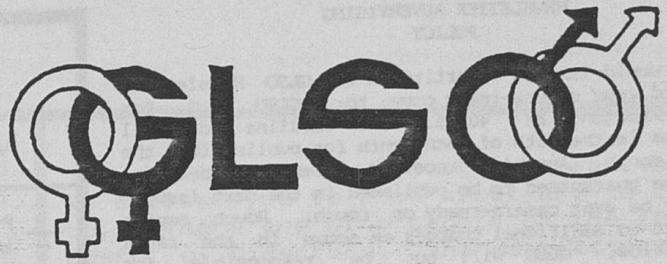
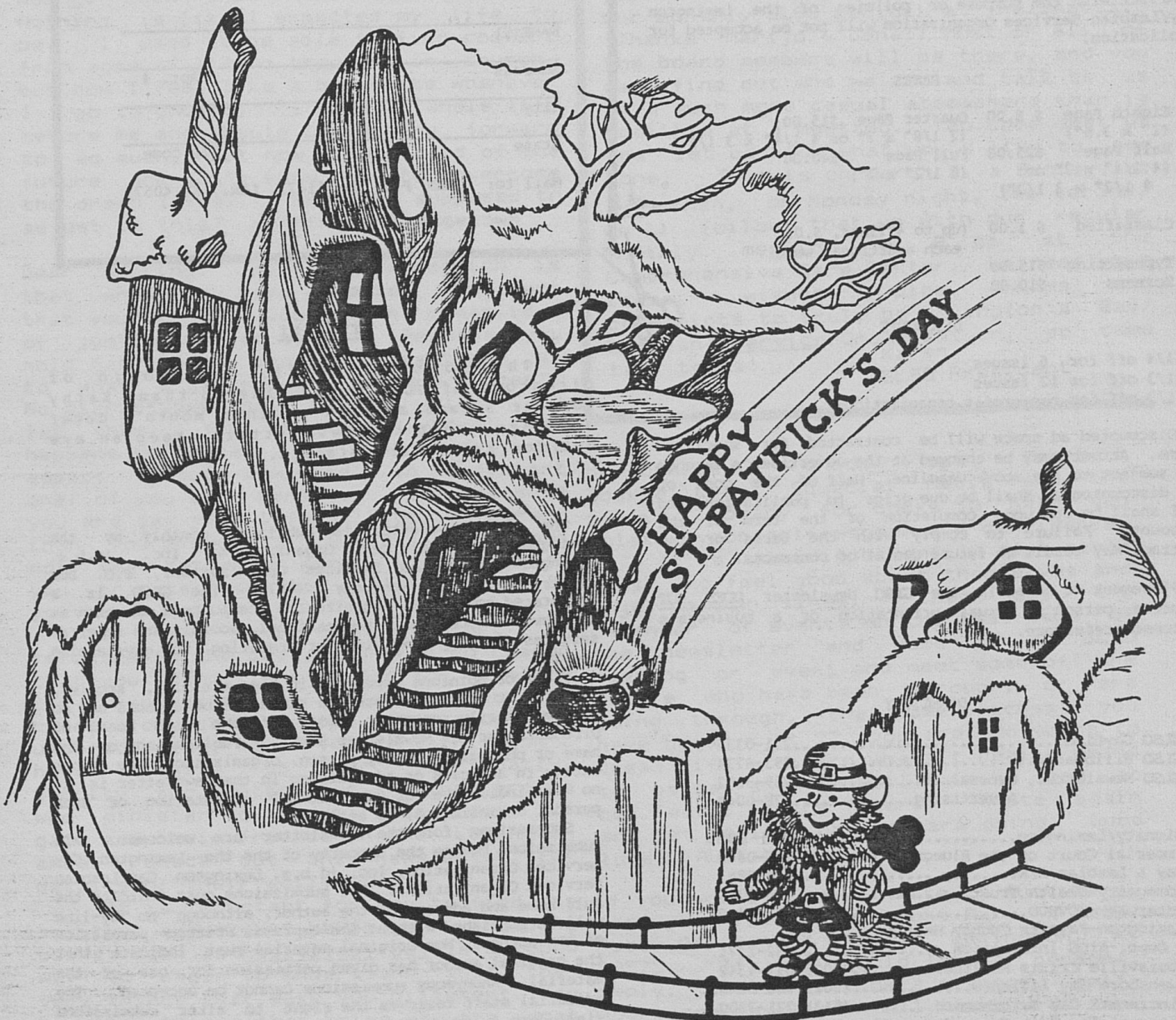


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# ASK AUNT MARY

Dear Aunt Mary: I am 22 years old and have finally admitted to myself that I am gay. I have struggled with this for several years, trying to deny my real feelings. The problem is, even though I have admitted that I am gay, I feel even worse than before. At least before I could lie to myself and say eventually I would stop being attracted to other men and go on and lead a normal life. Now I know that will never happen. Nothing is like I expected my life to be. I used to be able to find comfort from some of life's troubles in church, but now I feel like a hypocrite whenever I go to church. I have my whole life before me and should be looking forward to so much, but now I am afraid of the future and don't know how to overcome the dread I feel. How am I supposed to adjust to this? Hurting - Georgetown

Dear Hurting: My first impression is that while you have accepted the fact that you are gay, you have no clear idea of just what that means. Perhaps you hold many of the typical stereotypes as to what a gay person "is" and "does". No stereotypes apply to you unless you let them. You are an individual who happens to be gay, but that is only one aspect (though admittedly an important one) of you as a person. Yes, because you are gay your life will be different than you expected. But different does not mean better or worse, it is up to you to make what you will of the life you have.

If you have found comfort in religion in the past, there is no reason that you cannot turn to God for comfort and inspiration now. You may need to change churches to find acceptance and understanding, but you certainly don't have to give up your spirituality. Dignity and Interweave are two groups who minister to the spiritual needs of gays and their friends in the Lexington area. Check out this newsletter for details of their activities.

It is important for you to find the positive aspects of being gay. Reading books such as Positively gay is a good way to begin to understand that the very things that make you different may be the things that bring you the most joy and add color and depth to your

We have a couple of special events we'd like you to know about and to come to. There are nine people on the GLSO Board of Directors, and we pretty much decide where GLSO is going, and what we'll be doing. We keep looking for input during the monthly forum, but I realize that's not everyone's idea of a fun evening. So, we're making a stronger effort this month to find out your needs and concerns. First, we have our monthly GLSO potluck at Razzmatazz! (Thanks Marijo & Dena!) Most or all of the board members will be there, and you can find out who we are and talk to us in a much more casual atmosphere than is possible at a meeting. So come meet us and let us know what you'd like to see done! This is on March 1, a Sunday, at 1:30. Then, on Monday night, the second, we'll follow that up with our regular monthly meeting at 8 pm at the Comprehensive Care Center. We need YOUR ideas, wishes, pipe dreams and complaints to truly be Lexington's Gay/Lesbian Service Organization, so come talk to us!

Karen  
GLSO President

personality. Check out Joe-Beth Booksellers, Squecial Media and the public library for books to help you bolster your self-esteem and confidence.

It is also important to meet other gays who feel good about themselves and enjoy their lives. Check out the calendar of events on the last page of the newsletter and come to a GLSO meeting or event and meet some of the people who have been through, or are going through, the same process you have begun. At 22 you are too young to dread life. Learn what it really means to be gay and you will have no need to be feaful of the future. Write again and let me know how you are doing. Good luck! Aunt Mary

If you would like to write to Aunt Mary, send your letter to: Aunt Mary, % GLSO, Post Office BOX 11471, Lexington, KY 40575. If you would like a personal reply, please include a stamped, self-addressed envelope. All names are kept strictly confidential.

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# WOMEN'S NEWS

The following article is taken from the book Our Right to Love, a Lesbian Resource Book, produced in cooperation with women of the National Gay Task Force. The editor is Ginny Vida, Media Director for the National Gay Task Force. This is the first installment in an ongoing series.

## WHAT IT MEANS TO LOVE ANOTHER WOMAN by J. Lee Lehman

What is a lesbian? She is a female homosexual. She is a woman who prefers other women on many levels: psychologically, emotionally, psychologically, sometimes politically, and sexually. A lesbian may form lasting emotional and sexual bonds with another woman or women or she may form satisfying friendships with other women which are never acted out sexually. There are many different "life-styles" selected by the millions of lesbians in this country. No matter what the choice, however, there is an omnipresent shadow: prejudice.

In different times and cultures, lesbianism has been seen in different ways. It may be totally acceptable (even expected), acceptable (or expected) up until a certain age, or unacceptable. In Western society lesbianism has been flaunted by some (such as Sappho and her disciples), encouraged for pragmatic reasons (such as keeping the illegitimacy rate down), discouraged as sinful (by the Catholic and some other churches), or even presumed to be nonexistent (what can two women do in bed together anyway?). Homosexuality was punishable by burning during the Reformation, death in the Nazi concentration camps, and commitment to mental institutions in the United States. It is only in the seventies that health professionals - psychologists and psychiatrists - are recognizing that there is nothing inherently bad or "sick" about lesbianism.

Even today, lesbianism remains an enigma. No psychologist, no physician, no scientist, has been able to explain whether there is a "cause", genetic or environmental. The best statistics on its incidence are nearly thirty years old. Of course, "science" hasn't explained the "cause(s)" of heterosexuality either, but this fact has been generally overlooked. Part of the reason, I believe, is that

lesbianism has been viewed as sexual activity rather than sexual preference; something a woman does in bed rather than the way she lives her life. Lesbianism is a very complex behavior pattern which is not readily accessible to simplistic analysis. The important distinction is not that we have sex with other women, but that we love them, and it is this love that profoundly affects our lives and, in this society, sets us apart.

Love is something that none of us understands fully, but most cherish. Lesbians fall in love: love at first sight, a friendship that develops into something more, an intuitive flash that says, "Get to know this woman!" The effect of falling in love may have different ramifications. If both women have already "come out" (acknowledged their lesbianism), then the process is much easier. It can be disconcerting for a woman who has not acknowledged the strength of her feelings for other women. She may say to herself, "What a wonderful friend!" and then wonder why she gets tongue-tied in that woman's presence, or jealous of anyone the woman sees, or just why she is obsessed with thinking about her. Few of us have been raised to be more than vaguely aware that lesbianism exists, much less that it could be a viable alternative. As a result, it may never occur to her that she is "in love" with the other woman. This realization can take years. In my own case, I had a habit of becoming extremely attached to whoever was my best friend. In high school I suffered through jealousy attacks whenever one of my friends started dating. (Why is she wasting her time on him? What does she see in him?) I freely acknowledged that I preferred women, and I vaguely knew I wasn't going to change. But I didn't recognize any of these feelings as sexual in nature. Finally, in my late teens, it took the prodding of a straight friend who realized I had a crush on her to push me into exploring my sexuality, but not with her!

(Continues in next month's GLSO Newsletter...)

## WOMEN'S MUSIC FESTIVAL

Three day holidays are custom-made for fun and adventure... exploring the unknown or relaxing from the grind of everyday life. If you'd like to kick off the summer with a little of both, plan to attend the Southern Women's Music Festival on Memorial Day Weekend in the beautiful Blue Ridge Mountains in northern Georgia.

Imagine this. Southern women celebration of music, art, and women so festive that it's impossible to not be taken in by the atmosphere. Music and comedy all day long, swimming in the lake (no suit required), basketball, outdoor raquetball, volleyball and any other sport you can visualize when 2,000 sisters gather!!!

Michigan may be bigger, but better would depend on your taste. The SWMF offers a small, almost intimate gathering. Since it is held at a camp with limited space, numbers are limited to 2,000. The layout of facilities make it easy to move about without much hassle. That is, of course, unless you want to be hassled!

Make plans now... fees are on a sliding scale, \$80 - 95 for a campsite for the 23rd, 24th, and 25th. \$95 - 105 for a campsite for 4 days (includes food). \$115 for a cabin for 4 days. With special arrangements with the management, work exchange is possible in place of the fees. For more information or reservations write to SWMCF

13514 Hart St.

Van Nuys, California 91405  
or phone (814) 904-9495; personal checks are accepted until April 20.

## Setback for Women's Rights

The Supreme Court's Hardwick decision upholding Georgia's sodomy law was one of last year's worst setbacks for women's rights, so far as the NOW Legal Defense and Education Fund is concerned.

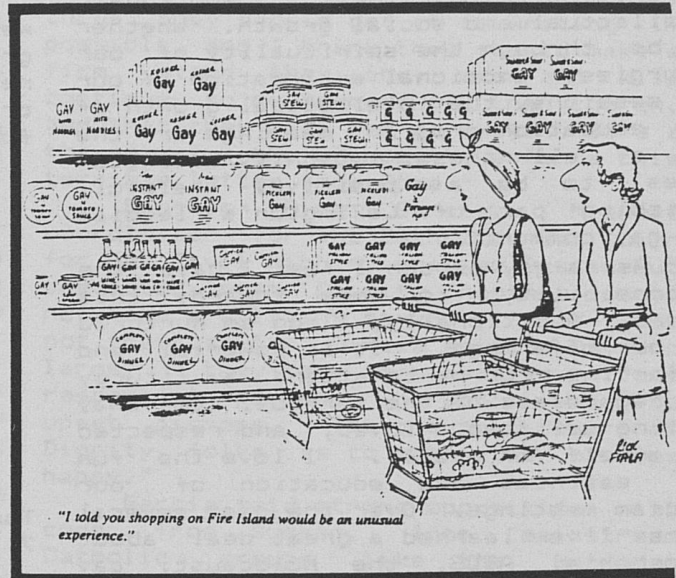
The AF reported that the fund, an arm of the National Organization for Women, included the antigay court ruling on a list of 10 major setbacks for 1986. Topping the list was the confirmation of William Rehnquist as chief justice of the Supreme Court and of Antonin Scalia as an associate justice. The organization also compiled a list of 10 major advances; that list contained no gay-related items.

(Reprinted from The Advocate)

## BETWEEN THE ACTS

On January 31 the new Lexington women's theater group "Between the Acts" presented a benefit event at the Unitarian Universalist Church. It included a twelve minute excerpt from the play "Harmony", written by group member Joy Landrum, and the Lesbian Dating Game in which audience members participated. Approximately 150 people attended the event.

"Between the Acts" is planning to present the full length version of "Harmony" this spring. Please check your upcoming newsletters for the date and location.



## PARTY ANIMAL ON SAFARI!

The Party Animal Women's Soccer Club in Louisville is sponsoring a Safari Dance on March 21 at 8 pm - 1 am at the Comm.-Ten Center.

As always, there will also be other entertainment, wonderful and fun door prizes, and a chance to win a super donation raffle (rumor has it that the super prize is a video tape of Desert Hearts!)

Rumor also has it that a special invitation has been sent to Tarzan, Jane, Cheeta, Boy, and (especially!) Girl to make a special appearance and give free vine-swinging lessons!

Proceeds go towards helping PAWS Club with their expenses, which last year included participating in Gay Games II.

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## FROM THE PRESIDENT

Our February 21st program-education meeting was about spirituality. As deadline for the newsletter is the 15th I cannot report on it. I would, however, like to reflect on some of the thoughts I have about Dignity.

Dignity is an organization out of the Roman Catholic Church. I am a Unitarian Universalist who came from a Southern Baptist background. The obvious question from this is: why am I involved with Dignity, let alone president of such an organization?

Quite simply, Dignity/Lexington works to make life better for lesbian and gay people. It, we, assist in our community's spiritual, emotional, intellectual and social growth. Whether it be through the spirituality of our liturgies, emotional exploration of our rap sessions, the intellectual growth of our education-program meetings or the fun of all these, Dignity/Lexington tries to be a positive, helpful, enriching part of Lexington's lesbian and gay community.

As a gay person I feel I have the responsibility to work towards this effort. Additionally, I too am nurtured by our offerings. It is powerful and comforting for me to attend a liturgy and regardless of the turnout, come away feeling uplifted, loved, and respected as myself for myself. I love the fun and easiness and education of our program meetings. Over the past several years I've learned a great deal about homophobia, AIDS, the holocaust, gay parenting, and legal issues to name a few. The rap sessions - well, I have yet to miss a rap session. I've laughed and had my spirits lifted, I've felt pain and sorrow, I've contemplated and discussed, I've observed and listened. I have, in short, grown - a great deal. I keep waiting for us to run out of topics, but we keep getting stronger. I have fun.

Dignity has done a lot for us. That's why I do a lot for Dignity. By making life better for others, by providing services for us - the lesbian and gay community - I make my life better. And while I'm as strong a Unitarian Universalist as they come, I'm committed to the purposes of Dignity very, if you'll pardon the phrase, religiously.

I hope to see you at a Dignity meeting soon.

Peace,  
Keith

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## 4TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Dignity/Lexington is four years old this month. A special evening of celebration is planned for Saturday, March 28th.

We'll be meeting at J. Vincent's at 6:30 for dinner. We plan on making reservations on the 21st so please call to increase our numbers. About 8:30 we'll gather at Jim and John's for a reception and movie. We hope to have our regional director on hand for the fun. Later, we'll be heading for The Bar for an evening of dancing and socializing. Plan to attend! If you cannot make all three, feel free to join us whenever you can make it.

J. Vincent's was selected because we've been there before and had such a great time. Remember we need reservations by the 21st (606-273-8056, or 606-299-0352), so call today! We look forward to seeing you!

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### SCHEDULE

Tuesday, March 10th 7:30 pm	Liturgy at Larry's 254-9812
Thursday, March 12th 7:30 pm	Rap session at Kris & Shirley's 273-7870
Friday-Sunday March 13-15th	Dignity Region V at Toledo, Ohio
Saturday, March 28th 6:30 pm 8:30 pm	4th Anniversary J. Vincent's Jim & John's Reception/Movie
10:30 am - 1:00 pm For more info:	Dancing at The Bar 273-8056 (Keith) 299-0352 (Jim & John)

### MEMBERSHIP

Membership in Dignity/Lexington is \$25.00, down from \$27.50. Student rates are \$20.00 and couples are \$45.00. Join today! Your membership supports the work of Dignity/Lexington, Dignity/Region V, and Dignity/USA.

DIGNITY EVICTED FROM CHURCHES  
by Peter Freiberg

In the wake of the Vatican's recent letter strongly condemning homosexuality, several chapters of Dignity have been evicted from church facilities where they were meeting and celebrating mass.

So far, the following Dignity groups have been affected:

In Buffalo and Pensacola, Florida bishops have ordered Dignity chapters off church property; the gays are meeting elsewhere.

In Atlanta, the bishop wrote a letter that one gay Catholic leader viewed as ambiguous. But a chaplain to the group said the bishop's "clear" intent was to bar Dignity from meeting and celebrating mass on church property.

In the Archdiocese of Cincinnati - which includes Dayton - the bishop, according to one Dignity leader, has raised questions about whether the group can continue to meet on church property.

Last October's Vatican letter called homosexual inclination an "objective disorder" leading toward an "intrinsic moral evil." Decrying "the pro-homosexual movement," the letter warned Catholic clerics that the use of church buildings and school facilities by groups that seek to "undermine the teaching of the church" was "misleading and often scandalous."

Although most of Dignity's 100 chapters so far have not been evicted, Jim Bussen, Dignity national president, commented that it was still "too early to tell" how many bishops would attempt to enforce the Vatican's strictures.

"I think it's just beginning," said the Rev. Robert Nugent, a Catholic priest who is a consultant to the Catholic Coalition for Gay Civil Rights. "the Dayton/Cincinnati case is crucial. I suspect whatever happens there is going to set the tone for a lot of bishops."

According to Nugent, Dayton/Cincinnati is especially important because the archdiocese is headed by Archbishop Daniel Pilarczyk, a middle-of-the-road cleric who is the current vice president of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops. Pilarczyk is slated to be the conference's next president, and Nugent believes whatever he does will be followed by others.

A major reason why gay Catholic groups have wanted to use Catholic facilities, Nugent noted, "is to stay in the mainstream of the church . . ."

In the case of Bishop Pilarczyk, Dignity activist Bernard Stratman said the chapters in Cincinnati and Dayton were approaching the bishop "cautiously and slowly, "trying not to "push him into a corner." Stratman indicated that Pilarczyk has not made a final decision, and there was "still dialogue" going on.

Dignity national president Bussen maintained that any Dignity chapter refused use of church buildings should take a "strong, militant stand. Mostly, I don't want (Dignity chapters) to go quietly into the night. I think they should go public with the information, I think they should get it in writing if possible, and I think they should make a firm stand that they are and will continue to be members of the church, and that they will not go away. It's a travesty for the bishops to enforce this terrible letter from Rome."

Brother Rick Garcia, Midwest coordinator for the Catholic Coalition for Gay Civil Rights, praised Bussen but predicted most Dignity chapters would not take a militant stand. "it's just not their style," Garcia said. "By and large, they're conservative, very respectful persons who don't want to upset bishops. The greatest desire of Dignity folks is to make the bishops happy."

Garcia said strong opposition will come from Bussen, from mainstream Catholic groups like the National Coalition of American Nuns, and "especially from those priests and Catholic gay activists who are not active or aligned with Dignity."

REGION V MEETING

The Dignity/Region V House of Delegates meeting is set for March 13-15th in Toledo, Ohio. Region V includes four states and sixteen chapters (KY: Lexington, Louisville; OH: Cincinnati, Dayton, Toledo, Cleveland; IN: Lafayette, Indianapolis, Muncie, Fort Wayne; MI: Detroit, Ann Arbor, Grand Rapids, Flint, Saginaw and Travers City).

Regional meetings are held quarterly in various locations throughout the district. Regional meetings are held for such purposes as networking, programming, and as a support step for Dignity/USA. Anyone interested in attending call Dignity.

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WHY WE MUST REDEFINE "FAMILY" TO  
INCLUDE GAY PEOPLE  
by Steven D. Maxey

Lately it seems that everyone has something to say about "the family". Politicians, religious leaders, sociologists, psychologists, mystics, and supermarket tabloid writers are all getting into the act. And by and large they've abandoned the old task of analyzing the roots and fruits of emotional violence within the traditionally defined contemporary family to ask, again and again, "Will the family survive?" or "How can the family be saved?"

Saved from what? Saved from feminism, divorce, the "blended" family, extended singlehood, unwed mothers, childless marriages - and especially, saved from gay men and lesbians who want to have their long-term relationships recognized as equivalent to heterosexual marriages. Saved; in short, from the sort of change that history shows the family has always undergone.

The problems we run into when we try to argue with "pro-family" forces is insidious. Despite two decades of feminist activism, it is still widely accepted that a real family is made up of a breadwinning dad, a mom - who, if she works does so part time or temporarily to supplement the family income - and their biological children. This image of the family - only slightly changed since its 19th-Century bourgeois inception - is what conservatives evoke in their rhetoric. And this is the sort of family that they imply is not only an important and necessary "building block" of a healthy society, but also natural, holy and ordained. Variations are best accepted as "alternative" families necessitated by certain economic and historic forces (e.g.: war widows). Often - and nearly always if a gay partnership is involved - conservatives refer to such variations as a threat to "the family".

And because we gays grew up here, too, went to the same movies, viewed the same Norman Rockwell paintings - and many of us grew up within families that more or less fit the burgeois pattern - when we hear the word family we too usually start off with an image of mom, dad and the kids. The pervasiveness of this image of the family sometimes seems to give weight to conservative's claim that the bourgeois family constellation is somehow "natural". And we gays are

influenced in subtle but debilitating ways. My ex-lover and I often talked of his family of my family - meaning our parents, siblings and other relatives - but never once referred to ourselves as a family.

Thus, when we try to make a case for families that don't fit the bourgeois pattern, not only are we forced to fight the issues on our opponents' turf (since theirs is the sanctioned definition of family), but we are also crippled by a sneaking suspicion that maybe they are right, maybe our families aren't quite as good as theirs, maybe what we have are only secondstring "alternative families". Those people whose families come close to the bourgeois pattern aren't much better off. Since "family" is equated with success, they go to all sorts of procrustean lengths to show how their particular families fit the mold. Yet they are painfully aware of how they deviate, and constantly feel those deviations as signs of failure.

It is time that we - a we that includes, but is not exclusively, gay men and lesbians - stop letting the most conservative forces define and use the terms "family" and "family values" in ways that suit their personal political purposes, and stop letting them determine the turf on which we debate. It is time that we empower ourselves, for everyone's sake, to redefine "family" and "family values" in a healthier way.

We must define "family" in a way that ignores connections of blood and law and instead emphasizes those things that are truly central to family life and make families truly valuable: a

common household, interdependence, nurturance and identity. In other words, we must declare - and believe - that a family is any group of people who:

- \*live (or have once lived for an extended time) in a single household;
- \*are economically, physically and psychologically interdependent;
- \*nurture one another, with each committed to helping foster the emotional, physical, and spiritual well-being of the others;
- \*provide one another with a sense of identity, a sense that they belong to a family when their lives or their daily activities take them elsewhere.

If we hold and promote such a definition of the family, conservatives will no longer be able to clobber us



with their huge, vague and luminous references to a "natural" family. We will begin purging our culture and ourselves of a sick and absurd system of thought in which, on the one hand, people who have the 'right' constellation of members in their household but who are emotionally violent and psychologically destructive are still considered a family - while, on the other hand, people who live in a single household, who nurture and support one another, and who provide a sense of identity to one another do not consider themselves a real family if they lack a marriage certificate, children or a parent. Finally, and perhaps most important, the family so defined will not only survive, but will be undeniably worth saving.  
(from the Advocate)

#### Toronto Hosts UULGC Convocation

Valentine Day weekend found me away from my lover and attending, as a representative of Interweave-Lexington, the 3rd convocation of the UULGC (Unitarian Universalists for Lesbian & Gay Concerns) in Toronto, Ontario. For those of you who are unfamiliar with the national UUA (Unitarian Universalist Association), the UUA is a liberal denomination (with an active Lexington church) which grants full recognized status to both its lesbian and gay members and clergy. The denomination has supported gay/lesbian rights for the past fifteen years and conducts ceremonies of union for lesbian and gay couples.

The convocation brought together over 85 lesbian and gay UU's from all parts of the US and Canada to one of the most exciting cities in North America. Upon arriving in Toronto on Friday, I traveled to Toronto's largest gay/lesbian bookstore, GLAD Day Books, which has recently faced harsh

editorship laws when bringing gay/lesbian publications into Canada. Stopping at one of Toronto's downtown malls, I discovered what previous travelers to Toronto had told me: Toronto's men are undeniably hot. I ended up "enjoying the sights" for over an hour before continuing to the bookstore.

Saturday was filled with services, workshops and sharing, in groups and individually. I attended two workshops: gay/lesbian spirituality and UUA support for the gay/lesbian community. Saturday afternoon a friend and I cruised Toronto's Chinatown, one of North America's largest. Saturday evening I and two other Southerners, along with our host from Edmonton, Alberta, visited Toronto's large bar district. Interestingly enough, a gay bar is a gay bar, whatever country you are in.

The conference was not all play. Several important resolutions were discussed and approved. Support was expressed for the gays and lesbians of Canada, currently challenging the censorship laws in that country. Resolutions were approved supporting the various UU congregations which have already conducted services dealing with both AIDS and safe-sex and encouraging all congregations to follow suit. In keeping with the idea of practicing what you preach, free condoms were made available to all participants while at the convocation.

The weekend was filled with sharing, caring, and expressing our individual and group love for one another as lesbians and gays. The convocation's theme "The Welcoming Church" was exhibited in every way in Toronto. For those lesbians and gays who are struggling to find a place where all are welcomed, I urge you to give "The Welcoming Church" a try.

- Craig Clere, Interweave-Lexington

### *Call to Action* for a new

## **March on Washington for Lesbian and Gay Rights**

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"Depriving individuals of the right to choose for themselves how to conduct their intimate relationships poses a far greater threat to the values most deeply rooted in our nation's history than tolerance of nonconformity could ever do."

—U.S. Supreme Court Justice Harry Blackmun,  
dissenting from the Court's 1986 ruling that upholds sodomy laws

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**October 11, 1987**

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**SQUECIAL MEDIA SERVES ALTERNATIVE LIFESTYLES, INCLUDING GAYS**

Squecial Media, located at 341 South Limestone, has long been Lexington's best resource for those of us who prefer a life led outside of the boring, conventional main stream of Bible Belt society. Both the Bear's Wax Record Exchange on the first floor and the entire second floor specialize in merchandise which reaches a wider range of interests than any other store in Lexington.

The second floor store is particularly intriguing with its variety of cards (none of which carry printed messages; one of the principal goals of the store is to encourage communication), imported items of all sorts, incense, posters, pipes and smoking materials, and much more. Sale and rental of video cassettes is a relatively recent addition. Buttons with witty, and often quite bizzare, messages delight the many button fanatics in town.

Squecial Media's large book selection is probably its most significant facet. Titles are arranged by subject and spread throughout the main room as well as several smaller additional spaces. Divisions range from fiction, science fiction and fantasy, mystery, arts, math and science, to psychology, eastern religions and philosophies, Native American studies, women's topics, and gay and lesbian literature. Each of these sections includes a substantial quantity and variety of offerings.

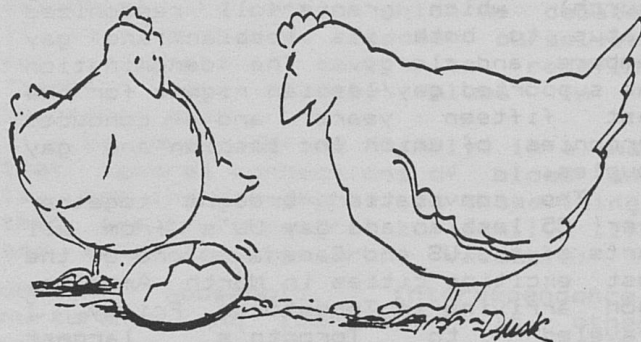
Gay literature, and the very large feminist section, is located in the first side room. Though the store's gay section is one of the few not labeled by a distinguishing sign, it is easy to find. Just look for the large women's section; both the lesbian and gay male

titles are nearby.

When perusing the gay literature shelves, keep in mind that, as with any bookstore, gay-themed volumes are frequently found in the general fiction section. At Squecial these have lately included works by Marge Piercy, Mary Renault, David Leavitt, and Lorca. Joseph Hansen's David Branstetter mystery series, and other of his works, are found in the mystery and science fiction/fantasy room. This room also contains a rack of comic books which includes several gay publications.

Some periodicals of interest to gay people are also available at Squecial: Off Our Backs, Village Voice, and Guardian are sold.

Squecial Media has recently undergone a major transformation. Where the used book store used to be located on the first floor is a new restaurant, Stuffem's. Stop by sometime and give it a try, spend hours investigating the fascinating variety of books and items on the second floor, and you can even pick up a copy of the GLSO Newsletter just inside the front door.



"Oh, terrific. We're going to have to hear yet another coming-out story."

If you're not on the GLSO Newsletter mailing list, clip out this ad, write your name and address below and send it to: GLSO, PO Box 11471, Lexington, KY 40575

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or you can pick up the Newsletter at any of the following businesses:  
The Bar, 224 East Main  
Joseph-Beth Booksellers,  
The Mall at Lexington  
Green  
Squecial Media, 371 South  
Limestone.

## GAYS PLAN PROTEST FOR POPE'S VISIT

Gay leaders in San Francisco are calling on Pope John Paul II to cancel his planned September visit to their city, predicting huge demonstrations by gays angry over recent Vatican pronouncements condemning homosexuality.

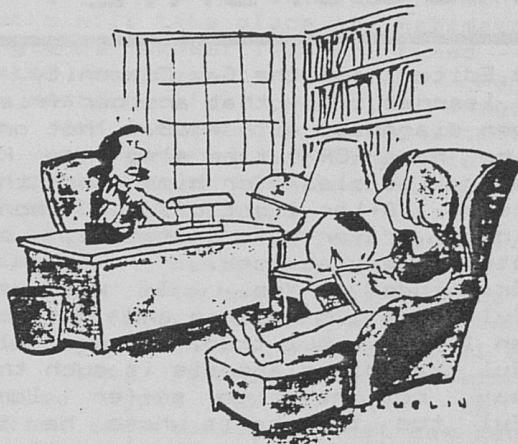
According to Richmond Young, chairman of the political action committee of the 350-member Alice B. Toklas Lesbian/Gay Democratic Club, protests against the Pope's visit are already being organized. "The Pope has become possibly the most visible symbol in the world of oppression to gays and lesbians, and of homophobia," Young told the Los Angeles Times. "Having him here in San Francisco is like waving a red flag in front of a bull."

A Papal Task Force has been formed out of eight groups composed of gays, abortion-rights advocates, feminists and those who favor ordination of women in the Catholic Church. Options being considered by the group include: demonstration that could draw upwards of 100,000 protesters; possible legal action to prevent the use of publicly owned Candlestick Park for the Pope's celebration of Mass; and, communication with the Vatican warning of strong adverse sentiment for the Pope's swing through the Bay area. The Pope is scheduled to visit San Francisco September 17-18 as part of a national tour. Last October the Vatican hardened its stand against homosexuality, which it called "an intrinsic moral evil." The statement has fueled widespread outrage within the gay community and has spurred planned protests against the Pope's autumn visit in various parts of the country.

(Reprinted from The Advocate)

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"It's your mother. I think she wants to cut off all diplomatic ties again."

## Night of a Thousand Gowns

The Imperial Court System of North America will be honored at "Night of a Thousand Gowns" on March 27 in the Grand Ballroom of the Waldorf Astoria in New York City.

According to the event's organizers, demand for tickets to the nation's first national gay charity ball has been fantastic. The evening will prove to be spectacular for the over 3000 elegantly attired impersonators, escorts and friends who will be attending, representing many national, regional and local organizations, including Miss Gay America and Miss Gay USA.

Proceeds from the ball will be distributed between the AIDS Action Council, the March on Washington Committee, the Human Rights Campaign Fund, the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, and the New York Gay and Lesbian Community Center (the local sponsors).

Donations are \$250 per person. To receive a formal invitation, debutante's guide and travel and hotel information call: (212) 861-1139 or write: Gowns, 106 1/4 Lexington Ave., New York, NY. Impersonators should make a note on their request to receive a special communication.

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# AIDS UPDATE

To the Editor, and the Gay Community,

I learned today that another friend has been diagnosed with AIDS. Not only does he have PCP but he also has KS. The outlook is bleak for him and that saddens me. After I got off the phone, I said a prayer of gratitude, and completed my day at work.

Gratitude? Yep. I was real grateful that it was him and not me. Selfish I know, but true. I was also grateful that his diagnosis is such that he may not have to suffer long. Grateful too that he is where he is. Where the medical community is attuned to this disease. Where there are hospice care centers and homes for FWA's. Grateful that he is with friends who care about him and will be with him.

For a while when I moved here from Chicago, I was grateful to be in an area of the country that has managed to escape the epidemic proportions of this disease. It was nice just living without the daily reminders of the toll this disease is taking. Then I started getting worried.

As a gay man, I'm at risk. While I've been tested twice with negative results, I know that this disease is baffling and the results could change the next time I'm tested. As a human being, I'm scared. While I'm not obsessive about death, I know that it is possible at any time. Dying from this disease is not a pretty sight and not one that I would want to face alone.

I was real glad to discover ACT-Lexington and the services they provide. While it is an organization in its infancy, the purpose of the organization and their intent is just what is needed. Support and assistance, both for those who have the disease, have tested positive or those that have loved ones with the disease. It's nice to know that it's there.

I'm still worried about this disease. It's a comfort to know that ACT is there, but I'm concerned about the members of the medical profession who don't report confirmed cases of AIDS as required by law. I'm worried about the ignorance displayed, not only by the media and people in the total community, but even within the Gay and Lesbian community.

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Being a part of ACT-Lexington makes me feel like I'm doing something. Anything, that will benefit someone or this wonderful city. I'm grateful to be here and real glad that ACT is here too.

Thanks for listening,  
Dave Kuxhaus  
President of the Board  
ACT-Lexington

## ACT NEEDS YOU!

The AIDS Crisis Task Force of Lexington (ACT-Lexington) is looking for interested volunteers to assist in education, fundraising, and administrative activities. If you would like to get involved and can make a commitment of time or would like more details, contact: Jan Harmon at 255-0448 (days) or 278-7461 (evenings); or, Dave Kuxhaus at 271-4320 (evenings).

## BELLY BUTTONS CAN BE FUN

In this day of "is he safe to have sex with" talk, are we really listening? I think it is time for us to listen. We should try to think of ways to make sex safe as well as fun. Try to think of the last time you actually felt the body you took home. Exploring a body before attacking it can be fun. Remember that guy with the hairy chest, think about how it felt for you to run your hands through the masses of hair. How do you think he felt? Did you ask him? Then remember that talking about sex can be great as well as good for you. If you really care about yourself you will talk about sex and find out if he likes his belly button played with. If he does go for it, that may be the best thing for both of you. But remember to talk about what you like and if it rains remember to put your rubbers on. Even if you don't care, some of us do.

Love,  
"Mother"

The following appeared in a "letter to the editor" in a publication put out by a Greek Orthodox Church in Lexington, along with an impassioned plea for better understanding of homosexuals. It has no direct author attribution, but the man who wrote the article it accompanied was named "Mark" and had come out to his church going parents.

#### MY FRIEND -- THE UNKNOWN

Meeting new people and making friends is always a pleasure to me. Soon, the subject of family and parents usually comes up. A lot of times I hear this:  
"My parents do not know about me."  
"Oh" I say. (My heart grows heavy).  
I can feel their pretense, they carry it with them.  
Life is a game - nothing much is real. (I feel their pain).

They turn to me and ask, "How about your parents?"

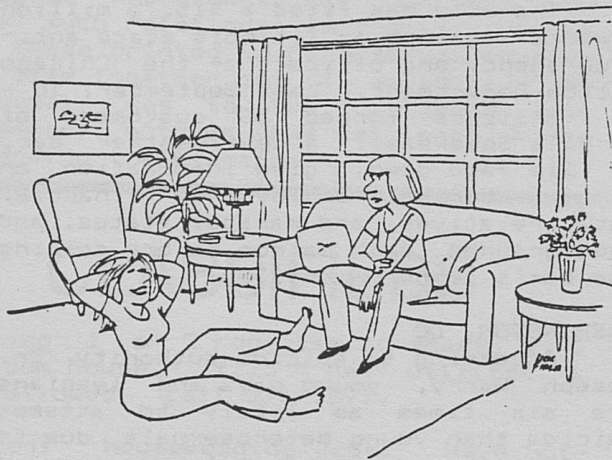
"Yes, I told my parents."

Suddenly, their face lights up with excitement.

"How did they take it?"

"They were shocked at first and it is hard for them to accept," I reply. But the feeling my friend and I share is always the same:

I am one of the lucky ones - I exist. For he or she, only after death may the truth come out, And their parents will say - "I NEVER REALLY KNEW MY CHILD."



"Must you always be manic when I'm depressive?"

#### RAZZMATAZZ TO HOST GLSO POLTUCKS

Beginning in March, GLSO's monthly potlucks will take place at Razzmatazz, Lexington's newest lesbian owned and operated business. Dena and Marijo the restaurant's owners, managers, cooks, and servers all rolled into two, have very generously offered to host GLSO potlucks on the first Sunday of every month, at 1:30 pm.

Last December's potluck was held at Razzmatazz. Thirty people attended and had a fun afternoon eating lots of wonderful food, talking with friends, and making new ones. And now we'll have music, too, thanks to a recently installed juke box. This is an excellent opportunity to meet new people in a comfortable atmosphere.

March's potluck will be a special one. The GLSO board will be there, hoping to collect ideas on what the gay community would like to see the organization do during the coming year. The regular monthly forum on the following evening will be an extension of this discussion, with more ideas and more fully developed thoughts growing out the the potluck's suggestions.

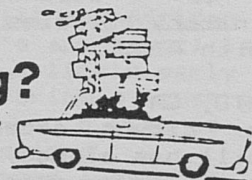
Come join everyone at next month's, and each succeeding month's, potluck at Razzmatazz, located in Park Hill Center, at the intersection of Pimlico and Man o' War. But don't forget to bring a dish and a friend - Sundays are Dena's and Marijo only day off each week, so they won't be cooking! Hope to see you there!

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# GAY AMERICA

## LOUISVILLE, KY

Sam Dorr, president of Dignity/Integrity Louisville, reached a out-of-court settlement with the First National Bank of Louisville. The bank had forced Dorr to resign from his position as a branch manager because his presidency would require him to be publicly open about advocacy of gay rights.

## EAST LANSING, MI

On December 16, the City Council of East Lansing voted to strengthen anti-discrimination legislation for all minorities, including homosexuals.

## MINNEAPOLIS, MN

Governor Rudy Perpich (D) issued an executive order banning discrimination against state employees on grounds of sexual orientation. Seven other states now have such legislation: CA, NM, NY, ON, PA, RI, and WA.

At the same time, Hennipen County judge Pamela Alexander struck down the state's sodomy law, which was directed at both straights and gays. The state has not yet decided if it will appeal the decision.

## ST. CLOUD, MN

St. Cloud University recently announced plans to offer a course on homophobia and other issues of interest to gays and bisexuals.

## NEW JERSEY

The Committee of Interns and Residents, the largest doctor's union in the U.S., with over 5000 members, voted during December to refuse to hold conventions in states that have sodomy laws.

## SAN FRANCISCO, CA

Mobilization Against AIDS (MAA) has recently announced plans to mount a national boycott against Delta Air Lines, in response to Delta's discriminatory policies directed towards people with AIDS.

## SACRAMENTO, CA

The city's recently passed gay rights bill has already been faced with an attempt to have it repealed. Two conservative members of the city government were unsuccessful in their efforts due to lack of voter support.

## CINCINNATI, OH

During this past January, the restaurant inCaHoots was charged by several individuals with firing and transferring a number of its employees solely because they are gay. Local gays are asking everyone to boycott the restaurant and write letters of protest to its management.

## INDIANAPOLIS, IN

State Health Commissioner Woodrow A. Myer, Jr., asked the Indiana General Assembly for authority to quarantine PWA's as well as anyone who tests HIV-positive.

## NEW YORK, NY

A state judge's decision to grant a gay father on Long Island, New York, custody of his 13-year-old son has been blocked by an appeals court, AP reported. The December 16 decision was believed to be the first time a gay parent in the state had been awarded custody in a contested suit. (Reprinted from The Advocate)

## ST LOUIS, MO

Noting that gay sex is a crime in Missouri, a Jackson County judge has ruled that a divorced lesbian may not have her children for an overnight visit - unless her lover is not present. (Reprinted from The Advocate)

## CHICAGO, IL

The ACLU has filed a \$15.75 million lawsuit against an Illinois state anti-drug agency and officers of the Chicago Police Department. Last September, 10 - 15 officers forced 50 customers of Carol's Speakeasy, a Levi/Leather bar, to lie face down, give information on name, address, employment, financial data, relatives, and marital status, and photographed each patron before seizing the bar's membership files.

## WASHINGTON, DC

According to suicide authority Dr. Joseph Harry, young gays and lesbians are six times as likely to attempt suicide than young heterosexuals, due to familial and societal pressures regarding their sexuality.

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#### INTERNATIONAL NEWS

##### PROVINCE OF ONTARIO, CANADA

The provincial government passed legislation on December 22 criminalizing discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation, by a vote of 64-45. The Province of Quebec passed similar legislation in 1977.

##### AMSTERDAM, THE NETHERLANDS

The City of Amsterdam and three provincial governments have pledged almost \$43,000 as part of the money needed to build a monument to gay victims of the Nazi Holocaust, to be erected in the center of Amsterdam. The monument will comprise three pink marble triangles, each of which will be 43 feet long on each side.

##### STOCKHOLM, SWEDEN

The Swedish government was to consider a proposal which would legalize monogamous gay marriage and give such relationships similar rights to those granted to heterosexual couples who live together out of wedlock. The proposal was to be considered last December; nothing has yet been heard regarding their action.

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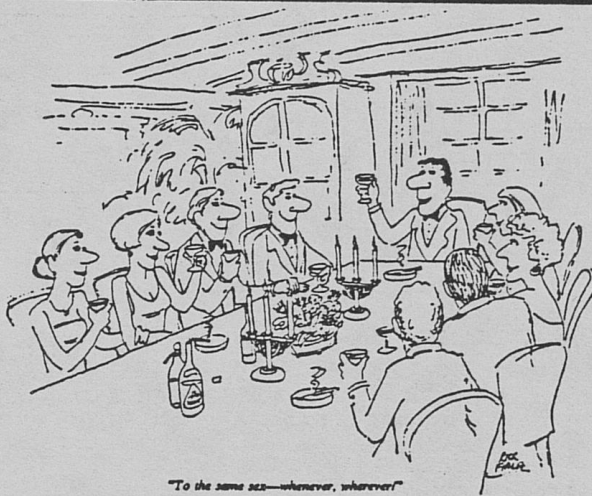
## CLASSIFIEDS

Seeking 1 or 2 roomates to share a 3 bedroom house. \$225 + half utilites. 1 pet allowed. Call 271-1377.

Wanted: Hpusekeeping Jobs. Have out-of-town references. Call Debbie at 281-6389 (hm) or 278-1813 (wk).

## INTO THE FUTURE

- March 13-15, 1987 Dignity Region V Meeting. Toledo, OH
- March 27, 1987 Night of a Thousand Gowns, AIDS/Gays Rights Fundraiser. New York, NY
- March 26-28, 1987 Northeast Lesbian/Gay Student Union annual conference. Columbia University, New York, NY
- March 28, 1987 Network of Eastern Gay and Lesbian Alumni/ae Association Conference. Columbia University, New York, NY
- May 22-25, 1987 4th Annual Southern Women's Music and Comedy Festival. GA
- August 12-16, 1987 12th Michigan Womyn's Music Festival. Walhalla, MI
- August 28-31, 1987 8th Annual West Coast Women's Music and Comedy Festival. Yosemite, CA
- October 11, 1987 March on Washington-for Gay and Lesbian Rights. Washington, DC
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*"To the same sex—wherever, whenever"*

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#### MARCH MOVIES

GLSO's March Movie Night will feature *The Big Chill* and *African Queen*. The "theatre" (Tom's apartment) is small and cozy, so come a little early to get the good seats and bring a cushion, as well as anything you'd like to drink. Popcorn will be provided.

The curtain rises (well, actually, the VCR gets switched on) at 7:30 pm on the third Friday of the month. Call Tom at 252-1990 for details, directions, and previews.

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# EVENTS CALENDAR

- SUN 1 GLSO Potluck, 1:30 pm, at Razzmatazz, Man-O-War and Palumbo Drive; Gay/Lesbian AA, 4 pm, Comprehensive Care Center, 201 Mechanic Street
- MON 2 GLSO Meeting, Board Report 8 pm, Forum - 8:30 pm, Comprehensive Care Center, 201 Mechanic Street
- TUE 3 Rainbow League, 9 pm, Joyland Bowling Lanes, call 278-0048 for more info
- WED 4 Gayline, 231-0335, 8 - 11 pm; Gay/Lesbian AA, 8 pm, St. Joseph Office Park, Room 120
- THU 5 Gayline, 231-0335, 8 - 11 pm Dignity Rap Session, 7:30 pm for more info call Keith at 273-8056; Newsletter Organizational Meeting, 7:30, for more info, call Steve at 266-8887
- FRI 6 Cards & Games, 7 pm, call Karen, 259-3292, or Bill, 254-3361 for more details; Gay/Lesbian AA, 8 pm, Comprehensive Care Center, 201 Mechanic Street; Gayline, 231-0335, 8 - 11 pm
- SUN 8 Gay/Lesbian AA, 4 pm, Comprehensive Care Center, 201 Mechanic Street; Lesbian Potluck, 2 pm, for more info call Gina at 254-3849; Interweave Potluck and Program, 1 pm, for more info, call Keith at 273-8056; Lesbian Potluck, 2 pm, call Kris and Shirley at 273-7870
- TUE 10 Rainbow League, 9 pm, Joyland Bowling Lanes, call 278-0048 for more information; Speaker's Bureau, 7:30, for more info, call Barry at 268-3935; Dignity Liturgy, 7:30, call Larry for more info, 254-9812
- WED 11 Gayline, 231-0335, 8 pm - 11 pm, lesbian volunteer
- THU 12 Dignity Rap Session, Kris & Shirley, call 273-7870; Gayline, 231-0335, 8 pm - 11 pm
- FRI 13 Cards & Games, 7 pm, call Karen, 259-3292 or Bill, 254-3361 for more details;
- SUN 15 Happy Anniversary (7 years) Kris and Shirley!!!! Newsletter deadline for submissions, for info call Steve, 266-8887; Gay/Lesbian AA, 4 pm, Comprehensive Care Center, 201 Mechanic Street
- TUE 17 Rainbow League, 9 pm, Joyland
- WED 18 Gayline, 231-0335, 8 pm - 11 pm; Gay/Lesbian AA, 8 pm, St. Joseph Office Park, Room 120
- THU 19 Gayline, 231-0335, 8 pm - 11 pm; Feminist Alliance Potluck, for info, call 273-8056; Newsletter Layout 7:30 pm, to lend a hand call Craig and Steve at 266-8887
- FRI 20 Movie Night, 7:30 pm, call Tom at 252-1990 for more info; Gayline, 231-0335, 8 pm - 11 pm
- SUN 22 Gay/Lesbian AA, 4 pm, Comprehensive Care Center, 201 Mechanic Street
- MON 23 Gay Parenting Support Group, 7 pm, for more info, call Barry at 268-3935; Interweave, socializing at 7:30 pm, program at 8 pm, for info call Craig and Steve at 266-8887
- TUE 24 Rainbow League, 9 pm, Joyland Bowling Lanes, call 278-0048 for more info; Newsletter, Folding and Stuffing for mailing, to help, call Steve at 266-8887
- WED 25 Gayline, 231-0335, 8 pm - 11 pm, lesbian volunteer; Gay/Lesbian AA, 8 pm, St. Joseph Office Park, Room 120
- THU 26 Gayline, 231-0335, 8 pm - 11 pm
- FRI 27 Gayline, 231-0335, 8 pm - 11 pm, Cards & Games, 7 pm, call Karen, 259-3292, or Bill, 254-3361 for more details; Gay/Lesbian AA, 8 pm, Comprehensive Care Center, 201 Mechanic Street
- SAT 28 Dignity 4th Anniversary, for info, call Keith, 273-8056, or Jim and John, 299-0352
- MON 30 GLSO Board Meeting, 7 pm, for more info call Dave, 269-7611