful, are better terms.

-dutch boy: The little known but parallel term to "fag hag" for man who hangs around lesbians.

-sex: The biologically-defined character of a person: either having a penis or a vagina unless one is a hermaphrodite.

-gender: The socially-defined ways of being either a "man" or a "woman."
-womyn/wimmin/womin: New spellings of "woman." In Old English, "wo"="belonging to, or of." Thus, "woman" originally meant "of or belonging to man." The new spellings seek to remove these meanings of inequality.



GLSO News proudly offers a free 25 word announcement of Holy Unions and Anniversaries. Send your information to GLSO News, P.O Box 11471, Lexington, KY 40575, or call 276-5383.

Happy 4th Anniversary, Bruce! Four years ago we met and now look where we are. Looking forward to many years together. Love, Craig

Susan, Happy Two Year Anniversary on October 20. I love you, baby. Love, Tora

Chuck Smith and Doug, his partner of nine years, are joined by friends near and far in celebration of their anniversary, Oct. 8.

Neo-Pagans Sought

A new neo-pagan spirituality group focused on bisexual, lesbian and gay male people is forming. For more information and meeting places, contact Patrick at 268-1640.

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Lexington Fairness Reps Need Help

Three representatives of the Lexington Fairness movement are seeking to attend the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force's Conference for Creating Change to be held in Los Angeles, Nov. 13-15 at the Airport Hilton. This is the premier conference for gaining information and contacts for lesbigay activists. If you have friends or relatives in the airport area able to lodge these three (2 women, 1 man), have transportation hints or would like to make a donation to our local reps, call Tomi Ross at 266-1318.

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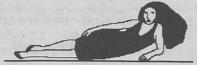
October marks another important anniversary besides the 500th year from Columbus' voyage to the Americas. October 29th is the 300th anniversary of the end of the Salem witch trials. On this date in 1692, a series of hysterical witch-hunts ended in Salem, MA, a Puritan village on the edge of European settlement. Twenty men and women had died by this point: 19 hanged and one man crushed with stones. 14 of the 20 were women. What was their crime: witchcraft!

As in earlier centuries, people and especially women who did not meet the societal norms of behavior often were accused of consorting with the Devil. Among these non-conformists fall a wide range of people: lesbians, gay men, practitioners of pre-Christian religions, midwives, traditional healers, etc. As the Christian church spread through Europe and eventually other parts of the world, beliefs and activities no longer considered orthodox met with violent and often fatal suppression. By the Middle Ages, the Church was not only a religious but also a secular power. Thousands of women who did not meet a Church-defined role of woman as maiden, wife, mother or nun were burned and tortured by the thousands. Similarly, Judeo-Christian views on homosexuality led to the burning of homosexuals. Eventually, the faggots, bundles of wood used to burn homosexuals, became a derogatory for the victims themselves. Today, elusive hints remain of a pre-Christian and prehistoric Europe in which societies existed based around a female deity and a tribal role of lesbians and gay men as holding a special spirituality to be revered, not hated.

Today, witches still exist. Since several local Wiccans are among our readers, GLSO News felt the old Celtic holiday of Samhain (Halloween) would be suitable for an interview. According to one reader, Wiccans are practitioners of a

diverse collection of neo-pagan faiths based around reverence to nature and no belief in Satan. Wiccans trace their religion back to pre-Christian faiths. "wicca" itself is synonymous with witchcraft as the ability to change or bend consciousness at will. The Wiccan creed, however, of "do as you will and harm none" shows the belief that all actions have a consequence. Thus, nothing is inherently good nor evil. Wiccans, however, are basically autonomous groups with little formal organization. Various forms of Wicca include Egyptian, Gardnerian, Celtic, Norse, Neo-Pagan and Dianic. Neo-pagans are more hierarchial with a belief in a god and goddess. Dianic groups are exclusively women, nonhierarchial and follow goddesses. The Radical Faeries, a male-only, gay spiritual movement, also are included in the witch category. Although several places are famous as centers of Wicca (Salem, MA; New Bern, NC), several states still have colonial laws punishing witchcraft. Except for a few dismissed attempts to try Wiccans on these laws, they are not enforced.

Yet, societal views shaped by childhood fairy tales and popular culture, keep alive a connection between witches, Satanism and fearproduced stereotypes. Although some lesbians are drawn to forms of Wicca for its emphasis on feminine divinity, the lesbian interviewed for our story stated that it was "easier to come out of the closet than the broomcloset." Religious prejudice continues. As Halloween, the last day of the year of the old Celtic calendar, nears, perhaps our readers should ponder how older expressions of the divine have been suppressed in a manner no less severe than homosexuals and other oppressed groups. It is no small statement that when playwright Arthur Miller chose to write a play about the gaybashing, Communist-baiting McCarthy period in the 1950's, he hid his criticisms under the guise of the Salem witch-hunts in The Crucible.



Esmerelda s Parlour Donor Insemination Part I: Fresh Sperm

by Laura Jones

This month I will talk about the process of Donor Insemination (D.I.) and try to contrast different options available in Lexington. I use the term D.I. for all the different ways of creating lesbian pregnancy because I feel this is what it is regardless of the method: creating pregnancy without emotional involvement with the "donor."

I guess the best way to first look at D.I. is by what type of donor you will use. Your options are many: the first group includes strangers, a friend who will donate without further involvement with your child, a friend who will be involved or perhaps co-parent with you, or even the brother/ relative of your partner. these options involve FRESH sperm and thus differentiates these methods from physician-assisted techniques using frozen sperm. This is also different from what some physicians do: that is take the husband's fresh sperm and inseminate the wife. This is not considered D.I. because the husband is not considered a "donor."

Cherie Pres in her book Considering Parenthood, discusses this at length but let me touch on the subject. Using fresh sperm involves VAGINAL insemination. Whether it is a one time act of

intercourse with a man judgements, please!) or a freshly donated specimen with the infamous turkey baster (or a 20cc syringe without needle), these techniques involve sperm and semen placed in the vagina and the sperm passing through the cervix into the uterus just as in standard, heterosexual fashion. The pluses are this: it is inexpensive, fairly easy to obtain and pregnancy occurs at about the same rate as heterosexual coitus. The downfalls are the possibility of mother and baby contracting AIDS, hepatitis B and other sexually transmitted diseases; the stress of arranging and going through with heterosex or of collecting the specimen from the donor in a timely manner. Finally, the very real possibility of emotional attachment between donor and child exists with the worry of future legal entanglements. This was a real fear for me because I initially had found a "known donor" who felt he could remain emotionally detached. But, when I mentioned names for my child, he blurted out: "You're not going to name my child that, are you?" End of that idea. Using a known donor mandates the need for him to sign a "Release of Parental Rights" document ASAP and legal experts question currently how well these forms hold up years later when a strayt man challenges a lesbian mother's custody.

Enough said for option one. Next month: utilizing frozen sperm.

March Planned for the United Nations

During the celebrations for the 25th anniversary of the Stonewall Rebellion to be held in New York, international lesbigay and AIDS organizations plan "International March on the United Nations to Affirm the Human Rights of Lesbian and Gay People" for June 26, 1994. Marchers demand that the U.N. uphold the promises of human rights in the U.N. Universal Declaration of Human Rights which has led the U.N. to advocate the abolition of laws prohibiting consensual, private, same-sex, adult sexual acts and for equal rights for lesbigays. For more information, call Steve Ault at (718) 499-8984.

Native American Activist Speaks

Dennis Banks, National Director of the Sacred Run Foundation and a founder of AIM (the American Indian Movement), will speak at the Agriculture Auditorium at UK on Oct. 22, 7pm. Sponsored by the New Morning Community Peace Center as part of their Indigeneous People's Month, Banks has recently been making news for participating in a cross-country run by Native Americans for ecological awareness. Tickets for Banks' discussion are on a sliding scale from \$3-\$10. Participants are encouraged to drop by the New Morning Coffeehouse with its new rainbow Gay Pride flag for coffee afterwards.





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GLSO Camps Out in Scott County

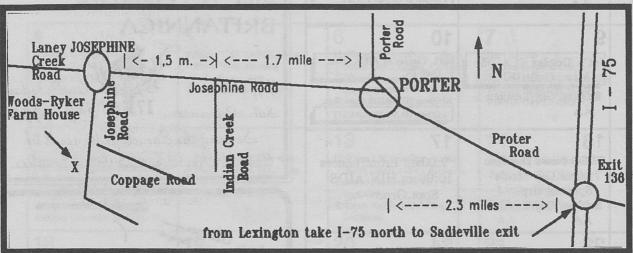
The 12th annual GLSO campout is scheduled for Saturday, October 10. Once again Eddie will host the campout at his secluded farm in rural Scott County. Campers will begin arriving at 4pm. There is no rain date this year.

The event attracts people from both central Kentucky and Louisville. Regulars at the event say it is a great way to meet and enjoy new friends and old just 30 miles north

of Lexington.

Campers will "rough it"—there are no facilities. Those attending are to bring your own supplies: warm clothes, sleeping bags and food for dinner and breakfast.

Eddie will provide a comfortable ground to sleep on, a campfire and a clear sky. Because the campsite is not visible from the road, if you have not attended a previous campout, please call Eddie at his Lexington home, 259-0878, for detailed directions. The map provides the basic directions for finding the farm.



Women and AIDS Conference to Be Held

Thirteen organizations will host a conference on Women and AIDS on Oct. 3, beginning at 8am at the Campbell House Inn, 1375 Harrodsburg Rd. The agenda includes presentations on women as patients, caregiver's concerns, healthcare, education and students teaching HIV prevention. The fee is \$20 (\$10 for students) which includes a buffet lunch and childcare. Scholarships are available. For more information, call Beverly Jones at 257-1279.

ACTing UP at the NAMES Quilt

The AIDS Coalition to Unleash Power (ACT UP) is planning a political demonstration on Monday, Oct. 12, at noon to call for Presidential leadership to end the AIDS crisis. At noon, activists will hold hands and encircle the White House while air horns, whistles and alarm clocks go off. ACT UP invites all visitors to the NAMES Project AIDS Memorial Quilt participate. For more information, contact ACT UP/DC, POB 9318, Wash., DC 20005 or (202) 328-AIDS.

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CHICAGO- In response to the Republican Convention's homophobic statements, QW, a gay magazine, followed through with its threat to out several key persons associated with the GOP's "family value" campaign. John Schlafly, the 41 year old son of conservative activist Phyllis Schlafly, was one of those whose homosexuality was revealed. John Schlafly, who continues to live with his parents in Alton, IL, confirmed his orientation but stated that he agreed with his mother's work including opposition to same-sex marriages.

OREGON - National lesbigay celebrities, supporters and organizations continue to organize to combat Measure 9, an anti-gay initiative to amend the state constitution to prohibit any human rights based on sexual orientation. State agencies including health and educational groups would be forced to teach that homosexuality is "abnormal, wrong, unnatural and perverse." Along with a similar iniative in Colorado, if passed, these laws would be the first to deliberately bar a group from civil rights under constitutional law.

WASHINGTON, DC- Mandy Carter and Venus Thrash, African-American activists with the Human Rights Campaign, were among the women arrested and later released for a non-violent demonstration outside of the White House on August 26th. The protest was to focus attention on the GOP/Bush administration's assault on reproductive freedom for women.

PHILADELPHIA- In response to a lack of measures by government agencies, the Philadelphia Community Health Alternatives program continues its program of passing out safer sex kits to prostitutes, homosexuals, drug users, heterosexuals, etc. on the streets of the city seven days a This program parallels similar controversial grassroots measures taken by groups in several Canadian, European and American cities.

ATLANTA- The Centers for Disease Control reported that in 1991, 48,000 Americans were diagnosed with full blown AIDS. 35,000 died. HIV infections nationwide show that AIDS is spreading fastest among women and heterosexuals. Regionally, the South leads the country in the fastest overall AIDS infection rate and whereas new cases have declined nationally among gay/bisexual men, the South reported the highest number of new cases among this category.

MINNEAPOLIS- 55 representatives from bisexual organizations around the country met for the first BiNet USA conference July 25-26. During this conference, a national networking system was created. For more information, call Gary Lingen at 612-488-1009 or Loraine Hutchins at 202-882-4384.

WASHINGTON, DC- Joe Grabarz, a Connecticut State Representative from Bridgeport, has decided to leave his seat to head the Human Rights Campaign Fund lobbying effort as Legislative Director. A two term representative and a member of ACT UP and NOW, Grabarz came out in 1990 to further the now successful passage of Connecticut's Lesbian and Gay Civil Rights Bill.

Lesbigays With Children Group Forming

If you are lesbian, gay or bisexual and have children, a new group is forming in Lexington to address the special issues of lesbigay parents, their partners and their children. For more information, call Cyndy at 276-5471.

Callers Aplenty But Volunteers Scarce

The GLSO Gayline needs volunteers to staff the phoneline. Although a large portion of callers are women, the Gayline currently does not have any active female volunteers. Also needed is someone to staff the line on Friday evenings. Volunteers stay in their homes, and the Gayline is forwarded to their number. Thus, working the phoneline is both safe and anonymous. If interested in this vital, rewarding community service, contact Peter Taylor at 273-5845.

Non-profit Animal Clinic Opens

Low Cost Spay/Neuter Clinic recently opened as a gay-positive, non-profit organization at 621 S. Broadway. The clinic offers spaying and neutering for cats and dogs. This service comes with preventative vaccines including rabies shots. Costs are \$25 for cats and \$40 for dogs. Call Cathy Murphy at 225-SPAY for an appointment.

Women Wanted

Womynweave, a group within UK Lambda focusing on social activities and issues for lesbian, bisexual and strayt women, are seeking interested women for participation in upcoming activities. Attendence is not limited to UK students, staff nor faculty and all age ranges are encouraged to respond. For more information, call Suzanne Burr at 299-2188.

GLAD Gathers

GLAD (the Gay, Lesbian and Affirming Disciples Alliance) are the lesbigay organization within the Disciples of Christ. A national group, GLAD recently held its annual conference at Texas Christian University in Fort Worth, TX, from July 17-20. A local Kentucky chapter is expanding. For more information, contact Kentucky Regional Coordinator, Jeff Ishmael, at (606) 255-4958.

Partners of HIV+/PLA Now Active

Greg Lee with the Fayette County Health Department now moderates a support group for the partners of HIV+ people. This group meets at 7:30pm on Tuesdays. For more information and location, call Greg at 288-2437.

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You Can Find It in the Pink Pages!

by Brad Garrett

A new directory is being published by the Diversity Business Coalition to be distributed free of charge to the Bluegrass lesbian, bisexual and gay community. Called The Pink Pages, 2000 copies are being printed for November distribution.

Similar in concept to Ma Bell's Yellow Pages, the directory features listings and ads for businesses and practitioners who are proud to serve Lexington's lesbian, bisexual and gay community and welcome our business. The Diversity Coalition anticipates publishing a 35-page directory on high-quality offset paper with an artistically rendered

full-color glossy cover. The Pink Pages will consist of an alphabetical listing of businesses with addresses and telephone numbers followed by an advertising listing broken down by specialties and type of services. The specialty listing includes businesses ranging from Architectural Services, Massage Therapists and Carpenters to Restaurants, Theater Groups and Artists. All are here to serve youthe local and visiting gay man, lesbian, bisexual or gay-positive supporter. A separate section will be devoted to local lesbigay service organizations and religious/student/ social/ support groups. A coded map of downtown Lexington, along with a small scale map of the urban county

and services.

If you are a business owner, professional or practitioner who would like to list or advertise in **The Pink Pages**, please call Brad Garrett at 278-5109, or write Diversity Business Coalition, PO Box 1465,

area will be provided to help not only

out-of-towners but also the local community to locate these businesses

Lexington, KY 40591-1465. Further, if you support a business or practitioners that you would like to see listed in the directory, please take time to call us so that the Diversity Business Coalition can follow up on your lead. Remember: as a community, our buying power can help to make or break a business. It is time we know who are friends are so we can help their businesses to flourish! It's a matter of pride.

Centre College Hosts Sex Forum

B-GLAD, the gay, lesbian and bisexual organization at Centre College, will be hosting a Forum for Sexual Diversity: Panel Discussion on Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Issues. Beginning at 1pm on Oct. 3 at Centre College's Norton Center, a number of speakers from Kentucky will address concerns and challenges facing Kentucky's lesbigay community. For more information, call Gary Crase at 236-4547.

New Morning Community
Peace Center Welcomes
Speaker

Dennis Banks

National Director
of the
Sacred Run Foundation
and a founder of the
American Indian Movement
UK Agriculture Auditorium

October 22, 7pm
Tickets: \$3 - \$10 (sliding scale)
Come have coffee afterwards at
the New Morning Coffeehouse.

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The long term goal of <u>Fairness Campaign - Lexington</u> is "to promote passage of an ordinance to protect people in Fayette County from discrimination based on sexual orientation".

Several short term goals have been identified. They are 1) to increase the sense of community and solidarity within the Lesbigay Community, 2) to increase all of Fayette County's awareness of the Lesbigay Community, and 3) to gather information regarding discrimination based on sexual orientation.

Work is being done to build community awareness, raise funds, build coalitions, and gather information. To become involved, come to one of the next general meetings at:

Alfalfa's 557 S. Limestone Nov 9th, Nov 23rd, Dec 7th 7:30 P.M.

For more information, contact Tomi at 266-1318.

Loose Item