

# GLSO NEWS

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## Lesbians, Gays Meet with Human Rights Commission

by Keith Elston

If you have been the victim of anti-gay discrimination or gay-bashing, you have a new and powerful advocate in Fayette County--the Lexington Fayette Human Rights Commission.

On April 6, representatives of Central Kentucky lesbian, gay, and bisexual organizations met with representatives of the commission to discuss the concerns of the lesbian community and how the HRC can help. About a dozen people, representing GLSO, Lexington Fairness, the Kentucky Fairness Alliance, the American Civil Liberties Union of Kentucky, the Diversity Business Coalition, the Stonewall Network, MCC-Lexington, P-FLAG of Lexington, and UK LAMBDA met with HRC Executive Director William Wharton and Public Relations Director Kelly Casak-Collins.

Wharton announced that the commission is taking complaints on anti-gay discrimination in employment, housing and public accommodations, as well as reports of anti-gay violence, in an effort to document discrimination to justify passage of an ordinance to make anti-gay discrimination illegal.

Although most incidents of anti-gay discrimination are legal under state and local law, Wharton stressed that certain types of discrimination, including gender discrimination and discrimination against persons living with AIDS, are illegal. The HRC is interested in vigorously pursuing these cases.

Even when the law prevents them from taking legal action against an employer or a landlord for

anti-gay discrimination, the HRC is still empowered to act as a mediator to attempt to resolve the conflict without a court battle, said Wharton.

As a result of that meeting, the HRC has agreed to work with our community to collect this important information. They are seeking your experiences with anti-gay discrimination and anti-gay violence.

Just within the past month, the Human Rights Commission has taken three complaints of anti-gay discrimination--a number which Wharton considers to be significant. If this trend were to continue, Wharton says, reports of anti-gay incidents might exceed reports of discrimination against the disabled.

Don't let the homophobes win! Fight back by calling the Human Rights Commission.

**If you feel that you have been discriminated against on the basis of your sexual orientation in the areas of ....**

- o **employment, housing (renting or buying), or public accommodations;**
- o **you feel that you have been sexually harassed at your job;**
- o **if you or someone you know have been the victim of anti-gay violence (ranging from being called "faggot" in an intimidating manner to assault or even murder);**

**.....then we urge you to report this event to the Human Rights Commission by calling 252-4931. Their trained investigators will take your complaint and, if they feel that a law has been violated, they will advocate on your behalf.**

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### Pride Week Interfaith Celebration

On Sunday, June 5, at 5:00 P.M., an interfaith service will be held at the Unitarian Universalist Church at 3564 Clays Mill Road. Similar to a Jewish seder, this service is written to help us know our history as well as to celebrate it. It is affirming of all faiths, including: Jewish, Christian, Pagan, and those whose faith is in the human spirit.

As the "Christian Right" interprets religious writings to oppress us, we need to recognize and gain strength from our own historical and spiritual roots. The service will also feature the Pride Singers--the quartet from the Lexington Men's Chorus--plus a quartet of female voices.

Following the service, there will be coffee and desserts. All are welcome to attend this celebration of our spirit and diversity.

### GLSO Elections to be Held June 12

The elections for the GLSO Board will be held on June 12 at the Pride Picnic. All members of GLSO can vote. People who are running for the board are as follows:

**Mike Taylor:** Mike is a certified social worker with the Child Guidance Program of Comprehensive Care. He is a member of the Men's Chorus and has helped lead the Coming Out Support Groups.

**Chris McDavid:** During the past two years, Chris has been the Kentucky Kernel editorial editor, in addition to being an officer for two years in UK Lambda, the UK student gay/lesbian organization.

**Sue Strong:** Sue is a licensed psychologist who practices in Lexington, and an Assistant Professor at Eastern Kentucky University.

**Rex Van Alstine:** Rex is the Pastor of MCC, a past secretary of the Tri-State Gay Rodeo Association, and was active with AVOL during its first few years.

**Gina Baker:** Gina is a previous member of the GLSO Board, has worked on GLSO coffee house social events and hopes to do similar work again.

At this time, we will also be asking the membership to vote on a proposal to empower the new GLSO Board to change the by-laws. This is to enable the Board and the Stonewall Services Network to work together to form, out of both groups, a new umbrella organization that will have members elected out of all member organizations in Lexington. This change will provide for better coordination of Lesbian/Gay activities in Lexington and will facilitate the opening of a community center. There is a transition plan that has been discussed by both groups, although many details remain to be worked out. Anyone interested in participating in the change process is welcome to come to Stonewall Network meetings the first Saturday of each month, and to the GLSO meetings as noted in the Newsletter calendar. The transition plan will be available at the picnic to anyone interested in reading it.

## Group Formed to Address Concerns of Gay/Lesbian Teens

P-FLAG and GLSO are co-sponsoring a support group for teens ages 13-19. Although there are a number of adults who are organizing this group, we are encouraging teens to assume leadership, choose topics for discussion, and to plan future events.

Adults will continue to be available as needed. We have a meeting place for Monday evenings in June.

For more information, please call Mary Crone at 266-5904. If parents have questions or would like to meet with other parents, please feel free to call.


The teen-age years are a time when many people first begin to recognize their "homosexual tendencies." Unfortunately, it is also a time when peer pressure is at its most intense, and there is a need to conform with one's friends. Facing one's developing sexuality is always difficult. Facing the awareness of having a minority sexual orientation is even more intimidating, because of the lack of

available information, uneducated family and friends, and, perhaps most of all, fear.

How many of us remember feeling like we were "the only person in the world who felt that way"? A support group in which teens can meet each other and realize their common ground can (at the least) save someone years of struggle, isolation, and internalized homophobia. At the most, it could save a life--gay or lesbian feelings are an all-too-frequent contributing factor to suicide among the young.

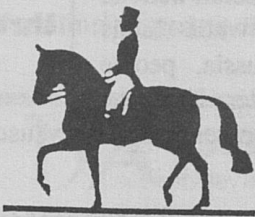
If you are reading this as an adult, you can surely remember a time when you would have benefited from having a confidential group with whom to discuss these personal issues. In fact, many adults do need this kind of support group. But for teens, who haven't seen as many cycles of years go by, and who haven't gained the wisdom that comes with building up the list of things they know they can live through, the need is even more intense.

The teen support group is just another of the activities that keeps Service at the heart of GLSO, the Gay and Lesbian *Service* Organization.



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# Lesbian At Large

by Linda West

## The End of the Cold War and the Start of the Radical Right's "Cultural War"

In Russia, Vladimir Zhirinovsky's Right wing party is blaming Communism's failure on Jews and homosexuals.

On American military bases everywhere, the witch-hunts which "don't ask, don't tell" was supposed to end are being resumed with greater fervor than ever.

In Lithuania, Russian-speaking people are forbidden to use their language in public.

In Oregon, Hattie Mae Cohen and Brian Mock, a Lesbian and Gay man who shared housing, were killed when Right wing thugs fire-bombed their home.

A Russian Lesbian activist reports that now when things go wrong in Russia, people increasingly mutter, "It's the homosexuals," the same way they used to say, "It's the Jews."

At the 1992 Republican National Convention, Pat Robertson, head of the Christian Coalition, called for a cultural war against Gays and Lesbians, as if one hasn't been going on for eight hundred years now.

The Croatian government has declared that Lesbians and Gays threaten the hope of a strong, united country, and has proposed that the Croatian constitution should provide that "the Republic should, with the help of laws and political intervention, struggle against everything that goes against the family and marriage."

At this moment, we, the Gay and Lesbian citizens

of America, and numerous peoples throughout what used to be called the Soviet bloc, are being swept along by a common historical current: the re-targeting of Right-wing hate-mongering from "Godless Communism" and "American imperialism" to older, more traditional targets, of which we are one. Put another way, the murders in Oregon of Hattie Mae Cohen and Brian Mock may have something to do with the resurgence of anti-Semitism in Eastern Europe.

In this country, for almost fifty years, the Soviet Union was the primary focus of America's fears and hatred. The Soviet Union was THE ENEMY. Now, with that enemy gone, it seems that Americans of authoritarian and paranoid bent need another enemy,

and so have chosen us. The result is that we are living through a time of intensified persecution. A dozen states are considering constitutional amendments which would prohibit the passage of civil rights protections for Lesbians and Gays, thereby formally denying us the right to seek changes in the law from our lawmakers on an equal footing with straight citizens. A Right-wing anti-Gay video (which has more in common

with anti-Semitic propaganda generated by the Nazis than it has with the lives of Gay people) is being circulated in straight churches. Right-wing groups will spend more than \$50 million this year on anti-Gay lobbying and propaganda. In the last session of the Kentucky legislature, an effort to recriminalize our sex lives narrowly failed. In short, we are the targets of a very well-funded, organized persecution. We have gone through periods of persecution in the past, but what makes this one different is its geography. It's taking place not just here, but also in those other countries whose cultures were most shaped by the Cold War: the former Soviet bloc countries.

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community is definitely not limited to the U.S. Gays and Lesbians in Eastern Europe are also, in an ironic twist, experiencing increased persecution even as the fall of Communism allows them to become a more visible minority culture. With increased internal mobility letting rural Russians migrate to cities, Gay ghettos have sprung up in Moscow and St. Petersburg, and Gays have begun to evolve into an entrepreneur class. Sodomy has been decriminalized in Russia. At the same time however, police harassment of Lesbians and Gays has increased, Gay-bashing has become a part of a growing Russian crime wave that is often given official sanction, and Vladimir Zhirinovsky has accused Boris Yeltsin of having Gay cabinet members. In Poland, the increasing visibility of the Lesbian and Gay community has led Lech Walesa to vow that he will rid Poland of Gays. In Serbia, where Lesbians and Gays have, in the manner of our people everywhere, largely ignored ethnic and religious differences when choosing lovers and forming families, Serbian Gays and Lesbians have seen their Bosnian lovers, friends, and community members forcibly deported. Whispers from the war-zone say that so many Serbian Gays have avoided the military draft by self-mutilation that a man missing a hand or foot is immediately under suspicion of being Gay.

Western Europe, never as dominated by the Cold War mentality as was America, has been generally unaffected by the current wave of persecution. Western European countries have increasingly integrated Gays and Lesbians into their militaries, adopted civil rights protections for Gays and Lesbians, and even, in Denmark and Norway, legalized Lesbian and Gay marriage--all with minimal public opposition. Only in America and the Eastern European countries are our communities under attack by a Right-wing which is regularly given air time and editorial space, and which is capable of electing legislators and even presidents.

If there is any clear difference between the Eastern European persecution of Gays and Lesbians, and the American persecution, it is that in Eastern Europe, Gays and Lesbians are just one of many groups anathematized by the Right. This is because

anti-Semitism and ethnic hatred are still socially acceptable in Eastern Europe, while in America, anti-Semitism and racism have a bad name. In America, homophobia is the only form of bigotry which can still be openly expressed by a politician like Tim Philpot without risk of utterly demolishing his career. As a consequence, we Lesbians and Gays may become the exclusive target of the Right in this country.

Is the revival of ethnic hatred in the former Soviet bloc (including that directed at Gays and Lesbians) and the Right-wing assault on Gays and Lesbians in America just coincidence, or is a common set of historical forces generating this geographically distinctive pattern of persecution? Would it benefit us if straight people understood that the Right's attack on our community is taking place in the context of a larger resurgence of ethnic hatreds, that Pat Robertson's "cultural war" against us is an American manifestation of the post-Cold War regrowth of bigotry?

I don't know the answers to those questions, but one thing is certain: it is as clear a comment as could ever be made on America's failed promise of freedom that we and Eastern European Gays and Lesbians should, at the end of the Cold War, be united by a common bond of continuing persecution.

## HARK!

*Destiny is calling, and it's telling you to join the fine people who contribute their writing talent to the GLSO News!*

**We need people to cover events around town, provide opinion pieces, write about local gay history, tell us what's going on in some of the areas of lesbian and gay life that we may have neglected over the years.**

To answer destiny's beckoning voice, call Brian at 278-0795.

## SPECIAL PRIDE WEEK EVENTS CALENDAR ~ JUNE 1994

DATE	TIME	COST	LOCATION	EVENT	NOTES
Wed., June 1	7:20pm	Regular Admission	Kentucky Theater	"Philadelphia"	
Thurs., June 2	5pm	Regular Admission	Kentucky Theater	"Philadelphia"	
	7:30 - 9:30pm	\$5 donation	The Phoenix Institute, 655 Lima	Expressing Power Through Alternative Lifestyles	
Fri., June 3	1:30pm	Regular Admission	Kentucky Theater	"Philadelphia"	
	5:30pm	TBA	Louisville	Commemorating Stonewall	sponsored by Artswatch
Sat., June 4	ALL NIGHT	TBA	Joe's, Crossings, The Bar	Bar Night	wear Pride paraphernalia to receive drink specials
	10:30am - noon	-----	Triangle Park	LEXINGTON PRIDE RALLY	sponsored by Lexington Fairness
	7:30pm	Regular Admission	Kentucky Theater	"Philadelphia"	
Sun., June 5	1pm	-----	Louisville	Pride Picnic	
	5pm	-----	Unitarian Universalist Church	Interfaith Pride Week Celebration	affirming of all faiths, followed by coffee & snacks
	8:30pm - 2:30am	\$3 cover, \$1 students	Crossings	Disco Martyrs Dance	no cover for persons in period attire
Mon., June 6	8pm	TBA	Connections Bar, Louisville	Voices of Kentucky	
	9:30pm	Regular Admission	Kentucky Theater	"Philadelphia"	
Tues., June 7	5pm	Regular Admission	Kentucky Theater	"Philadelphia"	
	8:30pm	TBA	Joyland Bowl, 2361 Paris Pike	Rainbow Bowling League: 9 pin, no tap Monte Carlo	phone 276-3078 (Steve) for more info
Wed., June 8	6pm	-----	Woodland Park	5K Fun Run/Walk	
	7:30pm	\$10 donation	Actor's Guild	Queer Jeopardy!	tickets at Actor's Guild or Imperial Flowers
	10:30pm	TBA	Lynaugh's Emporium	Queer Night with Lime Shy	
Fri., June 10	ALL NIGHT	TBA	Louisville Bars	Bar Night	
	1:30pm	Regular Admission	Kentucky Theater	"The Wedding Banquet"	
	7pm	TBA	Hyatt Regency, Louisville	Stonewall Awards Banquet	
Sat., June 11	Noon	-----	Louisville City Hall	March for Justice/Pride Fair	rally, then march to fair site
	7pm & 9pm	\$5 donation	Artsplace, 161 N. Mill	Men's Chorus	tickets at Imperial Flowers and Crossings
Sun., June 12	noon - 4pm	-----	Bell House on Bell Court	PRIDE PICNIC	
	5:30pm	\$25, or \$20 for groups of 8 or more	Radisson Hotel	Volunteer Awards Banquet	tickets available until June 8 at AVOL, Imperial Flowers, Crossings, or call 255-5469
	9:45pm	Regular Admission	Kentucky Theater	"The Wedding Banquet"	
Mon., June 13	9:30pm	Regular Admission	Kentucky Theater	"Maurice"	
Tues., June 14	5pm	Regular Admission	Kentucky Theater	"Maurice"	
Sun., June 26	5pm	-----	City Hall, Louisville	Stonewall Anniversary Vigil	25th Anniversary Commemoration

## Lexington Pride Center to Open Downtown

It's time. Area Lesbiganay organizations involved in a wide variety of emotional support, creative expression, spiritual fulfillment, social and political activities have banded together to form an umbrella organization called the Stonewall Network. The purpose of this network is to both organize both energy and resources for the benefit of the community as a whole. This move has meant that the dream of a Community Center in Lexington can finally go beyond the talking/wishing stage. Currently our various organizations meet in homes and borrowed space, have duplicate mailing lists, permits, post office boxes, contact numbers, and varying abilities to reach the community at large. Plans are underway to establish a Community Center with office and meeting space, reading library, room for the choruses to rehearse, a central home for the Phonenumber, etc. Involve yourself and your organization in this project. The doors need help getting opened, and the lesbian and gay community very much needs the opened door.

## The Significance of the Stonewall Riots

The Stonewall Inn was a gay bar in New York City's Greenwich Village. At a little after 1:00 A.M. on June 28, 1969, the police carried out a routine raid on the bar. Instead of cowering--the usual reaction to a police raid--the Stonewall patrons and the crowd that gathered outside fought back against the police. The five days of rioting that followed changed forever the face of lesbian and gay life in America. In the twenty-five years since 1969, the Stonewall riots have become the central symbolic event of the modern gay movement.

**National Gay/Lesbian Crisis Line  
(800) 247-4283**

**Teenage Gay/Lesbian Support  
(800) 347-TEEN**

**Thurs. - Sun. 7pm - Midnight**

## Second AIDS Walk Raises \$70,000

The second AIDS Walk for Life, to benefit residents of Central and Eastern Kentucky infected with the virus believed to cause AIDS and their caregivers, was a tremendous success. The Walk, which was Sunday, May 1, in near-freezing temperatures, had nearly 1,500 participants and raised \$70,000.

Five hundred of the 1,500 participants were inmates from the Federal Medical Center (formerly FCI), walking five kilometers on the FMC grounds at the same time the public walk was held at Commonwealth Stadium. Sandra Freytag, Unit Manager at FMC, said, "Our residents were dedicated to this project as soon as it was announced. We're proud to have been a part of such a worthwhile effort."

Katie Cline, news director at WKQQ, served as mistress of ceremonies. The day began with an elegant gift of song offered by the Lexington Men's Chorus. This was followed by warm-up aerobics led by Mark Johnson. Local dignitaries in attendance included: Allison Connelly, Kentucky Department of Public Advocacy; Richard Kausrud, 17-year HIV survivor; Bonnie Krasik, medical reporter for Channel 18; Vicki Lamb, past president of AVOL; Keith Lovan, Walk chairman; David Mawn, AVOL executive director; Rev. Greg Olsen, pastor of Unity of Lexington; Dr. John Poundstone, Commissioner for Health at the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Health Department; State Rep. Ernesto Scorsone; Leigh Searcy, reporter for Channel 18; and Mike Wolken, AVOL board president. Mayor Pam Miller and UK football coach Bill Curry sent notes to the walkers, which were published in the day's program.

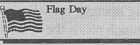
More than sixty groups participated and raised funds. The top six groups were: Eastern Kentucky University Social Work Association, Front Runners, Humana Hospital, Kentucky Society of Clinical Social Workers, Lazarus, and the Lexington Men's Chorus. The top twelve individual fundraisers were Julie Butcher, John T. Canton Jr., Jennifer Crossen, Jay Douds, Greg Guelda, Laura Hills-Smith, John Jordan, Diane Lawless, Bill Loggins, Rodney F. Moran, Marianne Richardson, and Ken Sager.



# June 1994

## Pride Week Calendar



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			<b>1</b> 6:00pm Frontrunners-Woodland Park 8:00pm Gay/Lesbian AA	<b>2</b> 7:00pm Men's Chorus 8:00pm "Assassins"-Actors Guild 8:00pm HIV/AIDS Sppt.Grp.	<b>3</b> 7:30pm Gay/Lesbian AA 8:00pm "Assassins"-Actors Guild	<b>4</b> 9:00am Frontrunners 10:00am HIV/AIDS Sppt.Grp. 11:00am Stonewall Network 8:00pm "Assassins"-Actors Guild
<b>5</b> 4:00pm ACE League (Beres) 6:00pm MCC/Lex.-Greenleaf Motel 7:00pm Gay/Lesbian AA	<b>6</b> 7:00pm Teen Support Grp.	<b>7</b> 7:30pm Gay/Lesbian Al-Anon 8:45pm Rainbow Bowling-Southland	<b>8</b> 6:00pm Frontrunners-Woodland Park 8:00pm Gay/Lesbian AA	<b>9</b> 7:00pm Men's Chorus 8:00pm "Assassins"-Actors Guild 8:00pm HIV/AIDS Sppt.Grp.	<b>10</b> 7:00pm Dignity 7:30pm Gay/Lesbian AA 8:00pm "Assassins"-Actors Guild	<b>11</b> 9:00am Frontrunners 10:00am HIV/AIDS Sppt.Grp. 8:00pm "Assassins"-Actors Guild
<b>12</b> 4:00pm ACE League (Beres) 6:00pm Imperial Ct-Club U Motel 7:00pm Gay/Lesbian AA	<b>13</b> 7:00pm Teen Support Grp.	<b>14</b>  Flag Day 7:30pm Gay/Lesbian Al-Anon 8:45pm Rainbow Bowling-Southland	<b>15</b> 6:00pm Frontrunners-Woodland Park 8:00pm Gay/Lesbian AA	<b>16</b> 7:00pm Men's Chorus 7:30pm P-FLAG 8:00pm "Assassins"-Actors Guild 8:00pm HIV/AIDS Sppt.Grp.	<b>17</b> GLSO News Deadline Gay Games IV-New York 7:30pm Gay/Lesbian AA 8:00pm "Assassins"-Actors Guild	<b>18</b> Gay Games IV-New York 9:00am Frontrunners 10:00am HIV/AIDS Sppt.Grp. 10:00am Men's Network 8:00pm "Assassins"-Actors G...
<b>19</b> Father's Day 2:00pm Lesbian Potluck 6:00pm MCC/Lex.-Greenleaf Motel 7:00pm Gay/Lesbian AA	<b>20</b> Gay Games IV-New York 7:00pm Teen Support Grp. 7:30pm Fairness Meeting -Alfalfa's	<b>21</b> Gay Games IV-New York Summer begins 7:30pm Gay/Lesbian Al-Anon 8:45pm Rainbow Bowling-Southland	<b>22</b> Gay Games IV-New York 6:00pm Frontrunners-Woodland Park 8:00pm Gay/Lesbian AA	<b>23</b> Gay Games IV-New York 7:00pm Men's Chorus 8:00pm "Assassins"-Actors G... 8:00pm HIV/AIDS Sppt.Grp. 8:00pm COLTS Mtg.	<b>24</b> Gay Games IV-New York 7:00pm Dignity 7:30pm Gay/Lesbian AA 8:00pm "Assassins"-Actors Guild	<b>25</b> Gay Games IV-New York 9:00am Frontrunners 10:00am HIV/AIDS Sppt.Grp. 8:00pm "Assassins"-Actors G...
<b>26</b> 2:00pm GLSO News Folding 4:00pm Diversity Business C... 6:00pm Imperial Ct-Club U... 6:00pm MCC/Lex.-Greenleaf... 7:00pm Gay/Lesbian AA	<b>27</b> 7:00pm Teen Support Grp.	<b>28</b> 7:30pm Gay/Lesbian Al-Anon 8:45pm Rainbow Bowling-Southland	<b>29</b> 6:00pm Frontrunners-Woodland Park 8:00pm Gay/Lesbian AA	<b>30</b> 7:00pm Men's Chorus 8:00pm HIV/AIDS Sppt.Grp.		

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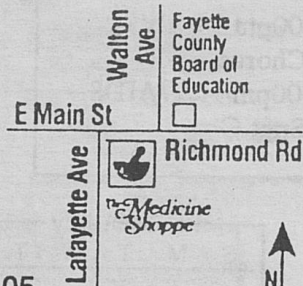


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## Local Activists Respond to Philpot's Diatribe in the Herald-Leader

On March 29, the Lexington Herald-Leader published the text of an inflammatory speech given by Lexington's state senator Tim Philpot on the Senate floor during the recent legislative session. This was followed the next Sunday by an editorial (titled "The truth, Sen. Philpot") which questioned the accuracy of some of the senator's data, but did little to challenge the hysterical and oppressive tone of Philpot's speech. Philpot replied on April 6 with another op-ed piece in which he took the newspaper to task for misreporting one of the facts he had cited, but he did not correct his mistaken statements about gays and lesbians.

That task was met by a team of local activists--Ruth Fiscella, Bill Cole, Keith Elston, and Steve Savage--who met with Herald-Leader management and persuaded them to run, on April 15, a lengthy piece addressing Philpot's erroneous "facts" and despicable attitudes. Their article is excerpted below:

In its effort to enlighten us about State Sen. Tim Philpot, R-Lexington, the Herald-Leader has twice filled these pages with his invective.

One wonders if Philpot really believes this garbage or if he is exploiting homophobia for political reasons. Responding to Philpot's many inaccuracies would take more space than this newspaper allows, yet several of the more outrageous assertions must be contested.

In the text of his speech, Philpot says the average age of gay males has dropped from 42 to 39 because of AIDS. The 1990 Census shows the average age for all U.S. citizens as 32.9: men, 31.7, and women, 34.1. Why, then, are gay males living so much longer than the rest of the U.S. population?

This "data" that Philpot cites was originally published by Paul Cameron, a Nebraska psychologist, as the average age of death based on a survey of obituaries taken from gay

newspapers in large urban areas. Reports in the March 31, 1994, AIDS Daily Summary, (Center for Disease Control National AIDS Clearinghouse) call Cameron's age study questionable and as having "dubious" methodology.

. . . Cameron's ludicrous "statistics" are generously sprinkled throughout Philpot's writing. How credible is Philpot when he relies on discredited "research" such as Cameron's?

Philpot claims gay men are responsible for between one-third and one-half of all cases of child molestation. As the Herald-Leader observed, these statistics are simply wrong. In the final report for the Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues Task Force on Sexual Orientation, Harvard-trained educator William Paul writes that "researchers in the field of child abuse, including law enforcement research, almost unanimously concur that homosexual people are actually *less* likely to sexually approach children."

. . . Philpot cited a Los Angeles Times survey, claiming it found 40 percent of molestations were by persons of the same sex. The truth is: The survey of adult survivors of child sexual abuse, reported in the Aug. 25, 1985, edition of the Times, found nothing of the sort. "Asked their opinion of their abuser's motivation, 19 percent of the victims said 'mental illness,' while smaller percentages said the molester was lonely, homosexual or alcoholic."

. . . Most child molesters are, in fact, heterosexual male relatives of the victim, and not,

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as Philpot claims, gay males or homosexual teachers. Nor is it correct to assume, as Philpot did in his reference to the Los Angeles Times survey, that every child molester whose victim is of the same gender has a homosexual identity. Pedophilia is not the same as either heterosexuality or homosexuality. As [noted child abuse experts] Burgess et al. noted in their 1978 study: "Those offenders who selected underage male victims either have always done so exclusively or have regressed from adult heterosexual relationships. There were no homosexual, adult-oriented offenders in our sample who turned to children."

... Susan B. Anthony said: "I distrust those people who know so well what God wants them to do, because I notice it coincides with their own desires."

No statement sums up Philpot's actions better. In doing what he thinks is God's work, Philpot's inaccurate assertions and reliance on discredited sources do every Kentuckian a great injustice. They foster a climate of homophobia, discrimination and anti-gay violence on grounds that have no basis in reality. They dangerously undermine confidence in our government and elected officials.

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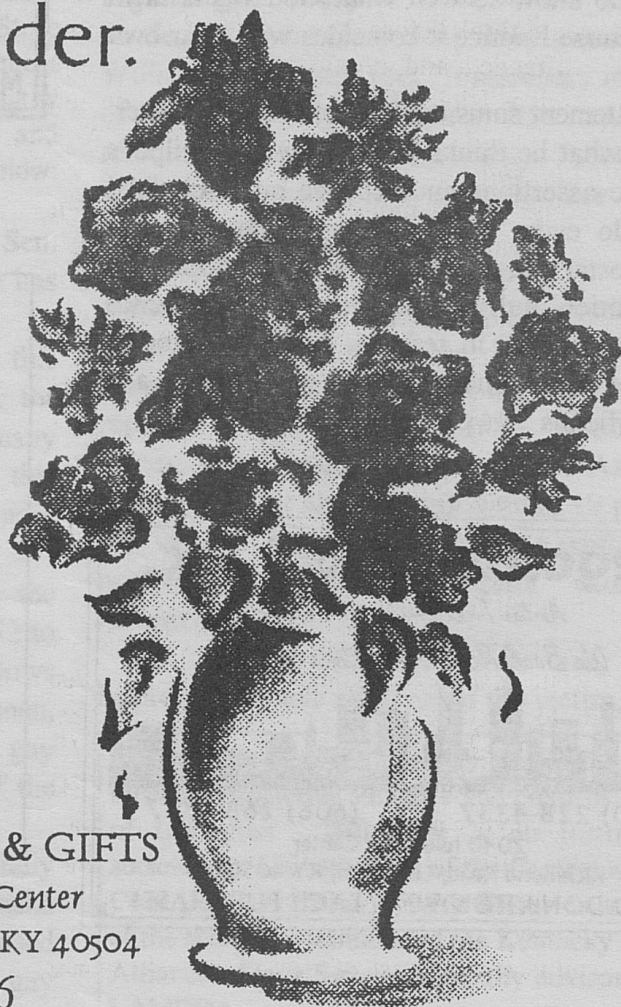
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A reader from Nashville writes in to respond to an earlier answer to one of our questions:

"I would like to respond to the following question and answer you ran in April's column:

**Q: What's the best response to someone who claims that gays/lesbians are sinners who will go to hell?**

**A: "Can you explain to me what the deal was with that guy Jesus who spent all his time with twelve other men?"**

I would like to say, 'If the person with this answer, would think before they answered less people would be offended and repulsed by his/hers views and prospectives [sic].' Thank you for your time and attention."

No, thank you!

In response to last month's question ("What *is* it about Judy Garland?"), it is timely to note that Judy's death occurred only days before the Stonewall riots, and many people believe that the drag queens who fomented our era of relative freedom were in part responding to the anguish of living in a world without Judy. This is true. We owe drag queens a lot.

Other questions of interest are:

- o Are you embarrassed or empowered by the comeback of disco and the Village People?
- o Is it difficult for you to come out at work?
- o Have you ever outed anybody?

Send your responses (along with questions you would like to see other people respond to) to GLSO Roundhouse, P.O. Box 11471, Lexington, KY 40575.

Please take a moment to contribute. The GLSO News is everybody's newsletter (everybody who's gay, lesbian, or bisexual, anyway) and, while we recognize that not everybody is a writer, we want to hear from every corner. Share with us. Jot down your thoughts for the rest of us to see. No names necessary.

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### Personal Notes

Laura Drew and Janette Wolak announce the birth of their daughter, Brent Nicole, on April 26, 1994, at 4:05 A.M. Weight: eight pounds, eight ounces. Length: 20-1/2 inches. Blessed be....

Lexington bids a regretful farewell to **Brad Garrett**, who has moved to Albuquerque after years of effort on the part of the Diversity Business Coalition, GLSO, the Stonewall Network, and many other causes.

*If you have an announcement about a significant event in your life, we'd like to help the community celebrate with you--for free. Send your brief announcement to GLSO News, P.O. Box 11471, Lexington, KY 40575.*

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