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### PREJUDICE REDUCTION PROGRAM FLOUNDERS AT UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY

Despite a dark cloud looming over the basketball program, Dr. David Roselle's presidency is bringing new vitality and direction to the University of Kentucky. Another cloud has appeared which will receive less public attention than the current NCAA investigation.

A "Prejudice Reduction Committee" was formed this spring to investigate perceived discrimination at the University, and to identify ways to reduce prejudice on campus. The committee was appointed after the uproar caused by Trustee Happy Chandler's use of the word "nigger" at an administrative meeting.

UK sponsored a "Prejudice Reduction Workshop" during October because of the committee's work. Members of the UK administration and the Division of Human Resources were required to attend. The "Prejudice Reduction Committee" is considering homophobia, but its focus is primarily on racial and sexual prejudice. Nonetheless, gay and lesbian issues were discussed at length during the October workshop.

In November, Human Resources staff conducted the annual "Principles of Leadership" workshop. Attended by 16 to 18 managers representing a cross section of the Lexington campus, the intense two-week program focused on administering UK personnel policies and improving management techniques.

At the morning session on November 15, group leader Marsha Collins of Human Resources Development discussed an anticipated policy for employees with AIDS. She referred to gays as "those people who act funny," with limp wrists flying to illustrate her point.

Dr. Jack Blanton, Vice President for Administration, addressed the workshop two days later on delegating authority. To make a point he told how parking attendants are abused by being called names ranging from "faggots to gestapo."

Ms. Collins and Dr. Blanton had both attended the "Prejudice Reduction Workshop" a

month earlier at the direction of President Roselle. Nonetheless, they both displayed a lack of sensitivity on the gay and lesbian issues which were covered. Their remarks and actions at the "Principles of Leadership" workshop have been reported to the Human Resources Development division and to members of the "Prejudice Reduction Committee."

GLSO knows these are not isolated incidents. We heard a rumor of a UK employee being terminated because of sexual orientation within the past few months. From stories we hear about gay bashing on campus, we know these incidents have been increasing in the last two years. Despite regular appearances at UK classes by GLSO's Speakers Bureau, we learn of verbal harassment by faculty and staff. Anti-gay jokes and AIDS jokes abound. The "Prejudice Reduction Committee" needs facts about the prevalence of homophobia at UK. The committee cannot hope to address problems gay men and lesbians encounter at UK if it is not provided with accurate information about homophobia on campus. GLSO will serve as your conduit to provide anonymous information.

We ask faculty, staff, students and alumni to send us letters detailing their UK experience. Do NOT include your name, address, or any identifying details, but be as specific as you can about your personal knowledge of prejudice against homosexuals at UK. GLSO will not pass on any material which we suspect may allow the writer to be identified unless specific, written permission from the author accompanies the letter. We will then compile the responses and forward them to the "Prejudice Reduction Committee." This idea is similar to the Congressional "Hate Crimes Bill" we've reported in previous issues.

The University will not act on rumors or speculation, so we need to quantify the problem to create credibility. Complaints have already been filed on Ms. Collins and Dr. Blanton. We'll go to bat for you, too, if you'll take the time to write us about your anti-gay experiences at UK.

- Please send me a free introductory issue of **GLSO News** and information on GLSO.
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## GLSO MAILING LIST POLICY

In response to some recent concern about the confidentiality of the newsletter's mailing, GLSO would like to detail its policy about this. GLSO has never, and will never, give or lend its mailing list to any individual or organization. On the infrequent occasions that a group would like to send a mailing to people on our list, GLSO insists on handling the entire process.

In more specific terms, in these situations GLSO mails out the material. The dedicated volunteers who fold-and-stuff **GLSO News** each month then donate another evening of their time to fold, stuff, label and mail out the material. No one other than newsletter staff ever sees our mailing list.

The situation which created this concern about confidentiality was a March mailing for the Women's Performing Series benefit for AVOL's Solomon House. At AVOL's request, GLSO staff mailed invitations for the event to individuals selected randomly from our mailing list. Because the benefit was women-oriented, we chose as many women's names from our list as the limited seating would allow.

We trust this will answer all issues surrounding use of our mailing list. We will be glad to address any other concerns you may have about GLSO. Please write to us anytime when questions or thoughts arise. Our address is on the title page, and our phone number is in the directory in this issue.

## CLASSIFIEDS

GWM, 32, 5'9", 150 lbs. dark brown hair/eyes, clean shaven. Looking for that "someone special," 18-29, slim to aver. 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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Roommate wanted. GWM seeks mature responsible man to share large contemporary home with pool on east end. Reasonable price. Non-smoker only. Call 266-5555 or 272-1100.



## 1989 GAY AND LESBIAN PRIDE WEEK PLANS

At the time this issue of GLSO News went to press, there were not yet any plans for this year's Pride Week. However!!, a committee was forming and has scheduled its first meeting 8 pm April 17, at Craig Clere's home. As every year, the committee includes at least one representative from each of the lesbian and/or gay organizations in Lexington, as well as any additional interested people.

A June, 1988 issue of *The Advocate* included information which presented

Lexington's celebration as one of the best in the country. This success was only possible because of the large, dedicated committee which organized the week. There's always plenty to do, and always plenty more that could be done if there were only one more person to help. Anyone who would like to be a part in creating Gay and Lesbian Pride Week 1989, or would just like to help with small tasks, please notify Craig at 266-8887.

### POLITICAL ACTION GROUP FORMING

Inspired by "A Town Meeting on Equality: Securing the Rights of Lesbians and Gays" sponsored by the Lexington Unitarian Universalist Church in February, a group of men and women are considering creation of a gay and lesbian political organization. A meeting to discuss this possibility will be held Tuesday, April 18 at 7 pm. The evening's discussion will attempt to gauge the degree of interest in political activity within our community, and will include consideration of purposes, goals, objectives and procedures for the group.

The meeting is being organized by Steve Savage, and is tentatively scheduled to be held at his home. Anyone interested in attending the meeting should call Steve at 266-8887. Anyone leaving a message on his answering machine should be sure to include their name and phone number in case the group should require a larger facility than his home.

### ICBE EVENTS PLANNED

The Imperial Court of the Bluegrass Empire expects a busy April. They plan a show at Great Moments on Wednesday, April 5, beginning at 10 p.m. This event will be co-sponsored by ICBE, Great Moments and Jacqueline Parrish. Admission proceeds will benefit both the Court and the AIDS Volunteers of Lexington. The \$3 tickets will be sold at the door.

The ICBE annual Coronation is scheduled for Sunday, April 30, at the Holiday Inn, I-75 and Richmond Road, beginning at 7 p.m. Representatives from the Courts in Denver, Los Angeles, Fort Worth and Madison, WI have already confirmed their intent to attend. Coronation tickets are now available from ICBE members. Reserved seats are \$10 each, with general admission priced at \$3.

### GAY MEN'S PLAY DURING PRIDE WEEK?

Several men are considering producing a gay men's musical or play during this year's Pride Week in June. Anyone interested in joining in, on stage or backstage, please call Alan at 253-2414 AS SOON AS POSSIBLE!

### GAY MEN'S LITERATURE GROUP TO FORM

E.M. Forster, Christopher Isherwood, Edmund White, Robert Ferro, Gordon Merrick, and you. Inspired by the Lesbian Passion group (a womyn's literature group), several men at the March GLSO forum have decided to start a gay men's literature group. Our first meeting will be Monday, April 17 at 7:00 pm. For more information call Alan at 253-2414.

### APRIL GLSO FORUM: VACATION PLANNING

Vacation time is fast approaching, and as the saying goes, who wants to have to play it straight on vacation? At our April meeting we will be examining various options. Included in the meeting will be a travel agent, a woman who has experience with the various music festivals, and traveler of Europe. It should be informational for all. Join us!

### GLSO SEEKS NEW BOARD MEMBERS

Nominations are being sought for election to the GLSO Board of Directors. President and Vice-President positions will be elected, in addition to three at-large board seats. GLSO's Board of Directors is responsible for the overall operation and long-range planning for the organization.

If you are interested in learning about the Board, contact GLSO's Nominating Committee, Craig Clere (266-8887) or Melanie Otis (252-3106). The Board will present its slate of nominations at the May GLSO Forum Meeting, with elections to follow in June.

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## RACISM AND THE GAY AND LESBIAN COMMUNITY

by Melanie D. Otis

The current struggle for gay rights frequently echoes refrains from the civil rights movement of thirty years ago - the desire for equal protection and equal treatment under the law, the unfairness of arbitrary discrimination, and the need for America to truly reflect its commitment to the equality of all humankind. Many of our attempts to assure the forward progress of the gay rights movement have mirrored images of the march on Washington, DC in the 1960's and the non-violent civil disobedience approaches which were used by Martin Luther King, Jr. and his followers. This is far from coincidence. In fact, gay men and lesbians working on gay rights issues have reaped many valuable lessons from the years of struggle by African-Americans.

There is another lesson to be learned from the civil rights movement, however, and it has less to do with how we fight the fight than it has to do with how we live our lives. If, in the process of our own struggle for equality, we perpetuate prejudicial attitudes toward some other oppressed group, the essence of our beliefs are compromised. If, within our own movement, we give way to racist ideas and discriminatory practices, our cries for equality are reduced to mere rhetoric.

It is unfortunate, but true, that some racism, as well as other forms of discrimination, survive in the gay and lesbian community. What is also true is that we as members of an oppressed minority group cannot afford to become participants in a game of scapegoating in order to try and secure a place in the fabric of America. We cannot attempt to balance the scales by offering other minority groups as pawns in a trade-off. If we truly believe in our rights as human beings then we must extend that belief to everyone.

In closing let me assure you that I am not making a blanket accusation toward gay men and lesbians. I know that the gay and lesbian community is replete with individuals who truly believe in the equality of all people and who live their lives based on these beliefs. But, it remains that we are all socialized in a culture that seems to thrive on qualifying human difference and unless we make a point of overcoming the negative aspects of this socialization, we will undoubtedly carry some narrow attitudes about those around us. It is important to recognize that we are not immune to prejudicial attitudes and that, in many ways, we have a particular obligation to confront such attitudes - both in ourselves and others.

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### SEMINAR HELD FOR AIDS CAREGIVERS

The Hospice of the Bluegrass organized a seminar for AIDS caregivers at Spindletop Hall on the evening of March 7. Dr. John Fryer, a psychiatrist on the faculty at Philadelphia's Temple University College of Medicine, led the two hour program. Attendees included AVOL Buddies, Hospice staff and volunteers, social workers, and nurses. Dr. Fryer illustrated how people assume their immortality, and discussed how a positive HIV result challenges that perception. He relayed his personal experiences with AIDS patients and friends, and expressed concern about the effect the disease may ultimately have on patient care.

Dr. Fryer enjoys a national reputation for his work on hospice issues, and has extensive experience with AIDS patients and support programs across the country. The program was co-sponsored by Hospice and AVOL. Funding for the seminar was provided by ACT-Lexington.

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### WOMEN'S PERFORMING SERIES

Caper's Restaurant, 818 Euclid Avenue, hosted three performances of a special Women's Performing Series during March, and has additional performances scheduled for three Sunday evenings in April. Produced by Earlene Huckleberry, the net proceeds of the performances are being contributed to six non-profit causes in Lexington. The Rape Crisis Center, Solomon House (AVOL's house for PWAs), Galilean Home Ministries, Syncopated, Inc., the Spouse Abuse Center, and the Lexington Child Abuse Council will all benefit from the Series.

Performers who appeared during March included the Reel World String Band, Night Lite, and Roberta Guthrie. Because of the limited seating capacity at Caper's, each benefiting organization circulated its own invitation list. GLSO addressed some extra invitations to those on our mailing list at the request of AVOL, operators of Solomon House.



## MARCH IN WASHINGTON SCHEDULED APRIL 29

On April 29 groups from all across America will converge on Washington, DC for a multi-issue march protesting, among many other things, the government's negligence in AIDS research and care, and the homophobic and oppressive policies of the present and preceding administrations towards Gay and Lesbian people. The march is being supported in Lexington by Socially Concerned Students of UK and the Worker's World Party.

Initially the march was organized and planned for the weekend of April 10 by Students Against Racism on Campus, but soon the call went out to other oppressed minorities and working class organizations. The scope and focus of the rally soon changed from anti-racist to the present multi-issue format which includes a call for the end of racism, sexism and homophobia, a demand for more AIDS funding, less military spending and increased health care and education opportunities for the poor and uneducated.

With the much broadened agenda the march's date was moved to April 29, giving additional time for organizing in the local communities. Here in Lexington, several organizations representing minorities of race, gender and sexual orientation have endorsed the march and are beginning the process of grass roots organizing of a group to travel to Washington in April.

Clearly, the organizers here and at the national level see the importance of recognizing the common cause of our different oppressions. The demands made by the march committee reflect our unity in struggle, despite the rich variety of our communities. It may not be evident what connections exist between the call for reproductive rights, divestment from South Africa, funding AIDS and stopping racist violence, but if we go beyond our immediate concerns we see a common source for our diverse oppressions - the multinational corporations and their puppet, the US government. The desire for profits and power fuels the horrendously high prices of AIDS care and drives the slave-labor machine of apartheid in South Africa. It is racism which keeps African-Americans from escaping the cyclical poverty of minimum wage employment, and it is this same minimum wage labor which keeps profits high. It is no accident that women earn less than men for the same work, nor is it accidental that the government is willing to fund an illegal war in Nicaragua to maintain corporate control of Central America's economy, while crying that they simply don't

have the funds to house the homeless.

The march calls many communities to stand united against the ruling minority and demand our rights. As individual communities, Gay, Lesbian, African-American, Womyn, or poor, we can do nothing to stop the powers that be. But as a united front we can force change. Join us in April for yourselves, your sisters and brothers, and for the future. We won't take four more years!!!

## THE KLAN IS COMING!?

Twenty-seven Ku Klux Klan supporters held a six block march followed by a rally in Pikeville on Sunday, March 19. The *Lexington Herald-Leader* estimated 500 people gathered for the event. Some simply watched; others actively protested the march and rally. During the event the Klan distributed membership applications in the hope of acquiring new Kentucky members.

Virgil Griffin, Imperial Wizard of a KKK sect called the Christian Knights, organized the Pikeville demonstration. A North Carolina resident, Mr. Griffin told the crowd he plans to visit Lexington within two weeks to begin organizing efforts in this city. Klan leaders have expressed an intent to march in every Kentucky county seat within the next two years. Specific plans for a Klan march in Lexington were unknown at press time.

Although the Pikeville rally focused on white supremacy, the KKK is equally known for its anti-gay philosophy. No violence was reported at the Pikeville demonstration.

## CENSORSHIP IN S.C.

School district officials in South Carolina have ordered librarians to remove books that deal with homosexuality, according to *The Front Page*, a gay newspaper of the Carolinas. Officials base the action on the 1988 Comprehensive Health Act which they say forbids students from seeing material presenting homosexuality as an alternate lifestyle.

Since librarians can not screen all materials for gay content, fiction, newspapers, magazines, dictionaries, encyclopedia, indexes, and instructional T.V. programs are exempt.

*The Front Page* reports teachers cannot refer to homosexual relationships except when "discussing transmitted diseases, such as the AIDS virus." Teachers who violate the law may be dismissed.

## FOR SCIENCE FICTION AFICIONADOS

The Winter, 1989 issue of **Outlook**, a National Lesbian and Gay Quarterly, included an interesting article about science fiction writings for gay men and lesbians. Without recounting the article, here is a condensed list of titles included in its bibliography:

### BOOKS WITH BOTH LESBIAN AND GAY MALE CHARACTERS

- Return to Neveryon** by Samuel R. Delaney  
**Kindred Spirits: An Anthology of Gay and Lesbian Science Fiction Stories** edited by Jeffery M. Elliot (Boston: Alyson, 1984)  
**Worlds Apart: An Anthology of Lesbian and Gay Science Fiction and Fantasy** edited by Camilla Decarnin, Eric Garber and Lyn Paleo  
**Swords and Dreams** by Katherine V. Forrest (Tallahassee: Naiad, 1987)  
**Blackwater** by Michael McDowell. (A six-part series including **The Flood**, **The Levee**, **The House**, **The War**, **The Fortune**, and **Rain**, all published in New York by Avon in 1983).

### BOOKS INCLUDING GAY MALE CHARACTERS

- Quarreling, They Met the Dragon** by Sharon Baker (New York: Avon, 1984).  
"Human Remains" and "In the Hills, the Cities" in **Books of Blood** by Clive Barker (Reprinted in New York by Berkeley, 1986).  
**Unicorn Mountain** by Michael Bishop (New York: Arbor House, 1988).  
**Sharra's Exile** (1981) by Marion Zimmer Bradley (New York: DAW, 1981)  
**Ethan of Athos** by Lois McMaster Bujold (New York: Baen, 1986)  
**The Winged Assassin** by Catherine Cooke (New York: Ace, 1987)  
**Stars in My Pockets Like Grains of Sand** by Samuel R. Delaney (New York: Bantam, 1984)  
**The Elementals** by Michael McDowell (New York: Avon, 1981)  
**Chronicles of the Vampires** by Anne Rice (A series of three books: **Interview with the Vampire** (1975), **The Vampire Lestat** (1985), and **Queen of the Damned** (1988), all published in New York by Knopf)  
**The Boiled Frog Syndrome** by Marty Rubin (Boston: Alyson, 1987)

### BOOKS INCLUDING LESBIAN CHARACTERS

- City of Sorcery** (1984), **Thendara House** (1983), both by Marion Zimmer Bradley (New York: DAW).  
**The Duel of Sorcery** by Jo Clayton (New York: DAW).  
**Daughters of a Coral Dawn** by Katherine V. Forrest (Tallahassee: Naiad, 1984)  
**Wingwomen of Hera** by Sandi Hall (San Francisco: Spinsters/Aunt Lute, 1987)  
**The Godmothers** by Sandi Hall (1982)  
**The Net** by Loren McGregor (New York: Ace, 1987)  
**Silverglass** (1986) and **Web of Wind** (1987) by J.F. Rivkin (New York: Ace)  
**The Tomoe Gozen Saga** by Jessica Amanda Salmonson (A series of three books: **Tomoe Gozen** (1981), **The Golden Naginata** (1981), and **Thousand Shrine Warrior** (1984), all published in New York by Ace)

### LESBIAN TV CHARACTER IN JEOPARDY

Christian fundamentalists have mounted a massive letter-writing campaign to get ABC to remove an openly-lesbian character from its series **Heart/Beat**, set in a women's health clinic. **The Gay People's Chronicle** in Ohio reports that the producer of the show has received approximately 1600 letters per week demanding the removal of the lesbian character.

A letter-writing campaign to save the

character, Marilyn, has been undertaken by a Southern California Women for Understanding. The group urges letters supporting the character and the show be sent to: Aaron Spelling Productions, Warner/Hollywood Studios, 1041 North Formosa Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90046; and to ABC-TV, 133-Avenue of the Americas, New York, NY 10019.



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## FROM DIGNITY'S PRESIDENT

Spring is here! I've noticed it more this year by the lengthening of daylight which perks me up. Heaven knows as president of Dignity I need all the energy I can get.

Fortunately, my plight is not as grave as it sounds. I like being president of Dignity/Lexington. That's largely because I find myself surrounded by good people who seem to share the same purpose that we serve: Dignity/Lexington works to serve lesbian and gay people become better people. There is

very little political about us. There are no board meetings, no earth shattering decisions to be made -just events that work to serve a community.

As president I just kind of see that it all happens. I answer the phone. I write for GLSO News. I've made a lot of friends. I've grown personally. So my energy is good. How's yours? Do you get back from what you invest? I hope to see you at Dignity soon.

Peace, Keith

## ASK AUNT MARY

Dear Aunt Mary,

I've finally figured out what I like - coffee and something else that starts with - oh, never mind. Anyway, I live in Richmond and what I want to know is how can I meet those coffee-loving men who share my likes in my town?

-Caaaaaffeine Harry

Dear Hyped-up Hirsute,

My guess is you're looking for a nice evening sipping coffee at the local diner pleasantly discussing the joys of listening to Liza Minelli singing "Richmond, Richmond" with other gay men. Well, Aunt Mary Olson and her can of Folger's to the rescue. Many gay men in smaller communities would like to meet similar others from their town and just don't know how to go about it. Aunt Mary suggests the following -

Since all gay men do laundry, why not put up a notice at your local washing machine (no, not your mother) announcing the "Friends of Aunt Mary and her dog ToTo" get-together at such-and-such a restaurant at such-and-such a time. You might request that all friends of Mary wear a green shirt or something (use your imagination), and then

simply ask those with a green shirt at the restaurant if they are friends of Aunt Mary. Then, enjoy your cup of coffee.

Note: This may not work the first time, but try it a few times or try variations on the theme such as "individuals wishing to discuss the trial of Oscar Wilde will meet ...." In any case, what Aunt Mary is suggesting is that you can DO something no matter how silly.

Aunt Mary recognizes that it's often difficult to indicate to others one's interest, let alone one's sexual preference, but you can subtly express your interests and then see if someone picks up on them -- after all, what is the probability that a straight male is interested in discussing Oscar Wilde?

In addition to your own clever approaches to this problem, you might wish to subscribe to RFD - a country journal for gay men. They are likely to have several suggestions about meeting other men in rural areas. Send a stamped, self-addressed envelope to RFD, Route 1, Box 127E, Bakersville, NC 28705. Aunt Mary wishes you success and wants to hear all about it - so all you country boys - drop me a line.

Aunt Mary

# March for Women's Equality Women's Lives

April 9, 1989  
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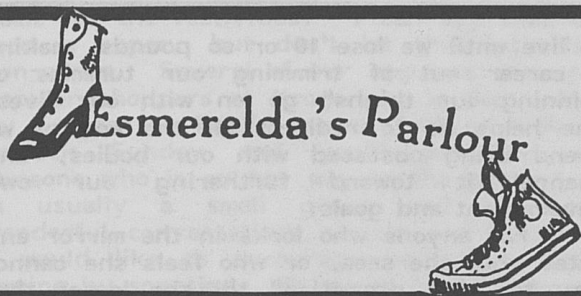
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Dear Esmerelda,

This is the first edition of Esmerelda's Parlour under the guidance of Esmerelda Ink, the Womyn Writer's Group of Lexington. As such, the April issue of **GLSO News** marks a new beginning for the womyn's page and a new approach to representation of Esmerelda as a Collective. We are all sorry to see the former co-editors of the Parlour, Debbie and Teresa, leave. They have done such a terrific job with the newsletter over the past year that the community is quite indebted to their willingness to be active and to their resourceful, creative abilities.

As co-editors, Debbie and Teresa learned some very important lessons about Esmerelda's Parlour and the responsibility that it entails. They learned that being responsible for 2-3 pages in the **GLSO Newsletter** each month is a lot of work for two people to handle. Together they had to drum up ideas, research them, write the articles, search for other contributors, and edit all of the material - while trying to meet their monthly deadline. And these two women are not couch potatoes by any means - they are active in other areas throughout the community. They have found through their year of experience with the newsletter that the responsibility for Esmerelda's Parlour should ideally be handled of a group of women. This arrangement would theoretically cut down on the amount of effort required by each individual while supplying a new string of material and ideas from month to month. This is why Esmerelda Ink has stepped forward and agreed to take the helm.

What is Esmerelda Ink? It is foremost a Womyn Writer's Group. It was formed as a means of allowing womyn writers and poets in the Lexington area the opportunity to get together with others of similar interest to examine each other's works, to hear and be heard, to offer information to womyn who want to publish, and to offer editorial guidance. The group is about 5 months old and presently can claim only 5 members--although we know there are many women out there interested in all forms of literature and writing. What can Esmerelda Ink offer to Esmerelda's Parlour and

what can working with the newsletter offer to us? We can supply the womyn's page with a diverse range of ideas and talent. And we, as has always been the case with the newsletter, can offer all womyn within the Esmerelda Collective the chance to write about what is of interest to them and to be read. Working with **GLSO News** supplies Esmerelda Ink with greater recognition as a group - we need more members! It gives our members the chance to have suitable works read by the community - it gives us a voice.

Esmerelda Ink, as a writer's group, is interested in writing as an art form. This emphasis on writing as art is likely to change the face of Esmerelda's Parlour over time. You may see a greater number of creative works each month, more book reviews, more feminist essays and opinion. Some months there may be no introductory letter or only a minimal one. The present format is likely to undergo a lot of changes. If you find that you are not pleased with any of these changes it is up to you, the community, to let us know. We are certainly open to suggestion.

All of the members of Esmerelda Ink have supplied material to the womyn's page at various times in the past, but we still feel fortunate that we will not be losing the talents of Debbie and Teresa altogether. Teresa, as a member of Esmerelda Ink, will still be active in **GLSO News**, but to a lesser extent. Debbie will continue to work on the events calendar and may contribute articles or poems occasionally. If you would like to contribute to the Parlour, or even work on the womyn's page on a monthly basis, we would be glad to have you! It is not necessary to join Esmerelda Ink to work with the newsletter and it only requires about one hour per month to contribute an article or idea! Please consider it - Esmerelda's Parlour exists for you!

As mentioned earlier, Esmerelda Ink is actively looking for members. If you are interested in writing, or simply in reading, and feel you have something to contribute to other writers and readers, please call 254-3359 or 299-4238. Our next meeting is April 11th.

We are looking forward to working with you and for you!

Angela, Carol, P., Teresa and Vickie,  
Esmerelda Ink

#### TRANSFORMING BODY IMAGE

As women we are constantly holding our bodies up against the super thin, super perfect examples we see on television and in magazines, and finding ourselves at fault because our bodies are not perfect. Just

because we happen to be lesbians does not make us exempt from holding ourselves in comparison to the so-called "male stereotype" of the perfect female body - although it would be hard for some of us to admit that we do this. Yet how many of you out there are satisfied with your bodies? I have met very few women (straight or lesbian) who are satisfied with themselves, or who have a positive body image.

It's sad when I meet a woman who does seem to fit the stereotype of what a perfect body is, and yet she still sees herself as "fat." This was driven home to me when my sister and I were talking and she kept referring to herself as fat, and began to downgrade various parts of her body. To me, she has always been what I saw as "perfect" - tall, slim, blond, etc. - you know the type. Yet she cannot see herself the way others do; she will not allow herself to maintain a positive body image. At the risk of making a massive generalization, it is my belief that a majority of women (all sizes and shapes) share the same negative opinion of themselves. We find it so hard to let ourselves love our bodies, no matter how they may look - what this must do to our self-esteem!

Marcia Germaine Hutchinson, has written a book entitled **Transforming Body Image - Learning to Love the Body You Have**; it's for anyone who has a negative body image and cannot see the good that is within. The book is primarily a workbook with homework assignments that help us truly get in touch with our own stereotypes about our bodies.

Hutchinson writes about the cultural and family roots which cause many of us to maintain a poor self-image:

The media communicates its messages through images which tryannize our fleshy, flawed, embodied realities. No matter how much we try to control or diet or deodorize our bodies, we cannot hope to match the illusion on the screen or the printed page.

The book is full of imagery and Hutchinson guides us toward looking at ourselves a little more positively. An exercise is included which where she teaches us the good of affirmations (something many of us already know). Statements such as, "I am perfectly all right just the way I am," and "I like myself and feel easy in my body," can serve as a strong positive image inducer for many of us.

**Transforming Body Image** is basically designed to help those of us who are "waiting

to live until we lose 10 or so pounds, making a career out of trimming our tummies or thinning our thighs" go on with our lives. She helps us to redirect all the energy we spend being obsessed with our bodies, and channel it toward furthering our own development and goals.

For anyone who looks in the mirror and hates what she sees, or who feels she cannot "try for that promotion" till she loses that extra weight, or simply for anyone who has a hard time accepting and loving herself, this book is for you. Reading it is a step towards a more positive, and ultimately healthy, body image.

### MIRROR by Vickie

It is not a storm  
But lightening electrifies  
Barely tangible fingertips  
And echoing thunder resounds  
Off questioning, searching ears  
These ears that listen to your  
Voice  
Speaking words from myself.  
Wet gravels crunch beneath sneakers  
Seeking to steer away from  
Puddles patiently waiting to  
Soak  
I see reflected nature  
In these miniature lakes  
Looking like Gods first  
Mirrors  
Glimpsing at this mirror  
Seeing you  
I am looking for the rest of me  
You are my challenge in myself  
Not to conquer  
Not to divide  
But rather to piece together the  
Jagged heart you draw  
The fine line between us; oh, so thin  
Whole but for a time  
When hungry ears heed their calling.

### RAMBLINGS ...

Well, this is my first official contribution to the Esmerelda column and I must say that I'm nervous. I have several topics which will perhaps be of interest and I'll just jump from one to another.

Esmerelda as a collective sponsors one of my favorite social activities--the Potluck, and co-sponsors, with GLSO, the monthly Coffeehouse and Dance! The potluck is the second Sunday of the month at 2:00 pm. The location varies and anyone can offer their



home for the festivities. I can say that the food is super, but don't let that intimidate non-cooks. Several of our regulars are very popular shoppers at Krogers. In fact, drop by Krogers on Euclid around 1:00 or 1:30 on potluck Sunday and you'll probably see someone who is on her way to the party. It is usually a small group and we have wonderful conversations, music and laughter. I would like to encourage you to consider coming by sometime. We would love to see you and you'll not regret it. The phone number is 252-7837 for location information. We try to stay at home on the Sunday morning of the potluck so any last minute callers can get the necessary information. Hope to see you there.

Music is one of my favorite ways to spend time - after eating, that is - and I wanted to remind everyone of the wonderful music festivals which are coming up soon. The Southern Festival is in the Atlanta area in late May. It is several years old and from all reports a wonderful festival with a great combination of all types of lesbian music and humor. From personal experience I can say that the National Women's Music Festival in Bloomington, Indiana is great, and it's only a 3 1/2 hour drive from home. I attended the first two festivals and then became insane and didn't go again until the 14th. This year they are celebrating their 15th anniversary and are pulling out all the stops. The writers', healing, and spirituality workshops are a wonderful complement to the music and I can say they were as informative and helpful last year as the music was entertaining. The author of *Different Daughters* will be doing a workshop this year on the lesbian's relationships with her mother. That is sure one for me!

Of course the Michigan festival is so famous I don't imagine anyone reading this hasn't hear of it. I've never attended, but from all reports, I will have to break down soon and try camping so that I can attend. I **absolutely hate camping** - after an 8th grade Girl Scout weekend I swore off camping permanently. It's been 23 years and I haven't broken my promise yet. So you can imagine how wonderful Michigan must be if I am once again considering sleeping(?) out of doors.

Now for a last topic (I promise). OLD DYKES!! We will all (hopefully) be old someday, some of us sooner than others. Have you thought about how you want to live, with whom, income needs and sources, etc? Will you have family (children) to look after you? Many of us do not have children and won't have, so what do we do? Are the typical nursing homes the answer for us?

They don't even like heterosexual sex, much less lesbian passion. So, what are we to do? I have talked about this with a few friends and in the winter issue of *Lesbian Connection* noticed a classified ad asking about an Old Dykes home beginning in Ann Arbor. I answered the ad and received back some questionnaires about the nature of my "ideal" living situation when older, both independently older and the unhappy possibility of being dependently older. I have a few copies of the questionnaire left and can make more copies if you are interested in responding. I can't anticipate moving north as I age, but the very real possibility exists for a collective living situation in our area. The problems of old age are intimidating and can be frightening. This topic is especially important for lesbians, who are more likely not to have good pension plans through work because of discrimination. We are also likely not to have family members who are accepting enough of our lifestyle to share a home with us. We would love to hear from older readers and encourage you to share your wisdom with us. Call anyone in the Esmerelda Ink-Womyn's Writers Group, or Esmerelda at 252-7837 to respond.

I'll go for now; I love to talk (and writing is almost as good) but I do like to know that there is someone listening, so we encourage you to respond to what we say, tell us when we are wrong and fight back.

Hugs and kisses to all, from P.

#### CRIS WILLIAMSON/TERESA TRULL CONCERT

Cris Williamson and Teresa Trull, two of Olivia Records' best known recording artists will be presented live in concert in Nashville.

Cris Williamson is credited with the original idea that ultimately became Olivia Records and is one of the most well known and successful recording artists and songwriters in women's music today. She has recorded 11 albums during her career with Olivia Records.

Teresa Trull has recorded a number of albums with Olivia, as well. She brings to life a fusion of rock, blues, pop and jazz in her electrifying performances. Her voice is rich with her Southern heritage and her versatility makes her music a real treat.

The show will be May 7, 3 pm at War Memorial Auditorium in Nashville. Tickets are \$15 plus \$1 postage and handling in advance, or \$18 at the door the day of the show. Advance tickets may be purchased by sending check or money order to: Ewe Productions, P.O. Box 291345, Nashville, TN, 37229. Seating is limited for this single performance, so get your order in now!

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## LETTER

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Dear Editor,

The "Ask Aunt Mary" column in February's *GLSO News* discussed the best way to handle a situation involving a 14 year old runaway who may have been sexually abused by her father. Although I recognize the columnist's frustration, I felt there are some important issues which the response failed to address.

The existence of child sexual abuse in our country is not a new phenomenon and frequently our past approach has been one which involved pleading ignorance or turning the other way. In more recent years this approach has shown signs of change. As the issue of child sexual abuse has begun to be more openly discussed, a variety of dynamics have been recognized. For individuals who are aware of the existence of a particular case of sexual abuse, the key factor which allows it's continuation is often that of "silence." All too often it has been found that individuals, both inside the family and outside, have been aware of the abuse but, for whatever reason, choose to keep this knowledge to themselves. It is within this realm of silence and secrecy that child abuse is most able to continue, flourish, and frequently grow into new generations of child abusers. Currently 1 in 4 girls and 1 in 7 boys are sexually abused during childhood and the number is rising.

Breaking the silence is never easy and it's certainly not a guarantee of smooth sailing, but it is necessary. In recent years the recognition of these facts surrounding child sexual abuse prompted the passage of laws which clearly state that it is the responsibility of all individuals to report any case of child abuse - this includes suspicions of possible abuse. Failure to do so not only does a disservice to the child involved but it is also a violation of the law for which a person can be held accountable. Once a report is made, CHR's Child Protective Services is required to make an investigation. Child Protective Services can also put the child in touch with any other services which might be needed such as counseling and shelter.

As you mentioned, Lexington Rape Crisis Center (LRCC) is an excellent resource in this area. LRCC, however, also has an obligation to report. Additionally, LRCC cannot work with a minor without permission of a parent or legal guardian.

If you are aware of, or suspect, any type of child abuse or neglect you can best serve the child by reporting it. At this point, pulling the problem of child abuse out of the shadows is the best defense we can offer children. **BREAK THE SILENCE.**

Report suspected abuse and neglect to Child Protective Services' Child Abuse Hotline at the number 252-1456.

Melanie D. Otis

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### FDA APPROVES AEROSOLIZED PENTAMIDINE

LyphoMed, Inc., of Rosemont, Illinois announced that the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has approved a "Treatment IND (Investigational New Drug)" under which physicians may administer aerosolized pentamidine for the prevention of pneumocystis carinii pneumonia (PCP) in high-risk, HIV-infected individuals. A "Treatment IND" is the FDA's method for getting promising new drugs to patients who need them before it grants full marketing approval. Under the aerosolized pentamidine "Treatment IND," physicians can obtain the drug for high-risk individuals and monitor its use. "High-risk individuals" are persons who had an episode of PCP, or who are HIV-positive and with a T-4 cell count under 200.

The use of aerosolized pentamidine is expected to result in substantial savings -- in drug costs, costs of hospitalization and medical care. Currently, treating PCP frequently requires hospitalization, which costs at least \$12,000 per episode for a full course of treatment. Now, with the FDA's approval of the use of aerosolized pentamidine, the drug can be administered in an outpatient clinic, a physician's office or even through home health care in an effort to prevent the onset of PCP.

LyphoMed, the pharmaceutical company that developed aerosolized pentamidine, has established a special toll-free telephone hotline to provide information to physicians and patients requesting prescription and patient enrollment information: 1-800-727-7003.

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### KILL THOSE CRABS

Kwell, a lotion commonly used to kill pubic lice, has fallen out of favor. Recent tests have shown the prescription lotion to be considerable less effective than over-the-counter medications, and much more hazardous. If you develop crabs, medications like RID and A-200 offer the best treatment, and without a prescription.



## DUKAKIS APPOINTS GAY JUDGE

The first openly-gay judge to be appointed by Gov. Michael Dukakis was nominated Feb. 15 by the Massachusetts Judicial Nominating Council. Dermot Meagher, a lawyer with the Boston Board of Overseers, was nominated to the Boston Municipal Court.

Meagher was open about his sexual preference to the Nominating Council, according to the **Boston Globe**. He is a founding member of the Mass. Lesbian and Gay Bar Association and a former board member of the Gay and Lesbian Advocates and Defenders (GLAD). He has also worked with the AIDS Action Committee and served as a Boston Human Rights Commissioner since 1985, according to the **Globe**.

Kevin Cathcart, executive director of GLAD, told the **Globe**, "It's a very important appointment, because it is the first openly gay or lesbian appointment to the judiciary in Massachusetts. He is not going to be the first gay judge in Massachusetts, but the first openly gay judge in Mass. and that's a wonderful and important distinction."

## ITS A MATTER OF LIFE OR DEATH by Marie Parkerson and Dee Friess

We feel certain that many readers of **GLSO News** are avid animal lovers like ourselves. This is a plea for help from those people - a plea for the lives of hundreds of wonderful animals that die each year needlessly.

The animals we are referring to are racing greyhounds. The dogs that did not choose to chase and kill. The ones who only want to be loved and love in return. These young dogs, usually 3 years old or younger, deserve a chance to live. Their lives on the track are bad. They are never physically abused, only neglected and environmentally deprived.

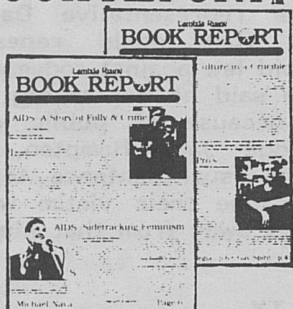
We need your help to help these beautiful dogs - loving homes, foster homes, financial aid. If you are interested in helping please call the Greyhound Connection at 223-5848 and ask for Dee or Marie.

If the greyhounds could, maybe they would say ...

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A loving home, a kind voice, a gentle touch -  
To be your friend -  
is that asking too much?  
Instead my life is muzzles and crates,  
Hot smelly kennels and more racing dates.  
If I run like the wind and chase with a lust,  
My life is more than just blood in the dust.  
If I'm past my prime at age 3 or 4, or not in  
the money,  
Death knocks at my door.

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# GAY AMERICA

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## WASHINGTON, DC

National Gay & Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF) Executive Director Jeffrey Levi announced that he will leave the organization effective August 1st after six years of service with the nation's pre-eminent gay and lesbian civil rights organization. Levi plans to stay actively involved in the gay and lesbian rights movement and said his departure reflects a strong desire to work full time on the development and formulation of national AIDS policy.

## JACKSONVILLE, FL

Ninety-two percent of gay men and lesbians in Jacksonville who responded to a survey said they have faced some kind of discrimination because of their sexual orientation.

One in five of the lesbians and gay men who participated in the survey said they have been denied or evicted from housing because of their sexual orientation. About half of the participants reported workplace harassment that ranged from being asked about their sexual orientation to being fired.

## TRENTON, NJ

The state senate voted 29-7 to approve a bill that increases penalties for hate-motivated assaults, including attacks based on anti-gay bigotry. The legislation now goes to the state assembly.

Debate on the measure was sparked by the inclusion of gays among the protected groups. State senator Gerald Cardinale said the measure would give a "special public imprimatur" to gay sex.

But Sen. Matthew Feldman, the sponsor of the bill, defended the inclusion of gays and lesbians. "We will not countenance those hoodlums who beat up other people because of race or creed or sexual orientation," he said.

## NEW YORK, NY

The New York Lesbian and Gay Community Services Center announced plans to establish what it said will be the first museum in the country devoted to lesbian and gay history.

## LINCOLN, IL

A man who charged in a lawsuit that Lincoln Christian College in southern Illinois denied him his bachelor's degree in 1981 because he is gay, reached an out-of-court settlement with the school.

The former student, Greg Johnson, will receive an undisclosed amount of money under terms of the settlement. Neither Johnson nor the college would say how much money Johnson will receive.

Johnson had originally sought his degree and \$200,000 in damages. He was represented by National Gay Rights Advocates.

## OLYMPIA, WA

A bill that aims to better protect members of ethnic and racial groups from harassment cleared a state senate committee only after the panel dropped a proposal to include gays as a protected group.

## AUSTIN, TX

State representative David Cain filed legislation that would repeal the state's 102-year-old law against sodomy.

Cain said he was taking a stand against the law because of public outrage toward Dallas judge Jack Hampton, who gave a lighter-than-usual sentence to two convicted killers because their victim was gay. "We need to get away from that kind of thinking," Cain said.

## DALLAS, TX

Ten Dallas attorneys filed a petition seeking the removal of Judge Jack Hampton who said he sentenced a murderer to a lighter-than-average prison term because his victims were gay.

The petition asked the state supreme court to remove District Judge Hampton from the bench for violating three canons of the state code of judicial conduct. The petition said the lawyers believe that Hampton "cannot be fair and impartial and should be removed from office."

Hampton is also under investigation by the Texas Commission on Judicial Conduct as the result of complaints filed against him by the Dallas Gay Alliance.



# INTO THE FUTURE

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

- April 7-9, 1989. Lesbian and Gay Bands of America, 14th National Conference. Fort Lauderdale, FL.
- April 9, 1989. March for Women's Equality Women's Lives. Washington, DC.
- April 13-16, 1989. 14th Annual Southeastern Conference for Lesbians and Gay Men. Dallas, TX.
- May, 1989. Date pending. Association of Gay and Lesbian Psychiatrists. San Francisco, CA.
- May, 1989. Date pending. Campfest Women's Music Festival. New Jersey.
- May 25-29, 1989. Southern Women's Music and Comedy Festival. Athens, Ga.
- May 25-29, 1989. International Gay Bowling Organization, National Tournament. Cincinnati, OH.
- May 26-29, 1989. Wimifest '89. Albuquerque, NM.
- May 26-29, 1989. National Women's Music Festival. Bloomington, IN.
- May 26-29, 1989. Gay and Lesbian Parent's Coalition International 10th Conference. Boston, MA.
- June, 1989. 20th Anniversary of the Stonewall Riots!
- June 30, 1989. National Day of Mourning for the Right to Privacy. Third Anniversary of the Hardwick v. Bowers Decision.
- July 2-8, 1989. Ninth Annual Convention of the National Association of Black and White Men Together. Tallahassee, FL.
- July 4, 1989. Northwest Gay/Lesbian Sports Festival. Seattle, WA.
- August 5, 1989. Chicago Celebration Ball. Chicago, IL.
- August 4-11, 1990. Celebration '90, Gay Games III and Cultural Festival. Vancouver, Canada.
- August 24-27, 1989. International Conference of Gay and Lesbian Jews. Chicago, IL.
- September 2-4, 1989. Dignity Convention. San Francisco, CA.
- November 11-13, 1989. National Gay & Lesbian Task Force Creating Change Conference. Washington, DC.
- November 24-26, 1989. Texas (Gay and Lesbian) Open Tennis Tournament. Houston, TX.

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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)
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(AIDS education and speakers)
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- Louisville Crisis  
Hotline ..... (502) 637-4342
- National Gay and Lesbian Task Force  
Crisis Line and AIDS Crisis  
Line ..... (800) 221-7044

# APRIL EVENTS CALENDAR

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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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| SAT | 1  | Gay/Lesbian ACA, 2 pm, St. Joseph Office Park, Room 120  | FRI | 14 | Gay/Lesbian AA, 8 pm, Comp Care Center; Gayline, 231-0335, 8 - 11 pm; GLSO Coffeehouse & Dance, 9 pm, Unitarian Universalist Church          |
| SUN | 2  | Gay/Lesbian AA, 4 pm, Comp Care Center; Lesbian OA, 5:30 pm, St. Joseph Office Park, Rm. 120   | SAT | 15 | Gay/Lesbian ACA, 2 pm, St. Joseph Office Park, Room 120  |
| TUE | 4  | Rainbow Bowling League, 9 pm, Joyland Lanes  | SUN | 16 | Gay/Lesbian AA, 4 pm, Comp Care Center; Lesbian OA, 5:30 pm, St. Joseph Office Park, Rm. 120   |
| WED | 5  | ICBE Show, 10 pm, Great Moments; Gay/Lesbian AA, 8 pm, St. Joseph Office Park, Rm. 120; Gayline, 231-0335, 8 - 11 pm                                 | MON | 17 | Pride Week Committee Meeting, 8 pm, See article.   |
| THU | 6  | HIV+, ARC, AIDS Support Group; Gayline, 231-0335, 8 - 11 pm; Gay Men's AA, 8 pm, St. Joseph Office Park, Rm. 120                                     | TUE | 18 | Rainbow Bowling League, 9 pm, Joyland Lanes; Gay/Lesbian Political Awareness Group Organizational Meeting, 7 pm                              |
| FRI | 7  | Gay/Lesbian AA, 8 pm, Comp Care Center; Gayline, 231-0335, 8 - 11 pm   | WED | 19 | Gay/Lesbian AA, 8 pm, St. Joseph Office Park, Rm. 120; Gayline, 231-0335, 8 - 11 pm; Interweave, 8 pm, Unitarian Universalist Church         |
| SAT | 8  | Gay/Lesbian ACA, 2 pm, St. Joseph Office Park, Room 120  | THU | 20 | HIV+, ARC, AIDS Support Group; GLSO News Layout, 7:30 pm; Gayline, 231-0335, 8 - 11 pm; Gay Men's AA, 8 pm, St. Joseph Office Park, Rm. 120  |
| SUN | 9  | Lesbian Potluck, 2 pm; Gay/Lesbian AA, 4 pm, Comp Care Center; AVOL, 5:30 pm, Comp Care Center; Lesbian OA, 5:30 pm, St. Joseph Office Park, Rm. 120 | FRI | 21 | Gay/Lesbian AA, 8 pm, Comp Care Center; Gayline, 231-0335, 8 - 11 pm   |
| MON | 10 | GLSO Forum, Topic: Vacation Planning, 8 pm, Comp Care Center; GLSO News Deadline for Submissions   | SAT | 22 | Gay/Lesbian ACA, 2 pm, St. Joseph Office Park, Room 120  |
| TUE | 11 | Esmerelda Ink, 7:30 pm; Dignity Liturgy, 7:30 pm; Rainbow Bowling League, 9 pm, Joyland Lanes  | SUN | 23 | GLSO Phoneline Meeting, 1 pm, Comp Care Center; Gay/Lesbian AA, 4 pm, Comp Care Center; Lesbian OA, 5:30 pm, St. Joseph Office Park, Rm. 120 |
| WED | 12 | Gay/Lesbian AA, 8 pm, St. Joseph Office Park, Rm. 120; Gayline, 231-0335, 8 - 11 pm  | TUE | 25 | Rainbow Bowling League, 9 pm, Joyland Lanes  |
| THU | 13 | HIV+, ARC, AIDS Support Group; Gayline, 231-0335, 8 - 11 pm; Gay Men's AA, 8 pm, St. Joseph Office Park, Rm. 120                                     | WED | 26 | GLSO Board Meeting, 7:30 pm; Gay/Lesbian AA, 8 pm, St. Joseph Office Park, Rm. 120; Gayline, 231-0335, 8 - 11 pm                             |
|     |    |  | THU | 27 | HIV+, ARC, AIDS Support Group; Lesbian Passion Discussion Group, 7:30 pm; Gayline, 231-0335, 8 - 11 pm                                       |
|     |    |  | FRI | 28 | Dignity Rap Session, 7:30 pm; Gay/Lesbian AA, 8 pm, Comp Care Center; Gayline, 231-0335, 8 - 11 pm   |
|     |    |  | SAT | 29 | Gay/Lesbian ACA, 2 pm, St. Joseph Office Park, Room 120  |
|     |    |  | SUN | 30 | ICBE Coronation, 7 pm, Holiday Inn at I-75; Gay/Lesbian AA, 4 pm, Comp Care Center; Lesbian OA, 5:30 pm, St. Joseph Office Park, Rm. 120     |






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