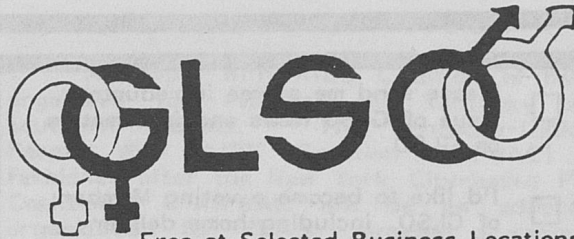


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THE 1988 PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION: THE REPUBLICANS
by Craig Clere

This year's presidential election will be held on November 8. As a voter, each of us can directly impact whether Vice-President George Bush or Massachusetts Governor Michael Dukakis becomes our next president. With the growing number of AIDS infections and deaths, the increasing visibility of the gay and lesbian community, and the dramatic rise of anti-gay violence, the choice of president becomes a tremendously significant event in each of our lives.

In Kentucky individuals must be registered by October 11 in order to vote on Election Day. Registration is available in Fayette County at the Voter Registration Office of the County Clerk, 162 East Main Street, Room 131 from 8:30 am to 4:00 pm, Monday through Friday. To verify registration or for more information, call the Voter Registration Office at 255-7563 or 253-3021.

This month **GLSO News** focuses on the gay issues records of the Republican team, Vice-President Bush and Senator Dan Quayle.

Responding to this year's survey of presidential candidates by the NGLTF, Bush stated his opposition to gay rights legislation. Despite recent governmental activity directly attacking gays and lesbians, Bush stated: "No one group should have special privileges granted by government." Most notable of these actions are the 1986 Hardwick decision by the Supreme Court. This decision pointed specifically to homosexual acts while upholding state sodomy laws. More recently, the Senate passed legislation intending to legalize discrimination against homosexuals by District of Columbia religious organizations which receive federal funds. Additionally, during the past several years, nearly every piece of federal AIDS education legislation has been subjected to revisions preventing use of funds for activities which might be construed to condone homosexual sex.

In putting forth his answer to NGLTF's survey, Bush has evaded the basic attitude upon which he bases his reaction to gay and lesbian rights. He revealed his underlying thoughts in 1980, while running against President Reagan for the Republican nomination. At that time Bush told the **Los Angeles Times**, "I don't think American society should be asked to accept that homosexuality is a standard which should be held up for acceptance. I just don't believe that, and I'm not going to push for it."

Prior to the New Orleans convention Bush endorsed protection against AIDS-related discrimination, but declined to have such a provision included in the Republican Party platform. Bush also discussed the anti-discrimination policy in terms of its effect on children, whom he called "innocent victims," implying he believes AIDS is a just punishment for other people.

Senator Quayle has voted with anti-gay Senator Jesse Helms of North Carolina every time gay-related issues were presented to the Senate. Quayle has voted to: restrict AIDS prevention activities by groups "who promote or encourage homosexual sexual activity"; oppose providing federal money for indigent people for the \$10,000 annual cost of AZT; exempt religious-affiliated schools from the Washington, D.C. gay-rights ordinance; confirm the nomination of Robert Bork to the U.S. Supreme Court.

Quayle, of course, has the distinction (problem?) of having an identifiable record in the Senate, unlike Bush. During the Reagan years, both Republicans have supported the president's lack of leadership on AIDS. It seems anyone satisfied with the Reagan record on gay-rights issues will probably be satisfied with the Bush-Quayle team.

Next month **GLSO News** will present opinions on gay and lesbian civil rights and AIDS held by the Democratic ticket of Gov. Michael Dukakis and Senator Lloyd Bentson.

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WASHINGTON BLADE AND ADVOCATE AVAILABLE AT UK LIBRARY

GLSO has donated a *Washington Blade* subscription to the Periodicals Department of the University of Kentucky Library. Because the *Blade* is the gay and lesbian newspaper of the nation's capital, its reports on governmental activity concerning gay/lesbian rights and AIDS issues are a valuable resource for the country's gay community. Also included in the paper are regular sections on Washington's cultural life, sports, interviews with public figures, and more.

The most current issue is available in the newspaper reading area of the M. I. King Library, in section seven of the national papers. Older issues can be obtained by requesting them at the public service desk. The library's subscription began with the September 2, 1988 issue; issues will be kept by the library for one year.

GLSO also arranged for a member to donate issues of *The Advocate* to the Periodicals Department of the King Library. Beginning with the first issue of July, 1988, both current and older issues will be kept on the shelves under a call number which will be assigned shortly.

SUMMERSCAPE by Vita Brevis

The couch on my screened-in porch cradles me between its time-worn arms, my body covered only by the blackness of the hot summer night.

The chirping of crickets is intermittently hushed by intoxicating breezes, bringing gifts of perfume from my sleeping garden.

I thank God for my consciousness.

I sense the presence of another and stare into the darkness for some clue of familiarity.

His warm, gentle hand reaches out and grasps mine.

The image of his face and body is now vivid in my mind; he has taken me away many nights before.

Once again, the wind carries us above the garden and beyond the trees to a place of unspeakable beauty, beyond all Earthly limits of description.

RAINBOW BOWLING LEAGUE NEWS

The Rainbow League is going wonderfully. Participation has doubled from last year. Forty-eight bowlers (sixteen teams) converge every Tuesday evening at 9 pm at Joyland Lanes. This means that on these nights half the crowd is gay or lesbian. It's great fun.

Quite probably this is the fastest growing gay/lesbian bowling league in the continent. If you're interested in subbing for someone or just coming out for the evening, join the Rainbow Bowlers! It's an exciting year for them!

LOCAL PWA COALITION FORMS

A People With AIDS Coalition is being organized for residents of Kentucky and southern Indiana. The Kentucky-Indiana People With AIDS Coalition (KIPWAC) is fashioned after the New York City-based PWA Coalition. KIPWAC will be an advocacy organization for PWA's, provide a regional network for information exchange, and offer additional friendship and support. Membership is open to those who are HIV+ or have a more serious level of illness. The financial support of friends who are not infected is welcome. Call AVOL at (606) 254-AVOL for additional information.

CARDS & GAMES CHANGES SCHEDULE

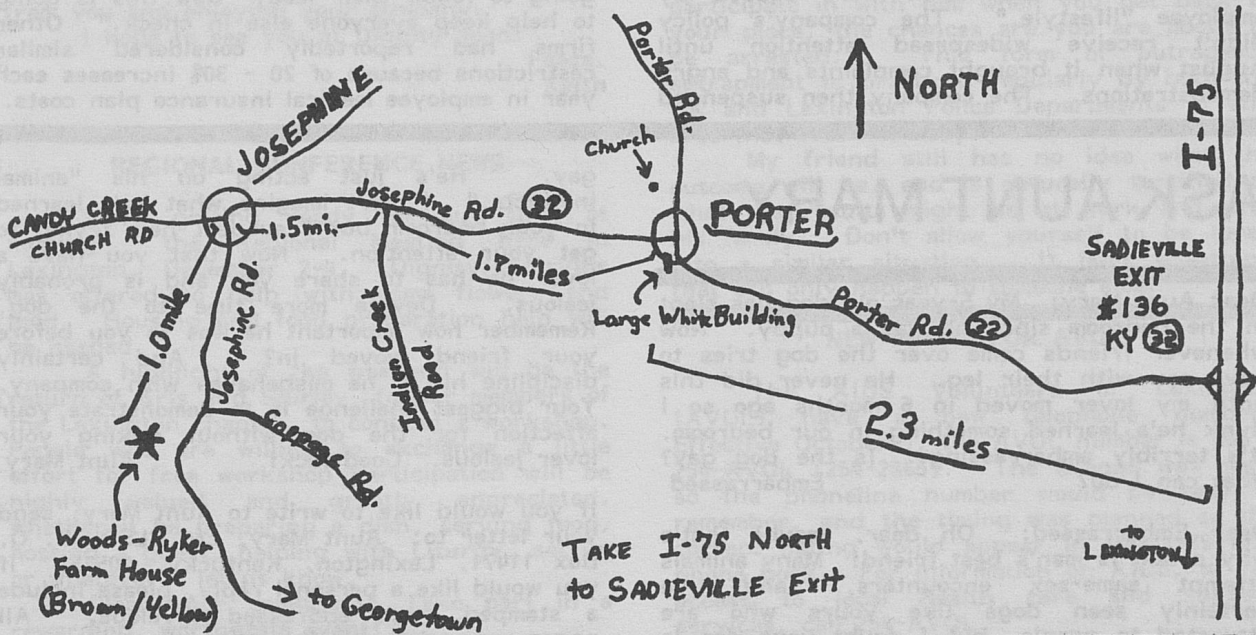
Karen, the host of GLSO Cards & Games, took a well-deserved vacation in September. The next meeting of Cards & Games will be held the second Saturday in October at 7:30. Beginning on this date

Cards & Games will be held every 2nd and 4th Saturday. Previously Cards & Games has been held on Friday evening. Call Karen, at the number listed in the GLSO News Directory, for time and directions.

ANNUAL GLSO CAMPOUT SECOND WEEKEND OF OCTOBER

You've been looking forward to it and now it's here! Eddie will host the eighth annual GLSO campout at his secluded farm in rural Scott County beginning after 4 pm on Saturday, October 8. This annual event attracts people from both central Kentucky and Louisville, so meet new friends and old just 20 miles north of Lexington.

Campers will "rough it" (no facilities). Bring your own supplies, warm clothes, and food for dinner and breakfast. Eddie will provide a comfortable ground to sleep on, a campfire, and a clear sky. Call Eddie at his Lexington home for more details, 259-0878, or just follow the map. If it rains the campout will be held the weekend of October 15.



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HUNTINGTON TESTS AIDS VACCINE

The National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases is beginning clinical trials of a genetically engineered AIDS vaccine. The vaccine is made with smallpox virus, but the virus is changed by genetic engineering to resemble HIV. Six university medical centers will participate in the study, including Marshall University in Huntington, WV.

Nine (9) volunteers will be needed to participate in Huntington. Volunteers must be healthy men or women who are not infected with HIV, and who are not engaged in behavior that would place them at high risk of contracting HIV. Because the vaccine does not contain live or killed HIV, there is no possibility of contracting AIDS from the vaccine.

This may be the chance you've been waiting for to make a personal contribution in the battle against AIDS. If you would like to volunteer for the study contact Dr. Robert Belshe, Marshall University, Huntington, WV, at 304-696-7231.

NATIONAL COMPANY REINSTATES AIDS HEALTH CARE COVERAGE

The Circle K Corporation of Phoenix has canceled a plan to limit health care coverage for employees with AIDS or substance abuse. In January, the national chain of convenience stores told its 26,000 employees it would not pay health care costs for illnesses such as AIDS or alcoholism which were caused by employee "lifestyle." The company's policy didn't receive widespread attention until August when it brought complaints and angry demonstrations. The company then suspended

the policy for review.

Circle K has now canceled its plan to limit coverage for "lifestyle-related" illness. Kathleen Barnes, director of the Arizona AIDS Project, said "I'm just delighted. The biggest danger was always that other companies were going to follow their lead. Now this is going to help keep everyone else in check." Other firms had reportedly considered similar restrictions because of 20 - 30% increases each year in employee medical insurance plan costs.

ASK AUNT MARY

Dear Aunt Mary: My 5-year old dog has slept in the bedroom since he was a puppy. Now whenever friends come over the dog tries to have sex with their leg. He never did this until my lover moved in 6 months ago so I think he's learned something in our bedroom. It's terribly embarrassing. Is the dog gay? What can I do? Embarrassed

Dear Embarrassed: Oh dear, maybe that's why a dog is man's best friend! Many animals attempt same-sex encounters, and I've certainly seen dogs like yours who are attracted to people, but I doubt your dog is

gay. He's just acting on his "animal instincts." I can't imagine what he's learned in your bedroom but I suspect he's trying to get your attention. Now that you have a lover he has to share you and is probably jealous. Devote more time to the dog. Remember how important he was to you before your friend moved in? And certainly discipline him if he misbehaves with company. Your biggest challenge is to demonstrate your affection for the dog without making your lover jealous. Good luck! Aunt Mary

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

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FROM DIGNITY'S PRESIDENT

It's been a great 2 years. That's right. I've been president for 2 years. I solemnly swore a year ago my term had 11 months and 30 days to go. Oddly enough, I'm not sure I'm ready to keep my word. I am willing to consider an unprecedented 3rd term, but I'd like your feedback. Have I done an adequate job? Where could I improve? What is best for Dignity/Lexington? I want your input.

Elections will occur October 27 at the Rap Session at my house. If you're interested in any position, call. I'd love to hear from you. The elections will be short and sweet. I would like the rest of the Rap Session to focus on the topic: Where do we go from here? This can be both on a person level or as an organization. I look forward to hearing from you and enjoying your company.

I hope to see you at Dignity soon.

Peace,
Keith

REGIONAL CONFERENCE NEWS

We're getting ready for our turn at hosting the Regional Meeting here in Lexington, December 2-4. Dignity/Louisville has offered to help with some flowers and food. Housing and food preparation help will be needed.

A highlight of the weekend will be the return of Kris and Shirley, former members of the Lexington chapter, to conduct a workshop. People who are willing to exchange a little effort for free workshop participation will be highly valued and greatly appreciated. Whether it be preparing a dish, serving food, hosting a guest, helping with Liturgy, set-up or whatever - let us know.

Clear your calendars! Take part in a rewarding, worthwhile event!

BRUNCH WITH DIGNITY

Join us for brunch on Saturday, October 15 at Noon at Fleur-de-Lys. The idea of a community meal has sparked much interest. All are welcome. Join us!

BEWARE! IT COULD HAPPEN TO YOU!

Last night my phone rang at 1:15 am and the panicked voice of a friend said, "I'm in big trouble, I've been arrested!" This from a stable professional person who had never been in any kind of trouble before, and who would have been at the bottom of my list of friends and acquaintances I would have ever guessed would be calling me to get him out of jail.

Today my friend has had to deal with rushed attempts to obtain legal representation for an initial hearing this afternoon, what to tell his supervisor and co-workers who had been contacted by the police department, and the humiliation of having been run through our impersonal legal system and treated like a criminal.

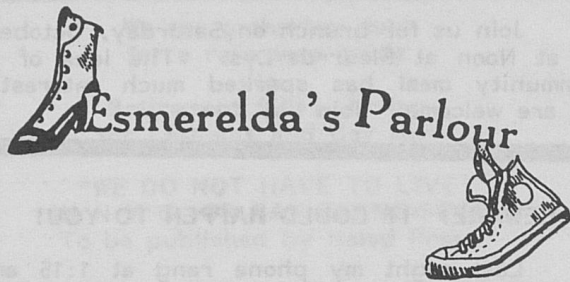
All of this because he was approached by an attractive man on the UK campus who seemed interested in him and who encouraged him to talk about what he would like to do. Beware! If someone approaches you and seems determined to get you to verbalize exactly what kind of sexual act you would like to participate in with him when you get back to your place, the chances are you are about to be arrested. This form of outrageous entrapment is practiced regularly by both the UK and Lexington Police Departments in any area that seems cruisey.

My friend still has no idea what the outcome will be, and is naturally terrified of what the results might be at work and with his family. Don't allow yourself to be lured into a similar situation. It isn't something that can only happen to someone else!

NEW PHONE FOR AVOL

The AIDS Volunteers of Lexington (AVOL) have a new telephone number. Effective October 1, the AVOL number is 606 - 254-AVOL (254-2865). The change was made so the phonenumber would be easy to remember, and the timing was planned so the correct listing would appear in the 1989-1990 phone book. For information on AIDS, or for access to local health care and support services, call 254-AVOL.

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Hello, hello! Everyone is well and happy we trust! Life continues along at a fast clip for Esmerelda. In fact, we've got some exciting news to report. Guess who's having a birthday? That's right, **Esmerelda's Parlour** (a.k.a. the Esmerelda Collective, a.k.a. Ezzie's lezzies) officially appeared in print one year ago this month. And my, oh my, how she's grown.

Esmerelda has undergone a great deal of change in the last year. For example Laura, one of our founding mothers and original editor of **Esmerelda's Parlour**, took off for Atlanta to be with her lover - we still miss you Laura! Since then Debbie and Teresa, as co-editors, have tried to continue to make **Esmerelda's Parlour** an informative and interesting section of the **GLSO News**. Of course, we could not have done it without all of you wonderful lesbians in our community. It is really you who made Esmerelda what she is today. And we continue to want and need your input. We have received some wonderful entries in our writing contest and hope more continue in, as well as anything else your little imaginative minds can come up with. Remember, Esmerelda needs you!

In our typical "let's not let a good excuse for a party go by" attitude, the October lesbian potluck, held on the second Sunday of the month, will also be a birthday celebration for Esmerelda.... For more information call Esmerelda at 255-3851. You are all invited. There will be cake, candles and lots of good gossip. Don't miss out!

Debbie & Teresa

HUNTER DAVIS CONCERT OCTOBER 8

Hunter Davis must really like Lexington (Lexington really likes her!). Even though it has only been a little over a year since she last performed here, we are lucky enough to have her back again. Esmerelda Productions is pleased to present Hunter Davis in concert **Saturday, October 8th at 8 pm at U.K.'s Memorial Hall.** Hunter's current tour is

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promoting the release of her latest album, "Torn," about which Rita Mae Brown says, "The lyrics snap, crackle and pop!" What fun!

Tickets will be \$5 - \$7, sliding scale, and may be purchased either at Special Media or at the door.

PHOTOGRAPHS SOUGHT FOR REVISED EDITION OF OUR RIGHT TO LOVE: A LESBIAN RESOURCE BOOK

Ginny Vida, Editor of **Our Right to Love: a Lesbian Resource Book**, is inviting lesbian photographers to submit photos of lesbians for possible inclusion in the revised edition of **Our right to Love**, to be published by E.P. Dutton.

Photographs depicting affection, friendship, outdoor scenes, indoor scenes, lesbians at play, lesbians at work (professional, white collar, blue collar, entrepreneurs), portraits, lesbians engaged in sports or other activities, Black, White, Asian American, Latina, and Native American lesbians, younger, older, middle-aged and older lesbians, abled and differently abled, are being sought. Lesbians who are national or local movement leaders are also desirable subjects for photos.

"I'm looking for photographs that portray lesbians as women who are making positive contributions to society, enjoying life and interacting in a positive way with others," Ms. Vida said.

Photos of prominent heterosexual (or closeted lesbian/gay) supporters of lesbian/gay rights are also being solicited for publication. Photographs of such persons, e.g., public officials, entertainers, authors or other celebrities, will appear in a section of the book entitled, "Some Help from Our Friends."

Photographers will receive \$35 for each photo published in the revised edition, payable upon publication. Photos must be back-and-white, professional quality, and all persons pictured must sign a photo release which the editor will provide. Photographers will be credited in the book.

Our Right to Love is an anthology of lesbian writing that includes more than 40 essays, dozens of personal testimonies, more than 100 photographs of lesbians plus some lesbian rights supporters. The original edition was published in 1978 by Prentice Hall.

Photos may be submitted to: Ginny Vida, Editor, **Our Right to Love**, 45 Plaza St., #1-G, Brooklyn, NY 11217, (718) 789-0391.

ABOUT THE FESTIVAL...
Reflections from Judy

On August 10-14, I had the remarkable opportunity to attend the Womyn's Music Festival in Walhalla, Michigan. This was the first womyn's festival I had ever participated in; it was five days I will never forget, and one which I feel every lesbian should experience.

I had no idea Michigan is such a beautiful state. My friends and I camped in a heavily forested area, much like something out of the Adam and Eve story (except there were no Adams), and I discovered for the first time what fun it is to shower outside. I took a solar shower with me, hung it from a big tree limb, and enjoyed showers surrounded by trees and palm fronds. The one night we had rain, I took a shower while the last drops fell - after the lightning had passed, of course.

The music was terrific - especially the percussionist jam sessions in the Womyn of Color Tent. There was also jazz, new wave/punk, ballads, political songs, and lots of dancing. Three separate stages were provided, where artists performed from noon until after midnight. And I don't know whether it was incredibly clear or not, but I have never seen so many stars in the sky - it was like being at the planetarium except this was for real. We even spotted shooting stars.

The crafts bazaar was fantastic, especially the jewelry. (My Mastercard got a thorough workout). During one of my many forays into the crafts bazaar, I found myself standing next to JoAnn Loulan. I was shopping for earrings, but instead soon I found myself watching JoAnn looking for earrings. (Sometimes it's so hard not to stare!) She's outrageous in person, as well as in her books.

For those of us who derive strength from spiritual pursuits, spirituality workshops occurred throughout the Festival. Although I satisfied my spiritual needs by attending 12 step program meetings (which went on nearly 24 hours a day), I benefited from these additional workshops, too. Throughout the day I heard small groups of womyn resonating with the Om, getting in tune with spirit, if you will. And this was delightful music to shower with in the morning, surrounded by all the aforementioned palm fronds.

An important aspect of the Festival is the workshift each person is asked to perform. This is a great way to serve and a way to feel connected to the Festival's energy. 7000 womyn can create a lot of energy!

One theme of the Festival which I observed again and again is the permission to be who I am. I liked the feeling of not being assessed for who I am, what I look like, or what I do in the world. Acclimatizing on an emotional level to this sense of freedom took me a few days. In fact, I had just become accustomed to this when it was time to leave. The experience of finding myself in a totally safe environment, where I have permission to be myself and the freedom to pursue whatever interests me, can be emotionally overwhelming (particularly for us plebes!). I continually recognized the sharp contrast between living in a world like this and my own "real world."

For the overwhelmed, areas were provided where we could go to share our feelings with others and seek and receive the understanding and nurturing we needed (and deserved). I met some lovely, caring womyn in these circles and hope to do my workshift next year in one of these areas. These areas are where you really get to know what is going on inside others, as well as yourself.

The flavor of the Festival and the mood and spirit of the womyn there could be summed up in a particularly memorable experience. Prior to supper one afternoon, the last performance on the 12 pm - 4 pm stage was a percussionist's jam session. This concert was an indescribably energetic hour - awesome, even! - and everyone listening came away humming. We were charged, you might say. After the performance, we started to line up for dinner. That evening the crews were running late, so we found ourselves standing in line under a very hot sun for some time. Since we brought our own plates and utensils, most of us had tin plates and cups. One womyn began tapping out a rhythm on her plate, other womyn gradually began to follow suit. Before long we were having our own improvisational jam session, complete with changing rhythms, and crescendos and decrescendos. Womyn passing nearby stopped to watch, listen and smile us on. I have never had so much fun waiting in line.

Many found it painful to leave. I consoled myself (somewhat) with the thought I would not appreciate the Festival as much without its obvious deviation (pun intended) from the real world. I am also attempting to transfer into that real world two gifts I received from this adventure: a stronger sense of self-value and a strengthened belief in my right-to-be. And I find myself more inclined to want to accord that same right to other womyn as well. Maybe that is what the Womyn's Festival is all about.

ESMERELDA'S WRITE-OFF

Esmerelda has been thrilled with the submissions she has received thus far in her writing contest. Thank you all for sharing with us. It is a real pleasure to share with you now the winning selection for this month. A note accompanying the anonymous submission said, "This doesn't exactly fit your categories, but here it is anyway." Well, let Esmerelda take this opportunity to encourage all of you to send in whatever you may have written, whether it fits the categories or not. After all, the point of the contest is to give you an opportunity to spread your wings. Please do not feel limited by somewhat arbitrary categories. And now...

LOVE POEM TO A DYING WOMAN

We were a wrinkled pair when we first met,
on a snowy April day, 31 years ago.
I was but 3 days old, you were 65.

Next door neighbors. "Just friends," is the only
acknowledgment the world would ever give us.

To you, I have always been "your girl," words that always warmed me.
I've tried to explain, "she is like my surrogate mother, grandmother, and
best friend all rolled into one."
The words always fell short of the experience of you.

The strongest image of my childhood memories is the gate into your yard.
The gate that unlocked the lessons of unconditional love, simplicity,
and the value of presence.
Lessons taught wordlessly as I rolled pie dough on your floor or
piled leaves into the tiny wheelbarrow you gave me.

We have been gifts in each other's lives, pure and simple.
You never asked for more than I could give, never pulled or pushed
with a "stay longer," "come sooner," or "be more."

When I was old enough to drive I would take you shopping.
When you were situated in a dressing room, I would scour the racks
taking great pleasure in finding those styles I knew you liked.
You were well into your 80's then, and I was so proud to have you on my arm.

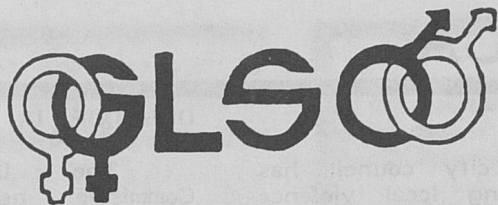
The past 10 years now you have been in "the Home."
I still saw you often until my life took me away from the city.
You were the hardest to leave, yet you let me go the most freely.

Now it's been two years since we said our goodbyes.
Since your "setback" each visit has been an unexpected pleasure.
Sometimes we speak of your death, trying to understand why you live yet,
when the desire to die is so strong.
I ask if worry of me holds you in any way, you assure me no.
Other times we sit quietly hand in hand or I rub lotion on dry old arms and
watch your skin as it slides up and down your bones and try to
sense where I stop and you begin.

Each time I leave, it feels O.K. if it is the last time we kiss goodbye.

It has been two years since we said goodbye, and I have let you go.
But, you see, I have a little friend who piles leaves in the tiny
wheelbarrow you gave me so many years ago, and
I know

that part of you
lives on.



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GAY AMERICA

LAGUNA BEACH, CA

The Laguna Beach city council has passed a resolution barring local violence against gays and lesbians, after three men were severely injured in antigay attacks.

On June 19, two men were robbed and beaten near several gay businesses. One man lost an eye as a result of the attack. On July 14, three men beat a gay man with a pipe. Several gay residents have since received threatening phone call and gunshots have been fired at several gay establishments.

SAN FRANCISCO, CA

After two years of surveys and committee hearings on how to include gays and lesbians in United Way-funded programs, the United Way of the Bay Area (UWBA) is preparing to adopt an affirmative action policy that would require fund recipients to hire gay and lesbian staffers. Organizations which receive money from UWBA include the Boy Scouts and YMCA. UWBA is Northern California's largest United Way agency.

LEXINGTON, KY

On August 22, a panel urged the 2,000 attendees at the Southern Legislative Conference to examine scientific evidence about AIDS before considering legislation on the issue. Citing the more than 900 separate bills concerning AIDS which were introduced in state legislatures during the past year, panelists discussed AIDS and the fear of it which are leading to an epidemic of unwise, reactionary legislation on state government levels. Included among specific bills mentioned were one that would make intentionally sneezing on someone a misdemeanor, and another that would require all people infected with HIV to be quarantined.

HONOLULU, HI

Hawaii Island gay activist Diana Holmes remained in a coma eight weeks after she received several blows to the head by a machete-wielding assailant in her home.

Two weeks before she was attacked, Holmes, an openly lesbian candidate for the island's county council, met with local police to discuss an increase in violence against gays and lesbians on the island.

DUBUQUE, IA

The Dubuque Human Relations Commission held a public hearing on a proposed amendment to the city's human rights ordinance that would protect lesbians and gay men against discrimination.

Stacey Neldaughter, a lesbian who has organized two gay rights marches in Dubuque, urged the commission to support the bill. "I think you have a duty and obligation to separate the justice issue from your personal values. People are being discriminated against," she said.

Fundamentalists and conservatives also spoke out. One opponent of the legislation said, "I do discriminate, we all discriminate. You really need to think about the right to discriminate on the basis of character."

BOSTON, MA

Ray Gottwald, a staff member in the office of state attorney general James Shannon, has formed a group of gay staff members from the offices of several other Massachusetts elected officials. The monthly meetings will discuss gay-related public policy issues. Members of the new group work in the offices of U.S. Senators Edward Kennedy and John Kerry, Gov. Dukakis, Lt. Gov. Evelyn Murphy, Auditor Joseph DeNucci, and Boston Mayor Ray Flynn.

CINCINNATI, OH

Stonewall Cincinnati recently settled a complaint of public slander and gay bashing against radio station WCKY-AM. The operations manager at the radio station told Stonewall Cincinnati's discrimination task force the offending show has been canceled, and the station will not condone on-air bashing of any minority, including gays.

SEATTLE, WA

An early draft of a report by the Seattle Commission on Youth and Children recommends the city's public schools initiate programs to improve school conditions for gay students. The report calls for inclusion of information about gays in all health and family life courses, appointment of a gay-sensitive staff member in each middle and high school, and recommends social service agencies hire openly gay people and recruit gay volunteers.

INTO THE FUTURE

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

- October 5-13, 1988. 1st Anniversary Celebration for the March on Washington for Lesbian & Gay Rights.
- October 8, 1988. 20th Anniversary Celebration of Metropolitan Community Churches. San Francisco, CA.
- October 8-10, 1988. NAMES Project Quilt display at Capital Mall. Washington, DC.
- October 8-10. Annual GLSO Campout.
- October 10, 1988. National Parents' Council on AIDS Conference. Arlington, VA.
- October 11, 1988. National Coming Out Day.
- November 8, 1988. Presidential Election Day.
- November 18-20, 1988. NGLTF National Conference for Gay & Lesbian Organization. Washington, DC.
- November 19, 1988. Beyond '88: Setting a Progressive Agenda sponsored by Central Kentucky Democratic Socialists of America. Lexington, KY.
- February 17-19, 1989. 5th Annual Continental Convocation of Unitarian Universalists for Lesbian & Gay Concerns. Lexington, KY.

CLASSIFIEDS

Lesbian Couple looking for house to rent in country between Lexington and Frankfort. Must allow pets. Anyone knowing of such a house, please call Joyce at (502) 829-5979.

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

GM, 45, desires to correspond with Gay males 40 to 65. All letters answered. If interested, please write: Occupant, P.O. Box 251, Lexington, KY 40584-0251.

DIRECTORY

- GLSO Gayline..... 231-0335
- GLSO Board....call Steve, 266-8887
- GLSO Newsletter.....
...call Craig/Steve, 266-8887
- GLSO Speaker's Bureau....
.....call Esmerelda, 255-3851
- GLSO Coffeehouse &
Dance.....
.....call Esmerelda, 255-3851
- Women's Writers Collective, 272-3776
- GLSO Cards & Games.....
.....call Karen, 259-3292
- GLSO Rainbow Bowling League
.....call Keith, 269-8417
..... or, Chuck, 268-8514
- Lesbian Potluck.....
.....call Esmerelda, 255-3851
- Gay/Lesbian AA.....
.....call, 271-4320
- Imperial Court of the
Bluegrass Empire....
..... 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.)
- AVOL..... 254-AVOL
(AIDS support and education)
- ACT-Lexington..... 281-5151
(AIDS education and speakers)
- HIV+, ARC, AIDS Support Group
.....call Edwin, 233-0444
- Lexington-Fayette County
Health Department
AIDS Testing..... 252-2371
(For anonymous AIDS counseling and testing, call the above number and ask for an AIDS Counselor.)
- Madison County Health Department
AIDS Testing..... 623-7312
(For anonymous AIDS counseling and testing, call the above number and ask for an AIDS Counselor.)
- Louisville Crisis Hotline.
..... (502) 637-4342
- National Gay and Lesbian Task Force
Crisis Line and AIDS Crisis
Line..... (800) 221-7044

OCTOBER 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.

SUN 2	Gay/Lesbian AA, 4 pm, Comp Care Center	THU 13	Gayline, 231-0335, 8 - 11 pm
TUE 4	HIV+, ARC, AIDS Support Group; Rainbow Bowling League, 9 pm, Joyland Lanes	FRI 14	Gay/Lesbian AA, 8 pm; Comp Care Center; Gayline, 231-0335, 8 - 11 pm
WED 5	Gay/Lesbian AA, 8 pm, St. Joseph Office Park, Rm. 120; Gayline, 231-0335, 8 - 11 pm	SAT 15	Dignity Brunch, 12 pm, Fleur-de-Lys, 120 S. Upper; Gay/Lesbian ACA, 2 pm, St. Joseph Office Park, Room 120
THU 6	Lesbian Passion Discussion Group, 7:30 pm; Gayline, 231-0335, 8 - 11 pm; Gay Men's AA, 8 pm, St. Joseph Office Park, Rm. 120	SUN 16	Gay/Lesbian AA, 4 pm, Comp Care Center; Lesbian Passion Discussion Group, 1 pm
FRI 7	Gay/Lesbian AA, 8 pm, Comp Care Center; Gayline, 231-0335, 8 - 11 pm	TUE 18	HIV+, ARC, AIDS Support Group; Rainbow Bowling League, 9 pm, Joyland Lanes
SAT 8	Gay/Lesbian ACA, 2 pm, St. Joseph Office Park, Room 120; Hunter Davis Concert, 8 pm, UK's Memorial Hall	WED 19	GLSO Coffeehouse & Dance Committee, 7 pm; Interweave, 8 pm, Unitarian Universalist Church; Gay/Lesbian AA, 8 pm, St. Joseph Office Park, Rm. 120; Gayline, 231-0335, 8 - 11 pm
SUN 9	Lesbian Potluck, 2 pm; Gay/Lesbian AA, 4 pm, Comp Care Center; AVOL, 5:30 pm, Comp Care Center	THU 20	GLSO News Layout, 7:30 pm; Gayline, 231-0335, 8 - 11 pm; Gay Men's AA, 8 pm, St. Joseph Office Park, Rm. 120
MON 10	GLSO Forum, Topic: Creating Healthy Relationships, 8 pm, Comp Care Center; <u>GLSO News</u> Deadline for Submissions	FRI 21	Gay/Lesbian AA, 8 pm, Comp Care Center; Gayline, 231-0335, 8 - 11 pm
TUE 11	HIV+, ARC, AIDS Support Group; Dignity Liturgy, 7:30 pm; Rainbow Bowling League, 9 pm, Joyland Lanes	SAT 22	Gay/Lesbian ACA, 2 pm, St. Joseph Office Park, Room 120
WED 12	Gay/Lesbian AA, 8 pm, St. Joseph Office Park, Rm. 120; Gayline, 231-0335, 8 - 11 pm	SUN 23	Gayline Training Session, 1 pm, Comp Care Center; Gay/Lesbian AA, 4 pm, Comp Care Center
		TUE 25	HIV+, ARC, AIDS Support Group; Rainbow Bowling League, 9 pm, Joyland Lanes
		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	Dignity Rap Session, 7:30 pm, Topic: Where Do We Go From Here?; Gayline, 231-0335, 8 - 11 pm; Gay Men's AA, 8 pm, St. Joseph Office Park, Rm. 120
		FRI 28	Gay/Lesbian AA, 8 pm, Comp Care Center; Gayline, 231-0335, 8 - 11 pm; GLSO Coffeehouse & Dance - Halloween Party, 9 pm, Unitarian Universalist Church
		SAT 29	Gay/Lesbian ACA, 2 pm, St. Joseph Office Park, Room 120
		SUN 30	Gay/Lesbian AA, 4 pm, Comp Care Center