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OTHER MOTHERS

A Review by Nan Schultz

Other Mothers is a video story about an adolescent boy growing up with parents who don't always meet his, or his school's expectations. His parents love him, they have trouble communicating with him sometimes, and they're not sure why he wants to wear his jeans so loose. He loves them, he blows up at them occasionally, and sometimes he wishes they'd stay out of his life.

Will, our adolescent fellow, is a rinth grader attending a large suburhigh school. It's a new environment, but he makes friends fairly quickly. Like Alex, manager of the varsity basketball team. Will, you see, is a talented basketball player. He impresses the coach (and a very attractive young lady), makes the team, gets a date, and then his life goes to hell. All because of his parents. Sound familiar? Even a little trite and boring? And certainly innocuous.

Well, maybe not. "Hundreds" (or maybe only fifty) people called Channel Six to make sure this video wasn't shown in Orlando. The station, WCP-X, complied with the wishes of this tiny portion of the Metro Orlando population's wishes. Why? Because the boy's parents are not Ward and June Cleaver? Because we have a story which shows a young man dealing with a family that didn't step out of a 1950's sitcom? Shocking isn't it? Here it is 1993 and we have a boy who does not have 2.0 racially matching, terosexual, biological parents.

Will's problems begin when he is invited to bring his parents to a cookout at the coach's house. Having perceived some potential intolerance

among his teammates, Will decides not to tell his parents about the invitation. His mother finds out (don't they always?) and confronts Will. Not wanting to hurt her feelings, he puts her off. But the problem doesn't end there: the parents join the sports boosters club.

Some members of the club are friendly and welcoming, but the club's "de-facto" president does her best to run the folks out. She goes so far as to visit the mother and ask her to leave, claiming that she is victimizing Will. Mom says no. This puritanical crusader takes it upon herself to let everyone know about Will's less than fantasy perfect family. The coach relegates Will to the bench; Alex suddenly becomes too busy to see Will; and no one will let him eat at their lunch table. Will is justifiably heart-broken.

Will's parents go to the school principal to protest the unfair treatment only to hear her describe them as "abnormal" and claim they are "intruding into Will's life in a way that can be destructive." The principal says she is not in the business of changing the way people feel. Mom astutely points out that that simply isn't so.

The issue between Will and his parents comes to a head. He feels what every high school student feels: "I don't want to be different!" He just wants to be normal and well-liked. The parents feel that every time they stand up and fight for their rights as a human beings, they are fighting for everyone.

Will seeks the advice of his uncle who reminds him of his parents' love

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Other Mothers, Cont'd

and commitment. While admitting he is happy with them, Will protests that he doesn't know how to deal with the way he is being treated in school. To be on the outside in high school is to die. Uncle suggests that Will's parents have brought him up to be "decent and brave," and Will is left to deal with his dilemma as we all must, alone.

When next we see Will he is shooting baskets alone, but he seems to make a decision. Indeed he goes to the coach and tells him that he will not be run off team. He suggests to his parents that they remain in the boosters club, and invites them to come the basketball game that evening. When the game begins, he cheers the other players, waves happily to his parents, and sits proudly on the bench. As the story ends, we know that Will is indeed "decent and brave."

It seems incredible that this story has caused such an uproar. The producer was required to provide reams of endorsement from psychologists before it could be completed, and in Orlando it couldn't be shown. Amazing when you consider that what we have here is a well-made, sensitive story which could have provided support and comfort to the millions of young people who live in families that do not fit some impossible notion of "normal." We have a realistic, though perhaps overdone, portraval of the damage done by intolerance and bigotry. The value here lies not only in the support for the victims of this intolerance, but also in the potential consciousness raising for those who participate unconsciously in its perpetuation. We have a very real exposition of the dilemma faced by parents

Central Floridians United Against Discrimination Efforts Intensify

Outreach efforts within the community continue to be profitable, as Floridians Central United spokespeople have had positive meetings with local political leaders such as Orange County Chairman Linda Chapin, State Rep Alzo Reddick, State Senator Buddy Dyer, and particularly Orange County Commissioner Fran Pignone. Two local individuals considering running for office, Susan Pickman and Louise Ray, have both expressed their support for efforts opposing the amendment proposals.

The October meeting of CFUAD, Inc., featured a presentation by Human Rights Task Force of Florida Todd Simmons co-chair and attorney Keith Roberts. Simmons, one of the leaders in the founding of FUAD, Inc., and Roberts, a driving force in the movement to fight dicrimination through pro-active legislation, discussed the current effort to place an amendment on the 1994 Florida ballot.

Referred to as the "Privacy Project",

who need to be themselves and be proud of who they are, but who love their children and wish to cause them no harm. What we have is a film with much to say to all the parties involved in raising and educating our children, and one which advocates that we all be "decent and brave."

Did I forget to mention that the boy's parents are lesbians? That's because it's irrelevant. Difference is difference. Love is love. Will has both and so do many other children. At least the lucky ones do.

it proposes to enlarge existing privacy laws to include protection in employment, housing, public services, and credit. A petition drive has been initiated, and "team leaders" are being sought to assist in the distribution and collection of signatures. This effort can be viewed as the "flip-side" to the anti-discrimination coin of fighting the American Family Association amendment proposal.

The first major fundraising event for CFUAD will be a champagne and hors d'oeuvres reception at Scott Laurent Galleries on Nov. 13, 7:30 to 10:30. Admission is a suggested minimum donation of \$25/person or \$40/couple. Tickets are required, and may be obtained from board members, GLCS, or by sending a check to CFUAD, Box 532012, Orlando, FL 32853.

Meetings are the second Saturday of every month, 10 AM, at Joy MCC.

Ken and Barbie Have a New Look

One of the Earring Magic Ken and Barbie collection of five dolls-- out, so to speak, since March-- is finding new customers. Sporting an earring, lavendar mesh shirt, fake leather vest, black pants and a ring that looks like a sexual aid popular among gays, the \$11 Ken dolls are being bought by the gay community. "We're surprised about the new audience, but we have no problems with it," says Mattel's Donna Gibbs. Mattel has no immediate plans to develop a Barbie doll for the lesbian community.

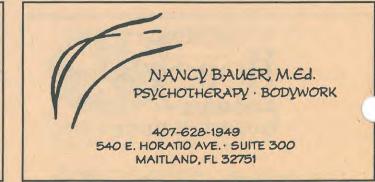
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear LCN:

After much self debate and turmoil, I have finally decided to address the article by Barb Fallon which dealt with bans. I have worked with the United Way of Central Florida and its 84 agencies for more than four years. I have been to visit several of the agencies and have seen how United Way funds are utilized for these programs.

First, let me state some facts. United Way administrative costs account for only \$.08 per \$1.00. This is a very small cost, especially when compared to all that United Way provides. All United Way monies are used ONLY for programs and services. If you contribute to a charity directly, those monies can be used for anything the agency chooses to use them on. United Way also audits the "books" of these 84 agencies biannually to ensure that your money is being spent for these programs and services.

Secondly, no matter how you look at United Way and the agencies it supports, you pay for the services. You either pay for them upfront (as in contributing to United Way), or in the form of crime, homelessness and other problems that plague our community, or through your tax dollars.

Thirdly, the Boy Scouts of America account for only one agency. There are 83 additional agencies that need this financial assistance, and some which affect our community of family directly, such as CENTAUR, Hospice and the Visiting Nurses Association.

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In the spirit of the fabulous fundraiser I attended last night for one of our own, and because I love the community I live in and want to be a responsible part of Orlando, I will continue to contribute to the United Way. So, Barb, give up the Coors (which still puts money into Colorado) and give to the United Way.

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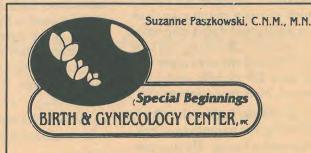
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THE BRIDGE Payin' my Props

by Jo Wiggins

Last July, I rounded up ten women in disparate fields and wrote about why I consider them "personal goddesses," my ultimate term for a cool female. Nothing like that this time out, but I do feel the need to pay respect to three men and one woman. Actually, one of those men is twelve. Whatever.

Nirvana finally brought out a new album. Good thing, too - I was beginning to understand most of Kurt Cobain's lyrics! It's not what he says, it's how he says it, and oh, he says it so good! (Katie recognizes Nirvana as one of those groups that make me a little more amenable to whatever she suggests.)

Kurt said once that he's "possibly bisexual." If he is, I can claim a cooler famous brother than David Bowie, on John, et al. He's really beautiful whis grungy way - at least, I think so. He's trying to combat homophobia in his audience, and Nirvana's performed on behalf of Bosnian rape victims and American choice. I quote from "Lounge Act." "We got this friend / who makes me feel / and I want him more / than I could steal..." Homophobia jerky boys mosh to this!

Please someone tell me I wasn't the only queer woman who cried when Michael Jordan retired. Lord, the man is beautiful. I'm going to miss watching him perform on court. Who else could make basketball look so graceful? He says he retired in part because of his father's murder. I could sympathize. I lost my father when I

was seven. Like most good Orlandoans, I like Shaq. But the retirements of Majic Johnson and now Michael Jordan ensure I'll spend a lot less time watching basketball.

Much sadder than Jordan's retirement was the news that my younger brother, Joey, has diabetes. My father died of a heart attack, and almost all the Wiggins men have lousy hearts. (I have a grandfather who has had seven heart attacks and two bypass surgeries!) Since diabetes makes a heart attack twice as likely, Mom and I worry about that.

Joey's adjusting, though. The hardest part for him is avoiding his beloved Snapple. I admire Joey's bravery. I could not face sticking myself with up to eight needles on a daily basis. I know very few who can. Joey not only does it cheerfully, because he knows it makes him feel better, but he can crack jokes about it. The kid works my nerves half the time. Still, I want to keep him around. He's the reason I want my own kids one day.

I read Diane Kerkhoff's "Parent Perspective" because Katie and I want to be moms so bad we can taste it. It's also a really entertainingly written column. I loved last month's column in particular. I showed it to homophobic relatives and faxed it to K.

I also want to thank her for speaking up against Channel 6's decision to not air "Other Mothers." How long will the children of loving gays be bastardized at the hands of the Christian Wrong? Begorrah, they should at least be able to watch a TV show about someone in their situation.

The revolution is on! Those who turn us back get attacked. I'll repeat these words 'til I can believe them. Thanks especially to the likes of Kurt Cobain and Diane Kerkhoff for convincing me that maybe something will change if we all work hard enough. Speaking of, I hope I saw/see everyone in LCN-land at the March For Our Lives!

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The Parent Perspective

by Diane P. Kerkhoff

This all started out calmly enough. In late September the international office of GLPCI (Gay and Lesbian Parents Coalition International) sent me a PR kit including a video tape on the upcoming CBS Schoolbreak Special, "Other Mothers."

I watched the tape and thought it was real good (taking into consideration that they had to cram happiness, then conflict, then resolution into a one-hour program.) My ten-year-old son said it was okay, but it would have been better if it had been "Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles Find Their Lesbian Mothers."

I wrote an article for "Parents' Pride" (it was too late to make the LCN deadline, darn it), I hyped the show on "Out Loud", and I contacted Greg Dawson (Orlando Sentinel TV critic) who agreed to preview the tape, time and space permitting. I thought I had done pretty well although on the day before the show I thought to myself "Why didn't I think of making flyers for a few select churches and bulletin boards?" Greg Dawson called me back

to let me know that on the morning of the show there would be a good review off the wire service. So on Tuesday morning I read that review and I was pretty happy.

Then the bottom fell out. Tommy called to tell me that he'd heard on the radio that WCPX-Channel 6 was not going to show the program. Then Chris came running in and we called Channel 6 who told us at that time that they pulled the show because they'd gotten thousands of complaint phone calls.

Later on I heard that Channel 6 had changed their story that they pulled the show to protect the latch-key children, (Did anyone really fall for that story?) and that they had gotten only 40-50 calls.

Anyway, I spent the rest of the day (and the rest of the week, come to think of it) calling people that I thought would help spread the word, calling talk radio shows, writing letters, making copies of the tape, and coordinating information central. I called the GLPCI media headquarters in New Jersey to find how other chapters around the country were handling this and I found out that almost no other TV stations pulled the show-don't you just love Orlando?

By the end of the week my girlfriend gently reminded me (with a two-by-four) that I was committipersonal financial suicide again a that I'd better get a grip. She was right, of course, but I had just gotten so angry and fired up. First I was mad at Channel 6 and the people who called in to get the program pulled. But then I got mad at all the gay and lesbian parents in the area who are not members of GLPCI.

Here was our issue! And we jumped in and worked hard. But just think how much more powerful my calls and letters could have been if I'd been able to say that I represented the 50,000 gay and lesbian parents in Central Florida.

I vented my outrage on "Out Loud" chastising parents who haven't taken the 5 minutes and \$10.00 it would take to get on GLPCI's membership roll (no other participation required) and quoting my friend Judy Shaw "to get off your butts." It took me a day and a half and much country dancing to recover from that since outrage isn't part of my normal demeanor.

OK, my column deadline approaches and then I'm going to go earn a living and attend to my son and girlfriend. But I'm not done with this. Stay tuned...



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Approximately 100 people attended the October MBA meeting spotlighting Orlando Sentinel writers Jay Boyar and Greg Dawson. Boyar, a film critic, and Dawson, a television columnist, described the various responsibilities their jobs entail, and in an entertaining manner discussed the positive changes in portrayals of gays and lesbians in their respective fields.

There has been a definite improvement in the roles assigned, as well as the type of emphkasis placed on them, as apparent in the example of characters played by Sandra Bernhard and Morgan Fairchild in the television sitcom "Roseanne". Not only are traditional stereotypes being cast aside, but gay and lesbian characters are not always the particular focus of a film or television program, but often just a simple part of the plot, convey-

ing and acceptance of them as "a part of regular life." Although Dawson felt "And the Band Played On" covered a lot of ground, Boyar disagreed, stating that for such a controversial issue, he "didn't feel emotionally involved". In ansering questions from the floor, both writers expressed their support as well as a genuine pleasure at being asked to address the membership of MBA.

The November meeting of MBA will be a "Night for Networking". Meetings are held the first Thursday of every month at the Radisson Hotel on Lake Ivanhoe. Networking and social hour is at 6:30 p.m. and the meeting begins at 7:30 p.m. Board meetings are the third Thursday of each month, at 7:00 p.m., at Out & About Books; members and interested parties are welcome to attend and express their opinions and concerns.

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Nicole Conn is currently working on two lesbian features, *Cynara* and *The Bottom Line*. Among Conn's favorites for casting are Madeline Stowe, Mary Elizabeth Mastrontonio, Mary Stuart Masterson, Ellen Barkin, and Julianne Moore.

ONE OF EIGHT

Reprinted from Virago

Write down the name of seven women plus yourself. Of these friends, co-workers and family members, one will develop breast cancer sometime in her life. In fact, nationally, one woman is diagnosed every three minutes with breast cancer: 25% of those will die.

Many of us think that breast cancer happens to other people-- that we are not THE one in eight. Here are some risk factors to consider:

- ▼ Of the women diagnosed with breast cancer, 75% have NO risk factors.
- The greatest risk is being female.
- W Having a mother, sister or grandmother with breast cancer increases risk factors two to three times.
- ▼ If the cancer occurred in mother or

sister before menopause or occurred in both breasts, the risk is even higher.

- ▼ Having your first child after age 30 or not having children increases the risk.
- So does early menstruation (before age 12) or late menopause (after age 55); a history of ovarian or colon cancer; a high fat, low fiber diet; and obesity, particularly after menopause.

About 90% of the time, cancer occurs as a hard, stony, singular, non-mobile lump that is anchored in surrounding tissues of the breast. It is usually a painless lump that can be felt, found only in one breast and occurs in women over 35 years old. However, often dangerous breast cancer signs are ignored because they have different characteristics than a lump.

Some common misconceptions about breast cancer are:

- Women under the age of 35 don't develop breast cancer.
- Breast cancer is not painful. () though Fibrocystic breast condition is always painful, 11% of women diagnosed with breast cancer describe pain as a symptom.)
- Mammography is fool-proof. (10% of breast cancers never form a lump that can be felt or seen on mammography.)
- Breast Self Exams should be performed monthly right after your period, when your breasts are not swollen or tender. Mammography is another tool for early detection. It is suggested that you get a baseline mammogram at the age of 35; one every 1 to 2 years when 40-49; and one every year after the age of 50.





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"The initial question that must be answered is: what are your goals? Once decided, this will drive investment selections, as well as the best way in which to protect them," says Nolte. The easiest o convert to cash (therefore to divide should the relationship dissolve) are money market funds. C.D.s, bond vehicles, stocks, and mutual funds. At the other extreme are land investments, as the rapidity and ease of selling depend on the real estate market, and limited

partnerships, which pose particular difficulty, as it is often hard to determine exactly what is owned. Insurance products are good tools for creating wealth, which is automatically transferred to the beneficiary, as are annuities which present the advantages of tax deferral until benefits are drawn upon.

Once the vehicle is chosen, the next consideration is ensuring transfer to the selected heir, upon the death of one of the partners. Probate can be avoided by opening an account with a "joint tenant with right of survivorship" clause, which would ensure the automatic transfer of ownership. Partners can be listed on IRA, pensions, and retirement accounts, as well as life insurance policies. (If one partner has more cash than the other, he/she can give the other a gift of cash, to be used to purchase the policy on the wealthier.)

Additionally, it is critical to protect the carefully accumulated assets from potentially unsympathetic family members. ""Although the law doesn't provide for gay and lesbian

couples, it doesn't preclude it - but each person needs to protect themselves in every manner available, because noone will do it for her/him", cautions Dyer. One of the primary goals is to avoid probate, by clearly stating what the desires of each individual are regarding assets and healthcare.

There are five basic documents that are most critical:

- * a last will and testament -designates how property is to be disposed of after death
- * a living will designates the person who makes the final decision on terminating life support in case of terminal illness, after physicians agree
- * healthcare power of attorney designates the person who makes healthcare decisions when the other isn't able to
- * pre-need declaration of guardian designates who the caretake is to be * durable power of attorney authorizes another to act on another's behalf, including management of assets

Beyond the financial and legal considerations of investment strategies, there are benefits to drawing up partnership agreements, which determine in advance how to divide the

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assets. This most especially necessary if a couple co-owns a home and/or if one person earns more than the other, but the other contributes in non-monetary ways. "This doen't have to be hostile - it allows an expression of appreciation for the value of both parties and their individual contributions to the relationship." The same is true when drafting a will, as it provides the opportunity for each person to think about who is really important to them.

In a country that doesn't yet recognize same-sex marriages, participating in activities that have traditionally been enjoyed by heterosexuals provides the legitimizing and validating experiences that reinforce in a positive manner that ties between two people committed to each other.

Dennis Nolte is the General Securities Broker of Walnut Street Securities, and may be contacted at 407-295-0266. Tom Dyer is an attorney specializing in gay and lesbian issues, and may be reached at 407-648-1153.

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Our Worst Enemy

by Patty Sheehan

The Fanatical Fundamentalist Right Wing, fueled by the 1993 Republican National Convention, and angered by the loss of the election by George Bush, has stepped up their campaign against what they perceive as the ills of society, namely women's rights, gay rights, and freedom of speech. The latest battleground in the fight for personal freedom is the state of Florida. The American Family Association of Florida, headed by David Caton, is seeking to amend the Florida Constitution to eliminate basic civil rights for lesbians and gays.

Recently, the Orlando Sentinel ran an article stating that Caton and the AFA had only gathered 28,000 of the necessary 429,000 signatures to put the proposed amendment on the 1994 ballot. As Vice President of Central Floridians United Against Discrimination (CFUAD), I started getting calls

almost immediately. "Isn't it great?" callers from the gay community would say. "We've already beaten David Caton!" It didn't take me very long to become very concerned about the sense of false security in the voices of the callers. Having been a member of a Fundamentalist church, I understood the ploy Caton was using. The article was as much a tactic to get more signatures as much as it was a tactic to get the gay community out of our activist mode back into apathy mode. Caton was only possibly delaying the proposal until the 1996 ballot. And we'd simply sit back, thinking we had two more years, so why worry?

Attendance dropped off dramatically at the next CFUAD meeting. And I, being the reactionary type that I tend to be, freaked. This is exactly what they want us to do! The board of CFUAD had a meeting on Sept. 10. It

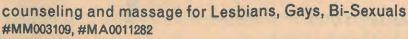
was unanimously decided that we will continue to work to educate the homosexual and heterosexual community as to the dangers of this amendment. In other words, we will continue full speed ahead! Caton and crew must realize they have awakened a sleeping giant, which will not be lulled back into complacency, or complicity.

In order to clear up confusion about the meetings, CFUAD will hold meetings every second Saturday of the month at Joy M.C.C. at 10:00 a.m. The next meeting will be held on November 13, 1993. Everyone is invited to attend, and to sign up for the following committees: fundraising, membership, outreach, communications, and speakers bureau.

This organization is open to everyone. If you are disenchanted with other groups that tend to be "cliqueish," give CFUAD a try. We are committed to the needs of all people, and would appreciate the unique talents

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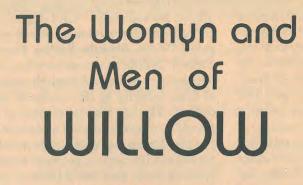
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