

Express

1993 March on Washington for Lesbian, Gay, and Bi Equal Rights and Liberation

Call for Volunteers

Things are certainly gearing up for the March now, and we are finding critical areas where we need assistance. One of these is the necessity for medically trained volunteers to staff first aid tents and provide roving medical support on the day of the March and at the direct actions the day after the March. And I write to ask for your aid in finding these volunteers.

The March needs every kind of medically trained personnel, including doctors, nurses, LPNs, RTs, MTs, CNA's, or nursing students. We will need over 4,000 people before the weekend is through, and we ask for only two hours of their time. With over 1 million people expected to attend, we will be blocking the fastest routes to local emergency rooms, and therefore need to be prepared to treat any medical emergency which may arise on the scene.

Volunteers may contact Kelly McHugh, Medical Committee, at the March office on Tuesday or Thursday mornings from 8:30 to 11:00 at (202) 628-0493 (Voice).

Lavender Languages & Linguistics Conference

Announcing the first American University Conference on Saturday, April 24, 1993, 9:00 a.m. -- 1:00 p.m., on the occasion on the 1993 March on Washington for Lesbian, Gay,

**Pre-March Party
at GLCS
Sunday, April 18th
see page 14 for details**

Washington DC APRIL 25, 1993



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and Bisexual Equal Rights and Liberation. This is an opportunity for persons interested in Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual grammar, pragmatics, discourse and text-making, rhetoric, literary tradition, and communication politics to meet, talk, and exchange ideas. The conference agenda is flexible, and will include formal presentations, brief reports on research interests and research-in-progress, and plenty of time for questions and discussions. Undergraduate and graduate students are especially invited to attend and participate in this conference.

This conference is being sponsored by: The Department of Anthropology, The American Studies Program, The Women's Studies Program, The Department of Literature, The Gay, Lesbian, and Bisexual Community. For more information call (202) 885-1831.

Commitment Ceremony

The Washington D.C. Commitment Ceremony will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, April 24, on Constitution Ave. between 10th and 11th Streets, in front on the Internal Revenue Building. Reverend Troy Perry, the founder and leader of The Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches, will preside. He is inviting couples to stand before the government and society and proclaim their committed relationship to each other. The hope is to have at least 4,000 couples to do this. Troy urges all of us to get to the National March on

Washington, April 21 - 27. History ("Herstory" too), is truly in the making.

The Names Project

Bring a quilt panel to Washington! Unique quilt display at March on Washington to highlight new panels.

Over 160,000 Americans won't be able to attend the 1993 March on Washington for Lesbian, Gay and Bi Equal Rights and Liberation on April 25 -- because they've died on AIDS. But thanks to the NAMES Project AIDS Memorial Quilt and the efforts of loved ones, many of them can be there in spirit.

Covering the Mall between 13th and 14th streets in front on the National Museum of American History, the display will repeat the size and shape of the Quilt's inaugural display during the 1987 March on Washington, when it included 1,920 panels.

On the morning of Saturday, April 24, NAMES Project volunteers will unfold these Signature

Please see DC in '93 Update, pg 4

NEWS OF JOY

by Coral

Joy MCC has a Sunday School for those children who attend church with their families. I had heard such good things from the children who go that I decided I would tag along to check it out for myself. We went back into a classroom together just before the regular sermon started. The lesson was on the Holy Spirit. The children learned how the Holy Spirit helped to make the world, and how He helps to keep it going. How the Holy Spirit was important to Jesus. And how He was a friend and helper of Jesus.

They made a mobile to remind them of how the Holy Spirit works. Karol told the children, "It works similar to the wind. You cannot always see it, but you can see the effect it has on things around us." After making the mobiles we went back into the main church and rejoined our families for communion. I was glad I went back with the children. I too, learned a little more about the Holy Spirit and how important He is in my life. There is no age limit and at least two adults are with the children. That way, if the age difference is large they can split up the ages.

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LCN Express

Publication Information

LCN Express is a monthly publication for and by the Central Florida Lesbian community. We invite readers to submit articles, letters, announcements, poems, short stories, and other items of interest.

Deadline for articles & ads: 15th of each month
Length: 300 words

By-Line: Anonymity guaranteed if desired
(please specify) but telephone number is required

Editorial policy is as follows: The views expressed in the **LCN Express** are not necessarily those of the LCN or the newsletter editors. The editorial staff reserves the right to edit all contributions for clarity, conciseness and length. It is strongly recommended that caution be exercised to address an opinion, not to assault the author of an article, letter (or anyone else for that matter).

Thanks! *The LCN Express Editorial Staff:*
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DC in '93 transfers

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Everyone and their children are invited, (whether or not you're going to be able to make the trip to Washington for the March!) Sunday, April 18th at the new Gay and Lesbian Community Services center at 714 E. Colonial. 6 p.m. until...?

This will be a great chance to get together one last time before the big day...

FMI call Diane Kerkhoff at 293-7964.

Potluck:

Bring a dish to share and BYOB.

Thanks:

Lots of local groups and individuals have been involved in the planning of the momentous event, to name a few: Delta Youth Alliance, GLOW, Front Runners, LCN, WIT, WILLOW, GLPCI, MBA, Out & About Books, Joy MCC, Unitarian Church, GLCS, RFLAG, PFLAG and more!!

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear LCN Sisters:

Hello from chilly West Virginia! It was 65 degrees less than a week ago! Wanted to let you know I am moving and I always look forward to LCN's arrival. Keep up the great work! *Liz Martin.*

Dear friends:

I'm getting two issues of LCN- which is fine if you need the extra label for bulk mail purposes, or you can send just one. Hope you enjoy reading "Network News" and that we can continue to network our resources throughout the state. Keep up the good work! LCN is a great publication. I'm always impressed with its quality. Thanks, *Diana*

Hi LCN,

Love your newsletter and already receive it! Just a little something. I think you should have a renewal fee annually.

Thanks again. *Kathy and Becky, Neptune Beach, FL*

Dear Editor:

In response to an interview regarding the Neo-Nazi protest outside the Parliament House, the following quote was reported in the Sunday February 28, 1993 edition of the Orlando Sentinel. "I hope everybody noticed that all those big, tough guys sent a girl over to get their flag back, said John Rose, vice president of Gay & Lesbian Community Services of Central Florida, who helped organize the protest."

It is unfortunate that a number of womyn in our community were offended by that quote. Gay and Lesbian Community Services of Central Florida is committed to being supportive of our entire gay, lesbian and bisexual community

and its varied view points. As we become more aware of the concerns of our community, we will continue to act in a positive and supportive role for everyone. Our board is dedicated to remaining sensitive to the opinions and beliefs of everyone, regardless of our varied backgrounds and differences.

We apologize to all who may have been affected by this comment. I hope our community will continue to stand together in order to provide a unified position for the end of all prejudice. We look forward to your continued support of our cause.

Yours in pride, *David Bain, President*

LCN Financial Statement

Jan 93 thru Mar 93

Reported by: *Lucy Ford*

Beginning Balance: \$2913.50

Revenues:

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| Subscriptions | 153.00 |
| Ads | 717.00 |
| Alix Dobkin Concert | 899.00 |

Total Revenues: \$1769.00

Expenses:

Newsletter:

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| Pronto Press (Jan, Feb) | 245.20 |
| Postmaster (Feb, Mar) | 361.25 |
| Envelopes (2000) | 83.19 |
| Return Postage | 24.37 |
| Bulk Mailing Fee | 75.00 |
| Stamps, Phone, Misc. | 19.06 |
| Ad (Voices) | 75.00 |
| Concert Expenses | 79.09 |

Total Expenses: \$962.16

Ending Balance: \$3720.34

LCN Express

Production Schedule

Call 831-2971 for more info.

Submission deadline:

April 15th

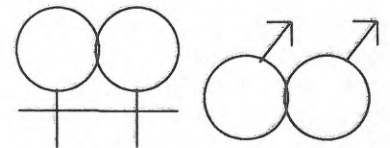
Tues., Apr. 20: Production Meeting at 7pm. Call for directions. (You may be able to help do this on your own computer!)

Mon., May 3: 7:00pm Folding Party at Faces! If you happen to be there, we could use your help. Feel free to join in!

Many thanks to the wild womyn who helped last month!



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Local Events Calendar

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WEEKLY RUNS: Our running schedule includes the following non-competitive runs, choose from routes ranging from 0.9 miles to 6.2 miles.

Saturdays: 9:00 AM Lake Eola Park, Downtown Orlando Meet at the red pagoda on the northeast side of the lake.

Wednesdays: 7:30 PM Lake Eola Park, Downtown Orlando Meet at the red pagoda on the northeast side of the lake.

MONTHLY MEETINGS:

Second Thursday of each month at the new GLCS center, 714 E. Colonial Dr., Orlando at 7:30 PM.

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Write to us at: Orlando Front Runners, P.O. Box 1604, Orlando, FL 32802

Year round GLOWS skiing!

March 1993 marks the 36th consecutive month the Gay & Lesbian Orlando Water Skiers (GLOWS) members were out hitting the waterskiing. So far for '93 GLOWS members have been out skiing on the average of once a week. Yes, water skiing is a wintertime sport for Orlando! This winter, the water temperature usually felt like a mountain lake in the midst of summer. Not bad, but a wet suit does feel good though.

Water skiing can range from the traditional two skis or slalom to variation of fun skiing such as double Hydroskiing, scuffing, surfing, tubing, disk skiing, and trick skiing. One fun game that can be played is "spray wars" which is when there are two persons each with their own rope and hydroslide. If each person "attacks" at the same time the "wall of water" known as spray just falls to the water without hitting anyone, but if your spray starts first and has the energy, beware your opponent is going to get soaked!!

How 'bout being part of the GLOWS water skiing fun?? If you are interested (whether you are a beginner to an advance skier) give GLOWS a call at (407) 679-0507 to ask for Gary or write to P.O. Box 970, Goldenrod, FL, 32733-0970.

STATE AND LOCAL NEWS

Women's Clinics Need Our Help

Excerpts from Ruth Arick's IMPACT UPDATE

Aware Woman Clinics and Feminist Majority's Clinic Defense Project need your help! IMPACT (Institute of Mobilized Prophetic Activated Christian Training) will be attacking until April 10th. Help is needed to make it through the Easter weekend, with the Saturday before Easter expected to the grand finale. Every clinic in Central Florida is at risk!

Aware Woman Center for Choice in Melbourne has trained nearly 100 escorts to date and will need many, many more. The Feminist Majority has sent a Clinic Defense Project staff person to help with the coordination and organization.

The teenage son of a clinic counselor was questioned by an

IMPACT'er, "what's is like to live in your apartment complex? We're thinking about moving here." The friendly visit soon deteriorated into a sermon, complete with Bible. The teenager was told that his mother would be the cause of their eternal damnation. After four warnings, the most recent home picketing resulted in an arrest for trespassing. The telephone lines at AWCC have been jammed by callers saying, "murderer" and quickly hanging up. This continues for hours and is very stressful and interferes with the clinic's ability to maintain communication with its patients.

Anti-Gay Petition Filed

A petition filed with the Secretary of State's office seeks to put on the state ballot an ordinance barring gay rights.

Anthony Martin of Palm Beach needs to gather 429,428 signatures by August 9, 1994, to put the proposal on the 1994 general election ballot.

Meanwhile, those opposed to an Anti-Gay amendment announced formation of a group called Floridians Respect Everyone's Equality, or FREE.

"It's pathetic to try to remove basic rights and dignity from a group of people based on their sexual orientation." Roblyn Blummer, director of Florida's American Civil Liberties Union, stated last month. "If he and others like him would just get over their homophobia, we could live in a substantially better world".

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Continued from front cover

Squares to create the first stage of the display. But immediately after the unfolding has ended, the quilt will begin a gradual transformation as 1,920 newly-presented panels are added during the weekend.

To include panels in the display, panel-makers must present them in person. Panel-makers who can't attend may send their panels to the display with friends. Because the display will contain only new panels, the NAMES Project cannot accept requests that other panels be included. For more information about the display, call (415) 403-3627. For information on how to make a panel for the NAMES Project AIDS Memorial Quilts, call (415) 863-5511.

Pentagon Siege -- CD Action

Gays and Lesbians from the District of Columbia, Georgia and New York are calling on activists from around the country to extend the March on Washington to Monday, April 26, 1993. The activists plan to march on the Pentagon to demand rescission of the military's discriminatory ban on gays and lesbians.

For the first time in history the President of the United States has challenged this policy before the American people. Military officials and the public's vehement response epitomizes the extent of homophobia in this country. Join us on April 26, 1993 as we seize the Pentagon. **GIVE UP A DAY, DON'T GIVE UP YOUR RIGHTS!** For more information call Melinda Daniels (718) 768-6852 or Richard Jones (404) 933-1953.

NAACP Support Gay Rights

In what is notably a first for the NAACP, Dr. William Gibson, chair of the board for the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, has publicly endorsed the 1993 March on Washington. While Gibson's stand is technically official policy for the NAACP at the moment, full ratification by the board will be required at a later date.

The AFA goes after Gay & Lesbian Literature

excerpted from *Frontiers*, a Newsmagazine for the Gay Community

The Reverend Donald Wildmon, head of the American Family Association is on a crusade to stop Waldenbooks from selling gay literature. Calling Waldenbooks "the largest pornographer in the country" the AFA is massing a large letter writing and phone calling scheme to stop the recent decision of Waldenbooks to sell gay magazines such as *Frontiers*, *Genre*, *Advocate* and *Out*. "We have received a lot of negative calls, but almost none in support of our decision [to carry Gay literature]" said Bruce Fryer,

Director of Magazine Sales.

Groups such as the AFA have targeted and succeeded in censoring gay-positive material in school curricula, school libraries, and public libraries in the past, but now they are going after the public sector with a new vengeance. 800 Waldenbooks locations across the country are currently carrying gay titles.

If you want to help fight this attempt at censorship and infringement of our rights, please let Waldenbooks know how you feel. Tell the manager at your local store, or call or write to the names listed below and voice your support: Mr. Bruce Fryer, Dir. of Magazine Sales or Mr. Charlie Cumello, C.E.O., President; P.O. Box 10218, Stamford, Ct. 06904
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DATELINE DAYTONA

Sue E. York

The Daytona Gay Pride Committee met and immediately started tossing its first hot potato: Privacy vs. Pride. Last year some fingers were burned when Pride Week Activities were republished, for the first time, in the *Daytona News Journal*. After a heated debate, the Committee came down on the side of PRIDE and voted to be visible during GAY PRIDE WEEK.

However, media access will be limited at the annual picnic, probably to the first hour. The committee plans to become a permanent fixture in Daytona and hopes to make enough from the picnic and other activities fund the Pride events throughout the rest of the year. Charlene Rywant, Committee Director, asks that anyone who wants to join the planning to please do so. We meet every two weeks at the "769," 769 Alabama Street, Daytona Beach. Call (904) 756-0602 for more information. This year's Daytona Pride Picnic will be held Sunday, June 27, 11 am to 5 pm at Bethune Park off Beach St. on Bellevue. \$5.00 per person gets you in, and the food is free. No charge for children under 12 years. We are hoping for a chicken BBQ and lots of fun activities planned by Connie, Mary, Casey, and Betty. Other volunteers include Larry and Scott from the Buccaneer Motel, Bernadette Albright (Committee

Treasurer) and PJ of the Stuff Store and PJ Productions, Ramona and Charlie Hall of the 769, Laurel Fee and Gordon Phillips from Lambda, and a growing cast of hopefully thousands: Fay Kelley-Committee Secretary, Donna Pruitt, Jerry Corlis and Cathy Church from Hope MC (who sponsor the Daytona Gay Pride Award), Marlene, Andra, Pat, Laurie, Tim, Stacey St. James who will help coordinate the media and me.

AROUND DAYTONA-News blurbs

Lambda Center elected new officers in February. Laurel Fee: Moderator, Helen Martin: Vice Moderator, Gordon Phillips: Treasurer, Doug Saunders: Secretary and Kirk Dudenhueffen: Parliamentarian. The Center wants to expand its program. If you have any ideas, please come to the next meeting, Sunday April 4th., Call (904) 255-0280 for more info.

Jere Fluxe and Todd Funk, editors of *Daytona Today* are planning to visit their congress-people while attending the march in April. If you have any issues you want to address, call them at (904) 673-6344. *Daytona Today* is also interested in articles and news, so write an article and send it to them, at PO Box 2652, Ormond Beach, FL, 32175-2652.

MBA UPDATE

The March 4th general meeting featured Mr. David Bains, of GLCS, representing the services provided by the organization, as well as discussing recent changes. Ms. Monique Burns, editor of the Triangle, reviewed the recent change in the paper's format, as well as advertising opportunities. Cindy Abel, Media Director, is compiling a list of individuals who are willing to be interviewed-on and/or off-camera--by the media. This will help her position MBA as a professionally-oriented media resource for journalists and reporters seeking comments on news developments of particular interest to the gay and bisexual community. She may be contacted at 273-2389.

The Metropolitan Business Association is a professional organization for gay, bisexual and gay-supportive individuals seeking to network and interact on business matters, as well as to socialize and exchange information of interest to the community.

MBA general meetings are the first Thursday of each month, at the Radisson Hotel on Lake Ivanhoe. The fee for members is \$5.00, non-members is \$10.00, and includes hors d'oeuvres. The networking and social hour is from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., and the meeting begins at 7:30 p.m. Guests are welcome.

The Metropolitan Business Association may be contacted at 420-2182 for any further information.

ORLANDO PRIDE

by Patty Sheehan

A penny doesn't go too far these days. All they seem to do is end up in a jar on your kitchen counter. And then you've got to roll them! Fear not, dear friends. We'll take them off your hands and roll them for you. Orlando Regional Pride will put your pennies to good work for this year's Gay Pride Parade. Bring your jars to Out and About Books on Mills Avenue, or simply drop a handfull into the jar we've placed there. Either way, you'll be making a painless donation to a great cause!

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The 10th Annual Southern Women's Music & Comedy Festival is postponed until May 26-30, 1994, due to enormous response to the April 25 March on Washington.

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NGLTF LAUNCHES "FIGHT THE RIGHT" CAMPAIGN

The National Gay and Lesbian Task Force Policy Institute this month hired Oregon activist Scot Nakagawa to coordinate its "Fight the Right" campaign against an onslaught of Colorado-style anti-gay initiatives. "Family values" groups in at least a dozen states are gearing up to put anti-gay ballot measures before voters this year and next.

States targeted by the Right Wing are Idaho, Michigan, Ohio, Washington, Montana, Iowa, Missouri, Minnesota, California, Main, Georgia, Oregon and yes...Florida. Gay and Lesbian activists around the country are preparing for battles similar to those waged last year in Colorado and Oregon. Lon Mabon, head of the Oregon Citizens Alliance that sponsored the unsuccessful Oregon anti-gay initiative in November, is serving as advisor to many of the right wing groups. Rather than using the Oregon initiative language which called homosexuality "unnatural, abnormal, wrong and perverse," right

wing activists are using the less inflammatory Colorado language as a model. Mabon and right wing activists in Idaho this week announced the formation of the Idaho Citizens Alliance and the beginning of a drive to place a Colorado style initiative on the ballot this November.

Through hiring Nakagawa, NGLTF will expand its civil rights organizing work and coordinate efforts to oppose statewide initiatives. Nakagawa will strategize with activists regarding right wing anti-gay organizing and ballot work, advocate to the media about Far Right attacks and travel to and work in communities facing anti-gay measures. He will update the NGLTF "Fight the Right Action Kit", an organizing manual for activists. Nakagawa will also identify and produce other publications needed by activists battling the Right.

You can receive more information by writing to: FIGHT THE RIGHT, 522 S.W. 5th Ave. # 1375, Portland, OR 97204

Lily Tomlin Seeks Lesbian & Gay Support for Film

We recently received a letter from Lily Tomlin soliciting donations to fund a film of Vito Russo's book, *The Celluloid Closet*. The book, first published eleven years ago, explores how lesbians and gay men have been depicted by Hollywood from the first days of a motion picture through to the 1980's. It speaks volumes about discrimination, prejudice and the

immense power of media stereotyping.

Vito died of AIDS on November 7, 1990. Lily hopes to fund the production of a "documentary type" film with a budget of \$800,000 and needs your help. For more information on how you can assist in making this project a reality, please write to: Reflective Image, 347 Dolores St #307, San Francisco, CA 94110.

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Concert Review—

Alix Dobkin

by MAW

I was given a tape of Alix Dobkin's greatest hits to review for the February issue of the LCN. When I got it home and started listening to it, I was mortified. I review mainstream music and concerts for a living but was not prepared for what came out of my speakers that day. Every song on the tape was directly related to or screaming LESBIAN...Although I have been out of the closet for 10 years now, I still had a problem with this display of "Lesbian Feminism". After speaking to a few of her fans, I was asked to hold my judgement until I had the chance to meet Alix face to face and see a live performance. Being the open-minded person that I am, I agreed. Alix played to a sold-out crowd at Rollins College on February 19. The concert was intended to be entertaining as well as a prelude to the lecture delivered on February 22 entitled "A Survey of Contemporary Lesbian Culture." Alix delivered two 1-hour sets complete with humor, a little religious insight, and good music, playing her own tunes as well as covering a few "lesbian" favorites including songs by k.d. lang and the Judds. After meeting Alix and sitting through her live performance, I was glad I paid attention to my sister lesbians and waited to pass judgement. I must say, I was impressed. Alix showed me that one can stay true to her convictions, and still be entertaining. The songs that appalled me at first listen, now intrigued me when hearing them live. Now that I have a truer understanding of what her music is all about, I wouldn't hesitate to recommend it to any of my friends. Although I was unable to attend the lecture, I understand that it covered Lesbian Culture including music, religion and rights.

My Opinion

by Maddo

When Alix Dobkin was in town last month she raised an issue which has spurred captivating conversation in our lesbian coffee clatches. Alix said, and I'm paraphrasing, that she hates men, she hates them as a class of people, she hates them in groups, and she hates their violence, but she loves individual men. This is in direct opposition to the way straight women feel about men; they love men as a group but hate individual men, e.g. their husband, father, etc.

Raise this issue in any group of people, gay, straight, men, women, etc., and there will be a diversity of opinions. Some believe we should not "hate" anyone, a harkening back to our judeo-christian upbringing.

Others believe that by hating men we are practicing that which we so strenuously abhor: discrimination. The premise upon which this is based is that discrimination and "unfairness" are the same. I will admit that there is plenty of unfairness in discrimination but to make these two concepts equivalent is too simplistic an explanation of discrimi-

nation; it fails to recognize the imbalance of power, the dominant/subordinate dichotomy which fuels and gives force to discriminatory acts. When "discrimination" is practiced by the subordinate group we call this "reverse discrimination," a concept which I fail to grasp.

Personally, I subscribe to the belief that the only way to understand "feminism" and the relationship between men and women is by recognizing the imbalance of power; the fact that men are dominant in this society and women are subordinate. This is the only explanation that makes sense to me; to say that we are the same as men fails to recognize our inherent differences and permits companies to deny us maternity leave. To state that we are "different" from men permits men to use those differences to support the maintenance of the present power structure.

I have no problem agreeing with Alix; like she, I hate, as a group, those who oppress me, those who practice violence against me, and those who demean me, i.e., I hate men.



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A FAMILY OF FRIENDS will be available in May where women's music is usually sold. For more information contact Tsunami Records, PO Box 42282, Tucson, AZ. 85733.

Valentine's Dinner and Dance Review

On February 13, 1993 the Orlando Regional Pride, Inc. put on one of the nicest events I have ever attended. The Valentine's dinner and dance (which was held at the Radisson downtown) was a fundraiser for the Orlando Pride parade.

The food was good, and the music was great! There were carnations for sale, excellent door prizes, pictures for sale (of you and yours), and a group of fabulous men and women for company. If you are looking for an opportunity to get dressed up and go out on the town with your "sweetie", this is the event to attend. The Orlando Regional Pride, Inc. put on a first-class party and I hope that it's one more people will decide to attend next year. Support the parade next year by planning to attend the second annual Valentine's dinner and dance. My hat is off to Orlando Regional Pride, Inc. (and Patty Sheehan, in particular) for a fine job!

Flames

by Cindy Underwood

Aversion

Consternation

Zealots

In the name of Divinity

Phil

Larry

Geraldo

Exposition or vehicle of growth

Stonewall

L.A.

Tupelo

Unblendable hues

Old Fuhrer

New uniforms

Familiar rage

War waged upon fusion

Martin

Malcolm

Rodney

"Can't we just get along?"

Dallas

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THE PARENT PERSPECTIVE

by Diane P. Kerkhoff

I'm feeling a bit racy, so I believe I shall use the word 'underpants' three times today. (It's so important to have goals in life.) I was in charge of a fundraiser last month (for GLPCI and DC in '93). If you didn't go see the Jamie Anderson concert, kick yourself now. She was great! I was terribly nervous about being in charge (and why did my fundraiser have to land on the coldest night of the year?), but I had on my lucky underpants and my lambda necklace, so I was invincible. All the volunteers showed up when

they were supposed to and did great work (thank you to all!), and my dear friend (MDF) brought me cookies. What more could I want? ... well, there is this woman... no, you don't want to hear about that.

Did you ever get so tired that you find yourself staring into a cabinet full of plates and glasses wondering where the ice is? I got called into my son's school principal's office three times last month. The first time was because my ex-lover's current lover said a curse word at my son's school. Is my

life bizarre or what? The other two trips were emotionally devastating and I don't want to talk about them.

By the way, I'm going to be the 'bus monitor' on the Gay Express I - the Thursday night bus to the March on Washington. (You see, there are ways to get to Washington even if you have zero dollars.) So, we are going to have two rules. Rule No. 1 - Obey all rules! Rule No. 2 - Share your food with the bus monitor. Anyone who doesn't behave is going to be told to 'straighten up' - the ultimate insult, don't you think?

Did you know that sometimes my self-esteem is so low that I feel good when someone calls me up to cancel a date - instead of just standing me up. As a matter of fact, sometimes I make

two dates for the same time on the same night. I just assume that at least one of them will cancel.

So did I ever tell you about the time I was sitting in a crowded, public restaurant and said to my companion, "I see you're wearing your Jockey underpants today?" She turned red and discreetly looked herself over - you know, moving only her eyes. She couldn't figure out how I knew, and I really did know. I wouldn't tell her, and I'm not telling you either, but I'll bet she checked herself out all day trying to figure out how I knew.

I got caught in that bad storm we had last month. I had been out dancing and started home before it looked too bad out. By the time I hit the highway, though, I couldn't see a thing through the rain. I was creeping along figuring that I would feel the guard rails if I went off the road, and then my beeper went off. It was MDF's number, and so I took that as a sign that I must be close to her house and I should go there. What a good friend! It's a good thing I did, too. I never would have made it home. Trees were down all over my neighborhood, and the power was out most of the night. The wind was still awesome the next morning when I did come home. I just sat in front of my picture window eating a little breakfast and watching the waves roll and crash ... in the pool! I had to go out and post small craft warnings - didn't want to take any chances, you know. Well, wish me luck because I have another meeting with the principal coming up and it's probably going to be a bad one - something about underpants.

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