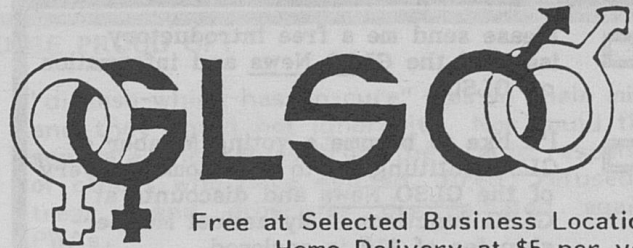


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KENTUCKY TO HOLD PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY

Kentucky is one of the twenty-one states and territories which will hold presidential preference primaries or caucuses on March 8. This date has been dubbed "Super Tuesday" due to the large number of delegates being chosen for both the Democratic and Republican National Conventions.

For Democrats, several of the nationally recognized candidates deserve consideration by lesbian and gay voters. Four of the leading Democratic contenders sent their representatives to the October 10th Convention of the National Association of Gay & Lesbian Democratic Clubs. Representatives of Senator Paul Simon (IL), Sen. Albert Gore Jr. (TN), Rep. Richard Gephardt (MO), and the Rev. Jesse Jackson vigorously pledged their candidates' support for programs to fight AIDS. Their support for programs promoting gay civil rights was also pledged, but with somewhat less enthusiasm.

Sen. Simon became the first presidential candidate, and the eighth Senator, to co-sponsor the federal gay rights bill in Congress. An aide to Simon stated that the Senator "has come face to face with the reality of why this bill is needed in a way that he hadn't before."

The Rev. Jackson has demonstrated his solidarity with the gay rights movement most clearly of all the candidates. Jackson addressed the October 11th March on Washington where he stated "We are together today to say we insist on legal protection under the laws for every American . . . for women's rights, for the rights of sexual preference." Jackson recently established a Gay/Lesbian Desk at his national campaign headquarters to advise him on lesbian and gay issues. Gay activist Randy Miller, hired to head the Desk, stated that Jackson advocates a presidential order banning discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation in federal and military employment, and is a proponent of the federal gay rights bill.

Former governor of Arizona and presidential candidate Bruce Babbitt has also expressed his support of the federal gay rights bill.

Massachusetts Governor Michael Dukakis has perhaps the most confusing record concerning gay and lesbian rights. Dukakis pledged support of the recently defeated Massachusetts Gay Rights Bill, but according to some gay and lesbian organizations in Massachusetts exerted very little effort to persuade legislators to back the bill. Dukakis must also contend with his executive order several years ago which banned gay people from being foster parents in Massachusetts, even if they had previously been deemed qualified. This policy also had the effect of banning Massachusetts gays and lesbians from adoption since foster parent status is required of potential adopting parents in Massachusetts.

None of the Republican presidential candidates have voiced support of gay and lesbian issues. At the extreme, candidate Pat Robertson, a former 700 Club minister, has stated "I have no intention of giving the streets of America to radical homosexuals, drug pushers and organized crime."

Kentucky has a closed type of primary system, which means registered Democrats and Republicans vote only in their respective primaries. Registered Independents may not vote in either the Democratic or Republican primaries. To vote in Kentucky you must be at least 18 years of age, a US citizen, and have lived in the state for 30 days. Registration is required. **The deadline for registering to vote in the March 8th Presidential Preference Primary is February 8th**, so don't delay. You may register 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. For more information, or to verify your registration status, call that office at 255-7563 or 253-3021. **If you have moved since the last time you voted you may have to register again.**

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WHAT'S HAPPENING IN FEBRUARY?

This month is full of opportunities for Lexington's gays and lesbians to meet in a variety of settings. So instead of sitting at home watching TV and asking "How do I meet somebody?", get out and do something about it!

GLSO sponsors several meetings this month. The monthly Forum is held the second Monday of the month at 8 pm. The topic this month is the March on Washington, and will include videos from the March. The Speaker's Bureau meets at 7 pm on the 16th.

The Gayline always needs new members, and the Training Session for volunteers is the 28th. The Gayline operates every Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday from 8 to 11 pm. Cards and Games will be on the 1st, 2nd, and 4th Friday. GLSO's Coffeehouse & Dance Committee meets on the 10th and the 24th. Come out and join us!

Lexington's two gay-oriented religious organizations have four meetings this month. Dignity meets on the 2nd for its Liturgy service. Their Rap Session and Program Meeting are the 11th and 25th, respectively. See the Dignity Page for more information. Interweave meets on the 17th of February with its Program Meeting.

Of special interest to women is the Lesbian Potluck on the 14th. Gay/Lesbian AA meets every Wednesday, Friday and Sunday. The support group for HIV positive persons is meeting every Tuesday evening. AVOL holds meetings the 2nd Sunday afternoon of the month, and ICBE Shows are the 1st and 4th Sunday evenings in February.

Interested? If not, stay home and watch TV! Otherwise we hope to see you at some of the activities this month. For more information check the Calendar and the Directory in the GLSO News or call the Gayline at 231-0335.



COFFEEHOUSE & DANCE COMMITTEE WELCOMES YOU!

We understand some of you thought the Coffeehouse & Dance planning committee was a closed group. That's not true at all! The Holidays are over and it's time to start planning some new entertainment for the Spring C & D's and even start thinking about Gay Pride Week. Please join us at our next meeting on February 10th. Call 231-7985 and ask Esmerelda for directions.

KENTUCKIANS TO BE PROUD OF!

While many communities across the country are being forced to face the hard realities of dealing humanely with Persons With AIDS (PWAs) and often falling short of the mark, a small ray of hope has pierced Lexington recently. One local church has faced the issue head on and its early response appears to be thoughtful, compassionate and dignified.

The scene was set when a newly hired employee of Lexington's Unitarian Universalist Church learned a co-worker has AIDS. Mark Black, a long-time church member, was diagnosed as having AIDS several years ago. In an attempt to keep his life as "normally" open and honest as possible, Mark long ago decided to respond directly to questions about his lack of regular employment. Several members of the UU church community knew about Mark's condition and had dealt with it privately.

When the new employee learned of Mark's illness, however, she was forced to deal with the reality of AIDS in her own life. As Mark explained, his co-worker initially responded in an accepting manner, but fear grounded in ignorance overcame her and she soon resigned. She did so without malice, explained her apprehensions, and quietly departed. Mark suspects the opinion of her family persuaded her to resign.

After the resignation, Mark and church minister David Blanchard decided the entire church should know exactly why the employee left. They agreed this approach would avoid the explosion of rumors, fear and ignorance which other communities have experienced.

Ironically, the crisis arose on the weekend of the celebration of Martin Luther King's birthday. At the Sunday service, the minister reminded the congregation of King's dedicated struggle to end oppression of one person by another through ignorance and prejudice. He also presented the resignation within the context of the UU philosophy of respect and caring for all people regardless of personal differences.

Blanchard explained what had transpired in the preceding days and challenged the congregation to confront their fears and ignorance, and perhaps apathy, about AIDS. They must, he told them, recognize the

"disease-which-has-no-cure" was in their midst and they could not ignore it. Nor could they separate themselves from the tragic responses of others who have evicted, fired, refused to treat, and otherwise discriminated against PWAs.

In a discussion after the sermon, the church response was somber and thoughtful. Several members expressed gratitude for the courage with which Mark and the minister had faced the challenge. One man acknowledged that while he did not quite share the full extent of Blanchard's sentiments, he felt he had grown a great deal (and implied he was willing to grow more). A suggestion arose that the church's committee on social justice might engage in some high-visibility community education work. Another member volunteered to fill the vacant position until a permanent employee could be found. Mark's mother thanked the congregation for their acceptance and support.

One member commented the church should be grateful for the employee's honesty in explaining her resignation because it provided the opportunity to confront the issue. A plea was raised that people should avoid singling out Mark as the focus of their response, but rather realize many others in the community are equally vulnerable.

Interestingly, no one suggested Mark should leave the church or discontinue his volunteer work in the church office while physically able. Rather, reflections seemed to revolve around how the church would live up to its ideals of compassion and equality, how the staff shortage would be resolved - with Mark's role in the church unchanged - and what might be the best way to share with the rest of Kentucky the lessons of human dignity and responsibility the church had gained from this experience.

While the full extent of the Unitarian Church's response remains to be realized, the beginning was certainly one of promise. As the members struggle to respond, both individually and as a community, Lexington has an example to follow. We all have reason to be proud of minister David Blanchard, Mark Black, and the members of Lexington's Unitarian Universalist Church. They are people who make a sincere effort to live up to their ideals.

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269-8417

FROM DIGNITY'S PRESIDENT

Recently, a wonderful friend of mine suggested that one of our rap sessions focus on the topic separatism. She then proceeded to check it out with some of her friends. Their replies were not encouraging, but she said she'd still like to do a rap session on separatism. So would I.

By and large men and women are socialized differently. This applies to lesbians and gay men probably as much as it does to the rest of society.

Another friend of mine who is heterosexual asked me why gay men weren't aware of feminist issues? I had to agree that her question was indeed valid.

Gay men, as a rule, are not feminists, but we should be. Above all, feminism tells us that women, and people in general, should be allowed to pursue their wishes, choices, and goals freely - without worry of any form of discrimination. Whether it be a housewife or astronaut, president or nurse, dressed in a tie or a skirt or both, being assertive or passive, being alone or in a relationship - women and men have the right to make their own choices.

It mystifies me, too, why many gay men, why many lesbians, why anyone cannot support that right to equal choice. But then I realize this philosophy of living is not taught to most people.

Perhaps the worst kind of discrimination is subtle: setting a higher expectation for boys in school and life, television programs laughing and winking at alcoholism in men and dramatizing it in women (see LA Law - Cuzak gets drunk and it's a joke, yet Grace has a "drinking" problem), and failing to understand women's economics.

I worry about that last misunderstanding for Dignity. Our membership fee is \$25. A significant number of people, predominantly women, cannot afford \$25. Membership in Dignity across the US is overwhelmingly male. Even in Lexington where one of the smallest chapters in the country is a leader of among all Dignity/USA chapters when discussing women's concerns, we have no women members. But we have lots of women friends. I list our membership as 8 men, with 7 women friends highlighting our involvement of women. In fact without the combined efforts of women and men here, there would be no Dignity. It's time we as a chapter and as a continental group examined this more closely.

I'm open to suggestions. If you have some let me know. I do not like separatism but I understand its existence.

I hope to see you at Dignity soon.

In peace, Keith

DIGNITY PROGRAM MEETING

Come join us for a panel discussion on sexual ethics at our program meeting. Based on a study done of Dignity nationwide, the results tell a lot about ourselves. We'll also look at a recommendation to be sent to Dignity/National at the 1989 San Francisco Convention. It should be interesting and fun. See the Calendar for time, dates, and location.

FEBRUARY DIGNITY CALENDAR

Tuesday 2nd	7:30	Liturgy at Don's, 299-4458
Thursday 11th	7:30	Rap Session - Topic: Relationships- Part 3, at Keith's, 269-8417
Thursday 25th	7:30	Program Meeting - Topic: Sexual Ethics, at Keith's, 269-8417

DIGNITY MEMBERSHIP

Interested in becoming a member? For only \$25 (\$20 students, \$45 couples) you can join Dignity and support a wonderful organization. In addition to the national mailing, you'll be supporting AIDS education and outreach, general education on lesbian and gay issues, and a continued presence in the the GLSO News. Monthly installments are available. For more info, call or write Dignity (269-8417) Box 1984, Lexington, KY, 40593.

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AIDS UPDATE

AVOL UPDATE

The AIDS Volunteers of Lexington (AVOL) continue to help our community deal with AIDS through education and support. New brochures have arrived from the San Francisco AIDS Foundation and are available at the AVOL booth set up every Saturday night at The Bar. Free condoms are also offered at the booth to encourage their widespread use in central Kentucky. A "housing committee" has been appointed to investigate both the need and regulations surrounding the establishment of an AIDS care facility in Lexington. Fund raising events continue to provide the resources necessary for the newest material, information, and possible future facility. The next benefit is tentatively scheduled for 9:00pm, Feb. 29th, at The Bar. Watch for publicity downtown to confirm the date.

February 14-21st has been designated "National Condom Week '88" (NCW) and is being promoted locally by AVOL. NCW is intended to increase the proportion of sexually active people who use condoms correctly and consistently. It's no coincidence NCW begins on Valentine's Day (VD), a perfect holiday to launch condom related activities. In addition to the regular availability of condoms and information at the Saturday night booth, AVOL hopes to offer copies of "Condom Sense," a comprehensive but fun tabloid which provides education about condoms. Some booth volunteers will also begin wearing special T-shirts to promote condom use.

RESULTS OF LESBIANS/AIDS STUDY

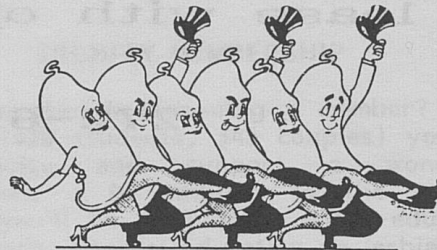
"Lesbian Safety and AIDS: the Very Last Fairy Tale," is the culmination of a six month investigation of media and medical community assurances that lesbians, as a group, are at almost no risk for getting AIDS. Author Lee Chiamonte, in the January 1988 issue of *Visibilities*, says, "In order to believe that lesbians are not at risk for AIDS, or that those who already have been infected are merely incidental victims, I would have to know and agree with the standards by which we are judged to be safe. Meaning, I would have to believe ... that lesbians, unlike straight women, can get seven years worth of honest answers from their lovers about forgotten past lives."

"Lesbian Safety and AIDS" casts doubt upon prevailing medical wisdoms. After extensive interviews with AIDS foundations in San Francisco and New York, and discussions with virologists at the Center for Disease Control, Chiamonte discovered that claims of lesbian safety from AIDS are based on no clinical data whatsoever. "In fact," she states, "I was told by the CDC that the Federal Government plans no studies of lesbian risk in the foreseeable future, and as I say in the article, 'until cellular scientists believe that lesbians even exist, our existence, simply put, is at risk.' "

Drawing upon published scientific data on the sexual behaviors of lesbians, Chiamonte points out that it is possible both the prevalence and amount of certain sexual activities (for example, tribadism), in combination with exposure to sero-positive partners, could put lesbians at risk for the disease, as such activities may involve exchange of body fluids or tissue trauma.

Visibilities is a bimonthly magazine for lesbians. For information, write PO Box 1258, Department SU, Peter Stuyvesant Station, New York, NY 10009-1258.

NATIONAL
CONDOM
WEEK



FEBRUARY 14-21

**LAMBDA LEGAL DEFENSE
PUBLISHES NEW GENERAL-INTEREST
BOOKLET ON LEGAL PROBLEMS OF AIDS**

Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund (LLDEF), established 15 years ago as the nation's first gay and lesbian legal rights organization and now a leader in combating AIDS-related discrimination in the U.S., has announced the publication of a new booklet on the legal problems associated with AIDS.

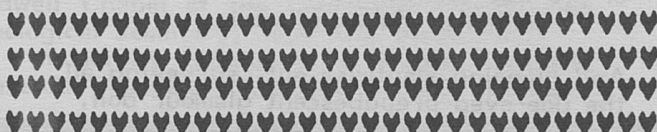
Entitled "Living with AIDS: A Guide to the Legal Problems of People with AIDS", the booklet was written by Trudy Hayden, a specialist on privacy and discrimination issues, and was funded in part by a grant from New York State's AIDS Institute.

"Living with AIDS", Lambda's first publication on AIDS written for the general reader, explains common legal problems confronting people with AIDS and others affected by the disease. Its twelve chapters cover access to medical services, confidentiality of medical records, insurance, financial aid, housing, employment and education. The last chapter, "Where to go for help," lists more than sixty organizations, agencies, and groups in New York State providing AIDS-related assistance and referral services.

"Living with AIDS" is the third publication offered by LLDEF on the subject of AIDS. It joins the newly revised and expanded edition of the AIDS Legal Guide, edited by Lambda's Legal Director, Abby R. Rubinfeld, and the monthly newsletter, AIDS Update.

"'Living with AIDS' significantly enhances our publications program," said LLDEF's Executive Director, Thomas B. Stoddard. "It proves concise but full explanations of the legal issues confronting people with AIDS, and it is written in plain English. Moreover, although the booklet is based on federal and New York State law, the legal information provided is generally relevant anywhere in the U.S."

"Living with AIDS" is available at \$3.95 per copy, including postage, directly from LLDEF at 666 Broadway, New York, NY, 10012.



**NAMES PROJECT QUILT NOT COMING
TO CINCINNATI**

Last month GLSO News reported the Names Project Quilt would be displayed June 3 in Cincinnati as part of a national tour. Subsequently, however, the Names Project dropped Cincinnati from the tour. The gay and lesbian organizations in Cincinnati apparently were waiting for one of the other groups to volunteer sponsorship for the Quilt's appearance. The deadline for applications passed before anyone realized a stalemate existed.

Some Cincinnati organizations have applied to return the city to the list of tour stops but a response is still pending. GLSO News will keep you updated on the Quilt's nearest destination.

ASK AUNT MARY

Dear Aunt Mary: Help! I'm a wreck, my lover is nearly hysterical and my daughter is blissfully unaware of any problem whatsoever! The problem is, my daughter knows I am gay but has no idea I have a lover! How do I introduce my lover to my daughter?

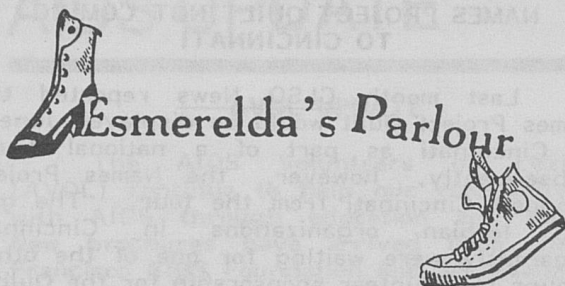
Basket Case

Dear Case: Introduce your daughter and lover to each other as slowly and with as little pressure as possible. How about something like, "Amy, a friend of mine is going to join us when we go out for pizza tonight." Go to Show-Biz and give your daughter lots of tokens for all the games. She'll hardly notice your lover as she runs around playing all the games, so none of you should feel much pressure.

Once the initial introduction has been accomplished, arrange for the three of you to do something your daughter enjoys: bowling, shopping or maybe a concert. Gradually spend more and more time together, and my guess is your daughter will figure out the nature of your relationship even before you get around to telling her.

Aunt Mary

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



Greetings! Several events which you may be interested in are approaching fast as February opens with Women's History Week (see following article.) The February Coffeehouse and Dance will be fun since committee members are threatening a rendition of "Know Your Valentine" (similar to the Newlywed Game). UK's Women Writer's Conference is in the planning and will be April 6th-9th. (Contact the Office of Continuing Education for Women at UK.) It's also time to start planning to attend the Georgia Womyn's Music Festival over Memorial Day Weekend. This is a relaxing three days of womyn's music and comedy that shouldn't be missed.

Next month we will focus on the subject of lesbian separatism. Contributions are welcome. March will be the last month I will coordinate this section of the GLSO News as I am preparing to join my long lost girlfriend in Atlanta. I say "coordinate" because there are many women who contribute to the writing of this column. Thanks to Skeeter, Teresa, Debbie, Penny, Kathy R., Kathy O., Dana, Melanie, Terri, Janette, Christine, and Laura. Esmerelda does need someone to continue to act as coordinator for the articles each month. Please call me if you're interested. That's it. Maybe I'll see you in the "hot seat" at the February Coffeehouse & Dance.

Laura

WOMEN'S HISTORY WEEK CELEBRATED

From grade school to college we are constantly told of the contributions men have made to our history, but little credit is given to women. Quite often women only get a few pages of recognition in a text of several hundred pages. In an effort to rectify this lack of vision on the part of historians, feminists have pushed to have the efforts of women brought to the forefront. To this end, February 29 - March 6, 1988 marks Women's

History Week. For many, this week is seen as one of the few opportunities for us all to be made more aware of the valuable role women have played in our history.

To kick off this celebration of women, Transylvania University will begin a week of events with a speech by Shirley Chisholm on February 29. In addition to Ms. Chisholm's speech, exhibits focusing on women will be presented by the Kentucky Humanities Council. Transylvania Plans to have other exhibits and panel discussions throughout the week. For more information you may contact Delores Roberts at 233-8275.

Midway College will also be participating in the celebration with a conference on March 5. For more information on the conference you may call 846-4421.

Women's History Week is a very special time for women to reflect on what we have done and can continue to do to take our rightful place in history. It is also a reminder to all of us that women's recognition is something that we have had to fight for. Our history has often been hidden and ignored and there are many people who find little value in exploring it. For these reasons, our support of events offered during this time is so very important. I hope you will all get a chance to attend some of the local events held this very special week. If you know some uninformed sexist persons who think all women have spent their lives just shopping and housecleaning - do them a favor and take them along. Maybe they'll learn something.

WOMEN'S DAY

By: Christine M. Maier

Today I skimmed an article concerned with courage--the inspiring drama of a bright and charming lady, badly burned. Her face was scarred,
but still she found true love.

The facing page displayed a Maybelline advertisement explaining how to catch your man. A model looked out, just thirteen, her eyelids and her outfit dyed to match.

The victim, thirty-nine, and now possessed by two fine kids, a house and husband Kirk, had shared her hard-won lesson: that the best of life was earned with
patience, pain and work.

And glancing slantwise out, surveying all: the doe-eyed prepubescent glamour doll.

WOMEN'S FILM FESTIVAL

The Women's Studies Program at the University of Kentucky is sponsoring a film festival entitled "Portraits in Film: Black Women by Black Women." The program will be held on Monday, February 1, 1988 from 7:00 - 9:30 pm at Arts Place, 161 North Mill Street and is free and open to the public. Three films will be featured in this program: "Storme: The Lady of the Jewel Box", a documentary of an impersonator in the famous Jewel Box Revue; "Illusions", a drama about two women in the Hollywood of the 1940's; and "Fanny's Film", a documentary about a maid with a life of her own. Following the films, Michelle Parkerson, director of "Storme", will lecture and participate in a discussion about black women's filmmaking. Parkerson has produced several award-winning films, including "But Then, She's Betty Carter" and "Gotta Make that Journey: Sweet Honey in the Rock." She is currently at work on a film about the poet Audre Lord and is teaching at Howard University.

Michelle Parkerson commented on her films "I am interested in what other black women artists have done, in what they do. Through their work they give the world a larger sense of a political self, a larger sense of who women are, what we do, and how we do what we do."

About her own "Storme" she said: "When you see how the Jewel Box transformed into art those aspects of women that are standardized and exploited, then you have a politically fascinating study in how we deal with stereotypes. And it says human existence is not defined as strictly male or female. A tremendous creation grows out of those freed energies."

This program is sponsored by the Kentucky Humanities Council, the University of Kentucky, Southeast Women's Employment Coalition and Alternatives for Women.

GLSO COFFEEHOUSE & DANCE NEWS

Many thanks to John LaMar Cole, and our his and hers Santas, for donating their time and talent for GLSO's December Coffeehouse & Christmas Party. John had an appreciative audience in our piano bar, which concluded with a group of carolers encircling the piano and singing with great enthusiasm. Having pictures taken with Santa was another popular activity, especially with the 2-Santas-for-1 combo pose. The biggest response, however, came when we turned on the dance music and everyone got a chance to cut loose. In fact, we were so impressed with everyone's obvious desire to dance that for the January Coffeehouse we simply offered four continuous hours of dance music for your enjoyment - yes, you were the entertainment, and it was great fun! Look for us to have more nights of just dancing in the future, and let us know if that's what you like.

For the February Coffeehouse, we'll be having the GLSO Valentine's Day Dance on February 19th. We'll open the doors at 8:30 pm to give you a little time to visit and catch up with your friends before the entertainment begins at 9:30. For this occasion, we will be presenting something akin to "The Newlywed Game" which we are calling "Know Your Valentine." Four couples will be selected from the crowd at 9:25, and the game will run from 9:30 to 10:00, so be sure to arrive early and enter your names in the hopper. All couples, regardless of how long together, are welcome to enter. The cost is 50 cents per couple for each entry slip, and you can enter as often as you like. We're looking forward to seeing how well you know your valentine. Following the game at 10:00, you'll have 3 hours to dance to your heart's content, or simply visit if you like. Admission is \$3.00 per person, and it's BYOB. Hope to see you there!

WOMEN'S MUSIC OF THE EIGHTEENTH CENTURY

An evening of Baroque chamber music composed by women of the eighteenth century will be presented on March 5th at 8 pm in the Caldwell Chapel of the Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary, 1004 Alta Vista Road.

Works by Hildegard of Bingen, Isabella Leonarda, Marianne Martinez, Maria Theresia

von Paradis, Elizabeth-Claude Jacquet de la Guerre, and Maria Grimani, will be performed by the Ars Femina ensemble.

Tickets are \$5.00 and may be purchased at the door or ordered by mail by sending a check, prior to March 1st, 1988 to: ARS FEMINA, Box 7692, Louisville, KY 40207.

TO CHRIS

How many times must a stray pup be kicked
Before he decides not to follow?
How long will it take 'til this feeling inside
Doesn't burn, doesn't ache, isn't hollow?

Why is the pain more severe when you part
With the pain that you've known for so long
When you first realize that you've known from
the start
That the feelings you felt were all wrong.

Why does a man never know he's a fool
'Til the end when the fog starts to clear?
Then he sees what the others have seen all
along
And he chokes on his last foolish tear.

And he says to himself that enough is enough
And he won't take the hurt anymore
And he smiles and he sighs, to realize
Now there's hope where there wasn't before.

SJB

TENNESSEE GAY & LESBIAN TASK FORCE

A new statewide gay and lesbian political action organization has formed in Tennessee. Naming itself the Tennessee Gay & Lesbian Task Force (TGLTF), the group's goals and structure were forged in a series of three meetings held in Nashville during November and December, facilitated by Sue Hyde and other staff of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force.

The meetings attracted activists from all parts of Tennessee. Many cited the March on Washington as having raised both their expectations of the political process as well as their enthusiasm to advocate a commonly held agenda for the gay and lesbian community of Tennessee.

TGLTF adopted a statement of purpose which defines a broad "mission...to advance and defend the rights of lesbians and gay men." The group will work in the state legislature to enact effective AIDS-related measures and to repeal the state's crimes against nature law. As well, TGLTF will conduct a survey/monitoring project to assess the extent of anti-gay/lesbian discrimination and violence in the state. Public education, direct action, and community organizing will be utilized to fulfill the group's goals.

ANNUAL SOUTHEASTERN CONFERENCE

The Annual Southeastern Conference for Lesbians and Gay Men will be held April 14 - 17, 1988 at the Pierremont Plaza Hotel in Atlanta, Georgia. Begun in 1976 by students and concerned members of the Chapel Hill/Durham, North Carolina community, the SECLGM is the oldest regional conference in the United States. Atlanta hosted this event for the first time in 1977 and again in 1983.

In its thirteenth consecutive year, the SECLGM continues to provide a forum for lesbians and gay men to share aspects of their lives, broaden information and skills, and encourage greater community involvement through extensive networking in this region of the country.

It is intended, through the theme, to assess where we are as a community and focus on where we are headed and...NOTHING'S GOING TO STOP US NOW! As in past years, the Conference will consist of workshops and addresses by major regional and national Lesbian and Gay speakers.

For further information, please contact:
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(404) 982-0544.

PRESBYTERIANS & LUTHERANS CONCERNED

The Louisville Area Chapter of Presbyterians for Lesbian/Gay Concerns (PLGC) will host the winter Midwest and South regional PLGC conference at the Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary on March 4 - 6, 1988. The keynote speakers will be the Rev. Johanna Bos and the Rev. Hal Warheim, Professors at LPTS.

Although sponsored by Presbyterians for Lesbian/Gay Concerns, participants do not have to be Presbyterian affiliated. This event is intended to serve as a catalyst for progressive religious coalition building, and an educational event within religious mainline communities. The registration fee of \$30 covers all meals and registration material. On-site housing is available for \$15-\$18 per night. For more information, contact Jim Oxyer, Box 7692, Louisville, KY 40207, or, (502) 897-5719.



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GAY AMERICA

INDIANAPOLIS, IN

At least ten robberies and attempted robberies of gay bars in Indianapolis have occurred since April, according to the New Works News, an Indiana gay publication.

The paper reports that for seven months police failed to take any coordinated action to deal with the problem. Finally in November a special meeting of the seven detectives who have been working on the cases was called at police headquarters.

HOUSTON, TX

Staggered by crushing financial losses, the nation's first private hospital devoted entirely to AIDS treatment officially closed its doors December 11th. Houston's Institute for Immunological Disorders, which opened in September 1986, lost \$8 million in its brief 14-month life span. More than \$5 million of this amount was lost through treating indigent patients.

In its first few months, the institute handled about 1000 patient visits per month, according to medical director Dr. Peter Mansell. The hospital contained 150 patient beds, but the vast majority of patients were treated on an out-patient basis. Federal funds were used to test a variety of experimental therapies.

WASHINGTON, DC

In its first report since it was established in August, the presidential AIDS commission, members of which have been termed anti-gay by gay and AIDS activists, repeatedly complimented the work of gay community-based AIDS service organizations and discussed "the need to set aside prejudice and fear in favor of compassion.

In its 25-page report, the panel credited gay community-based organizations for being "the first to respond to the HIV epidemic" and for "demonstrating an ability to step in and fill the void left by municipal or other governmental entities, offering creative approaches to problem solving, and often leading the way for government to respond." Of the volunteers at the organizations, the report stated "the commission was impressed with the hours spent of self-sacrifice and tireless devotion to their work."

PHILADELPHIA, PA

David Fair, an openly gay Philadelphia union official who has been extremely critical of the way the city government and AIDS organizations have responded to the AIDS crisis, was named by Mayor Wilson Goode as executive assistant to the city health commissioner.

Fair has been especially critical of how the city and AIDS service organizations have dealt with problems relating to minorities and AIDS. Following his appointment, he pledged that he would try to develop a "partnership" with the community-based AIDS groups.

SALT LAKE CITY, UT

The Utah Textbook Commission voted on December 11th to delete any mention of homosexuality and contraception from its three page philosophy statement on sex education. The action completes the panel's work on new guidelines for any sex education curriculum developed for Utah schools but seems to leave unclear under what circumstances homosexuality can be discussed, if at all, in Utah classrooms.

LAFAYETTE, CA

Mobil Oil Corporation has apologized for an incident involving the harassment of a gay man by the manager of a Mobil service station. An attendant at Bob's Lafayette Service refused to sell gas to Todd Mangini and ordered him to leave, threatening to kick his "faggot ass," according to the National Gay Rights Advocates (NGRA).

Acting on Mangini's behalf, NGRA wrote to executives at Mobil's corporate headquarters in New York, demanding that "appropriate action be taken." Mobil responded with an apology and a promise to investigate the incident, which the corporation said in no way, "reflects any policy position of Mobil's and we share your concern about it."

Mobil also agreed to keep NGRA's complaint on file for use at some future date when the company is expected to make a decision about continuing its business relationship with the owner of the station.

INTO THE FUTURE

- February 12-14, 1988. Couples National Network 3rd Anniversary Celebration. Atlanta, GA.
- February 12-14, 1988. Unitarian Universalists for Gay and Lesbian Concerns (UUGLC) Convocation. Portland, ME.
- February 12-14, 1988. Bluegrass Classic (IGBO) Bowling Tourn., Louisville, KY.
- February 12-14, 1988. National Black Gay and Lesbian Conference, Los Angeles, CA.
- March 4-6, 1988. Presbyterians for Lesbian/Gay Concerns Regional Conference. Louisville, KY.
- March 25-27, 1988. Dignity Region V House of Delegates. Lafayette, IN.
- April 14-17, 1988. Southeastern Conference for Lesbians & Gay Men. Atlanta, GA
- April 24, 1988. Lexington ICBE Coronation. Lexington, KY.
- May 20-22, 1988. National Organization for Changing Men's National Conference on Homophobia. Washington, DC.
- May 27-30, 1988. International Mr. Leather Contest. Chicago, IL.
- June 3-5, 1988. 9th Annual World Conference of Gay and Lesbian Parents Coalition International. Columbus, OH.
- June 25-26, 1988. New York City's Annual Gay/Lesbian Pride March, Rally and Dance. New York City, NY.
- July 21-24, 1988. 6th Bi-Ennial International Assembly of Lutheran Concerned/North America. Toronto, Canada.

VANCOUVER, BRITISH COLUMBIA

About 100 demonstrators gathered outside a political fund-raiser at Vancouver's Queen Elizabeth Theater December 2nd to protest British Columbia's proposed AIDS quarantine law. The demonstrators, representing the Coalition for Responsible Health Legislation, want the Social Credit party, which governs British Columbia, to withdraw Bill 34, the Health Statuses Amendments Act.

The measure, which passed a second reading by the legislature, gives medical health officers the power to impose restrictions, including quarantine, on people likely to expose others "willfully, carelessly or because of medical incompetence" to HIV or other communicable diseases.

DIRECTORY

- GLSO Gayline..... 231-0335
- GLSO Board.....call Jim, 299-0352
- GLSO Newsletter.....
...call Craig/Steve, 266-8887
- 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.)
- AVOL.....
for support call Edwin, 233-0444
for info call Chuck, 233-0492
- (AIDS support and education)
- ACT/Lexington..... 281-5151
- (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

FEBRUARY EVENTS CALENDAR



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.

- TUE 2 Dignity Liturgy, 7:30 pm;
Rainbow Bowling League, 9 pm,
Joyland Lanes; HIV Positive
Support Group
- WED 3 Gay/Lesbian AA, 8 pm, St.
Joseph Office Park, Rm. 120;
Gayline, 231-0335, 8 - 11 pm
- THU 4 Gayline, 231-0335, 8 - 11 pm
- FRI 5 Interweave Potluck, 7 pm;
GLSO Cards & Games, 7 pm;
Gay/Lesbian AA, 8 pm, Comp
Care Center; Gayline,
231-0335, 8 - 11 pm
- SUN 7 Gay/Lesbian AA, 4 pm, Comp
Care Center; ICBE Crown
Prince & Princess Show, 9 pm,
Great Moments, 137 West Vine
- MON 8 GLSO Forum, Topic: March on
Washington, 8 pm, Comp Care
Center
- TUE 9 Rainbow Bowling League, 9 pm,
Joyland Lanes; HIV Positive
Support Group
- WED 10 Gay/Lesbian AA, 8 pm, St.
Joseph Office Park, Rm. 120;
Gayline, 231-0335, 8 - 11 pm;
GLSO Coffeehouse & Dance
Committee, 8 pm; GLSO News,
Deadline for Submissions

- THU 11 Dignity Rap Session, Topic:
Relationships-Part 3, 7:30 pm;
Gayline, 231-0335, 8 - 11 pm
- FRI 12 GLSO Cards & Games, 7 pm;
Gay/Lesbian AA, 8 pm, Comp
Care Center; Gayline,
231-0335, 8 - 11 pm
- SUN 14 Lesbian Potluck, 2 pm;
Gay/Lesbian AA, 4 pm, Comp
Care Center; AVOL, 5:30 pm,
Comp Care Center
- TUE 16 GLSO Speaker's Bureau, 7 pm;
Rainbow Bowling League, 9 pm,
Joyland Lanes; HIV Positive
Support Group
- WED 17 Gay/Lesbian AA, 8 pm, St.
Joseph Office Park, Rm. 120;
Gayline, 231-0335, 8 - 11 pm;
Interweave, 8 pm, Unitarian
Universalist Church
- THU 18 GLSO News Layout, 7:30 pm;
Gayline, 231-0335, 8 - 11 pm
- FRI 19 Gay/Lesbian AA, 8 pm, Comp
Care Center; Gayline,
231-0335, 8 - 11 pm; GLSO
Valentine's Day Dance, 8:30 pm,
Unitarian Universalist Church
- SUN 21 Gay/Lesbian AA, 4 pm, Comp
Care Center
- TUE 23 Rainbow Bowling League, 9 pm,
Joyland Lanes; HIV Positive
Support Group
- WED 24 Gay/Lesbian AA, 8 pm, St.
Joseph Office Park, Rm. 120;
Gayline, 231-0335, 8 - 11 pm;
GLSO Coffeehouse & Dance
Committee, 8 pm
- THU 25 Dignity Program Meeting,
Topic: Sexual Ethics,
7:30 pm; Gayline, 231-0335,
8 - 11 pm
- FRI 26 GLSO Cards & Games, 7 pm;
Gay/Lesbian AA, 8 pm, Comp
Care Center; Gayline,
231-0335, 8 - 11 pm
- SUN 28 Gayline Training Session,
1 pm, Comp Care Center;
Gay/Lesbian AA, 4 pm, Comp
Care Center; ICBE Show, 9 pm,
Great Moments, 137 West Vine
- MON 29 GLSO Board Meeting, 7:30 pm

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