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Gay doctors' group "comes out"

SAN FRANCISCO -- The American Association of Physicians for Human Rights (AAPHR) announced an historic decision to change its name to the Gay and Lesbian Medical Association (GLMA). The name change for the 1,600 member U.S./Canadian medical group will become effective on January 1, marking the first time in its 13-year history that the San Francisco-based organization will have the words gay and lesbian in its name. The announcement is believed to be the first time that a national gay/lesbian organization has changed its name to more accurately reflect its mission.

"By proudly becoming the Gay and Lesbian Medical Association, we believe we are striking a strong blow against homophobia in medicine," said GLMA Executive Director Benjamin Schatz. "By refusing to remain invisible as a group, we make it harder for the medical establishment to pretend we do not exist and to ignore the needs of gay/lesbian/bisexual physicians and patients alike."

"As an organization, we have long maintained that homophobia is a health hazard," noted GLMA President Bob Cabaj. "Our new openness and directness will be an asset in dealing with such problems as the high rates of suicide among gay, lesbian and bisexual youth, substance abuse, and low self-esteem that can complicate HIV prevention efforts."

The GLMA works to maximize the quality of health services for lesbian, gay and bisexual people, to promote full civil rights, and to foster a professional climate in which members can achieve their full potential.

Lavendar Life Magazine announces writing contest

Binghamton, NY -- *Lavendar Life*, a monthly nationwide lesbian magazine has announced a writing contest to celebrate the beginning of their fourth year in January 1995. Every woman is invited to enter and prizes will be awarded.

All original stories and poetry received by December 31, 1994, will

automatically be entered into the contest. Winners will be announced in their January 15, 1995, Anniversary Issue. All writers will retain final rights to their short stories and/or poetry.

For more information or to send your entry write to: *Lavendar Life*, P.O. Box 898, Binghamton, NY 13902-0898, Attn: Pamela K. Fite. ▼

OUTSPOKEN: OITM's Quote of the Month

"The feminist line about pornography deliberately never mentions the enormous world of gay male pornography. They can't, because their whole rubric--'Pornography degrades women'--doesn't work if it's man-on-man. Does any gay man think that a beautiful boy is reduced to mere meat? Yeah, it's meat, but it's fabulous meat!"

Camille Paglia
Culture critic and author

Health Resource Organizations

AIDS HOTLINES:

Vermont	1-800-882-2437
New Hampshire	1-800-752-2437
New York State	1-800-541-2437
Massachusetts	1-617-522-4090
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AIDS Community Awareness Project (ACAP)

PO Box 608
St. Johnsbury, VT 05819
(802) 748-1149

AIDS Community Resource Network (ACoRN)

PO Box 2057
Lebanon, NH 03766
(603) 448-2220

Bennington Area AIDS Project

PO Box 1066
Bennington, VT 05201
(802) 442-4481 or 1-800-845-2437

Brattleboro AIDS Project

PO Box 1486
Brattleboro, VT 05302
(802) 254-4444 (Helpline)
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Franklin-Grand Isle AIDS Task Force

P. O. Box 241, St. Albans, VT 05478
(800) 524-7742 • (802) 638-7834

Friends Vermont

Emotional, Spiritual, & Psychological Support
PO Box 402
Bristol, VT 05443
1 800 639-3316

Gay/Lesbian Alcoholics Anonymous

GLAA, P.O. Box 5653
Burlington, VT 05402

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(802) 660-8386

North Star (Holistic Health Care)

RR2 Box 3255
Morrisville, VT 05661 • (802) 888-2858

Vermont AIDS Council

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Montpelier VT 05601 • (802) 229-2557

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Burlington, VT 05401
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Vermont Department of Health

1-800-882-2437 (AIDS Hotline) or
(802) 863-7245 (AIDS Program office)

VT PWA Coalition

PO Box 1055 • Brattleboro, VT 05302
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