Matthew Shepard street memorial artifacts

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Descriptive Summary
Title: Matthew Shepard street memorial artifacts
Dates: 1998
Collection Number: 1998-38
Creator/Collector:
Extent: 3.7 linear feet
Repository: GLBT Historical Society
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Abstract: Various drawings, poems, cards, slogans, candles, and other material left in a spontaneous memorial to Matthew Shepard following his beating and death in Wyoming in October of 1998. The San Francisco memorial was initiated by persons unknown on and in front of the Bank of America Building (informally known as 'Hibernia Beach') at the southeast corner of 18th and Castro Streets.
Language of Material: English
Access
Collection is open for research.
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Scope and Content of Collection
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