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COMMUNITY MAILING LIST

At the November GLSO Board meeting, we initiated a mailing list project in order to provide our local community organizations with a list of addresses for social, political and fund raising purposes. There is a great need for such a list and various attempts have been made to assemble one in the past. Please read the articles by Linda West in this issue concerning the work done by Fairness in the last election and the need Fairness sees for such a mailing list.

After a long discussion, the GLSO board came up with a process to begin compiling a list and some suggestions for its maintenance. If you receive the GLSO New by mail and you do NOT want your name to be placed on the Community Mailing List, you need to call Mary Crone at 266-5904 or drop a note to the newsletter before March 1st. We will repeat this information in the next two issues of the GLSO News to insure that everyone knows well in advance. After March 1st, the names and addresses of all subscribers who did not call or write to us will be added to the community List. The Board anticipates that some individuals would have preferred for us to handle this in a different manner. We considered several alternatives, such as asking those wanting to be on such a list to call, or having volunteers call all our subscribers. We decided that having subscribers call us is the most efficient method. Of course, if you are not a subscriber and wish to be one, give us a call.

We will be contacting community groups to ask for their participation in this project. We anticipate that each group will canvas their membership and, if deciding to participate, will add names to the list. So far, we have had a favorable response. We are open to suggestions as to how the list will be organized, maintained, and distributed. If you or your group would like to discuss details, please attend the December and/or January Services Network Meeting. (See the article by Ann Olliges in this issue)

We considered a number of ideas about how to best maintain this list in our discussion. We agreed that the Community List should be on-going with names being added upon request. It could be maintained by

GLSO or by the Services Network. Every group that participates could receive an initial list of mailing labels at cost and could receive additional sets of labels as needed. New groups that wish to participate would apply to the Services Network. We could have sub-categories such as voting districts. We still have to decide what agreement that should be made to insure discreet return addresses. We also need to clear about appropriate uses of the list and of course, we would stipulate that the list could not be sold.

We realize that some people have concern about putting their names on such a list. As lesbian, gay and bisexual people, we have to continually decide how out to be. The members of the GLSO Board understand that some of us are not ready and others may not be interested in being on such a list. We would like to encourage participation however. It is often some degree of fear that keeps us quiet, unorganized and closeted. Sometimes we are concerned about losing people close to us or sometimes we are concerned about the more extreme actions of right-wing fanatics and homophobes. The need we feel to protect ourselves can itself be harmful. We need to challenge ourselves to overcome our fears one step at a time. For some people, going to a concert or some other social event is the next step. For others, the time is right to attend a public political rally. The various groups who serve the various sectors of the lesbigay community need to know how to reach you to inform you of their events. We encourage you to leave your name on the list.

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The right-wing is very well organized and well funded and one of their current tactics is to work on the local level to put candidates onto school boards, city councils, and into state legislatures. As Fairness demonstrated in the first district city council race last month's election, we work together to defeat these extremist candidates. Our lesbian community is growing stronger and gaining support from the larger community. We have the advantage of being right. We deserve equal rights, we deserve freedom of expression, and we deserve to love whom we choose. When you are ready put your name on the list!

Mary Sojourner Crone

Financial Report

For the months of August and October, GLSO's expenses for running such services as the GLSO News, Phoneline, Support Group and Welcoming Service, etc. were more than donations, ads and memberships received. If you use these community services, please try to remember our GLSO at this holiday season where even a small gift helps.

October:

Revenue: \$376.60

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AIDS Stamp Issued

Over a decade into the AIDS pandemic, the US Postal Service is finally issuing an AIDS awareness stamp featuring the famous red ribbon symbol. This stamp will be released on Dec. 1 for National AIDS Awareness Day and in perfect timing for holiday greeting cards.

RURALNET NEWS

The Rural Alliance Network today announced the debut of its new online interactive service. "I like to think of it as the 'America Online' equivalent for the gay community," said Jay Cooley, Director of RAN. "This will herald a new day in the history of the gay movement, broadening the diversity and involvement within it, as well as empowering with the knowledge the greater silent majority."

The service provides a long overdue nationwide forum for the hidden, vast numbers of lesbians living in remote rural and suburban areas. The Network provides a wealth of information and entertainment for the lesbian community. RuralNet Online Services are available 24 hours a day by phoning 805 287-0010 with your computer modem.

UK Lambda Brunch Is A Success

On November 7, UK Lambda hosted a singles brunch for a group of about 20 at a local private home. Organized by Julian Aleksandres, the potluck was designed to meet complaints from both on and off campus for a non-alcoholic social setting for lesbian singles. The success of this first brunch has led to talk of a monthly singles brunch to be held in different people's homes. If you are interested in hosting a brunch, contact Jeff at 276-5383.

Cyber-Queers Are Here

If you have access to electronic mail via BITNET, Internet, CompuServe, America Online or similar, then we have a local computer network for you: Lambdanet. Similar to receiving a daily gay paper, the network posts news stories, community events and discussion of weighty and fluffy matters. To subscribe for free, email to: JAJONE02@ukcc.uky.edu Computer accounts are free to all UK students and faculty.

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Horoscopes by Qiti

Aries: Your friends might well imagine you are some sort of carousel out of a Stephen King novel this month. You are in a frenzy of restless energy. Well, keep spinning until those horses just fly off the merry-go-round to explore whole new parts of yourself. New adventures await. Anyway, if you get too restless, you can always shop for that perfect gift for that loveable Sagittarius.

Taurus: You may feel a bit frazzled, but you sure don't show it. Take some time off from dressy Christmas parties and slip into some old sweats. Turn on the electric blanket and watch Christmas cartoons with loved ones who won't mind the Diet Coke stains on your favorite, faded, teddy bear t-shirt. That Sagittarius will love the peace with you more than any other gift you can give.

Gemini: December brings a faint feeling of dissatisfaction. Everything seems so good, but why aren't you enjoying it? Don't force yourself to be merry when you aren't: the holidays are plenty stressful enough already. Hyper-merry friends will irk you. Don't let them: take some time to be alone and contemplate the wind in the trees. Then take a deep breath and drag your favorite Sagittarius on a spending

spree at Big Lots.

Cancer: Let us be frank: you really don't feel much better. But, all the holiday hugs help. Put up the tree. Sniff the air from your chair and sip your tea. Bide your time: joy and peace with the New Year...but only if you make sure that wonderful Sagittarian friend is plied with your zodiac-famous cooking. Do not tempt disaster: feed them!

Leo: AND just why are you smirking? Just because you know you have a wonderful partner and a perfect gift for him/her and all one zillion of your friends, does not mean you can't give one more offering from that furnace of joy inside you this month. Be truly noble and do/give something anonymously for some stranger in need.

Virgo: Chaos seems to reign. All the decisions you have avoided for the last year must be tended to by the New Year. Hold strong to the only force that heals the heart: love. If you keep your tongue and open your heart, you will find the gateway you need.

Scorpio: This season finds you at some time standing alone under the stars. Life and its amazing strength humbles you. Breathe deep this reverence and then scoot back to laughter at the fire with family and friends. Your smiling calm soothes many a frazzled nerve. Your greatest joy, however, will be on finally discovering the mysterious Choc-O-Jels for that special Sagittarian. Take joy in life's simple pleasures!

Sagittarius: The holidays are here and the rush is on. Baked goods should stream forth to warm the hearts (if not those delicate stomachs) of loved ones. Enjoy the moment but do not discount your worth. Be exuberant but at least try to be subtle with those helpful hints on your own personal Christmas list this year. Let them look to the stars for guidance.

Capricorn: You ARE happy, admit it. Last month you did what you really wanted for a change, and people loved you even more. Accept what gifts people freely offer from their hearts and do not be afraid to give back...but only if you FEEL like it for a change.

Aquarius: You seem strangely aloof lately, or is it just a love for nesting at home? Perhaps it seems odd for one so merry to quietly listen so intently. Gather your wisdom and peace. Speak with twinkling eye, a warm hug, a ready ear...and maybe a basket of your yummy yeast rolls.

Pisces: So much to do with all the traveling, partying and feasting. Yet, there is something missing: the winter winds bring a romantic longing to your gentle heart. Pull out the Meryl Streep movies for a good cry, but do not overlook that amazon/knight beside you just because they are not bigger than life. Trust in those who value you for yourself.

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WANTED: Volunteer writers for the GLSO News and people to staff the GLSO Phoneline. For more information, contact Mary at 266-5904 or Peter (for the Phoneline) at 273-5845.

Hitchin Post

To my Pooney: It has been a very long year but things will get better. Let's both keep the faith that the promises we made together 3 years ago will hold the bond between us strong. I love you bunches. PooPoo.

Happy Kwanzaa. Hanukah. Christmas and Yule to David. Mom. Lee. Akbar and Abu. the Digital Labia gang. etc. With love. Jeff

Congratulations on a successful production of Death and the Maiden and for showing the humanity of those who suffer under tyranny to Actons Guild and Amnesty International.

A most Happy Anniversary to Cindy and Marie in far North Carolina for continued inspiration in the fields of romance and organic gardening- Boone Boy

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ORGANIZING LEXINGTON'S GAY & LESBIAN VOTE

by Linda West

I have a map of the First District's Castlewood, Fairlawn, and Emerson precincts in my head. I have that map because I have walked more than half the streets in those precincts, knocking on every door as a Fairness volunteer campaigning for George Brown. What I also have, but never expected, is an image of those working class streets as surprisingly populous with lesbians and gays.

One house I went to displayed a rainbow flag. A woman came to the door. I told her pointblank why she should vote for George Brown and asked her if she had any gay neighbors I should also speak to. She promptly directed me to two other houses on her street. On another street I found three gay households in a row. In every instance in which I suspected that the person answering my knock was a member of the community, I was right; and in each instance they directed me on to someone else a few doors down, or just around the corner, or on the next street up. If you ever feel discouraged by the infamous "1%" figure, just try going door to door. It will brighten your outlook immensely. What's more, it will show you quite clearly that gays and lesbians in Lexington have the potential to become an organized voting bloc.

Fairness does not have a total for the number of gays and lesbians that its volunteers got to the polls for George Brown. It does know, however, that even in the three white working class precincts that George Brown lost, 29 voters—6% of everyone who voted—were people contacted by Fairness. In the Hampton Court, Campsie, and North Broadway precincts—all won by Brown—the number of gays and lesbians whom Fairness urged to the polls probably ran at least twice what it did in the precincts Brown lost. Combine that with a scattering of gays and lesbians contacted in the District's remaining four precincts, and a minimal estimate of the number of voters which Fairness mobilized behind Brown is 100. One hundred votes doesn't sound like much until you consider the following: the 8th District council seat was won by 38 votes; Kathy Pratt won in the 3rd District by just 55 votes; the 7th District's council race was decided by 104 votes. One hundred votes can decide a local election. And remember, the estimate that 100 gay and lesbian voters were mobilized by Fairness is rockbottom minimal. The real figure may be closer to twice that.

Fairness and our community prevented a Radical Right candidate from winning this time, and we should

congratulate ourselves for that. There is, however, a down side. The down side is that we won only by an *ad hoc* "call all your friends" effort. We worked the grapevine right along with the pavement. But we could have won far more efficiently, with a lot less wear and tear, if our community just had a comprehensive mailing list of gay and lesbian voters. Unfortunately, we don't. Nor does Fairness have a ready means of compiling such a list. Fairness' only tap into the community is the sign-up sheet offered to people who drop in at the monthly Fairness meeting. And unlike an Iris Events concert or Tri State Gay Rodeo picnic, Fairness meetings do not draw throngs of people. Neither does Fairness produce a newsletter of broad general interest as GLSO does, thereby generating a subscriber list. Instead, if it's lucky, Fairness attracts two or three newcomers to its meeting every month and its mailing list grows accordingly, which is to say that that list will not become an effective means of reaching gay and lesbian voters anytime within the next decade. Unfortunately, our community will need such a list long before that. We will need such a list because there will be future Radical Right candidates in Lexington, possibly as early as next year, and because we need to muster concrete support, in large numbers, for candidates who go out on a political limb by supporting our rights. Moreover, having other organizations do mailings to their members on behalf of Fairness is not a solution, because what is needed is a mailing list organized by Urban-County and state legislative districts so that gay and lesbian voters in critical races can be reached.

Working the First District's precincts, I met gays and lesbians on every street. Virtually every community member I spoke to welcomed the information I gave them, especially since the candidates' stands on gay and lesbian issues was not information available through the Herald-Leader or other "straight" media. Many said that they hadn't known who to vote for, or that they might not have taken the time to vote if Fairness had not contacted them. Again and again people said, "It's great that Fairness is doing this!" In effect, they told me that gay and lesbian voters in this town are ready to be organized. But Fairness can't do the organizing alone. Organizing to prevent the election of Right wing legislators and judges, and to elect men and women who support our rights, will require the help of groups besides Fairness. What is needed is this: those organizations in our community that do have the ability to build large mailing lists need to find ways to serve as taps into the community for the purpose of creating a Community Voter's List. Then, maybe next time, the grapevine can take a rest.

P-FLAG: We Heal Families

Are you concerned, in you gay, lesbian or bisexual lifestyle about how to develop or maintain a fulfilling relationship with your parents and families, especially at this holiday season? If you are, there are people in Lexington who understand, they have experienced the problems that sometimes occur as families of different lifestyles gather intergenerationally around the Thanksgiving table or the Christmas or Chanucka lights. You find people like this in PFLAG.

As you probably already know, PFLAG is a new and alive presence in Lexington. A chapter of this international organization began here in October. But it's not really new. You saw P-Flag people marching with pride in the Washington DC parade last summer on TV. You saw them lifting up a banner during the visit here in Lexington at Triangle Park on December 1. Why is this? Because they love and support their bisexual, lesbian and gay children and want to demonstrate these feelings to all, particularly to those who do not understand.

PFLAG has several purposes. First is the unwavering support of the rights of our lesbian/gay children. We seek to educate society and fight against the terrible evils of discrimination and homophobia.

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Can we help you? If you are lesbian, gay or bisexual and you dread the potential problems that coming out may bring to you and your parents or other members of your family, let us help. Send, or better, bring your family to a PFLAG meeting. Or come yourself. See what we do. We respect confidentiality, and we support one another. If you would like, a member of PFLAG can talk with your family, either along with you or alone. Parents have to go through their own process as they get used to knowing that you are gay or lesbian. Often talking to another parent who has dealt with similar issues can be a source of relief.

Call Ruth at 376-1777 or Jan at 278-7461 or write to PFLAG at PO Box 55484, Lexington 40555. There is also a toll-free referral telephone number for information about PFLAG Chapters in other areas of the country 1-800-4-FAMILY. Meetings are held at Chapel Hill Presbyterian Church on the third Thursday of each month from 7:30pm until about 9:00pm. The next meeting will be held on December 16. Give us a chance to help, please!

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LEXINGTON FAIRNESS HELPS ELECT URBAN-COUNTY COUNCIL CANDIDATE

According to First District Council Member Elect George Brown and representatives of Lexington Fairness, Fairness was instrumental in Brown's November 2 win over opponent Pat McGill.

"A large part of what we were able to achieve in my campaign was due to Fairness and its membership," said Brown. "My appreciation is extended to all the members of Fairness. I definitely see us working together for the benefit of our communities in the future."

Fairness became involved in the Brown campaign after learning that McGill serves on the board of the conservative Kentucky Coalition of Christians. Consistent with the Right wing Christian Coalition's strategy of running covert "stealth" candidates, McGill did not disclose his right wing affiliation to the Herald-Leader. As a result, McGill's Coalition of Christians membership was not included in the Herald-Leader profile of him. Fairness instead discovered McGill's membership through its own independent sources.

According to Fairness Steering Committee Co-chair Julie Burns, upon learning of McGill's Right wing connection, Fairness approached Brown to see where

he stood on the question of civil rights protections for lesbians and gays. In Julie's words: "We were delighted to find that George was fully supportive of our community." Brown met twice with Fairness members, including one meeting at the home of a local community member.

Faced with one of the clearest choices offered in a local race, Fairness gave vigorous support to the Brown campaign. Fairness drew on its own supporters as well as other community organizations, such as Lexington's MCC, to recruit over twenty volunteers to do door to door leafletting and phone banking. Fairness volunteers, often working side by side with Brown, walked literally hundreds of streets in the First District on an almost daily basis during the last three weeks of October. Fairness also contacted all First District residents on its mailing list, as well as every other person Fairness volunteers knew in the District. Those contacted were asked to pass the word along to their gay, lesbian, and progressive neighbors. The result was a word of mouth campaign that Julie Burns believes "delivered a substantial majority of the gay vote in the First District to George."

Brown ultimately won with 63% of the vote, including 67% in the heavily gay Hampton Court precinct. Fairness' influence, however, extended well beyond Hampton Court and into those precincts carried by McGill. McGill won the overwhelmingly straight Castlewood, Fairlawn, and Emerson precincts, beating Brown by 340 votes to 158. But even in these conservative precincts, voter rosters show that 6% of the total vote and 20% of those who voted for Brown were gays and lesbians contacted by Fairness.

Asked to evaluate the significance of Fairness' work with the Brown campaign, Paul Fuller, Julie Burns' Co-chair, said: "It would be hard to overstate the importance of this development in the political life of our community. It was the first time in Lexington's history that a gay and lesbian organization worked hand in hand with a candidate for public office, not only contributing to the candidate's election but achieving coalition building between our community and leaders of Lexington's African-American community."

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Services Network

If we don't unite all of our resources- professional, emotional, and financial, could what happened in Cincinnati happen here? It takes time, effort, and a commitment from our diverse service organizations to create a unified lesbigay community. One way we are doing this is through the Services Network.

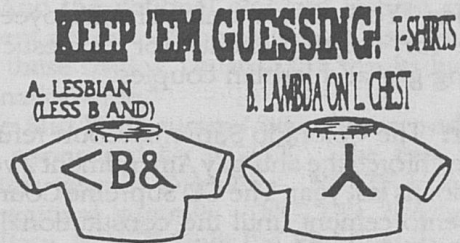
A representative from each of Lexington Organizations meets on the first Saturday of each month at 11:00am (in the event of holiday weekends, the meeting moves to the second Saturday).

How can meeting once a month strengthen our community?

- 1) To have a representative from each of our diverse groups when decisions affecting our community are made (sometimes decisions need to be made on short notice)
- 2) A quick, effective way to disseminate information to hundreds of people.
- 3) Develop a comprehensive mailing list of lesbigay supportive individuals (for use on election information of political candidates)
- 4) Coordinate and quickly inform lesbigays of community events (Pride week, rallies, vigils parades)
- 5) Obtain and maintain a lesbigay community center.
- 6) Share resources (advertising, money, equipment, professional expertise)
- 7) Avoid scheduling conflicts of events and fundraisers.
- 8) Support, attend, and co-produce events and fundraisers.

The Services Network is vital to strengthening our splintered lesbigay community. a representative is needed from each group to attend these monthly meetings. Next meeting date is December 4 at 11:00 am, call Ann at 266-6568 for further information.

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NEWS SHORTS

New York: Mayor Dinkins announced that on January 1 all New York City municipal employees will be eligible for health benefits for domestic partners including gay and lesbian couples.

Denver: The Colorado Supreme Court refused to let the state enforce the anti-gay Amendment 2 voted in by Coloradoans last year. The CO Supreme Court decision blocks enforcement until the constitutionality of the amendment is decided.

New York: Exit polls found that between 8-9% of voters in the NYC mayoral race identified themselves as lesbian/gay. This figure is double those self-identifying as such from previous elections. 70% of the gay vote went to the losing Democratic incumbent, David Dinkins.

Cincinnati: A judge has blocked Cincinnati's Issue 3 that was voted into law by Cincinnatians in November. Issue 3 is a city-wide version of Colorado's Amendment 2 that not only repeals the city's law protecting people from discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation but also prohibits Cincinnati from enacting any law protecting gay, lesbian or bisexual people from discrimination. The judge's decision is based on the questionable constitutionality of the new law.

The passage of Issue 3 has also led to a nationwide boycott of Cincinnati. Three conferences have already moved out of the city or are seeking alternative sites: United Church of Christ, American Library Assoc., and American Historical Assoc.

Chile: 19 people were killed when a mysterious fire broke out at the door of a crowded gay disco in Valparaiso. The government claims the fire was due to faulty electrical wiring but witnesses claim otherwise.

Washington: After IGLA (Int'l. Gay and Lesbian Association) granted consultive roster status to NAMBLA (North American Man/Boy Love Association), P-FLAG (Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays) issued a statement denouncing NAMBLA's participation as a pedophile organization fostering sex between adult men and young boys.

SEASONS GREETINGS

LLDEF Case of the Month

by Jeff Jones

Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund is a group of lawyers, legal workers and supporters defending the rights of lesbians, gay men, bisexuals and PWAs in the courts of the land for 20 years. Below is a case from their 1993 Lambda Update showing their continuing work and the issues facing our community:

Ad Hoc Committee of Proud Black Lesbians and Gays (PBLG) v. Defender Charities, Inc. (Illinois)

LLDEF filed a complaint for PBLG before the Chicago Commission on Human Relations after the group's application for a place in the Bud Billiken parade (advertised as the nation's largest African-American parade) was turned down. Defender Charities, the parade organizers, claimed that the PBLG application was denied due to a lack of "space, time and manpower." This reason was shown to be a lie when another application (with the mention of gay and lesbian removed) was approved although submitted a month later. LLDEF and PBLG settled out of court to allow PBLG to march in the parade under their own banner in support of visibility, youth education and anti-violence.

HUNDREDS GATHER IN MID-WEST TO BATTLE RIGHT WING INITIATIVES

Washington, D.C. - (September 9, 1993) - More than 300 activists gathered in Cincinnati Labor Day weekend to plan strategies to defeat anti-gay initiatives on the state and local levels in the Mid-West. The Fight the Right Mid-West Regional Summit, held September 4 and 5, was cosponsored by the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF) and Stonewall Cincinnati, a local gay and lesbian political organization.

Following the passage of Amendment 2 in Colorado last November, Far Right groups announced plans to pursue similar anti-gay initiatives across the country. Activists from Ohio, Indiana, Kentucky, Illinois, Michigan, Missouri, and Wisconsin met at the summit to learn skills and share information to battle those initiatives.

Following an opening address by Peri Jude Radevic, NGLTF Deputy Director of Public Policy, summit participants offered regional reports on Right Wing activity in their states and cities. The summit featured a dramatic plenary session entitled "Civil Rights vs. Special Rights," presented by speakers Suzanne Pharr

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of the Arkansas Women's Project, Scot Nakagawa, NGLTF Fight the Right Field Organizer, and Suzanne Goldberg of Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund. Nine workshops followed, focusing on media advocacy, coalition building, grassroots organizing, opposition research, legal issues, campaign organizing, and direct action techniques.

Summit participants screened a new Right Wing anti-gay video called, "Gay Rights, Special Rights," which includes interviews and footage from the March on Washington. Activists discussed ways to counter the misinformation of that video and others that circulate around the country during debates over gay and lesbian rights.

The summit was held as activists in Cincinnati are gearing up to defeat in local anti-gay initiative on the November ballot. That measure, known as Issue 3, would repeal a section of the city's human rights ordinance, which bans discrimination based on sexual orientation. The initiative would also prohibit future inclusion of sexual orientation in the human rights ordinance. Issue 3 is similar to Colorado's Amendment 2.

"The summit was a critical step in developing a cohesive strategy against attacks by Right Wing hate groups," said Betsy Gressler, NGLTF board member in Cincinnati and summit host committee chair. "Cincinnati and the Mid-West have emerged as key battlegrounds

in the fight to oppose anti-gay initiatives."

"We can't have another Colorado," said NGLTF's Radecic. "Activists battling these initiatives need to work together and share information, strategies and skills. And the national gay and lesbian civil rights movement needs to support the activists on the front lines in these battles, because the results have impact nationwide."

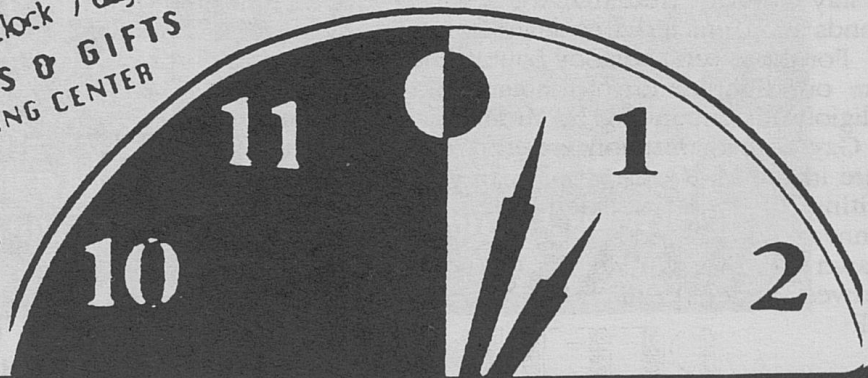
The Mid-West summit was the second regional summit sponsored by NGLTF. The first was held earlier this year in Colorado. NGLTF will organize future regional summits. NGLTF's Nakagawa and Robert Bray, NGLTF Fight the Right grassroots media trainer, are currently touring the country, organizing one-day training sessions for local groups battling the Right Wing. Upcoming trainings will be held in Tampa, Florida (Sept. 18), Ft. Lauderdale, Florida (Sept. 20 & 21), Boise, Idaho (Sept. 25), Phoenix, Arizona (Oct. 9), Oklahoma City, Oklahoma (Oct. 23), Laramie, Wyoming (Nov. 30) and Missoula, Montana (Dec. 4). The NGLTF Creating Change conference, to be held in Durham, North Carolina November 12-14, will also include full-day intensive sessions on battling the Far Right.

For details about Fight the Right trainings, contact Robert Bray at 415/552-6448. For information about Creating Change, call Ivy Young, NGLTF Director of Creating Change, at 202/332-6483, ext. 3304.

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Betrayed Again!

We have been betrayed yet again by the Democratic Party and their leader Bill Clinton. This is the third promise that Clinton has broken to the Gay/Lesbian community. Clinton promised he would permit HIV+ Haitians into the United States and stop their interdiction at sea; promise broken. Clinton promised he would let HIV+ individuals visit the United States, instead he signed legislation keeping the ban, promise broken. Next, our friend Clinton promised to lift the ban on Gays/Lesbians in the military; promise broken. Instead we got "Don't Ask, Don't Tell, Don't Pursue." What wonderful policies our friends the Democrats gave us.

How was Bill Clinton able to betray us? The simple answer is that the leadership and a great deal of the Gay/Lesbian community are shackled to the Democratic Party. Democrats know that no matter what happens they do not need to keep their promises because our own leadership will make excuses for the lack of progress by the Democrats. Republicans, on the other hand, know that no matter what they do, they will be condemned by the Gay/Lesbian community. A perfect example of this is Gov. Arne Carlson of Minnesota. Gov. Carlson, risking the wrath of the Religious Right, lobbied for and signed a gay rights law - the strongest in the nation. In return, the Gay/Lesbian leadership and their minions in Minnesota have downplayed the Governor's help and aide. What they say is "He is great on our issues, but a Democrat would be better for us." This after having a Democratic governor and legislature for twelve of the last fourteen years who supposedly supported Gay Rights.

The question begging to be asked then is this: "If the Democrats are going to betray us and the Republicans ignore us, what can we do?" Well, first off, we can break our shackles to the Democratic Party. Next we need Gays/Lesbians to join and come out in the Republican Party. Only by being active in both parties can we guarantee our rights progress and not regress or stay stagnant. Finally, we need to support our friends and punish our enemies in both parties.

For those who wish to go into the breaches and take our fight to our strongest opponents on the Religious Right, join the Log Cabin federation (a group of Gay/Lesbian Republicans and their supporters). Here in the Midwest, people can join Log Cabin by writing to 2518 Blaisdell Ave., South, Apt. A., Minneapolis, MN 55404-4228 or call 612/871-2509.

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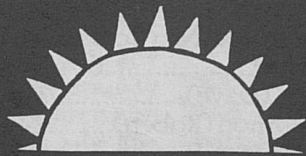
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