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## SODOMY APPEAL REJECTED

Fayette Circuit Judge Charles M. Tackett has dismissed the county's appeal of a decision holding unconstitutional Kentucky's consensual sodomy law.

Earlier this year, District Judge Lewis Paisley declared the sodomy statute unconstitutional, holding that it violated the right to privacy under the Kentucky Constitution. In so doing, Judge Paisley agreed with arguments submitted by ACLU/KY Cooperating Attorney Ernesto Scorsone that the Kentucky Constitution offers broader privacy protection than the U.S. Constitution. (The U.S. Supreme Court had earlier rejected, by a 5-4 vote, the argument that the right of privacy under the U.S. Constitution rendered unconstitutional Georgia's sodomy statute.)

The circuit court did not rule on the merits of Fayette County's appeal. Rather it held that any appeal had to be brought by the attorney general, not the county attorney. Fayette County has asked Judge Tackett to reconsider his decision. Further appeal is considered likely.

by three to four hours of great dance music, beginning at 10:00 pm. Admission will be \$3.00 per person, and it's BYOB. Hope to see you there!

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## HIV POSITIVE SUPPORT GROUP

When most of us think of AIDS/ARC we tend to focus on those who are obviously ill, friends who suffer from the various diseases which arise when the immune system has broken down. In addition to these cases, many more in our community have tested positive to the HIV-antibody. Their future is uncertain, and their need equally great. If you or a friend are HIV positive there is a support group meeting every Tuesday evening in Lexington. Call Edwin during business hours at 233-0444 for details.

## LOUISVILLE MAYOR ASSAILS GAY RIGHTS BILL

By: D. Williams

On a recent television news broadcast, Mayor Jerry Abramson of Louisville, 41 and an avowed bachelor, intimated that the gay rights amendments which have been endorsed by the Louisville Human Rights Commission were nothing more than a piece of paper and would not stop discrimination against gays in Louisville.

Speaking the day after the March on Washington, Mayor Abramson said "you can put anything you want down on paper, and if people are the way people are, then people are going to be unfortunately discriminated against."

Mayor Abramson had no comment on the Civil Rights Act of 1964, another piece of paper which resulted in massive changes in people's attitudes towards other minorities.



## LESBIANS & GAYS WELCOMED IN THE UUA

Can you name the only religious denomination in the country (besides the MCC) which performs union services as a matter of church policy for lesbian and gay couples? This same denomination also ordains openly lesbian and gay clergy and employs them in their churches. Give up? The answer is the Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA.)

The local UU church is located at 3564 Clays Mill Road (the site of the Coffeehouse & Dances.) Services are held at 10:45 am on Sundays. Within the local church, Interweave provides social activities for lesbians, gay men, and supportive non-gays.

On a denomination-wide level, the Office of Lesbian and Gay Concerns operates out of Boston, providing support to member congregations. The Unitarian Universalists for Lesbian and Gay Concerns (UULGC) meets twice yearly to help plan the denomination's agenda regarding lesbian and gay issues. Two of the UULGC's Coordinating Committee are members of the Lexington church. In 1989 the National Convocation for UULGC is planning to meet in Lexington.

The UUA supports "a fierce belief in the way of freedom and reverence for the sacred dignity of each individual."

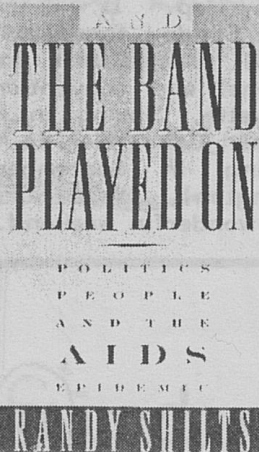
Though originally the denomination comes from a Judeo-Christian background, various influences have molded a unique Unitarian Universalist perspective on religion.

Give Unitarian Universalism a try! You might be delighted to find yourself feeling comfortable in a church, to find a place where it is possible to be yourself and be religious at the same time. Imagine that!

## FLEUR-DE-LYS REOPENS

Barely a month after being destroyed by fire, the popular restaurant Fleur-de-lys has reopened at a new location, 127 South Upper (252-7946).

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## FROM DIGNITY'S PRESIDENT

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So much for business.

It's holiday time. It's a time of giving parties, of shopping, of lights, and of family. I hope it's a time of happiness for you. I worry about so many of us when the holidays are not a good time. Whether it be a separation from loved ones or returning to an unpleasant situation, the holidays can be very difficult. I hope whatever your situation that you take the time to be around those who are important to you and to tell them so. I'm sure it will make the holiday season brighter.

Oh, by the way, the Rap Session on the 10th is about Holidays. Come share your experiences with us at our Dignity Rap Session/Christmas Party! Wishing you a Happy Holiday season, I hope to see you at Dignity soon.

In peace, Keith

## DECEMBER DIGNITY CALENDAR

Tuesday 1st	7:30	Liturgy at Don's, 299-4458
Thursday 10th	7:00	Rap Session - Christmas Party at Keith's, 269-8417

## NEW OFFICERS

Congratulations and good thoughts to Dignity's new officers: Keith - Pres.; Larry - Vice Pres.; Jim - Sec.; Gerry - Treas.; and John - Board Member at Large.

## REPORT ON REGION V MEETING

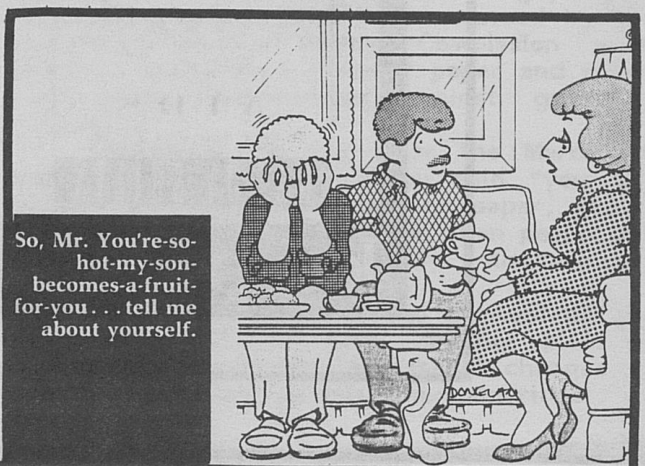
October 30th through November 1st, Dignity/Region V (including KY, OH, MI, IN) met in Indianapolis. Three of us attended from Lexington. There would have been more had Heather Bishop not been in town.

Saturday's business meeting presented us with new regional officers. Jack Dezek from Grand Rapids is the new regional director. Ben Boerkel is regional secretary (also from Grand Rapids). And Mike Frye is our new treasurer from Bloomington, IN.

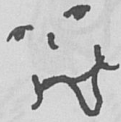
The meeting was highlighted by time set aside for discussion of individual chapters. Our best discussion, which I brought up, concerned participation by women. Dignity - Lexington has the highest percentage participation by women of any chapter in the nation! My concern in particular was finances. There seems to be a lack of understanding about the finances of most women. There were some good suggestions - a sliding scale and monthly payments. I hope that other chapters work like ours has to increase participation by women.

After the meeting, there was a liturgy and then the highlight - dinner and a Halloween party. The dinner was wonderful and the costumes were great - ranging from some wonderful drag, to Raggedy Ann and Andy, to Cardinal Rattsinger. We danced and yours truly restarted a Dignity/Region V tradition - "The Hokey Pokey" and "The Bunny Hop." It was truly a sight to behold.

Sunday found us meeting all too early (9:30) as we met in committees and set regional and convention dates. (Winter in Lafayette, Spring in Flint or Saginaw, MI, Summer Convention in Grand Rapids, Summer Meeting in September, maybe here in Lexington). We adjourned and said good bye to a wonderful weekend.







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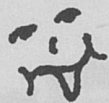
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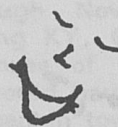
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# ASK AUNT MARY

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Dear Aunt Mary,

I am a nineteen year old lesbian. I feel that I have accepted my sexuality, and really would like to meet other lesbians, but everytime I think about going to a meeting at GLSO, somehow I manage to talk myself out of it.

Furthermore only my mother knows I am gay, and ever since she found out, she has been trying to convert me.

I really am lonely, and would very much like to meet someone special. Any suggestions?

Lonely in Lexington

Dear Lonely:

Your problem is typical of many gays and lesbians. However, you can't expect "someone special" to simply knock on your door and say, "here I am!" Wouldn't it be nice if someone would! Seriously though, you must take the initiative to meet someone or expect to remain lonely. I highly recommend the GLSO Coffeehouse & Dance and the Lesbian Potluck as excellent opportunities to meet other women.

As far as your mother is concerned, this woman needs some education. Encourage her to read A Family Matter and Now That You Know, available at Joseph-Beth Booksellers, Special Media, at the Lexington Public Library. If she still has trouble dealing with your orientation, remember that the problem is hers, not yours. Contact the Gayline at 231-0335 for counseling referrals if she is willing to seek help.

Now, get out there and socialize and good luck! - Aunt Mary

If you would like to write to Aunt Mary, send your letters to: Aunt Mary, c/o GLSO, PO Box 11471, Lexington, Kentucky 40575. For a personal reply, include a stamped, self addressed envelope. All names are strictly confidential.

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## HEROIC CUCUMBERS

This article is being reprinted from The San Francisco Bay Guardian, July 29 - August 5, 1987 issue (v.21 #4, page 5 where it appeared as a letter to the editor; it addresses the issue of sex education in the schools.

Paul Anderson's letter to the editor in the July 15th issue of the Bay Guardian questioned my use of cucumbers as appropriate tools for teaching high school students the protocol of successful condom use.

Mr. Anderson expressed concern about the relationship of "normal" sized adolescent boys and cucumbers. He suggested zucchinis as more realistic. (Perhaps this is a discussion better suited to the likes of Joe Carcione, the legendary Greengrocer.)

I have investigated the varieties of produce available for the condom lesson I teach in my Family Life classes. I have found that pickling cucumbers tend to be regarded as demeaning - both the name and the shriveled appearance. Bananas, of course, have appeal, but they are a bit fragile and provide an unfair challenge to the classes which come later in the day. Zucchini is pleasantly exotic, evoking reveries about the early Marcello Mastroianni, but they are not a vegetable made to a standard. Zucchini range from the delightfully elongated (but rather narrow) types to the monstrous specimens (grown by my husband's family) which need at least four hands to properly handle.

Cucumbers have been wholly satisfactory. The size has not been challenged (many of my male students have judged them to be "just about right" - claims we have never sought to investigate). The use of cucumbers greatly reduces teen-agers' boasts that "I'm too big for a teeny-weeny condom." The cucumber's color neither favors nor demeans any racial or ethnic group. They withstand day-long handling without losing their integrity, and they can be recycled to the homemaking classes for salads, soups, and other uses.

Even if their size is a bit on the heroic side, cucumbers help to capture the imagination and hold the interest of both male and female students. They also serve as an inspiration to some. Several girls have found new and verdant reasons for saying "no" to sex.

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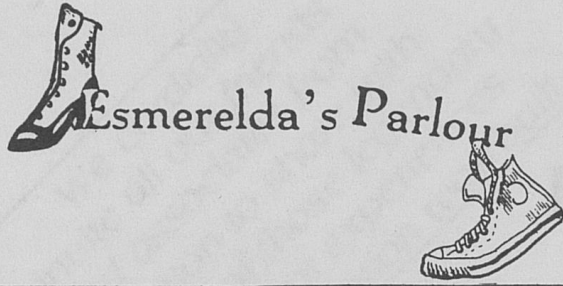
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## WOMYN'S SPIRITUALITY

by Laura Joans

I think many of us at some point in our lives have questioned our spirituality. Whether brought up in a traditionally religious home - Christian, Jewish, or Native American, for example - or an agnostic or atheist home, there comes a day when our life experiences do not correlate with our religious upbringing. Why do "good" people suffer or "bad" people thrive? What happens after death? Questions such as these may lead us to become more adamantly involved with the religion of our childhood or may cause us to reject all religion. Or they may force us to seek an alternative religion - one that serves to, if not explain, at least soothe the disparity we see and give us hope for a world of peace and cooperation.

In quest for an alternative religion many choose to attend a variety of traditional services in an attempt to find one that "fits" us better. Some of us find religion through support groups in the form of "a higher power" whether it be a male Christian god, an object, a special place, or a friend. Or we may choose to create our own religion - one that attracts others with similar ideas, compliments the energy we radiate, and works to fulfill our personal and collective goals.

This is where Womyn's/Feminist Spirituality (W/F) begins. Many wimmin could write an article on W/F Spirituality and each would be very different. You are invited to do so and we will print it. I base my opinions on reading several books, including Diane Stein's The Women's Spirituality Book and The Motherpeace Tarot Playbook, on workshops at the Michigan Womyn's Music Festival guided by Kay Gardner and other womyn from "Of a Like Mind" (a women's spirituality collective that celebrates the goddess Diana), and from conversations with friends who practice their own variations of W/F Spirituality.

W/F Spirituality reflects back to a period in Earth's history when many tribes were matriarchies - that is, led by wimmin.

Foraging and gathering were done by wimmin and since this was the major food source wimmin were the primary providers. The cycles and gifts of nature were treated with awe and respect and rituals celebrated the passing of the moon, the harvests, menstrual cycles, and the seasons. Without understanding man's involvement with conception, each woman was seen as a goddess incarnate: she who could create something from nothing. Children belonged to their mothers and wealth and reputation followed maternal lines.

Feminist herstorians now trace back, trying to separate the strands of matriarchal truth from the tapestry of traditional history. It is common to acknowledge the pre-Christian Greek and Roman goddesses such as Diana and Aphrodite. What you may not know is the "concept of goddess" is traced beyond the mainstream recognition of beguiling and jealous beauties who were the consorts of gods and mortal men alike, to a Goddess Creator who birthed the Earth from her womb. These original religions were distorted with the introduction of male consorts by the early Greeks and Romans and were eventually destroyed by the Christian church who used the goddess Mary as a lever to establish trust, while elevating a man named Jesus Christ to a much higher status.

The Inquisition of the 1200's, which systematically slaughtered five million people, was the bloody culmination of the church's attempt to remove all traces of matriarchy and goddess celebration. For example, there was the papal demand to destroy all work by the lesbian lyricist, Sappho, the torture of midwives who relieved the "cursed" pain of childbirth, and the murder of "witches" (some of whom did indeed continue many of the ancient rituals of lunar celebration, tarot and goddess celebration). Thankfully, the spirit and herstory of Goddess Spirituality have survived and many of us are beginning to spin a religion that reflects the spirit of the early peaceful, natural matriarchies and the energy of personal introspective meditation. This "alternate religion" creates a community where we can join together to affirm the union of nature and wimmin and feel protected, acknowledged, powerful, and can work towards a different world for our daughters and sons.

W/F Spirituality today is as varied as we are. By using the words "Womyn" and "Feminist" in combination I avoid an argument among some that say womyn's spirituality differs from feminist spirituality. Wimmin involved with "Of a Like Mind" feel that

Womyn's Spirituality is more personal and introspective while Feminist Spirituality is more community and goal oriented. But all W/F spirituality celebrates wimmin. Some groups identify as "covens" and their members are called witches and practice witchcraft or wicca. Some witches are "lone" witches who practice independently. But all agree to practice a craft which does no one harm.

Others involved with W/F Spirituality defer the term "witch." We may use crystals, Tarot or I Ching, therapeutic touch, aura study, chakra awareness, oils, dance, or astrology along with meditation, prayer and rituals. By looking inward to become in touch with internal energies and then using an outer source we can direct energy, clarify thoughts, develop intuition and harmony, and align ourselves with our outer environment. This may sound far-fetched - especially for someone hearing it for the first time - but taking it piece by piece helps bring it into focus.

Many of us live life so rapidly, so automatically, we are never aware of what's going on inside. Some may not care to know. But often life may feel off balance or out of sync. When this happens our decisions are ruled by outside influences and clouded by what we think we should do, rather than what we instinctively know is right for us. We may know someone in pain - physical, emotional, or spiritual - but feel helpless to work with them through it. We are taught to ignore our "womyn's intuition" and encouraged to be "rational" and by doing so we tend to make mistakes.

Meditation or prayer allows us the opportunity to "be in the moment" for a brief period - to take time to allow our bodies to relax, our lungs to truly fill with air and our minds to wander freely. Taking 20 or 30 minutes each day for ourselves can help us deal more effectively with the dilemmas that crop up in daily life. Rather than hurriedly focusing on the problem, we can - in a relaxed state - look at it from all angles and focus on answers.

Chakra meditation focuses on each of the seven chakra in the body (though I have heard wimmin talk about up to 13 chakra.) Each chakra is thought to be an area of energy that can be recognized and developed through different chants (resonances), scents and imagery. These energies can be felt like the vibrations in a musical chord. Each chakra has a different focus such as intuition, love, passion, control, etc.

Auras are energy fields that "surround" the body in layers or rings. Some people can see or sense auras in colors which represent

layers or states of a layer. Different layers represent the physical state, the mental state or the spiritual state. The saying "I have low energy today" is a literal statement and can be recognized by those in touch with the energy fields around us. By identifying areas of imbalance or pain, the person trained in therapeutic touch can direct negative energy up and away and a flow of smooth energy can be restored. Sound far-fetched? In several areas of the U.S. physicians prescribe the use of therapeutic touch for their patients with significant relief of depression, pain, and anxiety.

Crystals are used as prisms to direct energy inwardly or outwardly. Different crystals - clear, colored, self terminating, etc. - are more effective with different areas of the body and different energy levels. Meditation with crystals helps the mind focus and there are many books available on crystal meditation.

Oils can compliment meditation and rituals. The scent and warmth of a certain oil will help one sense energy fields and work with them in cleansing, smoothing or clarifying.

Tarot (hundreds of decks are available), when used "introspectively", do not "tell the future" but instead open our minds to new insights. By relaxing and focusing on a certain thought and then looking at a tarot card (filled with different images and identifying a certain point in the life cycle) alternative ways of seeing that subject are encouraged. These views are examined more on an intuitive level which is usually right for us. This can help guide one's actions in day to day life.

Solstice and full moon rituals are opportunities to abandon the traditional Christian holidays and instead celebrate the cycles of the moon and Earth once honored by our maternal ancestors. We join together to dance, meditate, chant, feast and combine womyn, energy, and ideas towards issues faced individually and as a community. We celebrate full moons, new moons and the Equinox and Solstices. Winter Solstice announces the return of Persephone from Hecate's underworld to the Goddess mother, Demeter. It is the night of the longest dark and the point of greatest potential as the light begins to lengthen. Spring Equinox celebrates the blossoming of love between the Goddesses and all things possible as seed and egg alike burst forth. Summer Solstice is the day of longest light and begins the descent of Earth into Winter. Persephone comes of age at this time of greatest fulfillment. Fall Equinox is a



time of mourning for the lovers/mothers as Persephone returns to the underworld. On Earth, crops are harvested and fields lie barren. Yet, the emphasis is not on death but on the rebirth waiting to be recelebrated at the Winter Solstice.

There are other rituals that could fall under W/F Spirituality. Books on these can be found at Special Media, which is a good place to start if you have this interest.

Most importantly to me, W/F Spirituality focuses on the gentler cycles of nature. By following the cycles of the moon/our own bodies and the seasons/our own aging process we live more peacefully. We follow the same cycles - birth, life, death - and this transformation follows its own timetables. We can spend our life ignoring these cycles and fighting these natural rhythms or choose to flow with them. Learning how takes time and faith and some find many of the things I've discussed ease that journey. In such an ecologically, socially, and spiritually interrelated system of planet and people - war, pollution, nuclear accidents, and famine are not options. It is up to us to ensure the human race will not destroy she who sustains us. By practicing a "religion" that celebrates and recognizes the energies that exist, and gives us insight on how to meet our internal needs without draining ourselves or our environment, we can learn to work cooperatively towards a peaceful and gentle world.

### Just Friends

How can a lover be a friend  
When it makes your whole day  
if she calls  
And breaks your heart  
if she doesn't

How can a lover be a friend  
When she is still the one person,  
more than any other,  
you want to spend your time with  
And you feel incomplete  
when she's not there

How can a lover be a friend  
When you can look at her  
and still feel only love  
No matter what she does,  
or in spite of it

How can a lover be a friend  
when you still love her?

Debbie

## SPIRITUALITY NETWORKING GUIDE

The Women's Spirituality Book, Diane Stein. Llewellyn Press, 1987. Good bibliography for other resources.

The Motherpeace Tarot Playbook, Vickie Noble & Jonathan Tenney. Wingbow Press, 1986.

Of a Like Mind - an international network of spiritual wimmin (a wimmin's collective). OALM Box 6021 Madison, WI 53716

Unitarian Universalist Church of Lexington. 3564 Clays Mill Road, Lexington. See accompanying article.

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### SUBMISSIONS SOUGHT

Short stories by women sought for an anthology to be published by Cleis Press in May, 1988. The theme is **Unholy Alliances**: the ways in which people collide, cross boundaries of sex, culture, race, and lifestyle - connect across differences.

Stories should be typed and double spaced. Please include a SASE if you wish your submission returned. Deadline: December 31, 1987. Contributors will receive payment and books. Send to Louise Rafkin, 1044 1/2 53rd St., Oakland, CA 94608.



A person meditating does not grit her teeth!  
Marie stood you up again, right?

## THE GREAT MARCH LETTERS PROJECT

By: Stephen Westfall

I was so emotionally moved by the March on Washington for love and life that I must thank you, my gay and lesbian brothers and sisters, our friends and relatives, for coming to my home and making my city so beautiful with your love and solidarity. I will carry the experience with me always and it will nourish me in a million situations.

I want to honor and enhance the love and communion we created in Washington by keeping the spirit of the March alive. I want to do this by publishing a compilation of letters expressing the feeling, thoughts and experiences of those of you who came and participated.

The March was a unique experience in all of our lives and it will make our community stronger if we know how the other hundreds of thousands of gay and lesbian people, their friends and relatives, felt about the March. It will be more than a souvenir, it will be a tangible reminder of our individual and collective aspirations. Therefore, I call it the Great March Letters Project.

I am writing to gay and lesbian newspapers across the country to reach as many as I can that came to the March. You can help me tell others about the Letters Project and contribute a valuable page to our history.

As a practical matter, I ask you to write LEGIBLY on WHITE PAPER, using a typewriter or DARK INK. Please include where you live, your age and whether you are a gay man, a lesbian, or a friend or relative. Include only your initials on the letter if you do not want your name published. I will photocopy your letter; I cannot transcribe it or decipher it. If you have other correspondence, please include it on a separate sheet. I do not have resources to respond to inquiries but I will place an announcement in this paper when the Great March Letters Project is available. Please send your letters to Stephen Westfall, P.O. Box 11509, Cleveland Park Station, Washington, D.C. 20008.

*For love and for life,  
We're not going back*

To the Editor:

To all of you who wrote or contributed to the article on the March on Washington:

Thank you for a wonderful accounting of the events to those of us who couldn't be there. It was wonderful - I could feel the emotion and excitement, all the same feelings that you all experienced. Thanks!

I also want to tell you how much I appreciate "Gay America." We need to know how the rest of America is dealing with gay issues - also the rest of the world.

Something else that occurred to me when reading about the March on Washington - the Civil Rights March on Washington. Twenty-five years ago white, middle class America was beginning to awaken to the problems of racial discrimination in America. Dare we hope, even believe, that this can be the beginning of an end to sexual preference discrimination in America?

As a footnote I want to add that due to your article about Tom Kahn from First Security Bank, I have begun the process of closing out my Visa account with their bank, and my daughter has also done the same. We intend to tell them precisely why we are doing so. Maybe more people could be encouraged to do the same. Nothing speaks louder than \$\$\$.

Sincerely, A.S.

## REAGAN STRIKES OUT AGAINST AIDS PROGRAMS AGAIN

On November 14, the White House announced that it estimates 680,000 Americans carry the AIDS virus. Centers for Disease Control presents a number at least twice that high, while other professionals following the course of the epidemic believe as many as 3,000,000 Americans are infected. The World Health Organization recently estimated 6-10 million people world-wide carry the virus.

Commentators are speculating the White House is supporting such an extremely low figure in an effort to justify and gain support for its mass HIV testing proposals, and as a justification for cutting AIDs funding, especially funding for educational and preventive material. Along these lines the CDC, acting on orders from the Reagan administration, decided not to implement a planned mailing of AIDS educational material to each household in the nation, even though Congress had appropriated approximately \$2 million specifically for that project.



# GAY AMERICA

## ARIZONA

Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund's staff attorney Paula Ettlebrick has won a major victory for gay and lesbian students at Arizona State University.

During recent vicious anti-gay campaigns conducted by ASU student senators, the ASU Student Senate voted to deny funds for the Lesbian and Gay Academic Union's education programs. University officials initially declined to interfere on behalf of LGAU.

During preparations for court action, University officials agreed to all of LGAU's demands, including co-sponsoring of lesbian and gay forums and annual legal education programs advising student senators of the impermissibility of discrimination based on sexual orientation.

In an October 19 statement, the State Board of Medical Examiners said ceasing to care for AIDS patients without ensuring for continuity of care and transfer of records to another physician could be considered unprofessional conduct.

## CALIFORNIA

The U.S. Senate voted 75-23 permitting a former Army base hospital to be used as a regional AIDS treatment facility. San Francisco plans to convert that structure into a 300 bed sub-acute care facility. President Reagan has threatened to veto the bill.

An Oakland school board approved a resolution permitting the dismissal of employees who utter slurs against students or each other. Although issued in response to a racial incident, the language would guard against homophobic remarks as well.

## WISCONSIN

Two Milwaukee radio announcers have been suspended following homophobic comments using the words "queer" and "faggot", and making AIDS and AIDS sufferers the object of jokes and salacious innuendo.



## NEW YORK

Gay activist Lance Ringel has been appointed director of the state Division of Human Rights Enforcement Unit, charged with implementing an executive order banning anti-gay discrimination in state employment and in the provision of state services.

A recent surge in gay bashing has occurred in Albany, New York's capital. Local gays are considering forming a gay protective organization patterned after New York City's Guardian Angels.

## COLORADO

Four state prison inmates infected with HIV have filed suit against corrections officials. Colorado is one of three states which routinely test inmates and separate HIV positives from the general population. The suit claims such testing and separation violate the inmates rights.

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# INTO THE FUTURE

- December 20, 1987. Windy City Gay Chorus' 9th Annual Holiday Concert. Chicago.
- January 15-17, 1988. 3rd Annual Arizona Gay Rodeo. Phoenix, AZ.
- February 12-14, 1988. Couples National Network 3rd Anniversary Celebration. Atlanta, GA.
- February 14-17, 1988. Unitarian Universalists for Lesbian and Gay Concerns (UULGC) Convocation. Portland, ME.
- June, 1988. 9th Annual World Conference of Gay and Lesbians Parents Coalition International. Columbus, OH.
- July 21-24, 1988. 6th Bi-Ennial International Assembly of Lutheran Concerned/North America. Toronto, Canada.

## AUTOBIOGRAPHY IN FIVE SHORT CHAPTERS by Portia Nelson

I

I walk, down the street.  
There is a deep hole  
in the sidewalk.  
I fall in  
I am lost . . .  
I am helpless  
It isn't my fault.  
It takes forever to find a way out.

II

I walk down the same street.  
There is a deep hole  
in the sidewalk.  
I pretend I don't see it.  
I fall in again.  
I can't believe I am in the same place.  
but, it isn't my fault.  
It still takes a long time to get out.

III

I walk down the same street  
There is a deep hole  
in the sidewalk.  
I see it is there.  
I still fall in . . .  
it's a habit.  
my eyes are open.  
I know where I am.  
It is my fault.  
I get out immediately.

IV

I walk down the same street.  
There is a deep hole  
in the sidewalk.  
I walk around it.

V

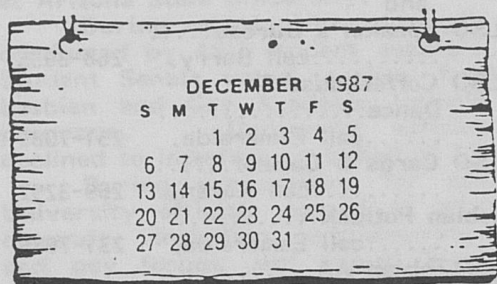
I walk down another street.

## DIRECTORY

- GLSO Gayline**..... 231-0335
- GLSO Board**.....call Jim, 299-0352
- GLSO Newsletter**.....  
.....call Craig, 266-8887
- GLSO Gay Parenting Group  
and**
- GLSO Speaker's Bureau**.....  
.....call Barry, 268-3935
- GLSO Coffeehouse &  
Dance**.....  
.....call Esmerelda, 231-7985
- GLSO Cards & Games**.....  
.....call Karen, 259-3292
- Lesbian Potluck**.....  
.....call Esmerelda, 231-7985
- Gay/Lesbian AA**.....  
.....call Craig, 266-8887
- Imperial Court of the  
Bluegrass Empire**.....  
.....call Mark, 266-1779  
.....or Jerry, 272-7381
- Dignity/Lexington**.....  
.....call Keith, 269-8417
- Liturgy**...call Don, 299-4458
- (Lexington's chapter of the national Catholic gay and lesbian support organization. See the Dignity page included in this newsletter.)
- Interweave**.....call Craig, 266-8887  
(A group within Lexington's Unitarian Universalist Church composed of gay men and lesbians and their non-gay friends.)
- ACT/Lexington**..... 281-5151  
.....call Dave, 271-4320  
(AIDS support and education)
- AVOL**.....  
.....call Chuck, 233-0492  
(AIDS support and education)
- HIV Positive Support Group**  
.....call Edwin, 233-0444
- Lexington-Fayette County  
Health Department  
AIDS Information**..... 252-2371  
(For anonymous AIDS counseling and testing, call Greg Lee at the above number.)
- Louisville Crisis Hotline**  
..... (502) 637-4342
- Owensboro Gay Alliance**..  
..... (502) 685-5246
- National Gay and Lesbian Task Force  
Crisis Line and AIDS Crisis  
Line**..... (800) 221-7044



# DECEMBER EVENTS CALENDAR



Contact names and numbers for all events listed can be found in the Directory on the previous page.

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| TUE 1  | <b>Rainbow Bowling League</b> , 9 pm, Joyland Lanes; <b>Dignity Liturgy</b> , 7:30 pm<br><b>HIV Positive Support Group.</b>                               | FRI 11 | <b>Gay/Lesbian AA</b> , 8 pm, Comp Care Center, 201 Mechanic St.; <b>Gayline</b> , 231-0335, 8 - 11 pm; <b>GLSO Cards &amp; Games</b> , 7 pm                                 |
| WED 2  | <b>Gay/Lesbian AA</b> , 8 pm, St. Joseph Office Park, Rm. 120; <b>Gayline</b> , 231-0335, 8 - 11 pm   | SUN 13 | <b>Lesbian Potluck</b> , 2 pm; <b>Gay/Lesbian AA</b> , 4 pm, Comp Care Center, 201 Mechanic St.; <b>AVOL</b> , 5:30 pm, Comp Care Center, 201 Mechanic St.                   |
| THU 3  | <b>Gayline</b> , 231-0335, 8 - 11 pm  | MON 14 | <b>Interweave</b> , Topic: How We Deal With the Holidays, 8 pm, Unitarian Universalist Church  |
| FRI 4  | <b>Gay/Lesbian AA</b> , 8 pm, Comp Care Center, 201 Mechanic St.; <b>Gayline</b> , 231-0335, 8 - 11 pm; <b>GLSO Cards &amp; Games</b> , 7 pm              | TUE 15 | <b>Rainbow Bowling League</b> , 9 pm, Joyland Lanes<br><b>HIV Positive Support Group.</b>  |
| SUN 6  | <b>Gay/Lesbian AA</b> , 4 pm, Comp Care Center, 201 Mechanic St.; <b>ICBE Toys for Tots Fundraiser</b> , 9 pm, Great Moments, 137 West Vine St.           | WED 16 | <b>Gay/Lesbian AA</b> , 8 pm, St. Joseph Office Park, Rm. 120; <b>Gayline</b> , 231-0335, 8 - 11 pm; <b>GLSO News Layout</b> , 7:30 pm; <b>Gayline</b> , 231-0335, 8 - 11 pm |
| MON 7  | <b>GLSO Forum</b> , 8 pm, Comp Care Center, 201 Mechanic St   | THU 17 | <b>Gay/Lesbian AA</b> , 8 pm, Comp Care Center, 201 Mechanic St.;  |
| TUE 8  | <b>Rainbow Bowling League</b> , 9 pm, Joyland Lanes<br><b>HIV Positive Support Group.</b>   | FRI 18 | <b>Gayline</b> , 231-0335, 8 - 11 pm; <b>GLSO Coffeehouse, Dance &amp; Christmas Party</b> , 8:30 pm, Unitarian Universalist Church  |
| WED 9  | <b>Gay/Lesbian AA</b> , 8 pm, St. Joseph Office Park, Rm. 120; <b>Gayline</b> , 231-0335, 8 - 11 pm; <b>GLSO Coffeehouse &amp; Dance Committee</b> , 8 pm | SUN 20 | <b>Gay/Lesbian AA</b> , 4 pm, Comp Care Center, 201 Mechanic St.; <b>ICBE Show</b> , 9 pm, Great Moments, 137 West Vine St.  |
| THU 10 | <b>Gayline</b> , 231-0335, 8 - 11 pm; <b>GLSO News</b> , Deadline for Submissions; <b>Dignity Rap Session - Christmas Party</b> , 7 pm                    | TUE 22 | <b>Rainbow Bowling League</b> , 9 pm, Joyland Lanes<br><b>HIV Positive Support Group.</b>  |
|        |   | WED 23 | <b>Gay/Lesbian AA</b> , 8 pm, St. Joseph Office Park, Rm. 120; <b>Gayline</b> , 231-0335, 8 - 11 pm; <b>GLSO Coffeehouse &amp; Dance Committee</b> , 8 pm                    |
|        |   | THU 24 | <b>Gayline</b> , 231-0335, 8 - 11 pm   |
|        |   | FRI 25 | <b>Gay/Lesbian AA</b> , 8 pm, Comp Care Center, 201 Mechanic St.; <b>Gayline</b> , 231-0335, 8 - 11 pm   |
|        |   | SUN 27 | <b>Gay/Lesbian AA</b> , 4 pm, Comp Care Center, 201 Mechanic St.; <b>Gayline Training Session</b> , 1 pm, Comp Care Center, 201 Mechanic St.                                 |
|        |   | TUE 29 | <b>Rainbow Bowling League</b> , 9 pm, Joyland Lanes<br><b>HIV Positive Support Group.</b>  |
|        |   | WED 30 | <b>Gay/Lesbian AA</b> , 8 pm, St. Joseph Office Park, Rm. 120; <b>Gayline</b> , 231-0335, 8 - 11 pm  |