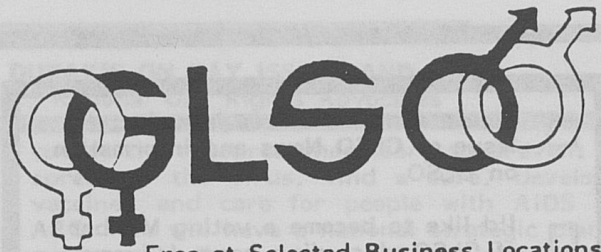


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PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE COURTS THE GAY COMMUNITY

One of the most remarkable traits of this year's presidential campaign has not been reported by the national or local media. For the first time in American political history, a presidential nominee from one of the major political parties is actively courting the country's gay and lesbian vote.

GLSO has received a letter from presidential candidate Michael Dukakis. The letter is reproduced on page 3. This is the first communication any Central Kentucky gay organization has ever received from a candidate's national office. It is only one of many letters concerning this year's election

which GLSO has received during the past several months, primarily from various gay organizations urging gay men and lesbians to vote for Dukakis. GLSO has received nothing from the Bush/Quayle ticket.

Also reproduced in this issue is an article from Jean O'Leary, Executive Director of National Gay Rights Advocates. O'Leary's article succinctly compares Dukakis' and Bush's views on gay, lesbian, and AIDS issues. A letter from Randy Miller, lesbian/gay liaison for the Dukakis Campaign, is also included.

EDITORIAL: JUST WHEN DO WE MATTER?

When casting their votes, many gay and lesbian voters tend to disregard issues dealing with homosexual civil rights. Various rationales are cited for this approach, which even main stream politicians, media and voters find perplexing. Possibly only those who experience society's homophobia from the inside, America's lesbians and gay men, can understand this contradictory attitude.

One of the most widely stated reasons for disregarding a candidate's views on equal homosexuals rights is the more pressing nature of matters such as the economy, national defense, and foreign relations. More politically inclined gay men and lesbians, however, see this reasoning as a hidden, closeted attitude implying gay rights are not deserving of attention by the government. Certainly no one would argue matters of defense, the economy, and other such issues should be disregarded. But neither should civil rights be ignored, especially by a future leader of one of the world's most powerful nations. Additionally, a more just society carries with it implications for a stronger economy, more widespread participation in government, and a more educated populace.

For those lesbians and gay men who consistently hold that civil rights protection

for homosexuals is not as valid an issue as other factors, one would ask, "When will 'the more urgent national matters' be less important, so that civil rights injustices can be corrected?" The ultimate issue underlying these questions is, "Why must we wait for our rights, when the many other minorities in the country have not; why are we allowing ourselves to be discriminated against by all levels of government, and even Presidents and presidential candidates?"

Regardless of reasons which homosexual voters use in deciding not to consider a candidate's views on lesbian and gay rights, the great tragedy of the struggle for homosexual equality is the fact that we are responsible for our own situation. Any reasoning which belittles gay and lesbian civil rights discriminates against us. Even when we are doing it to ourselves. We allow discrimination, and we discriminate against ourselves.

In many matters, this year's presidential election is more crucial than that of any preceding year. Great strides have been made throughout the country in the arena of homosexual rights. Several state-level organizations formed. Discriminatory legislation

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in federal and state government has been defeated; positive legislation has been enacted. Antigay violence has become an issue for the the federal government. Much of this progress, and much more, has been achieved during the Reagan-Bush administration. Think what could have been accomplished had a more tolerant administration been in office. Think what might be possible in the next four, or eight, years.

Please read the letters appearing inside this issue, and consider what results your vote will have on our future. Even if you decide that gay rights are currently less important than other issues, consideration of gay and lesbian concerns will dignify your own lifestyle and that of the 25 million American lesbians and gay men, and will contribute in some small measure to future improvements.

RSVP FOR THANKSGIVING DINNER

We're approaching that difficult time of the year - the holiday season - so let's try something different. Thanksgiving always fall on Thursday, which is not the most convenient day of the week to visit family or friends a long way from Lexington. GLSO will sponsor a Thanksgiving potluck to give everyone an alternative to visiting home and playing it "straight" for the holiday.

A GLSO member has offered to host the Dinner from 2 - 4 pm Thanksgiving Day. The home can comfortably accommodate many diners. The turkey will be provided, but we're counting on you for everything else. Please RSVP before Wednesday, November 23 so we will know how many turkeys to prepare. Call Steve and Craig at 266-8887 to RSVP. They will also coordinate the menu in order to prevent everyone from unwittingly bringing the same dish. Give them a call to describe your favorite recipe and make a reservation. If cooking isn't your thing, we'll still need plates, beverages and other necessities.

GARAGE SALE COMING

GLSO will sponsor a garage sale on Saturday, November 12. The sale will begin at 9 am and last until everything is sold or everyone is too tired to sell items any longer. If you have some "treasures" which are cluttering your home, call Craig or Steve at 266-8887 for information. All contributions are welcome, but pick up service is not available.

PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE MICHAEL DUKAKIS ON GAY ISSUES AND AIDS
by Jean O'Leary, Executive Director, National Gay Rights Advocates

On November 8, millions of Gay men and Lesbians will go to the polls and help elect the next president of the United States. This election will be the most crucial ever for our community - in our individual decisions we will be making a choice between better lives for the 25 millions Gay men and Lesbians in the United States or years more of stagnation and defeat. the choice is clear: Mike Dukakis is the best candidate Gay men and Lesbians have ever had; he understands our issues better than any other major party nominee, and we must elect him on November 8.

Look at the record:

* Michael Dukakis supports Gay and Lesbian civil rights. He has said, "Every American should have the opportunity to live his or her life fully and openly - and to contribute and participate in the life of our country - without fear or intimidation. Our civil rights laws acknowledge that discrimination on the basis of factors such as race, sex, religion, age, national origin or disability is fundamentally unfair. Discrimination against an individual because of his or her sexual orientation is no less unfair . . . That is why, as President, I will fight for federal legislation to add a prohibition against discrimination base on sexual orientation," federal legislation that expands the Civil Rights Act of 1964. George Bush opposes Gay and Lesbian civil rights legislation, saying "We do not believe in codification of laws relating to homosexuals," and "I don't think American society should be asked to accept that homosexuality is a standard which should be held up for acceptance."

*The Reagan-Bush Supreme Court has, in *Hardwick v. Bowers*, denied the privacy rights of gay people, and their nominee for the Court, Robert Bork, denied the rights of gay people in the military. The next administration will choose at least two Supreme Court Justices, who will in turn determine and shape Gay and Lesbian human rights for the next fifty years. We must claim our rights with our votes by choosing Mike Dukakis as President.

*Michael Dukakis recognizes that AIDS is a public health crisis of the first magnitude and will work to eradicate the disease. He says, "AIDS is the most serious threat to the public health we have faced in our lifetime. It must be conquered . . . As President, I will provide leadership to meet this crisis. I will

commit the resources necessary to prevent the spread of the virus, find a cure, develop a vaccine, and care for people with AIDS and ARC. We will have a national strategic plan to guide us in the war on AIDS and we will have a President leading the charge." In contrast George Bush says, "Ultimately we must protect those who do not have the disease. Thus we have made the decision that there must be more testing." More than 40,000 people have died from AIDS in the United States during the eight years of Reagan-Bush inaction.

*Mike Dukakis supports efforts to eliminate discrimination against Gay men and Lesbians in immigration laws. He believes that violence against Gay men and Lesbians should be treated as a civil rights violation. George Bush opposes both.

*The Democratic Party supports an end to discrimination against Gay men and Lesbians while Republicans fail to speak out. Almost 100 openly Gay men and Lesbians were delegates to the Democratic National Convention in 1988. No Gay men or Lesbians were Republican delegates. Four openly Gay people are members of the Democratic National Committee. The Dukakis campaign has three openly Gay staff people at the national level; the Bush campaign has no openly gay staff people.

*The president will make thousands of appointments to judicial and health advisory positions. Reagan-Bush appointments have included Robert Bork and William Rehnquist; Bush appointments will include others from the far right. We have seen the people that the Reagan-Bush administration included on their team: 100 of them have been indicted. When we choose a president, we also choose the thousands of people who will be making and implementing policies, confronting the AIDS public health emergency, and addressing human rights of concern to Gays and Lesbians. Dukakis appointments as governor have included many Gay people, women and others who will speak out for the concerns of our community.

*The choice is clear. Four or eight years like the Reagan-Bush years will seal the fate of hundreds of thousands of people in our community. Many more will die, thousands will become ill, others will lose their jobs and homes. We cannot sit at home November 8 - we must vote, and when we vote, we must remember that we are deciding our fate and that of millions of others.

LETTERS

Dear Friends:

I am writing to you regarding our common desire to succeed in the struggle against HIV - the greatest health crisis of our lifetime.

During this campaign, as I have for years in Massachusetts, I have met with health professionals, AIDS activists and people with AIDS. I have listened to their concerns and I want to assure you that I will be a President who will provide leadership in the war on AIDS.

We are now seven years into this epidemic. And our government still doesn't have a plan to guide us.

After years of neglect, Admiral Watkins and the HIV Commission presented the President with a comprehensive and insightful set of recommendations. What did he do with it? He sent the most crucial recommendations - recommendations for anti-discrimination protection and research funding - back for more study by the same ideologues and budget analysts who have stonewalled the issue for years.

We need a President who will proclaim that the projected deaths of hundreds of thousands of our fellow citizens are unacceptable. We must marshal our nation's resources to overcome this enemy as we would any foreign invader. We need innovative approaches to shorten the time it takes to make new drugs available at a fair price.

We also need innovation in the area of health care financing. We must assure that this burden is fairly shared by patients, insurance companies, health care workers, and federal, state and local government. We cannot accept a situation where anyone is denied care because of an inability to pay. I am proud to be the first Governor to establish a program to guarantee basic health security for all the citizens of my state.

We must teach everyone how to protect themselves from infection. It is intolerable that anyone else should become infected because of ignorance. We must have the means to alert everyone in our country, and a massive national education campaign is long overdue.

In Massachusetts we have a comprehensive education program to provide teaching guides to schools, air public service announcements, fund hotlines, and provide information to medical professional, corrections officers and members of high risk groups. We

were the first state to mail a clear, concise and frank brochure in Spanish and English to every home in the state. We sent the Surgeon General's report to thousands of community leaders. We have outreach teams working in minority communities.

We fund at-home and other alternative health care programs and have established residences for homeless people with AIDS.

Outreach to IV drug users is a high priority, as is working to eliminate waiting lines for drug treatment.

We recognize that voluntary cooperation is critical to managing the epidemic. We fund alternative test sites where people can choose to test anonymously, and we protect people against breach of confidentiality.

Protection against discrimination is critical for successfully overcoming this epidemic. Our nation cannot accept having families burnt out of their homes, children barred from school, people driven from their jobs and homes, or denied medical care because of irrational fear of contagion.

The President, the most visible figure in the country, must take the lead in dispelling the fear of this disease that is generated by ignorance and misinformation. The President must educate the public about both the myths and the facts of AIDS. As President, I will sign an executive order and push for national legislation to prohibit discrimination against people with HIV infection.

You and your organization have saved countless lives and helped keep our health care system afloat, but you shouldn't be doing this alone. You deserve a President and a federal government on your side. That's why I'm asking for your support. Together, we can make the government a partner in the the war on AIDS.

I know that many of you are non-partisan. I'm just asking you to consider the facts. Compare my record on AIDS with George Bush's. The choice is clear.

The time for a change is long overdue. I'm asking you to use every opportunity you can between now and November 8 to reach out to your supporters, friends, and allies. Let them know that in this election, people concerned about AIDS will, quite literally, be voting for their lives. Thanks for your help.

Sincerely,
Michael Dukakis

LETTERS

Dear Friends:

The November election is almost upon us. I am writing to urge you to actively support the Democratic ticket "from the courthouse to the White House." As a former National March on Washington [for Gay and Lesbian Rights, October 11, 1987] and the national lesbian/gay liaison for the Jackson Campaign, I had ample opportunity to see how effectively our communities could organize when we saw the need.

Much is at stake for lesbians and gay men in the November election. We have just a little time left to look carefully, beyond the rhetoric, at the issues and the facts facing us in this election. For the first time in the history of this country, we have the opportunity to elect a candidate from a major party who has a solid record of ensuring accessibility and non-discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation. Michael Dukakis is that candidate.

In the final analysis, as concerned lesbians and gay men, it is we ourselves who must rise to take responsibility for our future. We must consider seriously the cost of four more years of onslaughts on our civil rights, our medical well-being and our very ability to live our lives as we choose.

If you agree with me that our community can not afford a continuation of the Reagan-Bush legacy then I urge you to vote Democratic and to become involved in your state campaign to send Michael Dukakis to the White House. We can no longer delay.

Sincerely,
Randy Miller
Campaign '88
Democratic National Headquarters

Dear GLSO:

I am subscriber to your newsletter and over the two years I have received it I have become more and more impressed by the valuable service your paper is rendering to the Gay Community in Kentucky. I just hope other states have such a positive influence in their midsts as we have in ours, especially since it is my experience as a former Canadian and former New Yorker that Kentuckians guard their privacy and tend to be much more conservative than other state's populations.

A. M.

Dear Editor:

What's the deal? I submitted what I thought was a rather humorous poem to your newsletter last month entitled "Summerscape." At first I was pleased to see it printed, but then I found the humorous part had been edited out. I realize it contained the word "sex," but I thought your readers could handle it. Even Aunt Mary has used more controversial language than that!

I don't think it is quite ethical to alter a piece of artwork (OK, I use the term loosely) without the permission of the person who created it. Is the GLSO newsletter becoming another Pravda? What gives?

Vita Brevis

Dear Vita:

No, we're not afraid of the word "sex," we just plain missed the point of the poem. You sent what we read as a perfectly serious poem, and the last line seemed out of context. By editing we could fit it in the space available, and, by our understanding of the poem, make the content clearer. Sorry we changed your intent.

Publishing a non-profit paper is not as easy as it seems, especially with an all volunteer staff. Each month we spend hours making the submissions fit the space available. Keep those articles, letters and poems coming, but please be sure to read the guidelines which always appear near the bottom of column one, page two.

Sincerely,
Ars Longa, and the Editor

ARMY CONTINUES IGNORING COURT RULING

U.S. district judge Myron Gordon found the U.S. Army in contempt of court Aug. 29 for failing to reenlist lesbian drill sergeant Miriam Ben-Shalom after he had ordered the army to do so.

The Army tried "to interpret this order when there is no room for interpretation," said Robert Berigan, Ben-Shalom's attorney. Judge Gordon said if the Army failed to offer the woman a new contract by Sept. 12, it would be fined \$500 per day until it did.

**TOTO, I'VE A FEELING
WE'RE NOT IN OZ ANYMORE!**
by Brian Throckmorton

It's been a year since my paramour and I moved to Lexington from Washington, D.C. The job he came here to take has worked out well, and I'm thriving too--we've been lucky to escape most or all of the possible pitfalls we foresaw when we left one of the gayest cities in America to settle in a more conservative place. Sure, there are some things I miss about D.C., but there are other things I like better about gay life in Lexington. Here's my perspective.

First, some things that Washington can brag about:

--The numbers. It seems like there's more gay people in Washington. Certainly there are more visible, identifiable gays and lesbians there. Washington has enough of us to support many kinds of clubs and organizations that don't exist here: Gay AA every night of the week, leather bars, "Girth and Mirth," a lesbian team in the city softball league, the "Different Drummers" marching band, gay square dancing. I have a friend here who was telling how busy his eyes were during the weekend of the march last year, when he was scoping the guys at Dupont Circle. Now, I grant that the quantity of gay men was rather inflated that weekend, but I still think he would enjoy "standing on the corner, watching all the boys go by" on a typical summer afternoon, when everybody is wearing shorts (not just the die-hards who wore them in forty-five degree weather last October).

--The bars. There are more of them in Washington, too. Even though I love to dance, I never even got around to visiting several of the bars. Of course, even one or two bars in a town can be all anyone needs in the way of an entertainment and social center, but when there's more competition, it seems that the bars do more in the way of "giving back to the community." Many of the bars in D.C. sponsor fund-raisers for appropriate charities and import performers. And tell me, was there a Tammy Faye look-alike contest in Lexington?

--Other businesses. With the business of the locals and the gay tourists, the world's biggest all-gay bookstore, Lambda Rising, has been able to expand its quarters in the last decade and is now open (and busy) till midnight most days of the week. And there are lots of gay and lesbian dentists, car salesmen, house painters, masseurs, etc. that you can patronize and support. One thing

that did shock me about Lexington--I never thought it would be difficult to find a gay hair stylist. (I just get the willies if a straight man touches my head.)

--The freedom. I was never bold enough or politicized enough to hold hands with my partner while walking down the street, but I liked seeing other couples feel free to be affectionate in public. Also, my pink triangle has disappeared from my lapel since I moved to Lexington.

Now, some of the things Lexington can be proud of:

--The society. Despite the large numbers of gay people in Washington, it seems most of them were much more interested in partying and fashion than in responsible social action. Since my arrival here--from my very first call to the Gay line--I have been impressed with the dedication of members of this community. I feel proud to know even the small number of people I've met in this city, who have caused me to start being a "better" gay man.

--The safety. Along with the higher level of freedom in Washington comes a higher danger. From what I've been reading, the gay-bashing in D.C. has only been getting worse over the year since I left. It's just a more violent place there. Even considering the pleistocene attitudes of certain segments of the population here, I feel safer in Lexington, on the whole.

--My church. The Unitarian Universalist Church is where I've met most of my gay acquaintances here. I was a Unitarian before I came to Lexington, but for demographic reasons (I was much younger than the rest of my congregation), I never adhered to my church in Washington. Here, however, it is easy to be accepted and to join in a very good system of learning, work, and growth. (Let me note that it is not a "gay church"--I wouldn't want to belong to a gay church, or a male church, or a white church. I don't miss the Metropolitan Community Church at all.)

--The mix. Maybe it's the specific group of people I happen to know, but it seems to me that there is much, much more interaction between the lesbians and the gay men here than there is in Washington. Having already established that I am no separatist, I can say that I feel good about my innumerable opportunities in Lexington to understand more about the life of lesbians. These are opportunities I never would have had in D.C. unless I had ventured into a women's bar or joined a women's hiking group. Or conversely, unless many more lesbians had

infiltrated the gay male dance floors--bringing the danger of disturbing the convincing illusion that all the men in the bars were interested in being picked up by other men but not interested in rapport with compatriot women.

--That certain joie de vivre. It's hard to make friends in Washington. Of course, it's not always easy for everybody to make friends here, either, but I will testify that I find Lexington far less intimidating and far more warm than Washington--and I LIKE D.C.

The upshot is that I'm planning to stay here well into the next century. Others may disagree with some of my perceptions, but I'm happy with what I see here and I'm looking forward to building a good home and community with the rest of you.

YALE LAW STUDENTS TAKE A STAND

[Christi Harlan, for the Wall Street Journal]

Students at the Yale Law School are turning the tables on law firm interviewers this fall and asking them some tough questions they do not usually hear.

Recruits being wooed by some of the highest-paying law firms in the country are asking about minority hiring, opportunities for parental leaves, public service work and attitudes toward homosexuals.

Students are also sporting an unusual addition to their pin-striped interview suits: pink triangular lapel pins that indicate opposition to discrimination against homosexuals. At least 65% of the 250 students being interviewed are wearing the pins. The law firm interviewers have been asked to wear them too and about one-third to one-half of the 350 interviewers are doing so, according to the school's placement office.

The questions, which a student group mailed in advance to students, were designed "to put the firms on notice that these are some of the concerns of graduates," said Judith A. Lhamon, director of career planning and placement for the law school.

Unlike law students in the late 1960s and early 1970s, whose interest was "solely social issues," current students want to fit their societal concerns into their lives at big law firms, said law school dean Guido Calabresi.

"I think as a group at Yale, we're in a more powerful position because we're courted," said Charles King, a third-year student who is active in the Lesbian and Gay Law Students Association. "We know we can get away with things during the interview season. In some ways that gives us a special obligation to be as risky as we can."

TEN YEARS AGO THIS MONTH

The Harvey Milk Remembrance Committee (HMRC), an ad hoc group organized by the Gay Services Network of Kansas City and the National Gay and Lesbian Task force, has declared Sunday, November 17 - the 10th anniversary of Harvey Milk's assassination - to be Harvey Milk Remembrance Day. The Committee urges gay and lesbian groups across the United States to hold events - such as vigils and workshops - remembering Milk and focusing attention on the growing problem of anti-gay violence.

Harvey Milk, a tireless and outspoken advocate for the rights of gay people and other oppressed groups, was elected to the San Francisco Board of Supervisors in 1977, one of the first openly gay elected officials in the U.S. On November 27, 1978, Milk, along with San Francisco Mayor George Moscone, was assassinated by Dan White, another city Supervisor. That night, more than 40,000 marchers converged on San Francisco's City Hall to mourn the deaths of both men. Months later, Dan White was acquitted by a jury of first degree murder and convicted of manslaughter, for which he served only five years in prison. The lenient sentence shocked and outraged many, sparking violent rioting at San Francisco's City Hall.

Commented Scott Smith, Executor of the estate of Harvey Milk, "A national day of remembrance is appropriate because Harvey's legacy extends beyond San Francisco to the entire world. Ten years later, his example continues to inspire and energize gay and lesbian people everywhere."

"The tenth anniversary of Harvey Milk's assassination allows us to not only recall his enormous contribution to our movement," said Kevin Berrill, Director of NGLTF's Anti-Violence Project, "but also to focus attention on the violence that still plagues our community, still threatens our freedom to live and love as we choose. It is my hope that local observances will encourage all of us to combat anti-gay violence and to demand equal protection from the criminal justice system."

Added Carl Hippensteel, organizer of the HMRC, "Within our community there are many who do not know about Harvey Milk's role in our history. Remembering him allows us an opportunity to educate both gay and straight people who have never heard his story."



Esmerelda's Parlour



ESMERELDA'S PARLOUR

Thanks to all of you who helped celebrate Esmerelda's first birthday last month. What a nice potluck that was (aren't they all, though) --there was even a birthday cake! As usual, there were several new faces--we hope we made some new friends. Transition seems to be a basic theme in the women's community, one that a lot of the time we'd rather not deal with. While new faces are always welcome, how we hate to have any of our friends leave us, whatever the reason may be. We enjoy each other, care about each other, depend upon each other. And we hate saying goodbye.

You probably think that we are talking about friends who have moved away to distant cities, and to some extent we are. Mostly, though, we are talking about friends who have grown away from us, whose priorities have shifted, so that there is little time for Esmerelda in their lives. It is these friends that we really mourn. We miss you a lot--not just your involvement, though it certainly was appreciated, but you. Every now and then, a new "you" comes along--someone filled with energy and enthusiasm looking for a place to fit in. We are grateful for these new "yous" for they make your loss just a little less painful. But we do miss you, and don't you forget it.

We get frustrated sometimes because there seems to be so much more that could be done in the community than we are doing. Then we look in our datebooks and cringe, an unkind reminder of just exactly how much we do do. We are not alone in this problem. Most of the women we know (in fact, most everyone we know in the community) are over-committed. We are all booked up, doing all that we can, and then some. To complicate things, we have JoAnn Loulan whispering in one ear that it is time to heal our children within and learn to take care of ourselves, while our community conscience nags at us in the other. Each of us must struggle in our

own way to find the balance that will bring those two voices into harmony. For some, a little more taking care of self may be in order, while for others, responding to the community call in some small way might do the trick.

In past Esmerelda's Parlours, we've tried to gently encourage you to get involved in community activities. We've gotten some response, and we are grateful for it. But greedy little devils that we are, we want (and need) more. Esmerelda is a collective, as in "collective effort". The effort has to be collective in order for the rewards to continue. Whether you do a little or you do a lot Esmerelda will love you for it.

Until next month--Debbie & Teresa

PASSION GROUP

The Lesbian Passion Discussion Group continues to roll along at comfortable pace, (after all, why rush these things?) It will meet twice this month, as usual, on Thursday, November 3 at 7:30 pm and Sunday, November 20 at 1:00 pm. We've had some wonderful discussions at our meetings, and expect that to continue this month when our topic will be "Passionate Friendships". If you haven't tried out the "Passion Group" yet, why not do it this month? Newcomers are always welcome, and there's never a shortage of things to talk about. For more information call Karen at 259-3292. Hope we see you there!

And now, here's what JoAnn Loulan has to say about passionate friendships:

Wonderful though they are, lesbian friendships also have their problems. My straight cousin Sandie once said to me, "My lovers are men and my friends are women. Out of all those women, how do you choose who will be your lover and who your friend?"

It certainly can be confusing. Friends become lovers; former lovers become friends; friends become lovers with our lovers; our lovers become lovers with our friends' lovers, and on it goes. The boundaries can become very fuzzy. These fuzzy boundaries are the source of some of the most painful problems lesbians face.

WOMYN WRITERS GROUP

The Womyn Writers Group is officially under way. Our first meeting allowed us to share a rich and inspiring discussion of our own material, and that of our favorite writers.

There is still room for you to join our group. The next meeting is set for Tuesday, November 8. Interested? Give us a call: Carol at 272-3776 or Angela at 254-3359

ESMERELDA'S WRITE-OFF

We certainly have gotten good feedback about our first two winning selections. We're glad you like them! Our winning selection this month is an innovative piece that we're really excited about! Keep those entries coming. It's thrilling to see how much talent there is out there. And now, for your enjoyment . . .

BREAKTHROUGH by Angela

I'm awake now.
But I haven't opened my eyes; I can't.
What? (FEAR/WORRY)
Then I remember. Oh yes, they'll open with
time.
Remember, the membrane is still over them.
Strange that I should have a membrane over
my eyes. (NO WORRY)
I know what it is, but I don't recall a why or
a how.
Think! (FRUSTRATION)
My name? (RELIEF) Oh, my name is Auriel.
(SIGH)
Easy.
When was I born? Today!? No, come now...
(CONFUSION)
December 6, 1994. (MORE RELIEF BUT ALSO
A LITTLE WORRY)
That is right isn't it? Seems right...seems
wrong too. (MORE CONFUSION)
Drop it.
Something's coming now... I know I spend
most of my time
in a laboratory doing something very
important to me.
I'm highly trained and highly paid.
And I'm very close to a breakthrough.
(EXCITEMENT)
It stops there. (DAMN)
I feel warm.
My legs! Where are they?
(INSTANT REALIZATION)
Curled against my chest. (NO SURPRISE)
And my arms? Folded inside my legs.
(NO SURPRISE)

Not odd, not really; the all-too-natural fetal
position.
It's warm. (BREAKTHROUGH)
The tank is very important. It's filled with a
liquid,
crimson in color, which is actually a
very delicate balance of salts. (UNREST)
My lids are fluttering.
(EXCITEMENT/DISTRESS)
I know this membrane will clear any moment.
(NO TIME TO BE SURPRISED)
What now? (ANTICIPATION)
Crimson... (DREAD)
Where's this feeling coming from?
(MEMORY SPILLING OVER THE EDGE)
I remember now. I remember my dress,
I remember my hair, the feel of my
skin, it's color. I remember my home,
my cat, my ring, my books, my mother,
trees, grass, asparagus, my lover...
In one moment I remember
EVERYTHING!
(MY CHEST AS THOUGH IT WILL BURST)
Then I remember my soul, my SELF.
And I am. (PEACE)
Look. Look through the crimson, out of the
tank, and looking in I see... myself;
Auriel.
The first Auriel. Who is myself and I her.
Yet, from this moment on she is someone else,
ANOTHER.
I see her, my creator.
And, for the first time, I know her.
I really know her. (LOVE)

HAPPY BIRTHDAY VIRAGO!

Virago Publishers is celebrating its 15th birthday this year. Why is this cause for jubilation? Because this English firm, founded in 1973 at the height of the Women's Movement, is owned, run and operated BY WOMEN - FOR WOMEN!

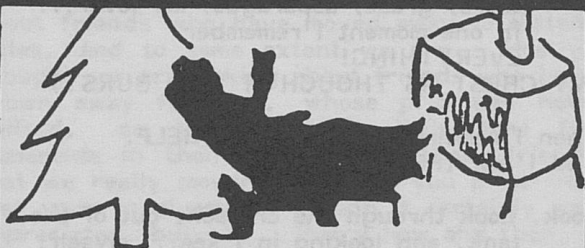
Aptly enough, the word Virago meant heroine to the Romans and symbolizes the courageous step this company has taken. Virago publishes contemporary works by

women but is also highly dedicated to publishing works by women authors that have been out of print for decades. The first book published by the company in 1976 was Fenwoman. Since then Virago has developed a Modern Classics series which is published in the US in conjunction with Penguin. This constitutes about one-third of their current
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publisher's list. Other series touted by Virago include Virago Pioneers, published in conjunction with Pantheon Press are short looks at the lives of such influential women as Emily Dickinson. The Virago Travelers series features accounts by women adventurers such as Mary Kingsley, author of *Travels In West Africa*, which inaugurated the series. These books are published in cooperation with Beacon Press. At the end of this year Virago will be releasing a Classics series including the novels of Jane Austin. Virago also publishes contemporary plays and poetry, for example a new volume by Maya Angelou. And contemporary fiction and fact: ie. books by Grace Paley and Vivian Gornick. Virago has a current publisher's list of 88 books, including Radcliffe Hall's critically acclaimed *Adam's Rib*, which can be found at Special Media.

How can you identify a Virago book when you see one? The Virago logo is a green apple with a bite taken out of it. The books are oversized paperbacks with deep green covers and attractive cover paintings. Now you know! So let's get out there and support the publisher created for women and high caliber women writers.

(Material for this article was compiled from an article found in the July 1988 issue of Ms. Magazine. It is entitled "Write On!".)



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FROM DIGNITY'S PRESIDENT

The Regional is almost here. Is it exciting! Never before has a Dignity Regional been in Lexington, Kentucky.

I know you want to be a part of this exciting event! If you'd like to help with preparations - food, housing, other details, our phone lines are open (all one of them - equipped with answering machine!) You need not be a member to help. If Dignity and helping interests you, then join the fun. It will be a rewarding experience. Mark your calendar - December 2 - 4!

I hope to see and hear from you at Dignity soon!

In Peace,
Keith

REGIONAL MEETING SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

2 December, Friday evening	Cocktail Party at Keith's
3 December, Saturday	Regional House of Delegates
9 am - Noon	Regional Meeting
Noon - 1 pm	Lunch
1 pm - 4 pm	Regional Meeting
6 pm	Liturg
7:30 pm	Dinner & Dance
4 December, Sunday	
10 am	Worship
Noon	Good-byes

MEMBERSHIP

Don't let it run out! Renew your membership! Or join for the first time. Be a part of the Dignity team. Get involved for a mere \$25.

**THE MAYOR OF CASTRO STREET:
THE LIFE AND TIMES OF HARVEY MILK**
Part One of a review by Kevin Nance

San Francisco Chronicle reporter Randy Shilts is now famous for his bestselling history of the AIDS crisis, **And the Band Played On**. But probably even more important was his 1982 book, **The Mayor of Castro Street: The Life and Times of Harvey Milk**. This book should be read by every gay person, man or woman--it can be an inspiring, even galvanizing experience. Every culture, including contemporary American gay and lesbian cultures, needs to know its history, the same way American school children need to know about 1776; in particular, every culture should know its heroes.

This book helps accomplish both. **The Mayor of Castro Street** traces not only the biography of the Wall Street financial analyst who became San Francisco's first openly gay city supervisor (one of America's first openly gay elected officials) and, finally, its first gay martyr. But far more than the Academy Award-winning documentary that was based on it, the book charts the birth of San Francisco's now-famous Castro district and, in the process, the American gay rights movement itself. As do all great biographies, **The Mayor of Castro Street** paints a portrait whose background is as finely detailed as its primary subject.

Ironically, Milk's early adult life was markedly conservative. A Long Island Jew, former Navy officer and staunch Republican, Milk supported Barry Goldwater for president in 1964. At the same time Milk, closeted in public, became involved in several lengthy, passionate and rather insular relationships with younger men. (Shilts can never be accused of glossing over Milk's personal life. At times romantic and generous, - he could also be demanding, verbally abusive and, in later years, habitually unfaithful. He also had a tendency to choose immature and even unstable partners. One of his last companions, Jack Lira, hanged himself, leaving a note that read, "You're a lousy lover, Harvey.")

In 1969, Milk moved to San Francisco, shucking his uncomfortable conservatism for his natural liberal populism and an openly gay lifestyle. There he and his lover Scott Smith opened Castro Camera, a makeshift business which barely paid the bills but served as headquarters for Milk's series of political campaigns, the first for supervisor in 1973. Although he lost (and would lose twice again),

Milk grew adept at the coalition-building, media-manipulating, glad-handing campaign style that became his trademark.

His constituency was ready-made. Gays had been flocking to San Francisco since World War II, when the city, dubbed "Sodom by the Sea," had become a major point of debarkation for soldiers returning from Pacific tours or being dishonorably discharged after their homosexuality was discovered. Many of the gay veterans stayed, and most of the ones who did moved into a depressed neighborhood on and around Castro Street. Throughout the 1950s and 60s, police routinely raided gay bars there and elsewhere in the city. (A North Beach bar called The Black Cat, managed by a plump drag queen named Jose Sarria--who urged his patrons stand in a circle and sing "God Save the Queens" as a form of protest--launched a series of legal challenges to the police before closing in defeat in 1963.)

By the time Milk finally won election to the city board of supervisors in 1977, he had already become the unofficial spokesman for San Francisco's burgeoning gay community; he was truly the "Mayor of Castro Street." Increasingly it needed official representation in the city government. Traditional gay leaders, who distrusted Milk's brash style, supported his heterosexual liberal opponents instead. But the hordes of gay men who had converged and settled in the neighborhood wanted a voice of their own. In the post-Stonewall era, they were renovating homes and storefronts, reviving businesses, packing the dozens of bars at night and walking the streets as open gays in broad daylight. After decades of police harassment, unsympathetic media coverage and anti-gay violence, Castro Street and Harvey Milk had finally come into their own.

Next month: THE BRIGGS INITIATIVE;
HARVEY MILK AS SUPERVISOR.

REPUBLICAN SENATOR SELLING HIS VIEWS?

Senator Ronald Machtley (R-RI) said he would not accept campaign contributions from gay rights organizations. Said Machtley, "I accept the fact that there are homosexuals, and I accept them as individuals, but is it something I want to make a campaign platform out of? I don't think so." The senator implies his political views are easily bought if he allows contributions to determine his platform. This is one issue he will not need to worry over. No gay organization had ever suggested giving him contributions.

AIDS UPDATE

AIDS IN KENTUCKY: UPDATE

The September 1988 issues of *Kentucky Epidemiologic Notes & Reports*, published by the Department for Health Services of the Cabinet for Human Resources, included the following information.

As of August 31, 1988, 175 cases meeting the CDC surveillance definition for AIDS have been reported who were Kentucky residents at the onset of illness. One hundred nine of these persons are known to have died.

The following table breaks down this total number of 175 cases by age group, sex, race, and risk factor.

Category	Number cases	Percent

Age		
13-19	4	2%
20-29	50	29%
30-39	76	43%
40-49	26	15%
50+	19	11%
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Sex		
Women	14	8%
Men	161	92%
=====		
Race		
White	144	82%
Black	30	17%
Other	1	1%
=====		
Risk Factor		
Homosexual/ Bisexual Men	113	65%
IV Drug User	15%	9%
Homosexual/IV Drug User	15	9%
Hemophiliac	8	5%
Heterosexual	9	5%
Blood Transfusion	7	4%
Undetermined	8	5%

AIDS STATISTICS FOR OHIO

Ohio ranks 13th among the 50 states in the number of AIDS cases reported, with 971 incidents as of September 6, 1988. Of these cases, 545 (56%) are deceased. Franklin County has reported 191 cases of AIDS, 19% of the state's total, second only to Cuyahoga County. 102 of the Franklin County PWAs have died.

AIDS ATTITUDE SURVEY PLANNED

The Kentucky AIDS Education Program is planning an anonymous survey to evaluate community awareness about AIDS. Scheduled for November 19, the survey will be available in gay bars state-wide. Bars are being targeted because most safer sex material has been directed at gay men.

Participation is important. If you are asked to complete the questionnaire, please do so. All responses to the questions will be confidential. Survey results will be used to determine the effectiveness of current educational programs in Kentucky.

Additional volunteers are needed to distribute the survey forms. If you can help on the evening of November 19, please call Larry at (606) 254-2865.

CONGRESS APPROVES AIDS BILL WITHOUT CONFIDENTIALITY PROTECTIONS

In the final days of the 100th Congress, approval was given to a broad-ranging AIDS authorization bill covering research, education, health care, and testing activities of the Public Health Service. The bill passed October 13th by a voice vote after Sen. Jesse Helms withdrew threats of a filibuster when the confidentiality section was removed.

As passed by the House of Representatives on Sept. 23rd, the legislation included strong federal confidentiality guarantees for all HIV test results, whether or not the tests were performed with federal funds. The Senate had never considered such legislation, and Sen. Helms blocked inclusion of confidentiality protections in the final bill. During House debate on the bill sponsored by Congressman Henry Waxman (D-CA), efforts by Congressman Wm. Dannemeyer and others to limit confidentiality and mandate testing in certain arenas were defeated resoundingly. "We deeply regret - and the nation will suffer for - the Senate's inability, for political and procedural reasons, to seize the initiative away from Jesse Helms," said Jeffrey Levi, Executive Director of NGLTF.

In commenting on Congressional action, Levi said, "This bill provides important tools in our nation's struggle against AIDS. However, this bill also fails to address two critical issues - antidiscrimination and confidentiality, elements the entire public health community considers essential to the fight against AIDS."

SOME FACTS ABOUT ANTI-GAY VIOLENCE

In a 1984 study of nearly 2,100 gay people surveyed in eight U.S. cities, nearly one in four gay men (24%) and nearly one in ten lesbians (10%) reported having been punched, hit, kicked or beaten at least once in their lives because of their sexual orientation. Forty-two percent were threatened with physical violence and 93% had experienced some type of victimization for the same reason. Anti-gay violence surveys conducted in states as diverse as Maine, Pennsylvania, Illinois, Alaska, Wisconsin and Maryland have all shown similar rates of victimization.

Episodes of harassment and violence reported by local groups to the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force have risen dramatically in recent years. In 1987, 7,008 incidents, ranging from harassment to homicide, were reported to NGLTF by local groups, as compared to 4,946 incidents in 1986 and 2,042 in 1985. These figures reflect only a very small fraction of the actual number of incidents that occurred in the U.S. during these years.

According to a 1987 study sponsored by the U.S. Department of Justice on the response of the criminal justice system to bias crime, "The most frequent victims of hate violence today are blacks, Hispanics, Southeast Asians, Jews, and gays and lesbians. Homosexuals are probably the most frequent victims." Anti-gay violence has also been acknowledged to be a serious problem by an ever greater number of leaders in law enforcement, religion, civil rights, and government.

Anti-Gay Violence and AIDS

As AIDS has spread, so has the fear and hatred that spawns anti-gay violence. Fifteen percent of the 7,008 incidents of anti-gay harassment and violence reported to NGLTF in 1987 were known to have involved verbal reference to AIDS by the perpetrators or were directed against persons with AIDS. While the actual extent of AIDS-related attacks is unknown, there is little doubt that the increased visibility of gay people as a result of AIDS has made them more vulnerable to discrimination and violence.

Victims of Anti-Gay Violence

Community violence surveys suggest that more than 80% of anti-gay attacks go unreported to the police. Among reasons given by victims for not reporting are fear of exposure and discrimination, reprisals, and indifference or hostility by the criminal justice

system. Victims who do step forward often confront prejudice from police, prosecutors, judges and juries.

Recommendations

In order to combat anti-gay violence, NGLTF recommends 1) increased research into the causes, nature, extent and consequences of the problem; 2) legislation to combat crimes motivated by bigotry; 3) improved police/gay community relations and the establishment of police programs to curb anti-gay crimes; 5) improved services for lesbian and gay crime victims; 6) repeal of laws that proscribe lesbian and gay sex ("sodomy" laws); and 7) educational programs in the schools, churches and general community to combat homophobia and other forms of prejudice.

Reported Anti-Gay Incidents: 1985, 1986, & 1987

Category	1985*	1986	1987
Verbal/Threat	859	3473	5463
Physical Assaults	445	732	835
Vandalism	216	191	338
Police-related**	238	410	217
Arson, Bombing, & Bomb Threat	15	60	30
Homicide	20	80	64
Other***			61
Totals	2092*	4946	7008

*Also in 1985, 249 unclassified incidents.

**Includes police verbal and physical abuse, harassment, entrapment and negligence.

***Attempted arson, chased or followed, intimidation with weapons, smoke bombs, picketing, etc.

NGLTF's survey of anti-gay and lesbian violence over the past three years was one of the most crucial factors in convincing Congress to include sexual orientation as a category for which hate crime statistics will be gathered. Without NGLTF's information, conservative members of Congress who attempted to amend this summer's Hate Crimes Bill to omit sexual orientation as a category would probably have succeeded. Obviously, reported anti-gay experiences to NGLTF have had an important impact during the past year, and will continue to do so in the future. Anyone who has been the victim of anti-gay violence this year is urged to report the incident(s) to NGLTF by calling (202) 332-6483 or writing NGLTF at 1517 U Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20009. All reports are confidential, and do not involve police or any government official.

GAY AMERICA

NGLTF LOBBYING LEADS TO JUSTICE DEPARTMENT RESEARCH ON HATE CRIMES

ATHENS, OH

The Athens City Council voted September 19 to add sexual orientation to the city's civil rights laws. The vote overrode a veto by the mayor. Lesbians and gay men in Athens are now protected from discrimination in housing, employment and public accommodations.

TOLEDO, OH

Dignity/Toledo recently celebrated its first Mass since the local Catholic diocese evicted the gay and lesbian organization from St. Francis Church in August. Dignity/Toledo's Masses will be held every Thursday at the First Unitarian Church.

WASHINGTON, DC

The FDA recently agreed placebo-based studies for PWAs and others with life-threatening diseases are unethical when comparative studies between terminates are possible. With placebo studies, unidentified participants receive treatment which will have no effect, in order to have a comparison group with individuals who do receive experimental treatment.

SAVANNAH, GA

The Savannah Morning News and Savannah Evening Press, two newspapers owned by Morris Communication of Augusta, Georgia, refused to run an ad for First City Network, Inc. FCN is a non-profit organization serving Savannah's gay and lesbian community and active in AIDS services. A News-Press employee acknowledged she had to have "authorization because of (the words) 'Gays and Lesbians'." No authorization was apparently needed to run advertisements from the Bible Baptist condemning Dayton's "Gay and Lesbian Center," calling homosexuals "perverts," and making derogatory references to gays and lesbian nine times. First City Network was attempting to locate an Apple Macintosh Personal Computer for use in producing its monthly newsletter.

On October 1, President Reagan signed into law an appropriations bill calling for a major study of hate crimes by the Department of Justice. At the request of NGLTF, Senator Lowell Weicker (R-CT) added report language to the bill designating "sufficient funds for NIJ [National Institute of Justice, the research division of the Justice Department] to conduct an 'Issues and Practices' study on hate crimes - i.e., crimes motivated by race, religion, sexual orientation or ethnicity." According to the appropriations language, the NIJ study will "highlight existing programs to combat hate crimes and provide guidelines for criminal justice agencies to 1) identify, classify, investigate and prosecute hate crimes, 2) encourage reporting by hate crime victims, and 3) improve the treatment of hate crime victims."

The Issues and Practices project will build on an exploratory study of hate crimes completed by NIJ in October, 1987, which concluded "homosexuals are probably the most frequent victims" of hate violence. Despite efforts by NGLTF and more than seventy members of Congress to persuade the Justice Department to conduct a follow-up study, no action has been taken for a full year. Accordingly, NGLTF - joined by gay and Jewish groups in Connecticut - urged Senator Weicker to seek appropriations report language requiring additional study of the issue. The Weicker language was adopted by a conference committee and the bill passed the House and Senate on September 27.

"We are delighted Senator Weicker and his colleagues in Congress have directed NIJ to combat hate crimes," said Kevin Berrill, Director of NGLTF's Anti-Violence Project. "An Issues and Practices study should significantly improve the law enforcement response to bias-motivated attacks against lesbian and gay people and other minority groups."

NATIONAL BOYCOTT URGED

ACT-UP San Francisco is calling for a boycott of Burroughs-Welcome products, specifically Actifed, Sudafed, and Neosporin. Burroughs-Welcome manufactures AZT. The boycott is a protest of AZT's high price, approximately \$10,000 annually per person, and the company's refusal to allow researchers to test lower doses of AZT in conjunction with other promising AIDS treatments.

INTO THE FUTURE

Due to space limitations and the tremendous number of opportunities, events listed here are only a small portion of gay and lesbian oriented cultural, political and social activities taking place around the country.

November 8, 1988. Presidential Election Day.

November 18-20, 1988. NGLTF National Conference for Gay & Lesbian Organization. Washington, DC.

November 19, 1988. Beyond '88: Setting a Progressive Agenda sponsored by Central Kentucky Democratic Socialists of America. Lexington, KY.

February 17-19, 1989. 5th Annual Continental Convocation of Unitarian Universalists for Lesbian & Gay Concerns. Lexington, KY.

CLASSIFIEDS

GWM. Into sincerity, warmth and intelligent pursuits, in search of a rewarding one-on-one relationship. I am alone but not lonely, and at 65 am retired with my own car and home in the country. I am seeking that special individual wanting to add special realty to his life: "games" and subterfuges carry no weight. Sincerity and commitment will win the day. All letters will be acknowledged. No age or physical restrictions. Write to: Alix K. Von Mecklenburg, P.O. Box 38, Beattyville, KY 41331.

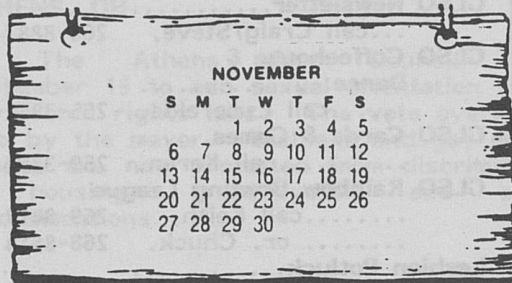
GWM, 29, 5'9", 130 lbs, brown hair, brown eyes. Looking for friends age 18-45, preferably in the Ironton, Ashland, Huntington Tri-State Area. Send letter, photo and SASE to: Rick, P.O. Box 768, Ironton, OH 45638.

GWM, 32, 5'9", 150 lbs. dark brown hair/eyes, clean shaven. Looking for that "someone special," 18-29, ave. wgt., clean shaven, w/smooth chest, for friendship and possible relationship. Serious inquiries only. Reply to: J.C., P.O. Box 12225, Lexington, KY 40581.

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GLSO Gayline.....	231-0335
GLSO Board....call Steve,	266-8887
GLSO Newsletter.....	
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GLSO Coffeehouse & Dance.....	
.....call Esmerelda,	255-3851
GLSO Cards & Games.....	
.....call Karen,	259-3292
GLSO Rainbow Bowling League	
.....call Keith,	269-8417
..... or, Chuck,	268-8514
Lesbian Potluck.....	
.....call Esmerelda,	252-7837
Lesbian Passion Discussion Group..call Karen,	259-3292
Women's Writers Collective,	272-3776
Gay/Lesbian AA.....	
.....call Dave,	271-4320
Dignity/Lexington.....	
.....call Keith,	269-8417
Liturgy....call Don,	299-4458
(Lexington's chapter of the national Catholic gay and lesbian support organization. See the Dignity page included in this newsletter.)	
Interweave.....call Craig,	266-8887
(A group within Lexington's Unitarian Universalist Church composed of gay men and lesbians and their non-gay friends.)	
AVOL.....	254-AVOL
(AIDS support and education)	
ACT-Lexington.....	281-5151
(AIDS education and speakers)	
HIV+, ARC, AIDS Support Group	
.....call Edwin,	233-0444
Lexington-Fayette County Health Department AIDS Testing.....	252-2371
(For anonymous AIDS counseling and testing, call the above number and ask for an AIDS Counselor.)	
Madison County Health Department AIDS Testing.....	623-7312
(For anonymous AIDS counseling and testing, call the above number and ask for an AIDS Counselor.)	
Louisville Crisis Hotline.....	(502) 637-4342
National Gay and Lesbian Task Force Crisis Line and AIDS Crisis Line.....	(800) 221-7044

NOVEMBER EVENTS CALENDAR



Contact names and numbers for all events listed can be found in the Directory on the previous page. St. Joseph Office Park, Room 120, is the location for Gay/Lesbian AA each Wednesday and Sunday, Gay Men's AA each Thursday, and Gay/Lesbian ACA each Saturday. Gay/Lesbian AA is also held at Comp Care Center each Friday. Comp Care Center is located at 201 Mechanic Street, Lexington.

- TUE 1 HIV+, ARC, AIDS Support Group; Rainbow Bowling League, 9 pm, Joyland Lanes
- WED 2 Gay/Lesbian AA, 8 pm; . 120; Gayline, 231-0335, 8 - 11 pm
- THU 3 Lesbian Passion Discussion Group, 7:30 pm; Gayline, 231-0335, 8 - 11 pm;
- FRI 4 Gay/Lesbian AA, 8 pm; Gayline, 231-0335, 8 - 11 pm
- SAT 5 Gay/Lesbian ACA, 2 pm
- SUN 6 Gay/Lesbian AA, 4 pm; AVOL, 5:30 pm, Comp Care Center
- TUE 8 HIV+, ARC, AIDS Support Group; Dignity Liturgy, 7:30 pm; Rainbow Bowling League, 9 pm, Joyland Lanes
- WED 9 GLSO Coffeehouse & Dance Committee, 7 pm; Gay/Lesbian AA, 8 pm; Gayline, 231-0335, 8 - 11 pm
- THU 10 Gayline, 231-0335, 8 - 11 pm; GLSO News Deadline for Submissions; Gay Men's AA, 8 pm
- FRI 11 Gay/Lesbian AA, 8 pm; Gayline, 231-0335, 8 - 11 pm
- SAT 12 GLSO Garage Sale
Dignity Brunch, 12 noon, Fleur-de-Lys, 120 S. Upper St.;
Gay/Lesbian ACA, 2 pm;
GLSO Cards & Games, 7 pm

- SUN 13 Lesbian Potluck, 2 pm; Gay/Lesbian AA, 4 pm
- MON 14 GLSO Forum, Topic: Awareness Of Sexual Trauma, 8 pm, Comp Care Center
- TUE 15 HIV+, ARC, AIDS Support Group; Rainbow Bowling League, 9 pm, Joyland Lanes
- WED 16 Interweave, 8 pm, Unitarian Universalist Church; Gay/Lesbian AA, 8 pm; Gayline, 231-0335, 8 - 11 pm
- THU 17 Dignity Rap Session, Topic: Coming Out & Staying Out, 7:30 pm; Gayline, 231-0335, 8 - 11 pm; Gay Men's AA, 8 pm; Gay/Lesbian AA, 8 pm; Gayline, 231-0335, 8 - 11 pm; GLSO Coffeehouse & Dance, 9 pm, Unitarian Universalist Church
- SAT 19 Gay/Lesbian ACA, 2 pm; Beyond '88: Setting a Progressive Agenda sponsored by Central Kentucky Democratic Socialists of America.
- SUN 20 Lesbian Passion Discussion Group, 1 pm; Gay/Lesbian AA, 4 pm
- TUE 22 HIV+, ARC, AIDS Support Group; Rainbow Bowling League, 9 pm, Joyland Lanes
- WED 23 Gay/Lesbian AA, 8 pm; Gayline, 231-0335, 8 - 11 pm
- THU 24 Gay Community Thanksgiving Dinner, 2 - 4 pm, RSVP to Craig & Steve, 266-8887; Gay Men's AA, 8 pm; Gayline, 231-0335, 8 - 11 pm;
- FRI 25 Gay/Lesbian AA, 8 pm; GLSO News Layout, 7:30 pm; Gayline, 231-0335, 8 - 11 pm
- SAT 26 Gay/Lesbian ACA, 2 pm; GLSO Cards & Games, 7 pm
- SUN 27 Gayline Training Session, 1 pm, Comp Care Center; Gay/Lesbian AA, 4 pm
- TUE 29 HIV+, ARC, AIDS Support Group; Rainbow Bowling League, 9 pm, Joyland Lanes
- WED 30 GLSO Board Meeting, 7:30 pm; Gay/Lesbian AA, 8 pm; Gayline, 231-0335, 8 - 11 pm



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KENTUCKY SENATE DELEGATION
 VOTING RECORD
 100TH CONGRESSIONAL SESSION

ISSUE	F O R D	M C C O N N E L L	C O R R E C T V O T E
DC AIDS Insurance Bill	N	N	Y
AZT Appropriations	N	Y	Y
Helms education amendment #1	Y	Y	N
S 557, Civil Rights Restoration Act	N	N	Y
S 557, override	Y	N	Y
S 1220, AIDS Research & Information Act	Y	Y	Y
Helms education amendment #2	Y	Y	N
Table Helms education amendment #2	N	N	Y
Armstrong amendment	Y	Y	N
Humphrey amendment	N	N	Y
Table Helms education amendment #3	N	N	Y
HR 1158, Fair Housing Act	Y	Y	Y
Helms transvestite amendment	Y	Y	N

Sen. Ford (D) voted with NGLTF position 25 $\frac{1}{2}$ of the time.
 Sen. McConnell (R) voted with NGLTF position 23 $\frac{1}{2}$ of the time.

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KENTUCKY HOUSE DELEGATION

VOTING RECORD
 100TH CONGRESSIONAL SESSION

MEMBER	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	*
CORRECT VOTE	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N	N	Y	Y	N	N	N	Y	N	Y	
Hubbard (D-1)	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	71%
Natcher (D-2)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N	N	Y	Y	N	N	N	Y	N	Y	94%
Mazzoli (D-3)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N	N	Y	Y	N	N	N	Y	N	Y	94%
Bunning (R-4)	Y	N	N	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	nv	31%
Rogers (R-5)	Y	N	N	Y	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	nv	Y	N	38%
Hopkins (R-6)	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	N	N	N	Y	N	59%
Perkins (D-7)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N	N	N	Y	N	N	N	Y	N	Y	88%

* denotes percentage of time Member voted with NGLTF position.

NGLTF ISSUES REPORT CARDS ON 100TH CONGRESS

The National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF) today distributed Report Cards evaluating the records of all 535 Members of the 100th Congress to activists around the country. Each Congressperson's voting record was tracked on a variety of issues important to the lesbian and gay community such as: civil rights legislation, anti-lesbian and gay violence, federally-funded programs and educational materials regarding the AIDS epidemic, and anti-discrimination provisions for handicapped people including PWAs, PWARCs, and those who are HIV positive.

"The Report Cards are our way of holding Members of Congress accountable to their lesbian and gay constituents," said Jeffrey Levi, executive director of NGLTF. "We want to make sure that the promises politicians make are reflected by their voting records."

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