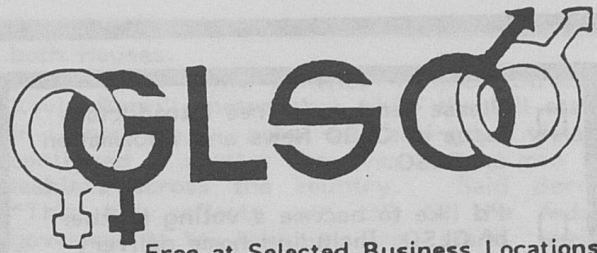


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## PUBLIC AWARENESS PROGRAM CONTINUES

Our public awareness program funded by the Chicago Resource Center has brought generally positive feedback. Gays and lesbians have personally expressed appreciation for our high visibility. Most respondents to the newspaper advertising have asked for information about GLSO, a few have been predictably hostile, and one included a donation. The "Letters to the Editor" have yet to show the backlash we anticipated from our fundamentalist friends, although one took the time to photocopy the first chapter of Paul's Letter to the Romans and highlight the supposedly relevant verses.

We thought you would appreciate seeing excerpts from two different responses:

"I was touched to see your ad in the Herald [Lexington Herald-Leader]. Without going into a lot of writing, may I please ask for any information you have available to families of gays. We have attended PFLAG meetings in

Louisville, but that's a hard drive. You know, it is terribly lonely for a mother too, especially in a small town."

Gays and lesbians always exchange stories about how their families react to "the news," but how many realize their parents are suffering with similar societal difficulties? Let us know if you have family or friends interested in a local chapter of PFLAG. We may have identified a need we can help fill. And now, a different perspective with original spelling intact:

"Can't you look at the gay community and see that as a whole its a cancer sore on society. The gay community is the worst of problemed groups that tries to force itself into the mainstream, as if you would feel better if we felt bad. Wake up and see with open eyes. The rise of homosexuality preceeds the fall of a society."

## DECEMBER FORUM: GOING HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS A SURVIVORS GUIDE

Ever wonder if you'll make it through the holidays at home? Whatever your situation might be, come ready to share and learn how to survive the holidays and even make them

pleasurable. For those of you who have a wonderful holiday season come with tips and stories of those wonderful experiences. Should be fun. Join us.

## RAINBOW LEAGUE'S FIRST TOURNEY A HUGE SUCCESS

Lexington's Rainbow Bowlers hosted its first bowling tournament last month. It was a great time for everyone who participated. About 100 bowlers from Indiana, Ohio and Kentucky converged on Joyland Lanes.

The Lexington team placed in the top 10. Dan and Keith finished 8th; Bill and Keith came in fifth; Jon and David finished second. A duo from Louisville won the first prize of \$100. After the tournament, the

bowlers gathered at Great Moments for dancing, fun and prizes.

Many bowlers, as well as Joyland Lanes, have asked for a Spring Tournament. Both Joyland and the league were quite pleased with the turnout.

A big thanks to Chuck, Dale, Jon, Shelby, Kenneth, Chris, Keith, Bill and everyone else for making it a super tournament.

Please send me a free introductory issue of **GLSO News** and information on GLSO.

I'd like to become a voting Member of GLSO, including home delivery of the **GLSO News** and discounts at GLSO functions. My Membership fee of \$10/year is enclosed.

I don't wish to become a Member but please send me the **GLSO News** each month. I enclose the \$5 annual fee.

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## MURPHY'S LAW STRIKES AGAIN!

If you tried to reach us on the Phoneline within the past month you are probably as frustrated as we are. In-coming calls normally are intercepted by computer and forwarded to the home of the volunteer working that shift. For the second time this year the computer has gone wacky, and this time it's an expensive problem.

The timing couldn't be worse! We're well into our public awareness campaign supported by the Chicago Resource Center, but calls have not been getting through. We hope to have a short term solution implemented by the time this issue goes to press. But the bottom line is, we simply need a new computer which can cope with modern technology. The Phoneline is still operated by one of the first, and cheapest, personal computers produced. It has surpassed its life expectancy and the programming is inadequate to expand the service.

Obviously we'll be shopping for a new computer and we need your help. Please add us to your shopping list by sending GLSO a tax-deductible contribution for Christmas. We can solve the Phoneline problem on a short term basis, but the ultimate answer will cost thousands of dollars. The Phoneline is one of the most important services we provide. A holiday gift now can help the Phoneline for years to come. Thanks!

## INTERWEAVE SEEKS BUSINESS SUPPORT

As many of you know, Interweave and the Unitarian Universalist Church of Lexington are hosting the 5th Annual Continental Convocation of Unitarian Universalists for Lesbian and Gay Concerns in February of next year. As part of the information packet about Lexington, the Convo' 89 Committee would like to list businesses which would welcome our 150+ Convo attendees to their restaurants, shops, bars, etc. If you would like to be included (and hopefully notice an increase in your business the weekend of February 17-19), please contact Craig Clere at 266-8887 or write: Convo '89 Planning Committee, UU Church of Lexington, 3564 Clays Mill Road, Lexington, KY, 40503 by December 31.

Because the February issue of **GLSO News** will be included in the information packet, advertising in that issue will reach the Convo participants. Thanks for your help in making this large gathering of Gays and Lesbians in Lexington a success!

## HATE CRIMES BILL NOT BROUGHT TO SENATE FLOOR: HELMS ATTEMPTS ANTI-GAY AMENDMENT

The first positive federal legislation to address violence against lesbians, gay men, racial, ethnic and religious minorities, stalled in the US Senate because of threats by Senator Jesse Helms (R-NC) to introduce sweeping anti-gay amendments. The Hate Crimes Statistics Act which would require federal data collection on crimes motivated by prejudice against gay people and other minorities, was never brought to the Senate floor despite vigorous lobbying by a coalition of over 50 groups led by the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF).

Introduced by Rep. John Conyers (D-MI), the Hate Crimes Statistics Act made legislative history when it passed the US House of Representatives in May of 1988. The bill marked the first time federal legislation specifically addressing sexual orientation was passed by either house of Congress. Attempts to delete the sexual orientation clause were repeatedly defeated while the bill was in committee and were also defeated on the House floor.

The Senate version of the bill was introduced by Sen. Paul Simon (D-IL). The Senate bill achieved unanimous approval from the Senate Judiciary Committee in August. But efforts to bring the bill to the Senate floor crumbled as Helms told Senate Majority Leader Robert Byrd (D-WV) that he would fight the bill unless anti-gay measures were attached. Helms planned to introduce a four-part amendment which stated the following:

- (1) The homosexual movement threatens the strength and the survival of the American family as the basic unit of society;
- (2) State laws prohibiting sodomy should be enforced;
- (3) The federal government should not provide discrimination protections on the basis of "sexual orientation";
- (4) School curricula should not condone homosexuality as an acceptable lifestyle in American society.

NGLTF lobbyist Peri Jude Radecic termed the amendment "totally offensive and unacceptable. We will never tolerate codification of this kind of bigotry." Radecic noted that because of Helms' delaying tactics, the Hate Crimes measure must be reintroduced during the next Congressional session and will have to again pass through committees and the full floor of

both Houses.

NGLTF Anti-Violence Project Director, Kevin Berrill, noted that while the bill stalled in Congress, acts of anti-gay violence continued to shatter the lives of gay men and lesbians across the country. Said Berrill, "This bill reflects our call to the federal government to take a firm stand against homophobic violence. We intend to press forward, add more supporting organizations to our coalition, and continue the grassroots constituent pressure that helped so much this year."

Activists interested in generating support for the Hate Crimes Statistics Act in the next Congressional session are urged to contact Peri Jude Radecic at NGLTF, 1517 U Street NW, Washington, DC 20009.

## MURDERERS OF GAYS from Stonewall Union News

In Laguna Beach, California, a man who strangled his gay roommate to death was found innocent by a jury. It seems the roommate was HIV positive, so the jury decided the killer acted in self-defense.

In Indianapolis, a 17-year old hustler stabbed and robbed a prominent attorney. The youth's attorney told the jury the victim "got what he deserved." The youth was found innocent of murder, but guilty of robbing the dead man.

But in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, a 20-year-old man was found guilty of murdering a gay man, despite defense arguments of "homosexual panic." Prosecutors argued that the killer went out that night "intending to kill a queer."

And in Selma, Alabama, a jury convicted a 24-year-old man of manslaughter for strangling a local school teacher, despite defense claims that the teacher had "sexually enslaved" his killer.

## GAY AND LESBIAN VETERANS SOUGHT

Mary Ann Humphrey, a former captain in the Army Reserve, is writing a book, The Lavender Corps: the Untold Story of the Military Gay. She would like to contact veterans from Pre-World War II to the present, all branches, all ranks, those who lived through homosexual purges and those who received honorable discharges. She guarantees the strictest confidence will be kept. Write to Manuscript Subject, P.O. Box 2370, Portland, OR 97208.

**BEING GAY ON THE SCREEN**  
TELEVISION NEWS

**Hooperman.** ABC Network, on Wednesday nights. Joseph Gian is Officer Rick Silardi, an openly gay man on the San Francisco police force.

**As the World Turns.** CBS Network, weekday afternoons. Brian Starcher plays the gay fashion designer, Hank Eliot.

**HeartBeat.** ABC Network, will be a midseason replacement in January. Among the people who work in a women's clinic, Gail Strickland plays Marilyn McGrath, a gay woman and a practitioner.

**thirtysomething.** ABC Network, on Tuesday evenings, the new season starts December 6. The show is adding a gay male character named Russell, who does not have AIDS. Russell will be a friend of Melissa (Melanie Mayron), through her photography.

**Dynasty.** ABC Network, on Thursday nights. Jack Coleman will not return to play Steven Carrington this season.

**Midnight Caller.** NBC Network, on Tuesday nights. The main character is a cop-turned-radio-talk-show-host in San Francisco. One episode will deal with a friend who has been exposed to the AIDS virus by a promiscuous bisexual male who has been cruising night spots, knowingly infecting male and female pickups.

**Brothers.** Showtime cable movie channel, on Friday and Wednesday evenings. This sitcom is about three brothers, one of whom is gay. Paul Regina plays the gay brother, Cliff Waters; Philip Charles MacKenzie plays Cliff's friend, Donald Maltby.

**Check it Out.** USA Cable Network; weekday afternoons. This show is a sitcom about the employees of Cobb's Supermarket. Aaron Schwartz plays Leslie, the gay employee who runs the deli.

**MOVIE NEWS**

**Torch Song Trilogy.** Harvey Fierstein's Tony Award winning play has been made into a two hour movie to be released December 14. The film will star Fierstein, Brian Kerwin, Matthew Broderick, and Anne Bancroft.

**Burn This.** Director Herb Ross has cast Scott Glenn in the lead role as Pale. The gay character in the film is Larry, one of Pale's roommates and an advertising executive. The movie is based on Lanford William's Broadway play of the same title.

**Bent.** This 1979 Broadway play about homosexuals in Nazi concentration camps is going to be made into a movie. Richard Gere will star in it, as he did in the Broadway version. Production has not yet been scheduled.

**LETTER**

Dear Editor: Although I don't live in your state, I have been contacting your state lawmakers concerning passing laws prohibiting discrimination towards AIDS/HIV+ persons. I also asked for their assistance in allocating more funds for AIDS research.

I am hoping that your publication will help to continue my work on the state level. Obviously my work may help people vote in the future for those who support the above causes by identifying our supporters. Letters to these lawmakers from their constituents will make a big statement. I have enclosed copies of the letters I received from your lawmakers. I contacted Gov. Wilkinson; his legislative liaison's response is enclosed. I contacted your U.S. Senators and Representatives and out of your 2 Senators and 7 Representatives, no Senators and one Representative responded. Of your state legislators, two of your 38 state Senators responded. Perhaps by printing some of these letters with a plea to your readers to also write letters, we can all benefit. I have only one request - that my name and address not appear in any of your publications. I could lose my job if my HIV status were known.

Through unity we can all be helped! Thank you for listening to my request.

A Friend in Virginia

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** The writer enclosed the reply he received from U.S. Congressman William Natcher, and state Senators Huff (London) and Stuart (Prospect). We print the response from Thomas Dorman, Governor Wilkinson's Legislative Liaison:

"Let me assure you that the legislators of Kentucky are very aware of the issue and are doing as much as they can to provide relief to a baffled and frightened public. Recently, the Kentucky General Assembly allocated money specifically for the purpose of AIDS education. Also, research continues at the University of Kentucky. Please know that the issue remains on our minds as we consider the lives of people affected by the dreaded disease."

The soothing words about UK are intriguing. We believe the implication of clinical research at UK is inaccurate, but UK does have a large federal grant to figure out how to educate health care workers. Also, we've heard rumors that UK has been referring their AIDS patients to Cincinnati for health care.

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THOSE GAY AND LESBIAN COMMUNITY SERVICES.**

**DON'T THEY?**

Unlike some TV preachers, we don't threaten to close our doors every week if you don't send us money. We get by on very little and we do a lot.

- \* We publish Lexington's monthly community newsletter.
- \* We answer the Phoneline (231-0335), from 8:00-11:00 pm each Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, offering community information and referrals, or just someone to listen.
- \* We conduct monthly meetings for gays and lesbians.
- \* We sponsor the Esmerelda Collective and its various activities.
- \* We support Interweave, AIDS Volunteers of Lexington, Dignity/Lexington, and the HIV+, ARC, AIDS Support Group.
- \* We sponsor a Speakers Bureau.
- \* We conduct social events for gay men and lesbians, including the Rainbow Bowling League, Cards & Games, Volleyball, Potlucks and other activities.

If we can do all this on a little cash and a lot of volunteer hours, imagine what we could do with your help. Fundraisers of the Religious Right make millions scaring people with how well-financed and tightly organized "those homosexuals" are. We'd like to give them the chance to be correct about something for a change.

**LEXINGTON GAY & LESBIAN  
SERVICES ORGANIZATION**

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Lexington, KY 40575

Gayline: (606) 231-0335  
(8-11 pm, Wed. thru Fri.)

Yes! I'd like to support the work of GLSO with a contribution of: (Please circle one)

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## Esmerelda's Parlour



Greetings "Gentle Reader", and Happy Holidays to you. Can you believe it's that time of year again? If you're like me, you're still paying off last year's Christmas Shopping Extravaganza.

I trust everyone is getting into the spirit of the season--or at least trying to. This time of year can be hard for us, though. Some of us are far away from our families and won't be able to make the trip this year for one reason or another; others of us are separated emotionally because we are not accepted for who we are. This can be a sad time for many people. However, please don't forget you have a family here. There is always something going on--even during the busy holidays!

Many of us have adopted our own "family" of friends with whom we are just as close, or closer, as we are with our own blood relatives. It's times like Christmas that we appreciate them most. For those of you just coming out and feeling somewhat alone for whatever reason, you are not. Participating in community activities is a good way to start building your ties in the Lexington gay and lesbian community. Come to the December potluck on the 11th (for more info call Esmerelda) - always a warm and friendly atmosphere (with plenty of good food). And of course there's the Christmas Coffeehouse on the 16th, complete with two Santas (his and hers), Christmas Carols, and all the other good "Christmasey" things.

Esmerelda always welcomes new people, so there's no need to feel alone.

On the lighter side, "Esmerelda's Parlour" is particularly titillating this month. We have a couple of articles dealing with Erotica (gasp!). (Notice how we saved this part till last so you would read the whole letter without skipping to the Erotica section.) We hope you enjoy - if anyone has any responses to this letter or anything else in "Esmerelda's Parlour", please give us a write. We love hearing from you.

We wish everyone a peaceful and happy Christmas--you are in our thoughts. Until next month . . .

Teresa and Debbie

## EROTIC REVIEW by Angela

Do you love lesbian erotica? Are you the kind of woman who feels compelled to read the "good parts" of books like "Curious Wine" over and over again? If you are then you undoubtedly have noticed the lack of good lesbian erotica available to us. I'm not speaking of novels which indulge in a timid love scene every one hundred pages or so. I'm speaking of books DEDICATED to erotica. If this is what you've been yearning for, then have I got two books for you!

I'll review them in the order in which I read them. (It took about two nights . . .)

**Dreams of the Women Who Loved Sex** is a collection of erotic literature written by Tee Corinne. The book is composed of three separate works. The first, "Passion is a Forest Fire Between Us" is a first-person narrative describing the beginning and metamorphosis of a relationship between two women over a two and a half year period. This is a highly sexual relationship and its metamorphosis is expressed largely through the context of explicit sexual encounters. You may see this setting as a reflection of the nearly continual sex, as I did, or you may see it simply as one explicit sexual encounter after another. Whichever the case, if you like erotica, you will enjoy it.

The second work is called "Cream: A Suite of 31 Poems". Each poem is written for one of the 31 days in a month. Corinne says in her introduction that these poems grew out of her " . . . excitement with sexual language." She succeeds in utilizing a minimum of words to conjure strong sexual images within the reader's mind.

The last work, "Dreams of the Woman Who Loved Sex", for which the entire compilation is entitled, is, in Corinne's own words, "a multilayered text which interweaves reality, fantasy, memories, and dreams." And it does so in a very sexy way.

Published by Banned Books, I recommend Tee Corinne's compilation to any woman with an erotic, sensual mind. This book also includes a bonus! A bibliography of other erotic writings by women. The entire volume is 138 pages.

The second book I am reviewing is entitled **The Leading Edge**, an anthology of lesbian sexual fiction. The most accurate way to describe this book is to call it a collection of fantasies. There is probably something here for everyone: scenarios ranging from mild S&M to gentle romance. It is a little bit more rough with the reader than is **Dreams of the**

**Women Who Loved Sex.** More simply sexual than erotic. Possibly more concerned with arousal than deep feelings of love. It is a book which works at getting the job done rather than evoking a lot of thought. Still, if you're into sex and reading about sex, I recommend it. The book is published by Lace Publications and edited by Lady Winston. 211 pages.

The **Leading Edge** is a recent publication and fairly easy to find, however, I have heard that **Dreams of the Woman Who Loved Sex** is hard to lay hands on. Both books may be ordered through Special Media or Joseph-Beth Booksellers if not in stock.

### RISQUE BUSINESS

For years now, the very mention of female erotica has caused many within the lesbian community to cringe. And why not? The erotica that was available, such as "dirty" books and videos, placebos billed as aphrodisiacs, and phallic-shaped, hard plastic vibrators hardly conjure up positive erotic images to most lesbians.

Fortunately, those times have passed. With the help of such authors as JoAnn Loulan, we now know that IT IS O.K. for womyn to nurture themselves in all aspects of their lives, including areas of sensual self-awareness. What better way to become attuned to our own eroticism and learn to unleash our lesbian passion than with the new female erotica products now readily available. With this in mind, the following are some suggestions for erotic holiday gift-giving.

Since sensuality stems from the senses, try to use them all. Arouse the woman of your desires by lavishing yourself (or her) in luscious lingerie. Flirtatious daywear as well as alluring nightwear is now available, and it will not offend most wimmin's "political correctitude." Once you've caught her eye, you might want to arouse more than just her interest with a sensual massage. Not your basic backrub, mind you, but a stirring, tender, even healing, full-body massage to relieve tensions, move energy, and promote a revitalizing, all-over sensual awakening. Books describing these massage techniques are readily available. Use natural-based lotions and oils such as the "Act of Love" brands to avoid "the greasies." For a more fevered arousal, try the glycerine-based lotions that release genuine fiery flames of passion when blown upon. Edible natural-based lotions come in several exotic flavors, and also serve as lubricants for other intimate sensual uses.

Speaking of tastes, a romantic dinner,

can also be an erotic experience. Let your imagination guide your menu. Set the ambiance with the table, then guarantee the course of the evening with specially tested sensual recipes like those in the "Cooking in the Nude" series of cookbooks. Try taking a "wok on the wild side," and you'll probably come up with more than just a "flirtatious fillet!!" For dessert, there are some sumptuous, whipped body toppings, available in flavors like pralines and cream, and peach brandy, that don't even require refrigeration (IF you have any left over!).

There are, of course, many more female erotica products available today than the few touched upon here. For example, there is a new array of non-threatening stimulators and vibrators. Vibrators can be an excellent tool to help a woman get in touch with her body. And when she discovers what REALLY feels good, she can then share that knowledge with her partner. Happy erotic trails!

For more information on these products, contact **Risque Business**, the new lesbian-owned, Lexington based company which carries a full line of female erotica, as well as novelty gifts and lingerie. **Risque Business** specializes in confidential mail order and home party sales. Write or call at your convenience: **Risque Business**, 1019 Industry Rd., #54643, Lexington, KY, 40555, 269-4285. For a full-size, color catalog, send \$2 to the above address.

December's winner of Esmerelda's Write-Off:

**i know you know**  
by Vicki

quicker than thought  
the knife slips  
slicing  
my smallest finger  
oozing red liquid into the  
magic bulb of color  
the numbing,  
anticipating pain  
caution for the evening  
airy blackness  
restricting sight,  
the weather of your lips  
breathes  
across my cloudy mind  
and my tears  
i know you know  
i am  
we are

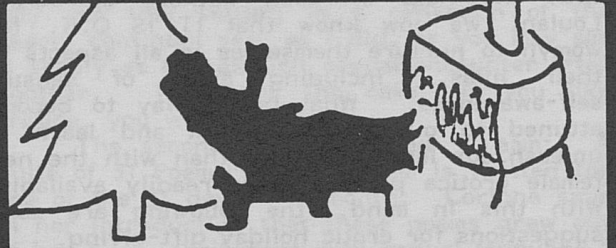
## SHOPPING AROUND

If the search for the perfect Christmas gifts has been getting you down, perhaps we can lend a hand. Esmerelda has several favorite shopping spots which are guaranteed to provide ample opportunity to find unique and beautiful (and maybe even affordable) gifts. The following ten stores are only a sampling, however--please don't be offended if your favorite has been left out. If it has, let us know, and we'll try to include it next year.

1. **ARTIQUE-JEWELRY & GIFT GALLERY**  
Civic Center Shops, 233-1774  
Simply overflowing with the beautiful and the bizarre. Unique hand-made items, including crystals, jewelry, sculpture, etc. Great for just looking, too!
2. **CHESTNUT STREET GALLERY**  
Fayette Mall, 273-7351  
Chock full of beautiful hand-made pottery, jewelry, etc. Approximately 1/3 are Kentucky-made items.
3. **GEM-ROCK ORIGINALS**  
432 Southland Drive, 277-0124  
A truly special store. Quality jewelry and crystals at very reasonable prices.
4. **GOLDEN TACK CUSTOM DESIGN JEWELRY**  
201 1/2 Woodland Ave., 233-7383  
It's probably too late to order custom-made jewelry for this year, but this diminutive shop also has some lovely pieces on hand. Crystals, also.
5. **JOSEPH-BETH BOOKSELLERS**  
The Mall at Lexington Green, 273-2911  
What can we say? Simply one of the best bookstores ever! Plenty of comfortable spots to sit and read your way through your gift-choosing. Calendars, cards, and prints, also. Enjoy!
6. **PIER 1 IMPORTS**  
4001 Nicholasville Road, 271-3197  
A treasure chest of unusual items from all over the world. Clothing, jewelry, houseware, etc.
7. **SMART MOVES**  
Tates Creek Centre, 271-1010  
This may seem an odd choice, perhaps, but Esmerelda knows how empty our wallets seem to get at this time of year, and at this store you never spend more than \$10.00 on any one item. Lots of clothes to choose from, including legitimate name label sweaters, shirts, and pants.

8. **SPECIAL MEDIA**  
371 S. Limestone, 255-4316  
Offers just about everything imaginable: books, posters, cards, jewelry, buttons, etc., etc., etc.
9. **TUESDAY MORNING**  
Crossroads Plaza, 273-7166  
A discount store par excellence! Offers Christmas items, toys, crystal, housewares, picture frames, and much more, all for at least 50% off the retail price. Rapid turnover in inventory is a plus.
10. **UPPER GALLERY**  
The Mall at Lexington Green, 273-9218  
Artsy shop with a lot of flair. Find collectibles, jewelry, crystals, etc.

And finally, if you don't mind a bit of a trip, don't forget about Crazy Ladies Bookstore, (513) 541-4198, in Cincinnati. It's loaded with wonderful books, music, cards, jewelry and more. Definitely worth the trip! For directions, call Esmerelda!



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# AIDS UPDATE

## AVOL ASSISTS APPLICATIONS FOR AZT FUNDS

The state Division of Epidemiology announced that money has been allocated by the federal government to extend the AZT program for indigent persons. A total of \$36,000 in new money has been granted to Kentucky for the next 11 months. Persons already enrolled in the program will be notified first and applications for new enrollments will be accepted after November 1, 1988.

It should be emphasized that applicants must first be found ineligible for Medicaid ("medical card") before applying for this assistance. Applications for AZT financial assistance can be made through local health departments.

In Fayette County contact:

Julia Karnes, MSW, (606) 252-2371,  
Lexington-Fayette Co. Health Dept., 650  
Newtown Pike, Lexington, KY 40508.

Elsewhere in Kentucky contact:

Division of Epidemiology, (502) 564-3418  
or Kentucky AIDS Project, (502)  
564-6539, 275 E. Main St., Frankfort,  
KY 40671.

For Medicaid applications contact:

Fayette County Residents only:

Patti Silvers, (606) 299-6202, Adult  
Medical Unit, Dept. of Social Insurance,  
1179 Winburn Drive, Lexington, KY  
40511.

Outside Fayette County:

The nearest Dept. of Social Insurance.

Please note that persons applying for disability will also automatically be considered for a medical card. If you have applied for Social Security disability or SSI, do not apply for a medical card separately with a Dept. of Social Insurance. If you have not applied for disability or SSI, you may apply for Medicaid through the appropriate agency listed above, and then apply for additional AZT assistance if indicated.

AIDS Volunteers Of Lexington (AVOL) provides professional volunteers who will help people who need AZT and their families complete the necessary applications and determine which steps to take, etc. AVOL can also provide limited (up to \$50) help for emergency medical needs. For assistance, contact AVOL at P.O. Box 431, Lexington, KY 40585, call (606) 254-AVOL, or call Edwin Hackney at (606) 233-0444, Comprehensive Care Center, 201 Mechanic St., Lexington, KY 40507.

## RESPONDING TO AIDS: TEN PRINCIPLES FOR THE WORKPLACE

The Citizen's Commission on AIDS has developed guidelines for use by employers and unions in combating problems surrounding AIDS in the workplace. Educational concerns are addressed by the recommendations, as are the rights of employees who test HIV-positive.

The commission is circulating the guidelines throughout the country, asking institutions, organizations and businesses to endorse their recommendations. GLSO, AVOL and ACT/Lexington have joined the growing list of supporters. All three organizations have sent the recommendations to President Roselle at the University of Kentucky, with the suggestion that the University incorporate the guidelines in its upcoming personnel policy dealing with UK employees with AIDS.

The following ten points constitute the guidelines:

1. People with AIDS or HIV (Human Immunodeficiency Virus) infection are entitled to the same rights and opportunities as people with other serious or life-threatening illnesses.
2. Employment policies must, at a minimum, comply with federal, state, and local laws and regulations.
3. Employment policies should be based on scientific and epidemiological evidence that people with AIDS or HIV infection do not pose a risk of transmission of the virus to coworkers through ordinary workplace contact.
4. The highest levels of management and union leadership should unequivocally endorse nondiscriminatory employment policies and educational programs about AIDS.
5. Employers and unions should communicate their support of these policies to workers in simple, clear, and unambiguous terms.
6. Employers should provide employees with sensitive, accurate, and up-to-date education about risk reduction in their personal lives.
7. Employers have a duty to protect the confidentiality of employee's medical records.
8. To prevent work disruption and rejection by coworkers of an employee with

AIDS or HIV infection, employers and unions should undertake education for all employees before such an incident occurs and as needed thereafter.

9. Employers should not require HIV screening as part of pre-employment or general workplace physical examinations.

10. In those special occupational settings where there may be a potential risk of exposure to HIV (for example, in health care settings, where employees may be exposed to blood or blood products), employers should provide specific ongoing education and training, as well as the necessary equipment, to reinforce appropriate infection control procedures and ensure that they are implemented.

#### AIDS GROUPS SUE U.S. GOVERNMENT

Five community-based AIDS organizations filed suit against the federal government in New York federal court on October 20. The action raises constitutional questions about the government's prohibition on educational materials which "promote or encourage, directly, homosexual activities."

The restriction was imposed by North Carolina Senator Jesse Helms as an amendment to an AIDS funding bill in 1987. The groups bringing the suit charged the restriction is unconstitutionally vague and violates their members' free speech. They also maintained the prohibition compelled them to "change fundamentally their core function - providing medically accurate and effective education about AIDS."

The restrictive language has obstructed AIDS education nationwide. Locally, the treasurer of AVOL had filed written complaints with state government, and our U.S. Senators and local Representative because of the complications it caused.

#### RESEARCHING LESBIAN SEX AND MENOPAUSE

from Stonewall Union News

Feminist researchers have developed a questionnaire for lesbians about sex at menopause. They need lesbians who are in the midst of or past menopause to answer the confidential questionnaire. For details, write to Dr. Ellen Cole, Goddard College, Plainfield, VT, 05667.

#### ORAL SEX REMAINS A MYSTERY

According to the GLC Voice and the New Works News, U.S. Surgeon General C. Everett Koop told an audience of public health officials in Minneapolis there is absolutely no solid clinical evidence that oral sex is spreading AIDS.

The Surgeon General stated that "there has never been a documented case to my knowledge of the transmission of the AIDS virus by oral sex."

James Brown, Koop's press secretary, stressed the fact that there must be danger of HIV transmission by oral sex or deep kissing when one party has sores in the mouth and the other partner has the virus. Despite this theory, no cases of this kind of transmission have been documented. (Editor's note: No evidence refuting Brown's theory was included in the article. The only reasoning presented for support of the Surgeon General's statements was lack of support for Brown's theory, not direct studies contradicting his theory.)

Canadian AIDS educators have revised their "safe sex" guidelines used nation-wide by community-based AIDS organizations, essentially giving a green light to oral sex, even to the point of ejaculation in the mouth. It has long been thought that swallowing semen would not spread HIV as the stomach's strong acids would probably kill the virus before it could do damage. Current studies are also investigating theories that saliva may kill the virus.

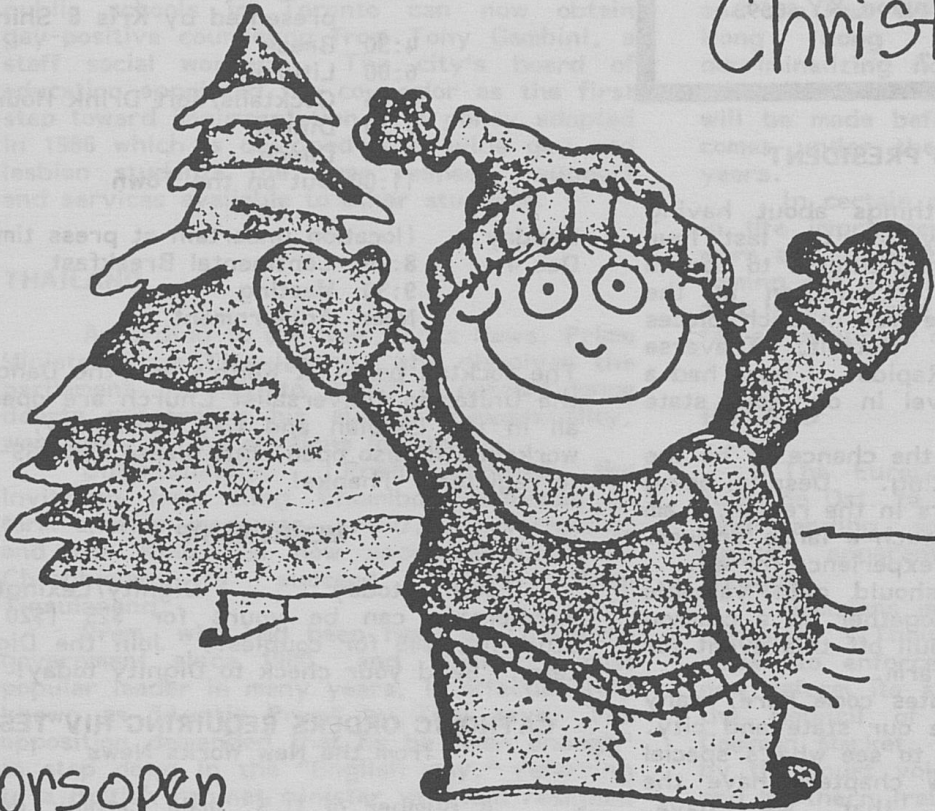
The new Canadian guidelines were drawn up by "HIV transmission experts" at the request of the Canadian AIDS Society (CAS) - a national federation of community-based AIDS organizations. CAS member groups had complained that "safe sex" guidelines in Canada were not uniform, and that recent medical research had rendered existing guidelines obsolete.

Chuck Frutchey, assistant education director of the San Francisco AIDS Foundation, has said that many gay men in San Francisco "never gave up oral sex in the first place, and yet the city has seen a remarkable decrease in transmission of the virus." In fact, several studies of San Francisco gay men have shown that there is little further HIV transmission occurring in the gay population of that city.

Conclusive evidence on the safety of oral sex still does not exist. The Canadians and others revising their guidelines are assuming there is little danger. Continue to exercise caution until there is definitive proof.

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## FROM DIGNITY'S PRESIDENT

One of the neat things about having been involved in Dignity for the last four years has been the opportunity to be a representative for Dignity/Lexington at the Regional meetings. We've met in such places as Indianapolis, Toledo, Detroit, Traverse City, Dayton and Grand Rapids. I have had a great opportunity to travel in our four state region.

Now Lexington has the chance to be the host for a regional meeting. Despite being one of the smaller chapters in the region, I am glad we are undertaking such a large project. It should be a rewarding experience for all.

Dignity/Lexington should gain valuable experiences in working together on a common project. Being able to pull off this event for us is a great shot in the arm.

The regional delegates come here, many for the first time, to see our state and city. Many will also be coming to see what's special about our group. Few chapters have the attendance of women that we have. (Lexington's chapter is, in terms of percentage, the highest on the continent.) One workshop for the regional will focus on communications, particularly between women and men. Led by Kris and Shirley (formerly of Dignity/Lexington) it should be a great workshop! I've left out until now what for me is the highlights of the weekend--a gathering of old friends and making of new ones. Some neat people will be here--you've just got to meet Pete from Toledo. I can't wait to see them. Allow yourself a chance to get more involved. Attend the cocktail party, the dance, or the workshops (if you're not already involved.) It should be great fun.

I hope to see you in Dignity soon.

Peace and love and Happy Holidays,  
Keith

## REGIONAL HOUSE OF DELEGATES SCHEDULE

Friday Dec 2	7:00	Cocktail Party at Keith's
Saturday Dec 3	(all events at the UU Church)	
	8:45	Continental Breakfast
	9:30	Regional Meeting
	Noon	Lunch
	1:00	Meeting
	3:00	Workshop: Communication presented by Kris & Shirley
	4:30	Break
	6:00	Liturgy
	6:45	Cocktails/Soft Drink Hour
	7:30	Dinner
	9:00	Dance
	11:00	Out on the Town
Sunday Dec 4	(location uncertain at press time)	
	8:45	Continental Breakfast
	9:30	Meeting
	Noon	Adjournment

The cocktail party at Keith's and the Dance at the Unitarian Universalist Church are open to all in the Lesbian and Gay community. The workshop is also open, but please call 269-8417 to register. Thanks!

## MEMBERSHIP

Join today. Dignity/Lexington's membership can be yours for \$25 (\$20 for students, \$45 for couples.) Join the Dignity team. Send your check to Dignity today!

## CATHOLIC ORDERS REQUIRING HIV TESTS from the New Works News

A number of U.S. male Catholic orders are requiring applicants for membership to take the HIV antibody test, and rejecting those who test positive.

Ironically, other groups within the Catholic Church, including the administrative board of the United States Catholic Conference and the conference of bishops in California, have issued statements condemning discrimination based on AIDS or HIV infection.

## GAY PRIEST FIRED, THEN EXCOMMUNICATED

William Dorn, Jr., a Roman Catholic priest was fired from his job in St. Cloud, Minnesota, two years ago after disclosing he is gay. Because Dorn has since joined the Episcopal Church, he has been dismissed from the priesthood and excommunicated.

## INTERNATIONAL NEWS CONCERNING GAY AND LESBIAN ISSUES

AIDS has now spread to the most isolated populations of the world, according to reports given at the International Symposium of Education and Communication about AIDS. Instances of positive HIV-antibody tests in the jungles of Surinam, northern Thailand, and the Sudan were cited. Seven percent of homeless children in Khartoum, capital of the Sudan, tested positive for HIV antibodies.

### TORONTO, CANADA

Gay and lesbian students attending public schools in Toronto can now obtain gay-positive counseling from Tony Gambini, a staff social worker. The city's board of education appointed the counselor as the first step toward implementation of a policy adopted in 1986 which is designed to provide gay and lesbian students the same respect, support and services available to other students.

### THAILAND

According to the New Works News, Prime Minister Prem Tinsulanond, who dissolved the parliament in May to avoid a no-confidence debate concerning his alleged homosexuality, won easily in the elections in July.

Unfortunately, Prem declined the invitation from King Bhumibol Adulyadej to form another moderate, pro-U.S. government, and the King has now appointed Chatichai Choonhavan to succeed General Prem Tinsulanond.

Prem, who had been head of Thailand's government since 1980, and Thailand's most popular leader in many years, is affectionately known as "Auntie Prem" by Thai gays. The opposition demanded that he be "man enough" to step down in the "English way," referring to a British cabinet minister who had resigned when his homosexuality was revealed. Sadly, Prem has complied.

### RIO DE JANEIRO, BRAZIL

According to Paz y Liberacion and the New Works News, a group of 150 people delivered a manifesto containing the signatures of 200 artists and intellectuals to the city council in Rio de Janeiro recently. The action was intended to protest an increase in brutal anti-gay murders as well as the indifference with which authorities have investigated the crimes. Brazil has seen at least 20 well-known gay men murdered in their homes in recent months.

### HONG KONG

According to the Philadelphia Gay News and the New Works News, the government of Hong Kong is reportedly discussing decriminalizing homosexuality, but gay rights advocates are not encouraged that the change will be made before the British crown colony comes under the control of China in a few years.

In certain cases homosexuality can result in life imprisonment. Despite this penalty, more and more Hong Kong residents have been coming out and confronting anti-gay attitudes and laws. Some activists have even gone so far as to appear on television.

### IRELAND

The European Court of Human Rights ruled on Oct. 26 that the Republic of Ireland's long-standing sodomy laws violate human rights, apparently ending a 14-year court struggle.

Decisions made by the court cannot be appealed. Though the court has no formal power to enforce its decision, Ireland must now reform its sodomy law or withdraw from the Council of Europe and the European Common Market. In 1981, a similar decision by the court voided sodomy laws in Scotland and Northern Ireland. This latest ruling over the Irish law appears to repeal the last sodomy law in the entire Common Market.

### NEW ZEALAND

Immigration officials are preparing new regulations permitting gay men and lesbians to sponsor their foreign-born lovers for permanent residency.

The new regulations would be similar but not identical to procedures now in place allowing heterosexual New Zealanders to sponsor their foreign-born spouses for permanent residency. The regulations will cover same-sex relationships that are "genuine and stable" and of at least four years duration.

# GAY AMERICA

## PHOENIX, AZ

According to Cruise Magazine and the New Works News, the Arizona state legislature recently passed a law forbidding any person from possessing more than five dildos. The measure is intended to strengthen enforcement against adult bookstores, though how effective the legislation will be toward that end is anyone's guess. The new law set off a rash of ribald speculation. One question: Does a double-ended dildo count as one or two?

## NEWARK, OH

A state appeals court ruled a gay man may not adopt a 7-year-old boy because the adoption would not be in the best interest of the child. The boy suffers from leukemia and learning disabilities.

## NEW YORK, NY

The Center for Constitutional Rights has appointed feminist and gay rights activist Patricia Maher as Executive Director. Ms. Maher previously worked with Pro Health, a women's health program in Massachusetts, and was Director of Inter-Agency AIDS affairs for the New York City Department of Health. She has also been the Education Director for the Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund.

## ATHENS, OH

According to the Stonewall Union News, an amendment to Athens city laws on discrimination, passed September 19, added "sexual orientation" as a protected class in the areas of housing, employment and public accommodations. Exception was provided for religious schools, businesses with fewer than four employees, and owner-occupied housing.

City Council's 5-2 override of the mayor's veto of the bill was not enough to satisfy some. Athens opponents circulated petitions and got more than enough signatures to call for a referendum to put the issue up for popular vote. Noting that two council members and the mayor opposed the issue, attorney Anthony Robe, a petition organizer, told reporters, "Now let's see what the people say."

Because the filing deadline for November's election has passed, the referendum cannot appear on the ballot until

1989. Implementation of the gay rights amendment will be postponed until after this 1989 vote.

Stonewall Union and Stonewall PAC are helping supporters of the Athens law in their legal challenge to the referendum.

## WASHINGTON, DC

The District of Columbia city council filed suit in federal court November 3, alleging an order by Congress forcing the city to change its gay rights law is unconstitutional.

The suit, signed by all 13 of the council's members, asserts the so-called Armstrong amendment violates the Constitution in at least five ways. The district's suit alleges the Congressional legislation violates the city council's rights to freedom of speech by forcing it to pass a particular law containing certain specified language. The legislation also infringes on the free speech and free association rights of gay students at religious institutions, by endorsing a particular religious view, by exercising excessive congressional spending power, and by withholding funds raised locally by the District.

Under terms of federal legislation, Congress retains the power to veto any legislation passed by the city government as well as the power to approve city budgets. According to the new amendment, Washington D.C. will lose its entire annual budget of \$3.2 billion if the city does not enact exemption for religious institutions.

Senator William Armstrong (D-Colo.) said he introduced the measure because he objected to an appeals court decision which ordered Georgetown University, located in Washington, D.C. and operated by the Roman Catholic Church, to provide facilities for gay student groups that are equal to those it provides other student groups.



"I dreamt I ordered a Jac-Pack, but instead they sent me a Vegemetic."

# INTO THE FUTURE

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

- December 10, 1988. Don We Now...X. Windy City Gay Chorus Annual Holiday Concert. Chicago, IL.
- February 17-19, 1989. 5th Annual Continental Convocation of Unitarian Universalists for Lesbian & Gay Concerns. Lexington, KY.
- March 17-19, 1989. Dignity Regional House of Delegates. Cincinnati, OH.
- April 13-16, 1989. 14th Annual Southeastern Conference for Lesbians and Gay Men. Dallas, TX.
- August 4-11, 1990. Celebration '90, Gay Games III and Cultural Festival. Vancouver, Canada.
- September 2-4, 1989. Dignity Convention. San Francisco, CA.

# CLASSIFIEDS

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## DIRECTORY

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GLSO Board....call Steve,	266-8887
GLSO NEWS.....	
....call Craig/Steve,	266-8887
GLSO Speakers Bureau....	
.....call Bobbi,	259-0694
GLSO Coffeehouse & Dance	
.....call Esmerelda,	255-3851
GLSO Cards & Games.....	
.....call Karen,	259-3292
GLSO Rainbow Bowling	
League....call Keith,	269-8417
.....or Chuck,	268-8514
Lesbian Potluck.....	
.....call Esmerelda,	252-7837
Lesbian Passion Discussion	
Group...call Debbie,	252-7837
Women's Writers Collective,	272-3776
Gay/Lesbian AA.....	
.....call Dave,	271-4320
Lesbian/Gay ACA.....	
.....call Karen,	252-3292
Imperial Court of the Bluegrass	
Empire....call Jerry,	272-6559
Dignity/Lexington.....	
.....call Keith,	269-8417
Liturgy....call Don,	299-4458
(Lexington's chapter of the	
national Catholic gay and	
lesbian organization. See	
Dignity page in this issue.)	
Interweave.....call Craig,	266-8887
(A group within Lexington's	
Unitarian Universalist	
Church composed of gay men,	
lesbians & 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,	
ask for an AIDS Counselor.)	
Madison County Health Department	
AIDS Testing (606) 623-7312	
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counseling and testing,	
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

# DECEMBER 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.

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| THU 1  | 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  | WED 14 | Interweave, Topic: Gay & Lesbian Images of God, 8 pm, Unitarian Universalist Church; Gay/Lesbian AA, 8 pm, St. Joseph Office Park, Rm. 120; Gayline, 231-0335, 8 - 11 pm |
| FRI 2  | Gay/Lesbian AA, 8 pm, Comp Care Center; Gayline, 231-0335, 8 - 11 pm  | THU 15 | Dignity Rap Session, Potluck, & Christmas Party, 7 pm; Gayline, 231-0335, 8 - 11 pm; Gay Men's AA, 8 pm, St. Joseph Office Park, Rm. 120                                 |
| SAT 3  | Gay/Lesbian ACA, 2 pm, St. Joseph Office Park, Room 120   | FRI 16 | Gay/Lesbian AA, 8 pm, Comp Care Center; Gayline, 231-0335, 8 - 11 pm; GLSO Coffeehouse & Dance - Christmas Party, 8:30 pm, Unitarian Universalist Church                 |
| SUN 4  | Gay/Lesbian AA, 4 pm, Comp Care Center  | SAT 17 | Dignity Brunch, 12 pm, DeSha's, Victorian Square; Gay/Lesbian ACA, 2 pm, St. Joseph Office Park, Room 120  |
| TUE 6  | HIV+, ARC, AIDS Support Group; Rainbow Bowling League, 9 pm, Joyland Lanes  | SUN 18 | Gay/Lesbian AA, 4 pm, Comp Care Center   |
| WED 7  | GLSO Coffeehouse & Dance Committee, 8 pm; Gay/Lesbian AA, 8 pm, St. Joseph Office Park, Rm. 120; Gayline, 231-0335, 8 - 11 pm | TUE 20 | HIV+, ARC, AIDS Support Group; Rainbow Bowling League, 9 pm, Joyland Lanes   |
| THU 8  | Gayline, 231-0335, 8 - 11 pm  | WED 21 | Gay/Lesbian AA, 8 pm, St. Joseph Office Park, Rm. 120; Gayline, 231-0335, 8 - 11 pm  |
| FRI 9  | Gay/Lesbian AA, 8 pm, Comp Care Center; Gayline, 231-0335, 8 - 11 pm  | THU 22 | GLSO News Layout, 7:30 pm; Gayline, 231-0335, 8 - 11 pm; Gay Men's AA, 8 pm, St. Joseph Office Park, Rm. 120   |
| SAT 10 | Gay/Lesbian ACA, 2 pm, St. Joseph Office Park, Room 120; GLSO Cards & Games, 7:30 pm; GLSO News Deadline for Submissions      | FRI 23 | Gay/Lesbian AA, 8 pm, Comp Care Center; Gayline, 231-0335, 8 - 11 pm   |
| SUN 11 | Lesbian Potluck, 2 pm; Gay/Lesbian AA, 4 pm, Comp Care Center; AVOL, 5:30 pm, Comp Care Center                                | SAT 24 | Gay/Lesbian ACA, 2 pm, St. Joseph Office Park, Room 120  |
| MON 12 | GLSO Forum, Topic: Survival for the Holidays, 8 pm, Comp Care Center  | SUN 25 | MERRY CHRISTMAS!!!; Gay/Lesbian AA, 4 pm, Comp Care Center   |
| TUE 13 | Dignity Liturgy, 7:30 pm; HIV+, ARC, AIDS Support Group; Rainbow Bowling League, 9 pm, Joyland Lanes                          | TUE 27 | HIV+, ARC, AIDS Support Group; Rainbow Bowling League, 9 pm, Joyland Lanes   |
|        |   | WED 28 | GLSO Board Meeting, 7:30 pm; Gay/Lesbian AA, 8 pm, St. Joseph Office Park, Rm. 120; Gayline, 231-0335, 8 - 11 pm   |
|        |   | THU 29 | 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   |
|        |   | FRI 30 | Gay/Lesbian AA, 8 pm, Comp Care Center; Gayline, 231-0335, 8 - 11 pm   |
|        |   | SAT 31 | Gay/Lesbian ACA, 2 pm, St. Joseph Office Park, Room 120  |