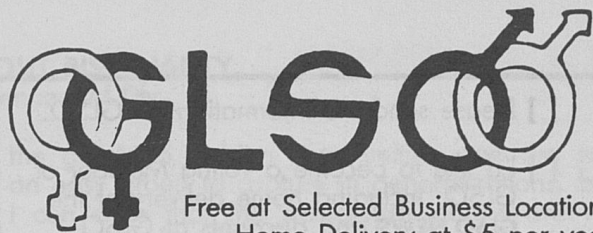


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## PRESIDENT BUSH SIGNS LANDMARK AIDS BILL from Human Rights Campaign Fund

President Bush on July 26, 1990 signed landmark legislation which will protect people with AIDS and HIV diseases from discrimination. The bill, the Americans with Disabilities Act, outlaws discrimination against 43 million Americans with disabilities - including people with AIDS - in employment, transportation and public accommodations, such as restaurants, shops, and theatres.

"This is an immensely important day," the President said before signing the bill. Among the guests at the historic bill signing were representatives of the Human Rights Campaign Fund and the Reverend Don Eastman, Chair of the AIDS Interfaith Council and an Elder in the predominantly gay Metropolitan Community Church.

This marked only the second time in American history that a President has invited openly lesbian and gay Americans to the White House for an official ceremony. Earlier this year, President Bush invited several openly lesbian and gay Americans to the signing of the Hate Crimes Statistics Act.

The President's invitations to lesbian and gay Americans earlier this year caused considerable controversy among members of the Far Right. This month's invitations for HRCF representatives and other openly lesbian and gay Americans also generated dissent. One conservative was quoted in the **Washington Times** stating that the invitation is "further evidence that the Bush Administration gives lip service to social conservatives while making policy decisions in favor of the homosexual lobby."

While not specifically mentioning AIDS or any other disability included in the legislation, the President spoke eloquently of the need to end discrimination of all kinds in the United States. He stated that the Americans with Disabilities Act "brings us closer to the day when no American will be denied their basic right of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness . . . We must not and will not rest until every American man and woman with a dream has a chance to embrace it. We will not accept, we will not excuse, we will not tolerate discrimination in America."

## REP. BARNEY FRANK GETS REPRIMAND FROM HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES from Human Rights Campaign Fund

The House of Representatives followed the House Ethics Committee's recommendation to formally reprimand Congressman Barney Frank (D-MA) for activities surrounding his relationship with a male prostitute. The reprimand, passed on 408-18 vote, is one of the least severe actions which the House could have taken.

The House first voted 390-38 to reject a move by Rep. William Dannemeyer (R-CA) to expel Frank. House members also voted 287-141 against a move by Republican Whip Newt Gingrich of Georgia to censure Frank, a move which would have stripped him of his subcommittee chairmanship.

Tim McFeeley, executive director of the HRCF stated that the House's finding "should allow Barney to put this episode in his life to rest and move forward. Congressman Frank has admitted to making a mistake and he is being reprimanded for it."

Polls in his congressional district indicate he has retained the loyalty of his constituents. In recent weeks, his most serious Republican challenger withdrew from the race, giving every indication that he thought the election could not be won. Frank won the last election - the first after he had publicly acknowledged his being gay - with 70 percent of the vote.

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Dear Aunt Mary,

Lately I've read that bisexuals are gays who are afraid to deal with their sexuality. Is this true? Art there truly bisexual people?

Searchingly,  
In Between

Dear Betwixt,

I suppose it depends who you ask. Uncle Sigmund (Freud - you didn't know we were related did you?) felt that everyone was bisexual or as he called it - polymorphously perverse - at birth. Based on Frued's ideas, some have suggested that it is only society that later forces us to label ourselves and that such labeling restricts our freedom to express ourselves sexually. In line with this thinking, consider the article in last month's **GLSO News** about Michelle Shocked who admits having had relationships with women. She resists labeling herself as lesbian because she feels that would limit her (Several other famous individuals have labeled themselves as bisexual, e.g., David Bowie, Elton John).

A lot of people feel that bisexuals are gays or lesbians who can't deal with their sexuality but could it be that bisexuals are the only ones who fully express their sexuality by not limiting themselves with labels that position them on one side or the other? Obviously, this position has political implications and represents only one viewpoint on the matter, but it's a viewpoint that often is not expressed. Aunt Mary only wants you to consider the possibility that if society did not (in many ways) force us into camps many of us might simply have sex with people we love regardless of their gender. The Kinsey studies suggest that we all fall on a continuum of sexuality and that some of us are more homo- or hetero-sexual in our behavior than others and that some are truly bisexual.

Bisexuals, in many ways, have been left out because of the belief that they are simply on their way to being gay or lesbian. Lesbian and gay groups often exclude them, waiting until they pledge allegiance to homosexuality, even though they are subject to oppression from the heterosexual majority. Aunt Mary hopes that we can, ultimately, get beyond labels and let people love whom they wish.

Aunt Mary



## SOME TRUTHS ABOUT BISEXUALITY

from Ellen T. Brenner, M.Div.

[The following article is being reprinted from **The Communicator**, the Unitarian Universalist Women's Federation Newsletter. It seems timely in conjunction with this month's Aunt Mary.]

While the UUA (Unitarian Universalist Association) has made some great strides on gay/lesbian issues, there is still considerable confusion about bisexuality in our ranks. This became apparent at the 1989 General Assembly in New Haven when the Welcoming Congregation Program, which includes bisexuals along with gays and lesbians in its provisions, was ratified by a gratifyingly wide margin, but the floor debate beforehand flushed out classic examples of what is known as "biphobia." Clearly, homophobia is hardly dead in the UUA either, but we really need to do some catch-up work on biphobia. As a UU and a bisexual feminist activist, I would like to share my experience on these matters.

Gays, lesbians, and bisexuals all confront the problems of living in a heterosexist society, but biphobia adds some insidious twists to the stereotypes it generates. Bisexuality gets mistakenly and negatively conceptualized as some inability to choose between men and women as sexual partners - between being gay and being straight. Thus the biphobic imagination conjures up visions of a person flitting from relationship to relationship, alternating between men and women; or juggling simultaneous relationships with two or more men and women; or living in terror of coming out of the closet as a "proper" gay man or lesbian!

These negative stereotypes then generate others still more hurtful - bisexuals are emotionally immature or untrustworthy, greedily trying to have it both ways; bisexuals are to blame for the spread of AIDS from the gay to the straight communities; bisexuals are undermining the gay and lesbian communities by "sitting on the fence;" bisexuals are naturally promiscuous, incapable of any kind of long-term committed relationship; the list goes on. These stereotypes all assume that bisexuality is not a viable sexual orientation in and of itself. They try to fit the bisexual into one of two known pigeonholes - the heterosexual and the homosexual - rather than addressing the complexities of the truth.

What is the truth about bisexuals? Well, like

the gay and lesbian communities, we are not an easy group to capture in generalizations, but I can state that the stereotypes above are no more true of us than they are to the population at large. The fraction of the bisexual community whose behavior might be called sexually irresponsible is comparable to the fraction of gay, lesbian, and heterosexual people who behave that way. There are bisexuals who sincerely question the norm of compulsory monogamy - but there are gays, lesbians and heterosexuals also addressing this controversial issue in a responsible manner. Then there are many other bisexuals who are happy settle in long-term, committed, monogamous relationships, or are following the modern cultural norm of "serial monogamy." They see no conflict between their bisexual orientation and their ability to love one specific individual.

From my own experience and that of other bisexual women and men with whom I work, I understand bisexuality as an openness to the potential of erotic friendship and love with members of either gender. My bisexuality is a natural aspect of my total self. I do not necessarily have to act on these potentials for my bisexuality to be a tangible aspect of my being - it is a matter of orientation and inner knowing rather than behavior.

But behavior has its ramifications; as a bisexual woman in a sexist and heterosexist society, I have experienced my relationships with men and with women to have drastically different internal dynamics and cultural meanings. My relationships with other women have labored under the burden of heterosexism, and my relationships with men have received unearned privilege for being the "acceptable" kind. Even though I am neither straight nor lesbian, living as a bisexual has given me some personal insight into both worlds. I am not a fence-sitter but a bridge-builder!

When a woman even talks about sexual aspects of herself this frankly, she always risks running into a whole raft of "isms" and phobias - sexism, heterosexism, biphobia, sex-phobia. But if there is one lesson I have learned from feminism, it is the necessity for all of us to share the frank truths of our lives. Bisexuality is an integral, healthy part of many people's lives, including my own, as so I offer these truths it has taught me in just this spirit of sharing.

## LOCAL NEWS

### FINANCIAL NEWS DOMINATES JUNE BOARD MEETING

from Teresa Reynolds and Craig Clere

The June GLSO Board of Directors meeting was held June 27 in Richmond, Kentucky at John Cutright's home.

Following a **huge** meal, committee reports were heard by the Board. The Speaker's Bureau reported a total of 15 speaking engagements since October, a record for the organization.

Melanie Otis reported that the Trilogy Project was proceeding well. Currently there has been a 50% return rate on **GLSO News** mailing list respondents. 160 surveys were distributed during the Louisville Pride Week Picnic. The current return rate on all survey is 42%, which is expected to rise in subsequent months.

The Coming Out group continues to draw increased interest from the lesbian and gay community. Meetings have been held monthly during the summer, but will increase to twice a month beginning in September.

The Phoneline has been experiencing a staffing shortage during the summer. Volunteers' vacations and increased summer commitments are believed to be the reasons for the current problem. A new training session may be required for new volunteers in the Fall.

**GLSO News** reported a steady source of income from advertising, memberships, and subscription renewals. It was suggested contacting Joseph-Beth Booksellers about advertising.

The first draft of GLSO's promotional brochure has been printed and was available during Pride Week. Further revisions to the brochure are expected.

A lengthy report on Pride Week was heard with numerous board members reporting. An overall good attendance was noted with certain events being better attended than others. Arts Night was a particular highlight of the week for many board members. There was an increased attendance of the picnic this year, due to this year's location at the Unitarian Universalist Church rather than at Jacobson Park. Media attention was at its highest point with television coverage, several radio interviews, and an article in **Lexington Herald-Leader** complete with an events calendar.

Following the Pride Week discussion, discussion centered on finances. Button sales were excellent during Pride Week, with the actual profit not yet determined. GLSO's Raffle sold \$840 worth of tickets. Due to generous contributions by BHRA, Interweave, GLSO, Crossings, Bluegrass COLTs, and individuals, Pride Week reported its first profit in recent memory. After discussion, the Board voted to donate \$150 of the Raffle profit to Pride Week.

In other financial matters, the Board voted to authorize a committee to begin seeking bids for a new computer/Phoneline system. The Board approved purchasing 15 copies of **Esmerelda's Anthology** for distribution to various archives. The Board also authorized purchasing 10 copies of the **Gay Yellow Pages** for Phoneline staff members and/or Board members.

Following discussion the Board declined an invitation by Lexington's Pro-Choice Alliance to join its organization. It was a consensus of the Board that the Alliance's work went beyond the scope of GLSO's principal purposes.

The next Board meeting was set for July 25 at 7:30 pm. Board meetings are open to the general membership and are held the last Wednesday of the month. Consult the Directory in **GLSO News** for a contact number.

### PHONELINE NEEDS YOU! from **GLSO News**

If you've tried calling GLSO's Gayline during the summer and found only a recording when a real live person was promised -- you're probably not alone. The summer has taken its toll on the already over-worked **volunteers** of the Gayline. Consequently, there have been numerous nights during the summer months when the Gayline has not been staffed.

What is the remedy for this problem? Volunteer for the Gayline! A training session for new volunteers is tentatively scheduled for September; watch for a date in the September **GLSO News**. The only requirement is a willingness to spend several three-hour blocks of time, in your own home, answering calls.

Hopefully, by the beginning of Fall a new crop of fresh, under-worked volunteers will be answering the Gayline. If not, unfortunately, we can expect more days without service.



## **MICHIGAN SODOMY LAW RULED UNCONSTITUTIONAL**

from Lambda Legal Defense & Education Fund

A trial court in Wayne County, Michigan has become the second court in a month to strike down a state sodomy statute on state constitutional grounds. In reasoning similar to that used by a Kentucky court in early June, the Michigan court recognized that the state sodomy law and related so-called "gross indecency" laws violate every citizen's right to privacy under the state constitution.

A broad range of plaintiffs from all over the state successfully challenged the Michigan law. All the plaintiffs told the court that, because of these laws, they have suffered a chilling effect on their behavior and fear of prosecution.

"The right to privacy victories in Michigan and Kentucky within a month are extremely significant, because they show that state courts and state constitutions can do what the federal courts used to do: protect minorities and basic American freedoms against government intrusion," said Paula Ettelbrick, one of two Lambda attorneys on the case.

Before the ruling in Kentucky and Michigan, twenty-four states (as well as the District of Columbia) still criminalized so-called "sodomy", oral or anal sex between consenting adults in private. Ettelbrick noted, "Seven of those states (including Kentucky) singled out lesbians and gay men as criminals for private sexual acts that most adult Americans engage in, and did not prohibit the exact same conduct when engaged in by heterosexuals."

In the Michigan case, the state attorney general must now determine whether the state will appeal the trial court ruling which overturned the sodomy and gross indecency statutes. Kentucky officials are expected to appeal their sodomy challenge to the Kentucky Court of Appeals.

## **AUGUST 1990 UPDATE from NAMES Project Kentucky**

Thank you to everyone who marched with us in the Lexington Fourth of July parade. Our forty strong presence and positive reception from the community speaks well of our progress so far. With so much going on we need your enthusiasm to continue and encourage new and old friends to join us anytime to participate in whatever way you can and want.

The goal of providing panel-making support in the community remains a top priority for the local chapter. With the gracious help and kindness of Becki Olson of Quilter's Square, several people have panels under way. Becki's quilting bees are open to anyone interested in knowing the basics of putting a panel together for the AIDS Memorial Quilt. The workshops are scheduled the second Thursday of each month from 7 - 9 pm at 308 South Mill Street, in Becki's shop on the second floor of Dudley Square. No experience needed and there is no fee.

The Quilt will be coming back to Lexington Sunday, September 2. Thirty-two panels will be on display in the Singletary Center for the Arts, at the corner of Rose and Euclid on UK's campus. Please mark your calendar and look for more information in the local media.

The NAMES Project Kentucky will be helping the other chapters in our region pull together the Chicago portion of the national display on Columbus Day weekend, October 5-8. Anyone interested in helping is encouraged to contact the local chapter. We will also be arranging group transportation and lodging, so let us know early.

Our next general meeting is Wednesday, August 8 at 7 pm at the Rosenthal Center on Transylvania's campus. Please call Katie at 223-3855 with questions or to volunteer.

## **JUMPIN' JAMMIN' JAMBOREE from GLSO News staff**

Country and western aficionados should prepare to glide, slide, gambol and romp as the Cincinnati Stompers host their second annual Jamboree and Midwest Gay Dance Competition on August 10, 11 and 12.

This year's Jamboree will commence with a kickoff reception and dance on Friday evening. Following a Saturday afternoon cookout, all will gather at Thomasville Lodge on the Ohio River for the featured Midwest Gay Dance Competition. Participants will be treated to a brunch on Sunday, with a show and dance.

The Cincinnati Stompers is a non-profit social organization comprised of males and females dedicated to promoting the enjoyment of country and western dance. Further information may be obtained by writing the Cincinnati Stompers at 7800 Brill Road, Cincinnati, Ohio, 45243, or contacting John at (513) 271-5161.

**CHARGE FOR YOUR GAY RIGHTS:  
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from National Gay & Lesbian Task Force

The Working Assets Funding Service, a "socially responsible consumer services company" for "the practical idealist," has granted the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF) \$20,000 for its work on behalf of gay and lesbian civil rights.

Working Assets awards funds generated over the past year by its VISA, MasterCard, long distance, or travel services. Every time a Working Assets member charges a purchase to his or her credit card, makes a phone call or buys an airline ticket, a percentage of the bill goes to the Working Assets Funding Service, at no charge to the member.

The organization makes grants to environmental, human rights, justice and peace organizations. Working Assets' 100,000 members nominate and vote on which groups will receive funding. In the most recent granting period, more than \$300,000 was distributed to 32 action groups last year.

"We are extremely grateful to Working Assets members. The fact that we placed so high on their list demonstrates their strong support of gay issues," said Jaime Grant, NGLTF development director. "This reinforces our belief that gay and lesbian civil rights are an important priority for socially conscious consumers."

For more information on Working Assets Funding Services, call (800) 522-7759.

**BLUEGRASS HUMAN RIGHTS  
ADVOCATES NEWS**

from BHRA

BHRA was proud to be one of the co-sponsors of The March for Justice in Louisville, June 30th. The March was a big success with the estimated turnout this year being the highest ever at 450, including a sizable contingent from the Bluegrass area. This year's march and rally was the first which included a speaker from Lexington, Dennis Stutsman representing BHRA. For those of you who couldn't make it, Stutsman was pleased to announce BHRA will sponsor Lexington's first rally and march next year. Many of our co-marchers in Louisville pledged their support and promised their attendance in Lexington next year.

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The focus of the speeches at the rally was pending legislation before the Louisville Board of Aldermen which would document hate crimes perpetrated on all minorities, including Gays and Lesbians, in Louisville. On July 10, this legislation was passed by the Board of Aldermen. Just as the federal Hate Crimes Statistic Act is significant to our national gay community, so also is this Louisville legislation important to the Gays and Lesbians of Kentucky. Hopefully, this will help to pave the way for similar legislation in Lexington.

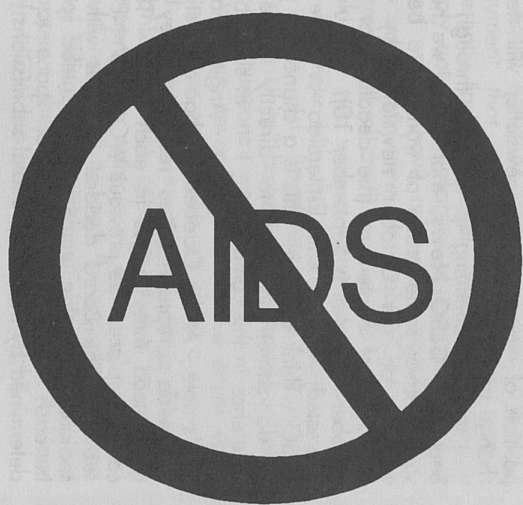
On a national level: The National Gay & Lesbian Task Force is focusing its efforts on a letter writing campaign designed to encourage our Senators and Representatives to pass the Gay and Lesbian Civil Rights Bill that is pending before Congress. BHRA has volunteered to spearhead the drive for central Kentucky. In doing so, we have provided a letter on the inserted page in this newsletter which you can cut and send to your Representative and one of your Senators. If you would like to send a letter to your second Senator (we strongly urge you to do so), simply copy the page before filling it out.

NGLTF suggests adding your own comments to your correspondence or they offer a few of their own such as: "Gays and Lesbians are a minority without legal protection from discrimination. Support the gay and lesbian civil rights bill." (or) "The gay and lesbian civil rights bill extends the equal rights protection given other minorities to gays and lesbians." (or) "It is time for the US Congress to take a stand against all forms of bigotry and discrimination. Support the gay and lesbian civil rights bill."

Our goal is that each gay or lesbian person in Kentucky send three cards or letters: one to your Representative and one to each of your Senators. Be sure to sign your name and address, as well as the name of the member of Congress to receive the letter. Be sure to fill out the "To:" and "From:" addresses and place a 25 cent stamp on the reverse side.

The Senators representing all of Kentucky are Wendell Ford (D) and Mitch McConnell (R). Lexington-Fayette County is represented by Larry Hopkins (R). If anyone outside of Fayette County is unsure of who their Representative is, you can call BHRA at 272-4519. These individuals need to be reminded that they are supposed to be representing their gay and lesbian constituents.





## AIDS

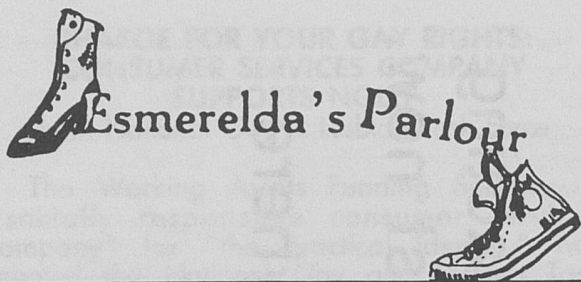
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If you have put yourself at risk for contracting the AIDS virus, take the HIV Antibody Test now.

For more information on the test and where you can go for testing, call

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Kentucky AIDS Education Program



Dear Esmerelda,

I have been working with providing material for Esmerelda's Parlour for nearly a year and a half now and it's time for me to go. The problem isn't Esmerelda or the Parlour but simply that I am too busy with other things in my life, such as working full time and going to school part time, and my academic career happens to be more important to me. Unfortunately, my leaving does present a problem and that is the need for someone or some group of people to take over the position of assistant editor of Esmerelda's Parlour. It isn't the end of the world if no one does - Esmerelda's Parlour will simply cease to exist and there will be no such thing as the women's page or section in **GLSO News** anymore (an example of this can be found in last month's newsletter when I was too busy to supply a column). However, this will be highly unfortunate (and in my mind disgraceful) because, although women comprise a smaller percentage of the GLSO membership, we do provide a large percent of the funding and one-half of the Board is composed of women.

Working on Esmerelda's Parlour has, for the most part, been a very pleasant experience for me. Many people have been kind enough to give me positive feedback on the columns I have written and the work I have done. Those people who have disagreed with me on occasion, and let me know about it, have served to challenge my attitudes and have taught me a lot. There is something about writing for the public as an open lesbian that teaches you about yourself and at the same time forces you to take a stand and really think about the issues, because a certain degree of responsibility comes with expressing your opinions in public and in writing. I have always tried to keep this in mind, although I realize that upon occasion I have fallen short. I believe that the responsibility of writing for **GLSO News** can best be shared by a group of

women, not just one woman with one set of opinions.

We need more women involved in supplying material for the newsletter. One Board member expressed to me the feeling that **GLSO News** should be more integrated, not simply with a page or two set aside for women, because this encourages a representation of women as marginal beings - people who are allowed a certain small space that is set apart from the main. My feeling is more of a compromise between the two; keeping Esmerelda's Parlour as a special editorial column for women plus having other articles pertaining to women's issues and events spread throughout the newsletter. I would like to leave the impression behind that, when Esmerelda first requested space in the GLSO Newsletter in October of '87, they were informed that the newsletter could only give up two to possibly three pages for them each month. Now that women have gained so much more power in the organization, this should be reflected in the format of the newsletter.

However, the argument against this happening is a very real and a very practical one - there don't seem to be enough women around who are interested in providing material for **GLSO News** in general, or even for Esmerelda's Parlour. As I mentioned, I will not be responsible for this anymore, and until the women of this community show more of an interest in issues that affect them and more motivation toward affecting a change, the position of women in the newsletter will never change and this is appropriate.

I will be continuing to work up through the September **GLSO News**, that means we need someone, or some group of women, to begin working on the October newsletter by the beginning of September (the deadline for the October newsletter is September 10). If you are interested, please call Esmerelda or write to GLSO. Think about it! This is a chance for you to do something and to directly make a difference in this community.

In sisterhood,  
Angela Martin

[Ed.'s note - At the October '87 board meeting, Esmerelda's representatives requested they be guaranteed three pages in each issue. Their column replaced the previous WOMENS' NEWS section. The Board decided that, as with all sections, Esmerelda would be guaranteed space in each issue, the amount of space to be determined by the month's total submissions.]

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## THE '90s, A DECADE FOR LESBIANS?

from Angela Martin

The National Organization for Women held their national convention in California last month. At this convention they were to set out their national agenda in policy and political activity for the coming decade. At the opening of this convention Molly Yard, the current matriarch of NOW, declared the '90s "the decade of women." I know you've all heard me talk about NOW and its attitude towards the lesbians in its ranks and lesbians in general, but I feel there's something more that needs to be said.

At her kick-off performance for Lexington's Pride Week, JoAnn Loulan reminded us all of just how homophobic (specifically toward lesbians) NOW can be. She pointed out that at the national convention, NOW was to present its goals for the rights of women in the coming decade, and that in particular such groups as "women of color" and "disabled women" were represented, but that nowhere in the national agenda were the rights of lesbians represented or even mentioned. This is a national agenda that even mentioned the rights of men!

It is a disgrace that an organization I would venture is one-third lesbian should behave in such a repressive way. I feel personally angry at those lesbians who continue to work hard as a part of an organization that not only denies their existence as lesbians, but denies their need for equal rights as lesbians as well. The old argument that equal opportunity for women inherently includes equal rights for lesbians is simply not true. Imagine a point in the future when women have achieved a society with a less sexist world view (no doubt NOW will take a great deal of credit for this), do you seriously think that two women sitting side-by-side at a job interview with the same qualifications, one of which just happens to be wearing a "Lesbians Unite" button, will be treated equally? In most situations I would think not.

We can never hope to achieve equal rights for ourselves as long as we deny our sexuality and spend our energies working within an organization that at times seems to me to represent "the right hand of men." Lesbians should not have to work for equal rights and equal billing within a women's organization, but it appears they must. I hope that lesbians within NOW are working at changing it.

Finally, I guess that I should note that I have nothing against the local chapter of NOW and that I do not wish to slander it. The local chapter does do many worthwhile things and perform many community services directed toward women; I would imagine this is true of most local chapters of NOW. But I do question their involvement in an organization that denies many of their rights. Do the lesbians even think about this? Apparently not.

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## GAY AMERICA

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### NATIONAL

The Central Conference of American Rabbis, the governing committee of the Reform movement of Judaism in the United States, voted to allow openly gay men and lesbians to be ordained as rabbis. The vote makes the Reform movement, with 1.5 million adherents, the largest of any Jewish or Christian groups to formally accept gays as religious leaders.

### SAN FRANCISCO, CA

Donna Hitchens, founder of the Lesbian Rights Project, has been elected a city superior court judge. Hitchens is the highest-ranking, openly lesbian, elected official in California.

### SPRINGFIELD, IL

The state senate approved legislation that would prevent Chicago Transit Authority (CTA) buses from displaying safe-sex posters that show same-sex couples kissing. The CTA donates space for the posters as a public service. The posters show three kissing couples - two men, two women, and a man and a woman - and the slogan KISSING DOESN'T KILL; GREED AND INDIFFERENCE DO. The measure has been sent to the state house of representatives.

### ST. PAUL, MN

The St. Paul city council approved a gay rights measure by a 6-1 margin June 26, but a conservative citizens' group said it will try to overturn the new law through a referendum. In the late 1970's, voters repealed a similar measure by referendum.

## RAINBOW BOWLING LEAGUE AGENDA

### TEE SHIRT AUCTION

The Bar Complex (224 East Main Street, Lexington), Wednesday, August 15, 9 pm.  
"BUY THE SHIRTS RIGHT OFF OUR MODELS' BACKS!!"  
(\*To Benefit the Bluegrass Classic)

### RAINBOW BOWLING LEAGUE

Central Kentucky's only all Gay & Lesbian league begins it's 1990-91 season.  
Tuesday, August 28, 9 pm. Joyland Bowling Lanes, Paris Pike, Lexington.  
For information call Teri, 268-4789, or Steve, 276-3058.

### BAR NIGHT

at the Pipeline (Cincinnati), early August.  
(\*To Benefit the Bluegrass Classic)

### TRIATHLON (Bowling, miniature golf, darts)

Rose Bowl Lanes, Louisville. Sunday, September 23.  
(\*To Benefit the Bluegrass Classic)

### SCARY BOWL (Halloween theme)

Rose Bowl Lanes, Louisville. Saturday, October 20.  
(\*To Benefit the Bluegrass Classic)

### SCOTCH DOUBLE NO TAP TOURNAMENT (Rainbow League sponsored)

Saturday, November 3, Joyland Lanes, Paris Pike, Lexington.  
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## INTO THE FUTURE

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

August 4, 1990. Hotlanta River Expo.  
Atlanta, GA.

August 4-11, 1990. Celebration '90: Gay Games III & Cultural Festival.  
Vancouver, BC, Canada.

August 10-12, 1990. Cincinnati Stompers 2nd Annual Jamboree & Midwest Gay Dance Competition. Cincinnati, Ohio.

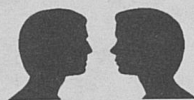
September 9, 1990. NOW's "Take Back The Night". Woodland Park, Lexington, KY.

September 14-16, 1990. Cincinnati Tri-State Invitational Bowling Tournament.  
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## DIRECTORY

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<b>GLSO News</b> .....	call Craig, 266-8887
<b>GLSO Speakers Bureau</b> ..call Bill, ..	266-9175
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.... call Alan, .....	253-2414
.... or Teresa, .....	252-3106
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.... call Esmerelda, .....	255-3851
<b>GLSO Rainbow Bowling League</b>	
.... call Chuck, .....	268-8541
<b>NAMES Project Kentucky</b>	
.... call Katie .....	233-3855
<b>Lesbian Potluck</b>	
.... call Esmerelda, .....	252-7837
<b>Lesbian Passion Discussion Group</b>	
.... call Esmerelda, .....	255-3851
<b>Esmerelda's Parlour</b>	
.... call Angela, .....	255-3851
<b>Bluegrass Human Rights Advocates</b>	
.... call Kate/Amy, .....	272-4519
<b>GLUE (UK Support Group)</b>	
.... call Steve, .....	231-8485
<b>Gay/Lesbian AA</b>	
.... call Dave, .....	277-9522
<b>Gay/Lesbian Al-Anon</b>	
.... call Robert, .....	293-0516
<b>Imperial Court of the Bluegrass</b>	
<b>Empire</b> .. call Terry, .....	266-8715
<b>Dignity/Lexington</b>	
.... call Keith, .....	263-5940
<b>Liturg</b> .... call Don, .....	299-4458
<b>Interweave</b> .... call Craig, .....	266-8887
(Unitarian Universalist gays, lesbians and friends.)	
<b>AVOL</b> .....	276-AVOL
(AIDS support and education)	
<b>ACT-Lexington</b> .....	281-5151
(AIDS education and referral)	
<b>HIV+, ARC, AIDS Support Group</b>	
.... call Edwin, .....	233-0444
<b>Lexington-Fayette Co. Health Department</b>	
<b>AIDS Testing</b> .....	288-AIDS
(For anonymous counseling and testing, call the above number and ask for an AIDS Counselor.)	
<b>Madison County Health Department</b>	
<b>AIDS Testing</b> .....	623-7312
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<b>Louisville Crisis Hotline</b> .....	(502) 637-4342

# AUGUST EVENTS CALENDAR

Contact names and numbers for all events listed can be found in the Directory on the previous page. The Comp Care Center is located at 201 Mechanic Street, Lexington.

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### WEEKLY EVENTS

- SUNDAY** Gay/Lesbian AA, 4 pm, Comp Care Center;  
**Gayline**, 231-0335, 8 - 11 pm
- TUESDAY** Gay/Lesbian Al-Anon, 7 pm;  
Rainbow Bowling League, 9 pm,  
Joyland Lanes, (Begins  
August 28th)
- WEDNESDAY** Gay/Lesbian AA, 8 pm,  
St. Joseph Hospital,  
CCI Meeting Room;  
**Gayline**, 231-0335, 8 - 11 pm
- THURSDAY** HIV+, ARC, AIDS Support Group;  
**Gayline**, 231-0335, 8 - 11 pm
- FRIDAY** Gay/Lesbian AA, 8 pm, Comp  
Care Center;  
**Gayline**, 231-0335, 8 - 11 pm

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### SPECIAL EVENTS

- SUN** 5 Bluegrass Human Rights  
Advocates, 6:30 pm
- WED** 8 NAMES Project, 7 pm, Rosenthal  
Complex, Transylvania University;
- THU** 9 NAMES Project Quilting Workshop,  
7 pm, Dudley Square,  
308 South Mill
- FRI** 10 **GLSO News** Deadline
- SUN** 12 Lesbian Potluck, 2 pm;  
Aids Volunteers Of Lexington,  
5:30 pm, Comp Care Center
- WED** 15 Interweave, 8 pm,  
Unitarian Universalist Church
- MON** 20 Pro-Choice Alliance, 7:30 pm,  
Alfalfa's Restaurant
- TUE** 21 Rainbow Bowling League Registration  
Party, call Steve, 276-3058, for  
more information
- FRI-SUN**  
24-26 Interweave Fall Retreat
- WED** 29 GLSO Board Meeting, 7:30 pm

EVENTS MAY BE INCLUDED  
BY CALLING 266-8887, OR, BY WRITING:  
GLSO NEWS, PO BOX 11471  
LEXINGTON, KY 40575.

THE DEADLINE IS THE 10TH OF THE MONTH.  
**HELP US KEEP THIS CALENDAR CURRENT**



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The Honorable

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US Senate  
Washington, DC, 20510

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The Honorable

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US House of Representatives  
Washington, DC, 20515

I urge you to co-sponsor and  
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Rights Amendments Act of 1989

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