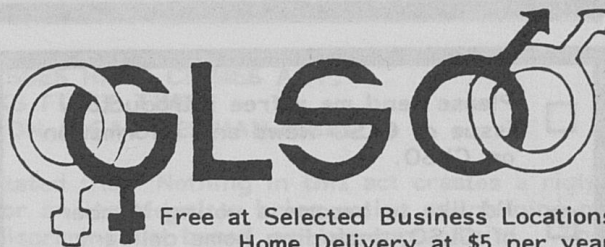


# JULY NEWS

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### THE NAMES PROJECT QUILT TO RETURN TO WASHINGTON, DC OCTOBER 8-10

The NAMES Project Quilt, a National AIDS Memorial, will return to Washington, DC to be displayed once again across the Capitol Mall, Columbus Day Weekend, October 8-10, 1988.

In the eight months following the Quilt's inaugural display on October 11, 1987, during the National March on Washington for Lesbian and Gay Rights, the Quilt has more than doubled in size, now containing nearly 5,000 individual 3 foot by 6 foot panels. The memorial is expected to reach 10,000 - 15,000 panels by October, a dramatic visual symbol of the epidemic which continues to take its toll on men, women and children.

"The Quilt demonstrates that Americans possess the national will to defeat AIDS" said Cleve Jones, founder and executive director of The NAMES Project. "People from every state and from all walks of life have worked together to create this symbol of compassion and commitment."

If you would like to create a panel commemorating a friend, lover, or relative who has died an AIDS related death, contact The NAMES Project, P.O. Box 14573, San Francisco, CA 94114, or call (415) 863-5511.

### AIDS ACTIVIST'S TOUR TO STOP IN LEXINGTON AND LOUISVILLE

ACT UP, a New York City based group of gay activists, will attend the Democratic National Convention during July. After the Convention, ACT UP members will conduct a "Freedom Ride" en route back to New York. The group members have had personal experience with AIDS patients housed in Bailey House in Manhattan. The Freedom Ride allows ACT UP to display the Bailey House quilt in the cities where they stop. The quilt contains about fifty 3 foot by six foot panels. In each city ACT UP members will call attention to the national AIDS crisis by displaying the quilt and conducting local media blitzes. ACT UP is tentatively scheduled to spend July 28 in Lexington and July 29 in Louisville.

ACT UP is the undisputed master of civil disobedience among gay organizations. The group has staged dozens of direct actions and marked its first anniversary with a major civil disobedience action in March. More than 500 ACT UP members blocked rush-hour traffic in the city's financial district, chanting slogans critical of President Reagan.

ACT UP's goal for the Freedom Ride is to command public attention for AIDS issues and spur citizens and politicians to respond in appropriate means to this health crisis.

### COUPLES NEEDED FOR NATIONAL SURVEY

A national survey of lesbian and gay couples is being undertaken by **Partners: the Newsletter for Gay & Lesbian Couples**. The research will help determine the nature and needs of this often invisible segment of the gay community. The last major survey of gay and lesbian couples was conducted almost ten years ago.

All gay men and lesbians in a relationship are asked to participate in the survey. The short, anonymous questionnaire requests general information on subjects such as discrimination, finances, children, relationship problems and sources of support.

**GLSO News** is assisting **Partners** by including the survey on the center pages of this issue. Results of this national survey will be published in **GLSO News** this fall. If you would like to respond to the survey, simply fill out the questionnaire and mail it to **Partners**, Box 9685, Seattle, WA 98109.

Additional copies of the survey can be obtained from the above address.

The survey form also includes a cut-out form to be used for ordering a subscription to **Partners**, its free list "Resources for Lesbian & Gay Couples," and an opportunity for couples to be interviewed by phone.

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**NOW LEXINGTON KNOWS -  
WE LIVE HERE TOO!  
from Craig Clere**

Well Lexington's 1988 Gay & Lesbian Pride Week is now just a memory. But what a memory it was for those of us who participated. We can all be proud of the accomplishments which were exhibited throughout this year's Pride Week festivities.

This year marked an increase in the coverage of Pride Week by Lexington's press community. The Lexington Herald-Leader featured an article about Pride Week on Wednesday of the week, while WLEX-18 and WKYT-27 both included coverage of the week in their local newscasts. Radio stations WEKU and WKQQ also interviewed a spokesperson for the Pride Week Committee.

A special thanks to all who helped make our ad in the Herald-Leader possible. We hope you all saw GLSO's name prominently displayed at the top of the page in the first section on June 15. The Phonenumber lit up that night with people calling in to thank us, and from gays and lesbians who were pleased to learn they aren't alone.

**BOOKS! BOOKS! BOOKS!**

July is a time of sitting by the pool and reading, staying up late and reading, enjoying the air conditioning and reading. Our July Forum will be a discussion of good books for lesbians and gays. Bring a book and come ready to talk and/or listen about good books for us to read.

**JULY COFFEEHOUSE**

There seems to have been a common theme for the past several months, that while a lot of you really appreciate the entertainment we provide each month, the main reason you come to the Coffeehouses is to DANCE. Some of you feel you haven't been able to do as much of that as you'd like at recent Coffeehouses. Well, your wish is our command, so come on out to the Unitarian Universalist Church on Friday, July 15, and bring your dancin' shoes! The doors will open at 8:30 pm, as usual, but at the first hint of darkness (probably around 9:30 pm), we'll crank up the music, and you can dance your fool heads off for the rest of the night. We're working on some new dance tapes for your enjoyment, so we hope to see you there. Admission is \$3 per person, and it's BYOB.



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**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES PASSES HATE CRIMES ACT;  
HISTORIC BILL MARKS FIRST TIME  
HOUSE FAVORABLY LEGISLATES ON A GAY/LESBIAN ISSUE**

A nearly six-year campaign by the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF) to obtain a federal response to anti-gay/lesbian violence led to passage on May 18, 1988 of the Hate Crimes Statistics Act (H.R. 3193) in the U.S. House of Representatives. The bill marks the first time either Congressional body has passed a bill addressing a gay and lesbian issue. The bill, which passed overwhelmingly by a vote of 383 to 29, requires the federal collection of statistics on crimes motivated by prejudice based on: race, religion, homosexuality or heterosexuality, and ethnicity." A companion bill, S 2000, awaits further action in the Senate.

"This overwhelming victory is not only exciting but historic," said Anti-violence Projector Kevin Berrill. "While Congress continues to permit discrimination against gay and lesbian people in employment, housing and other areas, this vote at least acknowledges that the federal government does have a duty to protect lesbian and gay people from the violence and the threat of violence, which are the most fundamental violations of our human and civil rights."

NGLTF lobbyist Peri Jude Radecic credited the large margin of the vote in part to the grassroots organizing and support given the bill by the gay and lesbian community nationwide. Berrill cited in particular letters of support written by hundreds of individuals, local constituent lobbying, and widespread coalition support garnered by NGLTF.

During floor debate, an amendment to remove the sexual orientation clause was initiated by Rep. George Gekas (R-PA). in a compromise arranged by supporters of the bill, a substitute amendment defining sexual orientation as "homosexuality of heterosexuality" was proposed by Rep. John Miller (R-WA). The substitute amendment also

stated that "Nothing in this act creates a right for an individual to bring action complaining of discrimination based on homosexuality." The substitute amendment passed by a vote of 383-30.

Two implications are apparent in the resulting bill. First, whereas the term sexual orientation would have clearly included bisexuality, the final working omits any mention of this type of sexual orientation. Second, the bill unequivocally states heterosexuals have judicial recourse to discrimination based on their heterosexuality, though homosexuals have no parallel protection. While the bill is obviously not ideal, it does however reveal great changes within our legislature - changes which were created by intense effort on the part of our national organizations and from pressure placed on politicians by correspondence from individuals.

"We were prepared [to have to fight] attempts to remove gay and lesbian victims of violence from the bill's coverage," said NGLTF lobbyist Radecic, "the extensive constituent lobbying we did, the lobbying by our broad coalition of 53 organizations, and the floor leadership of our House supporters, like Rep. John Miller (R-WA), Rep. Connie Morella (R-MD) and Rep. Barney Frank (D-MA) was instrumental to our success."

The bill was introduced by Rep. John Conyers (D-MI) in the fall of 1987. NGLTF assembled a coalition of 53 organizations called Organizations for Hate Crime Prevention, which included the American Jewish Congress, the American Psychological Association, and People for the American Way. in addition, NGLTF took the lead in securing 109 co-sponsors of the bill, the largest number ever to co-sponsors a measure containing a sexual orientation clause.

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**AVOL SUMMER BENEFIT**

AVOL is planning its Summer Benefit for Sunday, July 10, at ArtsPlace. If you attended the affair in January you know there will be great food and lots of friends to meet. Watch your mailbox for a personal invitation to one of the best parties of the year - all for a worthy cause.

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**NEW GLSO BOARD**

GLSO held its annual election of Officers and Directors at the Pride Week Banquet on June 13. Congratulations to Teresa, Craig, Bill, Edwin and Steve on their elections! Officers for the next year are Dave, President; Kenneth, Vice President; Craig, Secretary; Steve, Treasurer.



## Esmerelda's Parlour



Here it is . . . July, already! June really flew by, with all the activities of Pride Week. Many thanks to all the folks on the Pride Week Committee - they worked hard, and it showed! There was something different and worthwhile to do every night of the week. We hope that you all got out to some of the events, because it was a great opportunity to meet a lot of people. It was also a great way to launch the summer months, instilling in us sense of community and inspiration.

Now that the lazy, hazy days of summer are finally upon us, we're all enjoying the change of pace and the chance to be outdoors. It's been wonderful to watch our student friends go through their annual metamorphosis, as they shed all those worries and anxieties for a few months and let off some steam! Their sense of playfulness is quite infectious, as they inject youth and spontaneity into our lives. Good to have you back, if only for a short time.

As the summer progresses, we've been seeing you all out in force, at the ballparks, at malls, (yes, we do see you), and at various activities. We've tried to ease up on the structured activities during the summer months (just a little), because there's too much mischief to get into. We are still having the GLSO Coffeehouse & Dance each month, though, and the potlucks and passion group have a small, but loyal following. If you've been thinking about getting involved in one of these activities, but are going to put it off until fall, don't. Don't put it off, that is. You can't imagine what you've been missing, so do it now!

In the last few month's GLSO News, we've asked for input from all of you as to what direction you'd like to see Esmerelda's Parlour take. The possibilities are mind-boggling. We really want to meet your needs, to interest you, to inspire you (heady stuff, huh?), and last but not least, to

entertain you. In other words, we want this space to be worthwhile. To that end, we've come up with a couple of ideas that we really like. Read on to find out more, and let us know what you think, ok? Until next month.

Debbie & Teresa

### UNTITLED

The first time I saw her  
I felt something inside.  
What I thought was lust  
has grown into something more.  
I cherish the moments just  
being by her side.  
I want to talk to her,  
but I'm afraid.  
It would be easy to reach out  
and take her hand.  
I know she would not pull away.  
Why should I care the way I do?  
Should I give my heart,  
and then be hurt?  
Maybe, maybe not.  
I'm afraid of this feeling she leaves inside.

Emotionally Yours

### NETWORKING - 1988

We've gotten an idea for a new monthly fixture, and we'd like to see what you think of it. A common complaint that we've heard is that you've had trouble finding other women who enjoy some of the same activities that you do, whether it's sports-related or of an outdoor nature, and coordinating with them. You need someone to play tennis or golf with, or you'd like to go bike-hiking, or rafting, or to the Gorge, or you'd like to go up to Cincinnati to go to the Zoo or Crazy Ladies Bookstore, but you don't have a ride. We'd like to use this space as a way to help you out. Please do not, however, misunderstand our intent. This is not Esmerelda's Dating Service, nor is it a place to advertise for a roommate or to let everyone know about your garage sale. Those items belong in the classified ads. We are only interested in helping people who share common interests get together.

The following are our first few entries, just to give you an idea of what we're looking for (note that you must include a name and phone number):

Lezzie Bien	boating/fishing,	555-1212
Ima Dyke	needs a ride to Crazy Ladies,	555-DYKE



## HOW I SPENT MY SUMMER VACATION - GEORGIA 1988

On Memorial Day weekend about seven miles outside of Cleveland, Georgia, 2000 women gather every year (for the past five) to party, celebrate, listen to women's music, and, ultimately, be free to be themselves for five glorious days. I decided this year to go myself and come back and write a firsthand account of the "Best Moment" of the 5th Southern Women's Music and Comedy Festival. Unfortunately, there were so many "best moments", it was hard to pick just one. Let me give you examples:

There were the women with painted faces, party hats, and horns who greeted us with cheers and applause as we came in the gate. What a welcome!

There was the incredible organization and perseverance of the kitchen crew who rallied to serve 2000 hungry lesbians everyday and somehow managed to smile, and be relaxed while doing so.

The crafts women were amazing with all their beautiful handmade jewelry, pottery, artistry, clothes, etc. I "Mastered the Possibilities" all weekend. Can't wait to get that monthly bill.

At each performance I was in awe of the interpreters who, in sign language, interpreted every comedienne, MC, and musician. They each put everything they had into what they were doing so that the deaf women in the audience could get a feel of the energy and style of each individual performer. Sometimes I spent more time watching the interpreters than the act on stage. They were a performance unto themselves.

The JEB slide show can't be left out simply because it brought home once again how proud I am to be a lesbian. There were slides of former festivals as well as a wonderful and moving slide show on the March on Washington last October. I was almost able to experience what it must've been like as I watched the great moments, and heard first hand accounts of how people felt to be among over 600,000 other gays and lesbians.

The outrageous author, therapist, comedienne, and public speaker JoAnne Loulan was there - and how!!! She had the audacity and nerve to make us laugh at ourselves and how silly we can be by driving home the fact that nothing we, as lesbians, do with ourselves or each other is bad or taboo. As crazy and funny as she could be, she also had her serious and tender side. She talked about

how in all of us exists a little child with a broken heart who needs to be nurtured. She taught us that it's OK to love and take care of ourselves - something many of us forget.

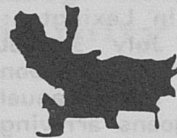
Then, of course, there was the music. Cris Williamson never sounded better than the first night of the festival. Tret Fure, Alix Dobkin, the Diane Davidson Band, and the inimitable Diedre McCalla were just some of the wonderful acts I saw. Louisville's own Tendre, such a hit at the festival last year that this year they were promoted from Day Stage to Main Stage, wowed the audience. Watch for them at an upcoming Coffeehouse and Dance.

With so many moments, how could I pick just one? I guess what was best was, simply, the freedom. How many of us know what it's like to be able to walk around in broad daylight holding hands with our girlfriend. Not being as brave or as open as I'd like to be I hadn't experienced it, at least not until Georgia. We were all free to do, be, and act; however, whatever, wherever, and with whomever, we wanted.

I never saw more nude women (and more sunburns) in one place in my life. There were all sizes, shapes, and colors of women. We all felt free to walk around in whatever state of dress (or undress) we wanted. Everyone was so relaxed, friendly, and happy to be there that you could sense it everywhere. I guess if I had to pick a best moment, it would be that feeling.

And when the women at the gate waved and shouted, "See ya next year!" to us as we drove out, I didn't hesitate to say, "You bet."

Teresa



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### ESMERELDA'S WRITE-OFF

Have you always wanted to see something that you've written in print, but been afraid to take the risk? Well Esmerelda has the answer for all you closet literary geniuses. In her infinite wisdom, she has decided to hold a writing contest, with all winners having their work published and receiving two free passes to the GLSO Coffeehouse & Dance. What more could you possibly ask for?

The guidelines are fairly loose; we will accept writings of any sort (poems, short stories, articles, etc.) that fit into one of the following categories: 1) erotica (don't you just love it!) - we can't guarantee that we'll be able to publish it, but if you have the nerve to write it, you can bet we'll read it; 2) romance (any variety - let your imaginations run wild); and 3) anecdotes (there are a lot of great story tellers out there - we'd love to hear from you.) Also, there's a 500 word maximum, so no War and Peace remakes, please!

One final note: any works that are published may be signed however you like, and that includes leaving your name off altogether. See, you have nothing to fear, so get writing, and send your submissions to the address shown below:

GLSO - Esmerelda's Parlour  
PO Box 11471  
Lexington, KY 40575

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### LEXINGTON PRISON PROJECT SEEKS LOCAL PARTICIPANTS

The National Campaign to Abolish the Lexington Women's Control Unit and the Lexington Prison project, among others, are sponsoring the following events in Lexington: a church service at 10 am, July 3, at Emmanuel United Church of Christ, 500 Don Anna Drive; a reception, also at Emmanuel UCC, at 12 noon for the Chicagoans arriving by bus for a vigil at 1:30 pm at Masterston Station Park on Leestown Pike (adjacent to Federal Correctional Institute-Lexington). The Prison Project will also participate in Lexington's 4th of July Parade. To join them in the parade meet at Main and Midland between noon and 1:30 pm on July 4.

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## FROM DIGNITY'S PRESIDENT

Recently at the wonderful Pride Week '88 activities, I had the opportunity to purchase four buttons from DSA. Two of my buttons were, as a lesbian friend of mine so aptly put it, politically correct. (Martin Luther King, Jr. saying "I still have a dream" and "There can be no free men until there are free women.") My third choice, "Better Gay than Grumpy" drew smiles. The fourth said, quite simply, "Nurture yourself."

I've been taking significant strides to do more of that lately. With all we do in a typical day, week, month, there must be time for ourselves.

Whether it be time to read, travel, listen

to music, nap, meditate, bowl, play tennis, write (I like to do all of those things), or whatever, I need to nurture myself daily. I know I function so much better when I've had time to nurture myself. Also when I'm a bit grumpy, I quickly realize one reason for that: I've not been taking care of myself as much as I need.

As it's summertime, I hope you're enjoying the warm weather and taking the time to nurture yourself. I know I'll be playing tennis in Wisconsin soon. I hope to see you at Dignity. Peace, Keith

## REGIONAL HOUSE OF DELEGATES

Lexington is hosting the Fall Dignity Region V House of Delegates. It has been tentatively set for the weekend of November 5-7. We need people to volunteer for food, setup, housing and other help. If you're interested let us know at 269-8471 or 873-6958.

## RAP SESSION & LITURGY

Because of the summertime schedules and requests of our members, there will be no Liturgy this month. The July Rap Session will be set at the June Session. Call for info.

## Presbyterians for Lesbian/Gay Concerns

working for support, equality and justice--  
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interest in a local group?

contact:

Jim Oxyer  
PLGC  
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Louisville, KY 40207

## PARTNERS SURVEY FOR LESBIAN & GAY MALE COUPLES

The nation needs data on our community! Hence this survey. Feel free to add comments, but keep it anonymous by not signing your name. Please complete one survey form per person & post to PARTNERS, Box 9685, Seattle, WA 98109. To receive survey results, which are expected by January 1989, please send request with a self-addressed, stamped envelope.

**We have been together:**

- one year or less  
 for \_\_\_\_\_ years

I have had \_\_\_\_\_ (#) previous major lesbian/gay relationship(s), lasting a total of \_\_\_\_\_ years. I've been heterosexually married \_\_\_\_\_ (#) time(s).

**We met through (choose one):**

- work  friends  bar  
 social event  religious event  
 classified ad  political event  
 \_\_\_\_\_

We are:  female  male

I am: \_\_\_\_\_ My partner is: \_\_\_\_\_

- gay/lesbian   
 bisexual

I am \_\_\_\_\_ yrs. old & my partner is \_\_\_\_\_.

I am: \_\_\_\_\_ My partner is: \_\_\_\_\_

- Black   
 White   
 Latino/Latina   
 Asian/Pacific Islander   
 \_\_\_\_\_

I was raised: \_\_\_\_\_ My partner: \_\_\_\_\_

- working class   
 middle class   
 moneyed class   
 \_\_\_\_\_

I have completed \_\_\_\_\_ (#) years of formal education. My partner has completed \_\_\_\_\_ (#) years.

I'm politically: \_\_\_\_\_ My partner: \_\_\_\_\_

- very liberal   
 liberal   
 moderate   
 conservative   
 very conservative

My faith is: \_\_\_\_\_ My partner's: \_\_\_\_\_

- Protestant   
 Jewish   
 Catholic   
 Atheist/Agnostic   
 \_\_\_\_\_

In our relationship, I make:

- most decisions  
 about half of the decisions  
 few decisions

I spend the most leisure time with:

- myself alone  my partner  
 my partner & others together  
 people other than my partner

I want: \_\_\_\_\_ My partner has asked for: \_\_\_\_\_

- More time together   
 Less time together   
 neither more nor less

My yearly income is: \_\_\_\_\_ My partner's income is: \_\_\_\_\_

- \$8,000 or below   
 \$8,001 - 15,000   
 \$15,001 - 25,000   
 \$25,001 - 40,000   
 \$40,001 - 65,000   
 above \$65,000

Our income is:

- entirely shared  
 partly shared  
 not shared

My employer offers my partner: \_\_\_\_\_ My partner's employer offers me: \_\_\_\_\_

- health coverage   
 other benefits

**We have experienced discrimination against same-sex couples in:**

- employment  taxes  
 employment benefits  housing  
 foster care  adoption  
 membership  insurance  
 credit/banking  hotels  
 hospital visitation  None  
 \_\_\_\_\_

I live in: \_\_\_\_\_ My partner in: \_\_\_\_\_

- an urban gay neighborhood   
 an urban area   
 a suburban area   
 a rural area

In the past year, we lived together:

- always  sometimes  never

If living together, our residence is:

- jointly owned  
 owned by one of us  
 rented or leased in one name  
 rented or leased in both names

We care for \_\_\_\_\_ (#) children by:

- previous marriage  
 adoption  
 foster parent program  
 alternative insemination  
 \_\_\_\_\_

We are:

- planning to have (more) children  
 considering (more) children  
 not planning (more) children

We are sexually:

- monogamous  non-monogamous  
 monogamous w/agreed exceptions

If agreed to monogamy, I have broken the agreement:

- often   
 sometimes   
 rarely   
 never

My partner admits to breaking it:

- often   
 sometimes   
 rarely   
 never

In the last year, I have had sex with my partner \_\_\_\_\_ (#) times a month.

Our sexual interaction is:

- excellent  good  
 satisfactory  unsatisfactory

I have sex with people other than my partner \_\_\_\_\_ (#) times a month.

The role AIDS played in my decision to form my present relationship was:

- major  minor  none

The role AIDS plays in my intent to continue my relationship is:

- major  minor  none

Regarding AIDS, I am: \_\_\_\_\_ My partner is: \_\_\_\_\_

- not at risk   
 at risk   
 HIV-positive   
 a person with ARC/AIDS

Within our relationship this past year, we practiced sex that is primarily:

- safe  possibly safe  
 unsafe  We didn't have sex  
 We're HIV-negative & monogamous

This past year outside the relationship, I have practiced:

- safe sex  
 possibly safe sex  
 unsafe sex  
 no sex

My partner has practiced:

- don't know

**The two greatest challenges in our relationship have to do with:**

- communication  sex  
 money  relatives  
 co-workers  health  
 neighbors  career  
 \_\_\_\_\_

Our relationship has suffered from:

- verbal abuse by partner  
 physical abuse by partner  
 substance abuse by partner  
 verbal abuse by me  
 physical abuse by me  
 substance abuse by me

We have \_\_\_\_\_ (#) big arguments and \_\_\_\_\_ (#) small arguments a month.

I/we have sought relationship help from:

- counselors  Yes  No  
 clergy  Yes  No  
 friends  Yes  No  
 relatives  Yes  No

Were they helpful?

- Yes  No  
 Yes  No  
 Yes  No  
 Yes  No

I most often identify my partner as:

- spouse   
 partner/life partner   
 lover   
 mate/life mate   
 \_\_\_\_\_

My partner calls me:

- 

We have executed: \_\_\_\_\_ We plan to execute: \_\_\_\_\_

- Wills   
 Powers of Attorney   
 Partnership or Living Together Agreement   
 \_\_\_\_\_

We are committed to be together:

- for life  for a long time  
 for a while  briefly

We have ritualized our relationship:

- with a ceremony  
 by wearing rings/other symbols

I would rate the quality of our relationship, from 1 (highest) to 7 (lowest), as: \_\_\_\_\_

Here's how I would rate the support these people give our relationship, from 1 (strong support) to 7 (hostility). (Use "N" if they don't know about the relationship.)

- |                                 |                        |
|---------------------------------|------------------------|
| _____ gay friends               | _____ other friends    |
| _____ church                    | _____ gay church       |
| _____ mother                    | _____ siblings         |
| _____ father                    | _____ other relatives  |
| _____ boss                      | _____ other co-workers |
| _____ lesbian/gay couples group |                        |
| _____ other gay organizations   |                        |

First 3 numbers of my zip code: \_\_\_\_\_

My partner  is  is not submitting a completed copy of this survey.

Please write on the back:

- a > books or resources that have best supported your relationship;  
b > hints you would offer to others for making a successful relationship;  
c > political or social victories you have experienced as a gay couple.

Thank you for participating.

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Would you & your partner be willing to be interviewed for a PARTNERS article? (We would call & talk with you both for a painless 25 minutes. Pseudonyms can be used in the article. Cut off this form & mail separately to maintain anonymity of survey.)

Our names are \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

(please print): \_\_\_\_\_

Best days & time to reach us both: \_\_\_\_\_ Please write on the back what in particular you would like to talk about.



**THANKS LEXINGTON!!!**

**FOR MAKING THIS YEAR'S PRIDE WEEK A SUCCESS**

**SPECIAL THANKS TO THE PRIDE WEEK COMMITTEE**

**Bill Barry Robin Jeff Terry  
Craig Jerry Keith Teresa Kenneth**

**AND THE ORGANIZATIONS REPRESENTED**

Aids Volunteers of Lexington  
Dignity of Lexington  
Central Kentucky Democratic Socialists of America  
Gay & Lesbian Services Organization  
Imperial Court of the Bluegrass Empire  
Interweave - Unitarian Universalist Church of Lexington

**THANKS TO THE FOLLOWING BUSINESSES & ORGANIZATIONS**

Arts Place  
Great Moments Restaurant & Bar  
Joyland Lanes  
Unitarian Universalist Church  
Victorian Square

**AND THANKS TO ALL THE INDIVIDUALS WHO HELPED WITH PRIDE WEEK**

Pride Week Service:	Bobbi, Brian, Carol, Caron, Dennis, Steve, Shirley, Sydney
Brunch & Tea Dance:	Juice
Pride Week Show:	Brandi Alexander, Cammy Dietrich, Rita Houston, Jerrica James, Ashley Kruiz, Tandy, and the Court Council
Forum:	Urvashi Vaid of the National Gay & Lesbian Task Force
Arts Night:	All the performers
Coffeehouse & Dance:	Janice Anderson & Martie Van der Voort, Debbie, Genna, Gerry, John, Julie, Sheryl, Teri
Picnic:	All the Marys

# ASK AUNT MARY

Dear Aunt Mary: I am a 19 year old lesbian living in Lexington. I have lived here almost four years but don't know of any place I could go to meet other lesbians my age. Can you help?  
Missing Out - Lexington

Dear Missing: I feel like a broken record when I go into my spiel about GLSO, but here goes one more time. One of GLSO's main purposes is to provide gays and lesbians in Lexington and Central Kentucky with a safe and comfortable way to meet others. While GLSO does not have a youth group, our events draw people of all ages. In the June GLSO News, in addition to our other events, I found the following that should be of special interest to lesbians: Lesbian Potluck, Coffeehouse & Dance, and the Lesbian Passion

Discussion Group. For more information, call Esmerelda at 255-3851.

Meanwhile, for a really great way to make new friends, get involved with GLSO as a volunteer. All of our programs, from the Dance Committee to the Phonenumber, the Speaker's Bureau and the GLSO News need help. For more information call the numbers listed in the Directory. It is time to stop being lonely, so come on out and get involved. Good luck.  
Aunt Mary

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

## NGLTF SEEKS VIOLENCE/HARASSMENT DATA

The National Gay and Lesbian Task Force has prepared its annual audit of anti-gay/lesbian harassment and violence for 1987, and continues to seek local figures on such incidents. Anyone aware of anti-gay episodes which occurred in their community is encouraged to contact Kevin Berrill at NGLTF.

NGLTF has already contacted more than 150 local and state organizations across the U.S., requesting statistical data and anecdotes on anti-gay/lesbian episodes in 1987.

NGLTF published annual reports on anti-gay/lesbian violence in 1985 and 1986. Acts of harassment and violence more than doubled in 1986 from the level documented in 1985. Commented Kevin Berrill, Director of NGLTF's Anti-Violence Project, "The data provided to us by local groups have been extremely useful in promoting federal action - including a groundbreaking study of hate violence by the Justice Department and approval of the federal 'Hate Crime Statistics Act' by the House of Representatives. We really need community groups to provide us with information on local harassment and violence so we can keep the issue alive and the pressure on."

Kevin Berrill and/or NGLTF can be contacted at 1517 U Street, NW, Washington, DC 20009, or at (202) 332-6843.

## BIGOTRY LIVES from New Works News

It was billed as the fifteenth annual Conservative Political Action Conference and it once again proved that conservatives can be a cranky, callous crowd. Endorsed by Phyllis Schlafly's Eagle Forum, Beverly LaHaye's Concerned Women for America, Reed Irvine's Accuracy in Media as well as the political campaigns of Bob Dole, Jack Kemp and Pat Robertson, the conference's Forum on AIDS soon turned into a blistering blast against homosexuality.

Karen Burke, a policy analyst at the House Republican Study Group, observed that homosexuals now have the gall to request federal support for the treatment of people with AIDS. "Not only are we supposed to pay taxes for research," she complained, "we're supposed to take care of them."

But even Burke was shocked at the audience reaction when she informed them that one-quarter of the gay population could be dead within five years. In response, the audience of more than 200 cheered.

"These are individuals - brothers, husbands and friends," Burke protested. "There's no way you can celebrate a tragic fact like that."

But Burke was wrong.

"Unless we are willing to state ... that homosexuality is a crime against humanity," warned Dr. Paul Cameron "then we will have more of what we just heard - calling homosexuals our brothers."



# GAY AMERICA

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## NEW YORK, NY

On June 6, Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund, (LLDEF) Inc. filed a complaint against Westchester County Medical Center in the New York State Division of Human Rights alleging the Medical Center retaliated against a pharmacist because he filed, and eventually won, two AIDS-related discrimination complaints with the Division. The prior complaints alleged the Medical Center had denied him employment because he is HIV seropositive and had breached confidentiality of his records.

On June 15, LLDEF filed a discrimination complaint against NYNEX, the telephone company serving New York State and New England, for refusing a request to establish a "Gay and Lesbian Organizations" listing in the New York City Yellow Pages.

## LOS ANGELES, CA

The ground breaking for a 25 bed AIDS hospice facility marked the victory of a candlelight vigil held on March 27, 1987 in which 200 protesters singled out county supervisor Mike Antonovich as "the most callous and indifferent" supervisor.

With the support of Antonovich, the committee which held the vigil convinced the conservative board of supervisors to allocate \$2 million for AIDS hospice - the largest amount of local funds ever appropriated for such a treatment center in the U.S.

Michael Weinstein, the committee's chairman, credited the funded amount - even though the group only asked for \$400,000 - to the militant strategies employed, "I found that in politics, it is better to be feared than loved. All the success that we have had is due to the fact that we have been willing to do the things that other people are not willing to do."

## SACRAMENTO, CA

On May 9, California State Police, wearing rubber gloves, riot helmets and using night sticks, arrested 41 chanting gay and lesbian demonstrators. The protesters were charged with obstructing the reception lobby of Governor George Deukmejian's office.

Two days earlier, 9,000 protesters marched through downtown and rallied on the steps of the state capitol building, calling for increased AIDS funding and an end to discrimination against gays and lesbians.

## NATIONAL

A survey conducted for the American Red Cross concluded that 42% of respondents do not want to work with anyone who has AIDS and 29% would quit their jobs to avoid contact with a person who has the disease.

The Red Cross has developed a program meant to help alleviate employee fear of AIDS. Called "Working Beyond Fear," the program includes a video presentation and an instructor who can answer questions about AIDS.

## INTERNATIONAL

### CANADA

A commission of the United Church of Canada, the country's largest Protestant denomination, recommended accepting gays as ministers and permitting them to be married in the church. It also recommended accepting bisexuality and sexual activity outside of marriage as normal sexual practices. The report asserted sexual orientation "is like being left-handed or right-handed or ambidextrous" and "ought to be seen as natural and a gift from God." The report will go to the church's general council, which meets this summer.

### DENMARK

More than half the members of Denmark's parliament have cosponsored a bill legalizing gay marriages, assuring its enactment this summer. Foreign nationals could be married under the proposed law, given that at least one member of the couple is living in Denmark. The law would mark the first time gay and lesbian couples are recognized officially and judicially on equal terms with heterosexual couples, anywhere in the world.

# INTO THE FUTURE

- July 2-4 1988. Dignity Region V Convention. Grand Rapids, MI.
- July 21-24, 1988. 6th Bi-Ennial International Assembly of Lutheran Concerned/North America. Toronto, Canada.
- July 22-24, 1988. Kirkridge's "AIDS Grief and Healing" workshop. Bangor, PA.
- July 24, 1988. The Fund for Human Dignity's First National Lesbian and Gay Education Conference. Boston, MA.
- August 20-27, 1988. GAYLA X - Gay Men's Conference at Ferry Beach. Saco, ME.
- October 7-9, 1988. 5th Annual Conference of Emergence International: Christian Scientists Supporting Lesbians and Gay Men. Washington, DC.
- October 8-10, 1988. NAMES Project Quilt display at Capital Mall, Washington, DC.
- October 11, 1988. National Coming Out Day.
- February 17-19, 1989. 5th Annual Continental Convocation of Unitarian Universalists for Lesbian & Gay Concerns. Lexington, KY.

# CLASSIFIEDS

GWM, 32, 5'9", 150lbs, 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.

GWM, 22, 115lbs, 5'5"m blond hair, blue eyes. Looking for roommate and friends ages 16-30's. Blacks O.K. Send letter and photo to: Greg Reed HC85, Box 635, Garrett, KY 41630.

FEMALE roommate wanted to share apartment, private balcony, unique design, off street parking, 10 minutes to UK, large bedroom w/ceiling fan. \$133 a month plus 1/3 utilities. Call 231-7520.

## DIRECTORY

- GLSO Gayline..... 231-0335
- GLSO Board....call Steve, 266-8887
- GLSO Newsletter.....  
...call Craig/Steve, 266-8887
- GLSO Speaker's Bureau....  
.....call Barry, 268-3935
- GLSO Coffeehouse &  
Dance.....  
.....call Esmerelda, 255-3851
- GLSO Cards & Games.....  
.....call Karen, 259-3292
- GLSO Volleyball & Potluck..  
.....call Kenneth, 266-5069
- 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..... 252-2447  
(AIDS support and education)
- ACT-Lexington..... 281-5151  
(AIDS education and speakers)
- HIV Positive 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



# JULY 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.

- FRI 1 GLSO Cards & Games, 7 pm; Gay/Lesbian AA, 8 pm, Comp Care Center; Gayline, 231-0335, 8 - 11 pm
- SUN 3 Gay/Lesbian AA, 4 pm, Comp Care Center
- TUE 5 HIV Positive Support Group
- WED 6 Gay/Lesbian AA, 8 pm, St. Joseph Office Park, Rm. 120; Gayline, 231-0335, 8 - 11 pm; GLSO Coffeehouse & Dance Committee, 8 pm
- THU 7 Gayline, 231-0335, 8 - 11 pm; Gay Men's AA, 8 pm, St. Joseph Office Park, Rm. 120
- FRI 8 GLSO Volleyball & Potluck, 6:30 pm, Jacobson Park, Shelter #5; Gay/Lesbian AA, 8 pm, Comp Care Center; Gayline, 231-0335, 8 - 11 pm
- SUN 10 Lesbian Potluck, 2 pm; Gay/Lesbian AA, 4 pm, Comp Care Center; AVOL BENEFIT, 8 pm, ArtsPlace; ICBE Annual Closet Ball, 9 pm, Great Moments; GLSO News, Deadline for Submissions

- MON 11 GLSO Forum, Topic: Summer Reading, 8 pm, Comp Care Center
- TUE 12 HIV Positive Support Group
- WED 13 GLSO Speaker's Bureau, 7 pm; Gay/Lesbian AA, 8 pm, St. Joseph Office Park, Rm. 120; Gayline, 231-0335, 8 - 11 pm
- THU 14 Gayline, 231-0335, 8 - 11 pm; Gay Men's AA, 8 pm, St. Joseph Office Park, Rm. 120
- FRI 15 Gay/Lesbian AA, 8 pm, Comp Care Center; Gayline, 231-0335, 8 - 11 pm; GLSO Coffeehouse & Dance, 8:30 pm, Unitarian Universalist Church
- SUN 17 Gayline Training Session, 1 pm, Comp Care Center; Gay/Lesbian AA, 4 pm, Comp Care Center; AVOL, 5:30 pm, Comp Care Center
- TUE 19 HIV Positive Support Group
- WED 20 Interweave, 8 pm, Unitarian Universalist Church; GLSO Coffeehouse & Dance Committee, 8 pm; Gay/Lesbian AA, 8 pm, St. Joseph Office Park, Rm. 120; Gayline, 231-0335, 8 - 11 pm
- THU 21 GLSO News Layout, 7:30 pm; Gayline, 231-0335, 8 - 11 pm; Gay Men's AA, 8 pm, St. Joseph Office Park, Rm. 120
- FRI 22 GLSO Volleyball & Potluck, 6:30 pm, Jacobson Park, Shelter #5; Gay/Lesbian AA, 8 pm, Comp Care Center; Gayline, 231-0335, 8 - 11 pm
- SUN 24 Gay/Lesbian AA, 4 pm, Comp Care Center; ICBE Show, 9 pm, Great Moments
- MON 25 GLSO Board Meeting, 7:30 pm
- WED 27 Gay/Lesbian AA, 8 pm, St. Joseph Office Park, Rm. 120; Gayline, 231-0335, 8 - 11 pm
- THU 28 Gayline, 231-0335, 8 - 11 pm
- FRI 29 Gay/Lesbian AA, 8 pm, Comp Care Center; Gayline, 231-0335, 8 - 11 pm
- SUN 31 Gay/Lesbian AA, 4 pm, Comp Care Center