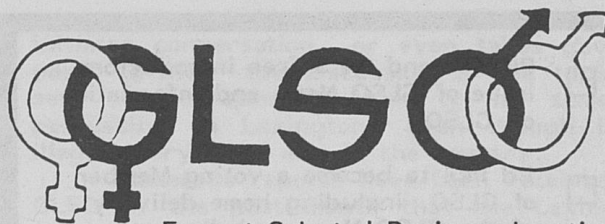


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GLSO PHONELINE EXPANDS TO SUNDAY EVENING

by Craig Clere

Beginning in July, GLSO's Gayline expanded to Sunday evenings. Expanding the phonenumber to a fourth night had been a major priority of GLSO for the upcoming year. Current levels of staffing by volunteers can now operate the Gayline effectively for four nights each week. Sunday evening was chosen by the Gayline Committee as the new night for expansion.

Two other behind the scenes changes have occurred with the phonenumber. Melanie Otis, GLSO at-large board member, has updated the referral guidebook used by Gayline staffers to refer and advise callers. The previous revision was more than two years

old, so the revision was a welcome improvement. The Gayline operations center was also moved to a new location in July. GLSO anticipates the new location will provide quicker access when the inevitable computer problems develop. GLSO would like to extend a big thanks to the Schultzes, who housed the Gayline operations center during the past several years.

Within the next the year GLSO plans to conduct a fundraising drive to purchase a new computer system to solve our recurring computer snafus. Watch for future Gayline developments in **GLSO News**.

AVOL UPDATE

AVOL, the AIDS Volunteers of Lexington, has scheduled its second annual summer benefit. The event will occur on Sunday, August 6, from 8 pm to 11 pm at ArtsPlace. NightLite, the popular Cincinnati band, will entertain in the Performance Hall for your listening and dancing pleasure. Food and beverage will be served in the adjoining Gallery courtesy of local restaurants, businesses, and individual contributors. There is no charge for admission, but contributions are welcomed. All net proceeds will support the AIDS education and service activities of AVOL.

Mr. Ron Jerrell, Secretary of the National Association of People With AIDS (NAPWA), was guest speaker at AVOL's July meeting. NAPWA is based in Washington, DC and represents all people affected by HIV disease. It represents over 12,000 people in the U.S., organized into 102 chapters in 42 states. Additional chapters have been formed world-wide. NAPWA's activities include AIDS education, referrals, support groups and lobbying. Mr. Jerrell resides in the Owensboro area.

MISS GAY KENTUCKY CROWNED

Kelli Colbert was crowned Miss Gay Kentucky '90 at the annual pageant, this year hosted on July 1 at the Club Rumors in Paducah, Kentucky. First prize in the pageant included \$200 cash, flowers, and a paid entry to the Miss Gay America Pageant. In addition to the crown, Kelli won the Best Interview and Best Talent awards.

Kristina Bree was chosen first runner up and received \$100 cash and flowers. She was also awarded plaques for Best Sportswear and Best Eveningwear.

Congratulations to both girls, and we look forward to seeing Kelli represent Kentucky in the national pageant!

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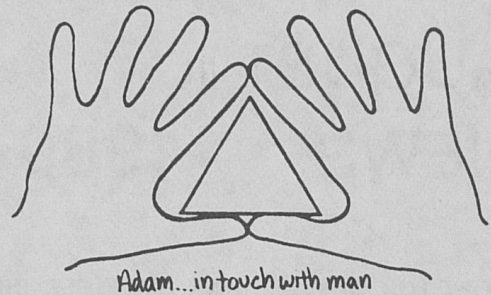
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ADAM... in touch with man
by Kenneth Sanders

Webster defines:

gay\'ga\adj. 1: happily excited; merry.

man\'man\n. 1a: a human being; esp.: an adult male human being. b: the human race: mankind.

Put the two together - a gay man... "a happily excited adult male human being." And that's what we all should be. Not queer, homo, fag, fairy, etc. These are derogatory adjectives tacked on by society that should be ignored. We all know who we are and what we are... we should have the right to choose how we handle that. When we find ourselves, we should strive to overlook the ignorance, move forward and don't look back.

The first man's name was Adam. In Hebrew it means "man." We were human beings before we became gay men. We have changed in many ways and through our actions we must let others know that the change is for the good. (I am what I am!) Being yourself will show others that you are really no different than they are. So, to help the Adam in us all - some of us are starting a men's group. It will rely on the support of those who want to make it happen, and it will do what the group wishes to do. If you are interested - try to attend our organizing meeting Tuesday, August 8, 8 pm, at Great Moments (156 W. Main). If you can't be there - please send us your suggestions and helpful hints. Mail them to ADAM care of the GLSO. Thanks.

ADAM... in touch with man.

PRIDE WEEK CONTRIBUTION ANNOUNCED
by Craig Clere

"Crossings," a bar at 117 N. Lime, has contributed \$100 to the Pride Week fund. The establishment's staff solicited contributions during the June celebration. The owners then added their own contribution to round off the check. GLSO thanks the patrons and owners of Crossings for its support of Lexington's annual Pride Week activities.

MEDIA DISCOVERS LEXINGTON'S GAY COMMUNITY

In preparation for a feature article about civil rights in the South, the Southeastern Bureau of the Associated Press recently contacted Alan Ellis, a representative of Lexington's new lesbian and gay political organization, the Bluegrass Human Rights Advocates (BHRA). During the 45 minute telephone interview, Central and Eastern Kentucky's gay and lesbian community was discussed, along with BHRA's plans for reform of legislation within our city. A completion date for the article has not been determined, but can be expected sometime in August or September. Hopefully the **Lexington Herald-Leader**, the **Courier-Journal**, or one of the nearby community newspapers will run the article.

Late in July, John Cutright and Steve Savage, members of GLSO, and Amy Steele and Charlie Williams, BHRA representatives, were interviewed for a show which will appear on Lexington's Cable Channel 6. The topic of the interview was "The State of the Gay and Lesbian Movement in Lexington." The exact date and time the interview will be aired has not yet been determined, but it is known that it will take place before August 15. If the date is set early enough, the show may be included in the TV listing in the previous Sunday's **Lexington Herald-Leader**. The show will also be listed in the daily schedule which is broadcast over Channel 6 each day.

LEXINGTON'S ANNUAL ROUNDUP

And no, its not a rodeo. Its a lot more serious than that. Its a roundup of gay men, charged with crimes ranging from harassment to sodomy.

Incidents of violent crime in Lexington must decrease each summer, because that's the time of year when the police force sends undercover agents into the public parks, looking for gay men cruising the grounds.

Apparently, very little evidence is required to arrest a person for charges such as disorderly conduct. Men have been arrested recently for simply hooking a thumb in a front pocket of their jeans, with fingers consequently resting above the pocket near the crotch. Officers seem take that gesture as an invitation to commit sodomy. Asking an officer "What do you like to do?" (notice nothing sexual was included; the question could have referred reading, running, singing or cooking) can also lead to arrest.

And it doesn't matter if the officer

initiates conversation, or even takes obvious pains to steer the discussion to the topic of sex. Entrapment seems to be somehow permissible in Lexington, even though it is illegal everywhere else in the country.

Numerous reports have been received by GLSO in the past month that the Lexington police have expanded their operation from Woodland Park to Jacobson Park. So be warned! Solicitation to commit sodomy apparently can refer to almost anything the police say it does. Even if those of us who commit sodomy as often as possible don't agree. And remember, in situations such as these, it's always your word against that of the police. Guess who wins!

PRIDE WEEK A BIG SUCCESS!

by Craig Clere

Lexington's annual observance of Gay and Lesbian Pride can be considered a success, both financially and by the numbers of participants. Highlights of the week were the AVOL Safe Sex Presentation, the Movie and Pizza Night, the Picnic, and Arts Night. Crowds ranged from twenty to one hundred gay men and lesbians for the various events. The Pride Week Committee was especially pleased with the Movie Night and Arts Nights.

Financially, Pride Week broke even. For some that would not be a success, but during each of the past three years Pride Week has spent several hundred dollars more than it has taken in. For that reason the committee planned a low expense week. Thanks to the donation of the Unitarian Universalist Church by Interweave for Movie Night, a \$100 donation from Crossings, and the generous contributions from the lesbian and gay community, the Week broke even. This is especially important since of all the events for the week, only Movie and Pizza Night charged an admission price (\$3).

A special thanks to: GLSO, AVOL, GLSO's Esmerelda, Interweave, the Unitarian Universalist Church, Crossings, The Bar, Bluegrass Human Rights Advocates, GLSO News staff, and all the members of the Pride Week Committee.

This year's Pride Week Committee strongly recommends a permanent, year-round Pride Week Association be started this year as a viable organization. Toward that end, GLSO will be assisting interested persons in making this new organization happen. John Cutright, GLSO at-large board member, will be working on this project. Please call John at 233-3733 if you are able to help make the Association a permanent institution in Lexington.

ASK AUNT MARY

Dear Aunt Mary: My lover has five dogs and thirteen cats. In the winter, I have no need for an extra blanket due to the excess of fur in the apartment. During the summer, I have been forced to pursue the vocation of nudist. What do you suggest? "Hairied"

Dear "Harried:": What can Aunt Mary suggest? It seems that you have found seasonal solutions to your lover's dedication to the animal world. It also seems your lover has found a good way to have the man of his dreams naked all the time!

However, your question implies some discomfort on your part. Apart from vast quantities of fur, how do you feel about having 18 other animals in the apartment? (Are you sure you don't live on a farm?) Also, at what point did your lover decide to become the Doris Day of Lexington? You must have had an inkling of your lover's fondness for animals at the time you two got together.

More importantly, have you discussed this with your lover? Of course, the question remains - what is it exactly that you want to discuss? If excess fur is your only concern, then, perhaps, a visit from your Kirby vacuum salesperson in is order.

Aunt "The-Hairier-the-Better" Mary

If you would like to write Aunt Mary, send your letter to: Aunt Mary, P.O. Box 11471, Lexington, KY 40575. If you would like a personal reply, please include a stamped, self addressed envelope. All names are strictly confidential.

BOB DAMRON, 1928 - 1989

Bob Damron, creator of the original gay travel guide bearing his name, passed away June 20, 1989. Although famous for creation of **Bob Damron's Address Book**, his primary occupation was owner of popular west coast bars in the sixties and seventies. He started with the Red Raven in the late fifties in Los Angeles before relocating to San Francisco where he opened The Hideaway. He later founded Febe's, The Rendezvous, Alley Cat, P.S., The Church Street Station, Casa de Cristal, Jackson's and Alfies. The last bar Damron opened was The San Francisco Eagle, now an institution in that city. After selling his gay guide business in 1987 he retired to Los Angeles to live with his brother. Damron died of complications from AIDS.

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Dear Sergeant Steve: It's the end of the evening. I've met the most gorgeous guy. The chemistry's great.... How do I let him know what my safe-sex standards are?

Stuck

Dear Stuck: Congratulations! You are farther along in the safer sex process than many of your buddies. You have safer sex values, and you recognize that talking about "do's" and "don'ts" can be awkward.

Before the "Big A," we used to use the line "What are you into," or, "What do you like starters today, but they are a bit abrupt. AIDS has forced us to talk with the guys we sleep with. No longer just to find out what they CAN and WILL do in bed, but to see how safe they play.

A line that works well as an ice-breaker is, "How do you feel about safe sex?" If he answers "no way," you "can" the bum after steering him past the AVOL table. I predict, however, that he'll say safe sex is a "must," in which case you can ask if he uses a rubber, etc. This should get the ball rolling. Some people are just better talkers than others, so you may end up needing to get really specific.

Remember, ASK THE QUESTIONS! FIND OUT THE ANSWERS! MAKE HIM STICK TO IT! Don't let alcohol or drugs interfere with your judgment. Keep your rubbers with you at all times - this means taking them to bed with you!

SAFE SEX = GOOD SEX
GOOD SEX = SAFE SEX

Sergeant Steve

GMHC SEEKS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The Gay Men's Health Crisis, NYC, is conducting a nationwide search for a new Executive Director. Richard Dunn, who has held that position since 1985, is leaving in September. GMHC was the first, and is the largest, AIDS service group in the country.

Candidates should be skilled in human resources, communication, advocacy and financial management. A master's degree and relevant experience are desired. Interested persons should write GLSO for information and referral to the management recruiting firm.

LETTERS

To the Editor:

Barney Miller's, Inc. has a long tradition of dependable service to the Lexington area. We try to help our community whenever possible.

However, in the last few years we have seen a rising problem in the area behind our store. Almost every morning our parking lot has trash all over it. This includes broken bottles, needles, cigarette butts, etc. Also we have experienced an increase in vandalism, such as our vehicles broken into and damaged, lights behind our store broken, vulgar signs painted in various places, and the strong smell of urine coming from our dumpster area.

Kentucky Utilities experienced some of the same problems as we do and closed their lot some years ago. We are aware of the problem with the parking situation downtown and have kept our lot open. But our lot doesn't seem to be appreciated, only abused.

Operating a retail store is a difficult task these days and we must keep our lot clean and available for our valued customers.

We contacted "The Bar" and expressed our concern over the situation on numerous occasions and they assured us that their customers were not parking on our lot or responsible for the trashing of our lot.

We hold no discrimination for an individual's race, creed, color, national origin or sexual preference. We greatly value our customers, and hope to continue enjoying the same good relationship we have had for the past 67 years with all the Lexington community.

Sincerely,
Barney A. Miller, President

Editor's note: We thank Barney Miller for his response to our previous article publicizing the towing of cars from his lot.

After receiving word that cars were being towed, newsletter staff asked questions of several patrons of "The Bar." All people answered affirmatively that cars were indeed being taken, and that signs indicating the possibility of towing were very difficult to see, particularly at night.

After receiving "Barney Miller's" response to the article, newsletter staff again questioned patrons from "The Bar." These people confirmed "Barney Miller's" description of trash strewn about the lot, obscene graffiti, evidence of vandalism, etc.

"Barney Miller's" reaction to the

situation appears to be justifiable. While it is not supportable that the problem is created solely by patrons of "The Bar" (nothing in "Barney Miller's" handling indicates such an assumption on its part), the conclusion that "The Bar's" patrons may contribute to the situation, however, is logical.

"Barney Miller's" steps to notify "The Bar" of the impending towing, as well as the business's response to our article, reflect respect for its gay and lesbian customers as valued patrons. Such a response from a "non-gay" Lexington business is unprecedented. "Barney Miller's" requirement that anyone using its lot - be they gay, lesbian, bisexual, asexual, straight or whatever - act responsibly while doing so is neither discriminatory nor unreasonable.

To the Editor:

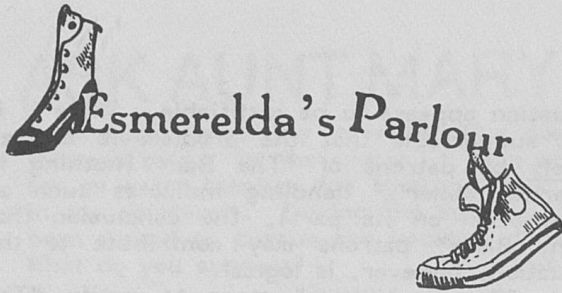
I know I am rather dilatory in my response, but I have one additional suggestion to "Caaaaafeine Harry" regarding how to meet like-minded followers of Oscar Wilde: take out a "personal" ad in GLSO News.

No, I am not a volunteer on the newsletter staff. A personal ad is somewhat less risky than posting a notice on the laundry bulletin board. And there is certainly no requirement that a personal ad be prurient in order to be placed. In fact, I met my present (and only, for that matter) husband through just such an ad (in GLSO News) which was completely devoid of the slightest mention of any of those intimate details which I prefer to learn slowly, after many evenings of sipping coffee and listening to Randy Travis lovesongs.

Before I met him, however, there were certainly many times during my sojourn in Jackson, Kentucky when I longed for the opportunity to talk about Boy George and Leonard Bernstein with other Oscar Wildes who I knew must be around me, but who I was at a loss to identify.

Richmond is certainly a more promising area in which to search than Jackson, Hazard or Whitesburg. You are limited only by your imagination. I am looking forward to reading more interesting personals this fall. Good luck.

Dennis Stutsman
Paris, KY



THE STATE OF "LESBIAN LITERATURE" by Angela Martin

A close friend of mine said recently, "You know, there are plenty of lesbian novels around, but no lesbians who write really good literature." I understand what she means. There is quite a large availability of what I would call 'lesbian romance novels', but there is no one out there who has published a lesbian epic akin to a classic such as "Wuthering Heights". I am not including some excellent writers like Alice Walker in the lesbian writer category because I am referring to books which are clearly about lesbians, written by lesbians, published by lesbians for lesbians. Too often books published within this all-lesbian category work off of the same old tired theme - straight woman meets straight woman/lesbian meets straight woman, they get the hots for each other, battle and fall in love. Come on! I am beyond that, not only in what I want to read but within my own life.

I want to read a well-written piece about a lesbian whose sexuality is not ignored, but whose sexuality if not the basis of the novel. I want the book to say something meaningful to me. I want the book to change my life. So many times I have picked up a book published by a lesbian press for 9 or 10 bucks, read it in two sittings, yawned, and never thought of it again. I want to read a book in the all-lesbian category I spoke of that makes me question my values, the way I think, the way I live. In other words, I want to read a book which encourages me to grow.

If you have any comments or suggestions in this area, please write GLSO's Esmerelda's Parlour, P.O. Box 11471, Lexington, KY, 40575.

A BOOK REVIEW: NO TELEPHONE TO HEAVEN by Angela Martin

Now that I've complained about the sad state of literature written by lesbians, I'm

going to tell you about a book which has greatly impressed me and even changed my life.

"No Telephone To Heaven" was written by a writer who has previously published four books and who already gained a great deal of critical acclaim. Despite this, I had never heard of her until attending this year's UK's Women Writers Conference. Mischelle Cliff was one of the featured writers at the conference and in their brochure was noted as having written on the subject of homophobia. At least that was what UIU noted, so I made it a point to attend her readings.

She read from her new book "No Telephone To Heaven" which I had as yet not even seen. I was captured and drawn in by her prose - her writing was excellent, and meaningful, and even funny. Yet there was no mention of lesbianism so I was a little disappointed, but still impressed. Afterwards, I decided to be brave and approach her to ask her what it was she had to say about homophobia.

"When I read in the brochure that you addressed homophobia in your work I assumed, as many women probably did, that you were a lesbian writer." There, I had said it.

"I am a lesbian, but I am not a lesbian writer. Some of my novels are about lesbian characters, but it's not meets and they run off together and live happily ever after."

She was trying to tell me that there were more pressing issues in her character's lives than their sexuality; just as there is in mine or most lesbian's lives.

I was so impressed and excited by what she had to say and the reading she had given that I walked right across the hall to the Joseph-Beth bookstand and bought "No Telephone To Heaven" and started reading it that same day.

This is a novel of Jamaica. It addresses issues of race, politics, colonialism, religion, homosexuality, poverty. It centers around a young woman named Clare Savage, a mulatto born to Jamaican landowners, the upperclass of Jamaica. Because of her white skin Clare has the privilege of respect, and later, education. This novel is essentially about a journey. A journey to America and into the white world, to London and intellectualism, and finally back to Jamaica to past heritage and acceptance.

Throughout the novel, Jamaica is brought into sharp focus, brutal reality. The real Jamaica, not the island one would be treated to in a travel agent's office. We are shown a Jamaica that is beautiful, violent,

impoverished, bitter, rotting, ready to explode. We are treated to a thorough immersion into the world of people of color - a strong and shocking slap in the face. You will learn something from this book, especially if you are white.

One of the most wonderful things about this book is that the magic occurs not only in what she says, it occurs in how she says it as well. Cliff puts words together in a way that conjures powerful images - her words weave a web around you.

Although Michelle Cliff was born in Jamaica, is mulatto, and studied for a time at the University of London, she insists that "No Telephone To Heaven" is not autobiographical, but simply draw upon her own experience. Regardless, you will live this book and think about it for a long time afterwards.

Sadly, Mischelle Cliff told me that she has not returned to her homeland for seven years. Why? Because of her lesbianism, she could not live there and be reasonably safe.

"It is the case which is so often true, where the oppressed oppress their own minorities with an even greater bitterness."

"No Telephone To Heaven" was published in hardcover in 1987 by E.P. Dutton and in softcover in March, 1989 by Vintage Books. It is 211 pages and sells for \$8.95 in softcover at Joseph-Beth Booksellers.

AT FIRST TOUCH

by Debbie

The tremor
 lingers
At first touch

The memory
 remains
Just out of reach

But always there

I knew you
 wanted you
At first touch

You crept inside
 of me
And I into you

And though soon
 we pulled apart
A part of each remained

At first touch
We became as one

APOLOGIES TO OUT-OF-STATE SUBSCRIBERS from GLSO

Today's world couldn't run without computers, a fact GLSO can confirm from its experience with both our automated phoneline switching and newsletter preparation. When we ran the address labels to mail our June issue, the out-of-state database decided it was time to print gibberish. For those familiar with life in the computerized world, the problem was apparently caused by a bad sector on the disk containing the data. Yes, we had a backup copy, but the backup simply confirmed the old adage "garbage in, garbage out." As a result, our non-Kentucky friends didn't receive the June or July issues. We're sorry.

We've reconstructed the out-of-state list as best as possible - a frustrating and time consuming task. Since we don't keep a membership list there's a moral to this story for all our readers: if you're a member or subscriber and the GLSO News suddenly stops, drop us a note! You may be lost by the wonders of modern technology.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

The Danish parliament approved legislation allowing gays to have state-sanctioned civil marriages and giving gay couples most of the rights granted to heterosexual couples. The new law, which will take effect October 1, grants equal rights in inheritance, taxation, pensions, and property ownership. In order to dissolve their marriage, a gay couple would need to obtain a legal divorce. The new law does not, however, overturn the country's ban on adoption of children by gay people, and does not allow gay couples to demand a religious wedding in the state Lutheran church.

Sweden also has legislation allowing civil marriages for gay couples, though that law does not grant as many rights as does the Danish law. The Netherlands does not permit gay civil weddings, but does give unmarried couples, both gay and heterosexual, tax benefits similar to those it gives to heterosexual married couples.

ACA MEETING CHANGES TIME AND STATUS

Starting August 19 the Lesbian/Gay Adult Children of Alcoholics (ACA) meeting will move to 5 pm. The location remains Room 120, St. Joseph Office Park. Beginning that evening, the meeting will be open only to lesbians and gay men.

GAY AMERICA

SAN FRANCISCO, CA

The city's Domestic Partnership bill, (signed into law in June, the law grants to gay, lesbian and unmarried straight couples legal status equal to that of married heterosexual couples) did not become effective July 1 as city officials planned. On that date, an association of religious fundamentalists submitted a petition to send the bill to a referendum vote this Fall. Consequently, the law is inactive until the result of the vote determines its future.

WASHINGTON, D.C.

In a stunning reversal of a discharge recommendation, a Marine Corps Board of Review on July 6 reinstated a female Marine Corps Captain who had been court-martialed for her friendship with a civilian lesbian.

Captain Judy Meade had been court-martialed in February on charges that she had engaged in conduct unbecoming an officer. The prosecution's case was unable to present evidence of homosexual conduct, so it relied on accusations that Meade had a "longterm personal relationship with a known lesbian," that she had once slept "in the same bed with a known lesbian," and that she was on one occasion "in the presence" of persons suspected to be lesbians.

Meade was one of scores of women investigated in connection with alleged lesbian activities at the Parris Island, SC, Marine Base. After her reinstatement, she will be stationed at a base in Quantico, VA. The Quantico base is also the site where three female Marines from Parris Island served jail sentences following their conviction for performing certain prohibited sexual acts.

DURHAM, NC

The first national planning meeting for the National Lesbian Agenda Conference (NLAC) took place March 3-6. 300 lesbians from across the U.S. attended. Atlanta, Georgia, was chosen as the location for the NLAC which will be held in late March or early April of 1991. 4000-5000 lesbians are expected to attend. The second national planning meeting was set to be held in Portland, Oregon in July. GLSO has not yet received reports on the results of that meeting.

SEATTLE, WA

Discussion of the a human rights department ruling that requires the city to provide health benefits to live-in partners of city workers was delayed until next year by the Seattle city council. The ruling declared refusal of benefits to live-in partners constitutes illegal discrimination under Seattle's fair-employment practices.

PORTLAND, ME

The state senate rejected a gay rights bill by a 21-14 vote, days after the measure had been approved by the state house of representatives. The legislation would have barred discrimination against gay men and lesbians in housing, employment, credit, and public accommodations.

Charles Martin, aged 23, received a 60-year prison term for the murder of 52 year old Vincent Irish. Martin admitted he killed Irish simply because Irish was gay.

PENNSYLVANIA

Stephen Roy Carr was sentenced to life in prison for murdering Rebecca Wight while she and her lover were on a hiking trip along the Appalachian trail in May, 1988.

SPRINGFIELD, IL

In a 77-26 vote, the state house of representatives defeated a gay rights bill.

ATLANTA, GA

Atlanta public safety commissioner George Napper urged victims of antigay violence to file police reports, noting that no gay-bashing incidents had been reported in the seven months since Napper directed local police to begin documenting hate crimes.

After meeting with gay activists, Napper issued a statement denouncing hate-motivated violence and urging victims of antigay hate crimes to come forward. City officials and gays both called the situation a catch-22: police efforts are hampered when gays fail to report hate crimes, but gays are afraid to report the crimes because police do not appear to take them seriously.

INTO THE FUTURE

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

- July 2-8, 1989. National Association of Black and White Men Together. Ninth Annual Convention. Tallahassee, FL.
- July 4, 1989. Northwest Gay/Lesbian Sports Festival. Seattle, WA.
- August 5, 1989. Chicago Celebration Ball. Chicago, IL.
- August 24-27, 1989. International Conference of Gay and Lesbian Jews. Chicago, IL.
- September 2-4, 1989. Dignity Convention. San Francisco, CA.
- September 28, 1989. Cleve Jones, founder of the NAMES Project AIDS Quilt and former aid to Harvey Milk, speaks at Berea College Convocation. Berea, KY.
- October 5-8, 1989. NAMES Project AIDS Quilt Returns to Washington, DC.
- October 14, 1989. 9th Annual GLSO Campout.
- 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.
- March 8, 1990. Holly Near with John Bucchino, in concert. Berea College, Berea, Ky.
- March 22-25, 1990. 15th Annual Southeastern Conference for Lesbians & Gay Men. Raleigh, NC.
- August 4-11, 1990. Celebration '90, Gay Games III and Cultural Festival. Vancouver, Canada.

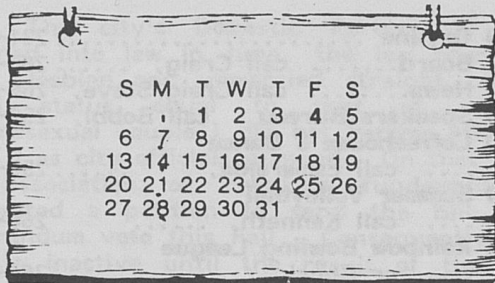
MS. MASON APPOINTED TO AIDS COMMISSION

President George Bush appointed Belinda Mason to the AIDS Commission established by Congress last November. A native of Kentucky and daughter of a State Senator, Ms. Mason contracted HIV disease from a blood transfusion during the birth of her second child. Last year she founded Kentuckiana People With AIDS and was recently elected President of the National Association of People With AIDS. She is well-known locally, having appeared at AVOL meetings and at other educational programs, as well as on television. Ms. Mason resides across the river from Owensboro with her husband and two children.

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- GLSO Rainbow Bowling League
.... or Chuck, 266-8541
- Gay/Lesbian Literature Group
.... call Alan, 253-2414
- Cards & Games.... call Peter, 273-5845
- Lesbian Potluck.....
.... call Esmerelda, 252-7837
- Lesbian Passion Discussion Group
.... call Esmerelda, 255-3851
- Esmerelda, Ink
.... call Angela, 255-3851
.... or, Vickie, 299-4238
- Bluegrass Human Rights Advocates
.... call Kate/Amy, 231-0350
.... or, Dennis, (606) 383-4478
- Gay/Lesbian AA
.... call Dave, 277-9522
- Imperial Court of the Bluegrass
Empire..... call Terry, 266-8715
- Lesbian Overeaters Anonymous
.... call Esmerelda, 252-7837
- Dignity/Lexington
.... call Keith, 278-5620
- Liturgy.... call Don, 299-4458
(Catholic gay men and lesbians)
- Interweave call Craig, 266-8887
(Unitarian Universalist gay men, 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

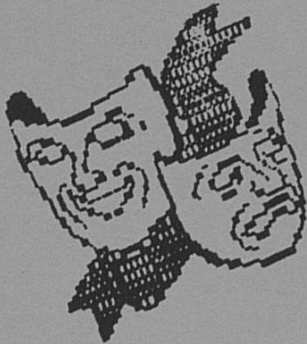
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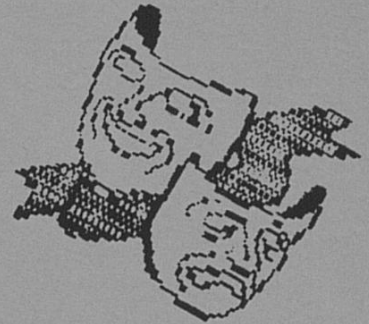
Contact names and numbers for all events listed can be found in the Directory on the previous page. The Comp Care Center is located at 201 Mechanic Street, Lexington.

- WED 2 Gay/Lesbian AA, 8 pm, St. Joseph Office Park, Rm. 120; Gayline, 231-0335, 8 - 11 pm
- THU 3 HIV+, ARC, AIDS Support Group; Gayline, 231-0335, 8 - 11 pm
- FRI 4 Gay/Lesbian AA, 8 pm, Comp Care Center; Gayline, 231-0335, 8 - 11 pm
- SAT 5 Gay/Lesbian ACA, 2 pm, St. Joseph Office Park, Room 120
- SUN 6 GLSO Phonline 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; Gayline, 231-0335, 8 - 11 pm; AVOL Summer Benefit, 8 pm, ArtsPlace
- TUE 8 ADAM, 8 pm, Great Moments, (see article)
- WED 9 Gay/Lesbian AA, 8 pm, St. Joseph Office Park, Rm. 120; Gayline, 231-0335, 8 - 11 pm
- THU 10 HIV+, ARC, AIDS Support Group; Gayline, 231-0335, 8 - 11 pm; **GLSO News Deadline**
- FRI 11 GLSO Volleyball, 6:30 pm, Jacobson Park, Shelter #5; Gay/Lesbian AA, 8 pm, Comp Care Center; Gayline, 231-0335, 8 - 11 pm

- SAT 12 Gay/Lesbian ACA, 2 pm, St. Joseph Office Park, Room 120
- SUN 13 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; Gayline, 231-0335, 8 - 11 pm
- MON 14 GLSO Forum, 8 pm, Comp Care Center
- WED 16 Interweave, 8 pm, Unitarian Universalist Church; Gay/Lesbian AA, 8 pm, St. Joseph Office Park, Rm. 120; Gayline, 231-0335, 8 - 11 pm
- THU 17 HIV+, ARC, AIDS Support Group; Gayline, 231-0335, 8 - 11 pm
- FRI 18 Gay/Lesbian AA, 8 pm, Comp Care Center; Gayline, 231-0335, 8 - 11 pm
- SAT 19 Gay/Lesbian ACA, 5 pm, St. Joseph Office Park, Room 120
- SUN 20 Gay/Lesbian AA, 4 pm, Comp Care Center; Lesbian OA, 5:30 pm, St. Joseph Office Park, Rm. 120; Gayline, 231-0335, 8 - 11 pm
- WED 23 Gay/Lesbian AA, 8 pm, St. Joseph Office Park, Rm. 120; Gayline, 231-0335, 8 - 11 pm
- THU 24 HIV+, ARC, AIDS Support Group; **GLSO News Layout**, 7:30 pm; Gayline, 231-0335, 8 - 11 pm
- FRI 25 GLSO Volleyball, 6:30 pm, Jacobson Park, Shelter #5; Gay/Lesbian AA, 8 pm, Comp Care Center; Gayline, 231-0335, 8 - 11 pm
- SAT 26 Gay/Lesbian ACA, 5 pm, St. Joseph Office Park, Room 120
- SUN 27 Gay/Lesbian AA, 4 pm, Comp Care Center; Lesbian OA, 5:30 pm, St. Joseph Office Park, Rm. 120; Gayline, 231-0335, 8 - 11 pm
- WED 30 GLSO Board Meeting, 7:30 pm; Gay/Lesbian AA, 8 pm, St. Joseph Office Park, Rm. 120; Gayline, 231-0335, 8 - 11 pm
- THU 31 HIV+, ARC, AIDS Support Group; Gayline, 231-0335, 8 - 11 pm

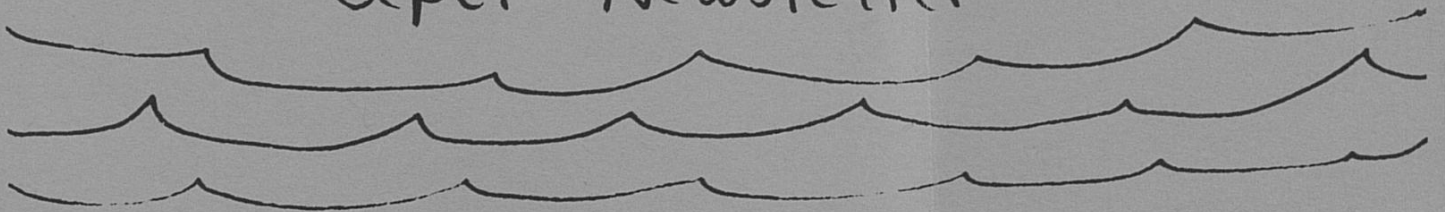


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