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Mabel Butler - Orange County Commissioner

## A CONVERSATION WITH MABEL BUTLER The County Commissioner with Class & Brass

By Jeff Campbell  
Center Fold Staff Writer

I called Mabel Butler's office and requested an appointment for the opportunity to interview her. Her Aide, Count Barnes, asked how much time I would need and I replied about one half hour. When I arrived and was seated in Mrs. Butler's office, I was immediately and totally charmed by a woman who is filled with laughter and personality, knowledgeable about her position and aware of the needs of her constituents. She is full of life and filled with living.

The woman casts a spell of charm for I looked at my watch and saw that two hours had passed and suddenly I had to apologize for exceeding my time allotment only to be told that she had allowed more time than requested. And we continue a few minutes more.

Before the interview was done, the skies were cracked open with thunder and lightening and heavy rain was washing across the glass roof and windows of the County Commissioner Building. She asked if I had an umbrella and I admitted I left it in my car some four blocks away because the sky seemed clear. "I'll just get wet," I said but she was not to allow that. When the interview was done, she located an umbrella for me which got me to my car dry and I was able to return the loan.

That consideration is a reflection of the consideration she has for her people - the citizens of Orange County.

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**C-Fold:** Throughout history, your race has been subjected to segregation and denial of rights. It is claimed today that we now have integration of the races and yet, if we are to be honest, we must admit that what we really have is but token integration. How do you relate to that?

**Butler:** That is true. While the black folks marched and died for the civil rights, on checking the records you find more of the white females utilized the civil rights more than anyone else. A second group is white males because they are placing blame on reverse discrimination. When one

group benefits, all benefit. Whatever rights gays fight for, we benefit.

**C-Fold:** So your efforts helped other minorities?

**Butler:** We didn't 'help', but others realized the power that was there. I have long maintained women are not a minority, because, if nothing else, they have had Pillow Power.

I call myself a People Person, but I'm called many things: The Black Commissioner, "Riverboat Annie Lady" because I'm not afraid to cuss. And I answer to all the names I'm called.

Life has been good to me. I've raised a family of five; I've buried a mother, a brother. I buried a son and a husband. My husband and I lived until "death do us part," and I have no regrets; because I loved all of them to death. Every day I'm blessed and every morning I waken and say, "help me do something else for somebody."

My needs are so little. My wants aren't worth a damn: I want a man that's 55 or older who can feed himself and walk. But I don't want a husband. I have a good time out there looking for that man who can feed himself and walk, and all my friends are out there looking for me, too. They ask me it makes any difference what color and I said, "No. Not as long as he can feed himself and walk and is over 55."

**C-Fold:** When did you decide you wanted to get into elective politics?

**Butler:** I didn't decide. I've always been active. The only way I could open the door for my people was to go in the back door and open the front door. So I got involved in coordinating campaigns, working hard in campaigns. I had been a

social worker so I enjoyed recognition. I was never paid.

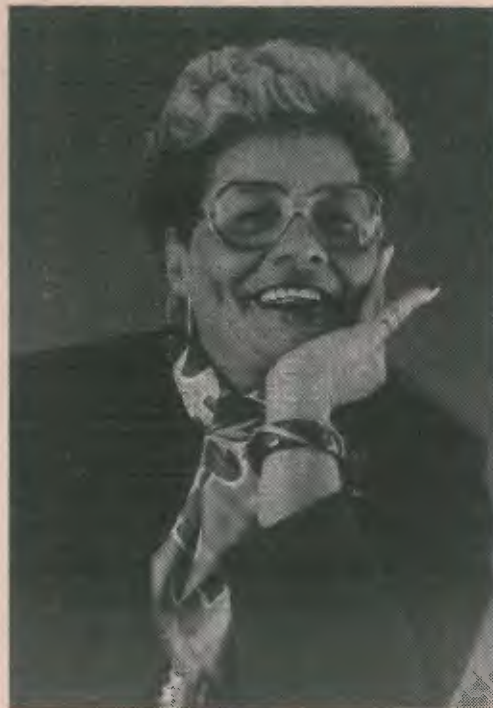
**C-Fold:** You just started at precinct level.

**Butler:** That's right. And people would come to me and say they wanted to run. So I asked if they ran would they hire blacks, would they work to change so and so - that we need this or that in the community. You know, I got some promises. Most times, if they didn't come through, they didn't win anymore. It was a wheel and deal kind of situation.

I could stand on my soapbox in the community because I'm so sure in my profession and I took that mentality to the city and to the people because cities are more than brick and mortar: Cities are people.

Whites are trained with college and with the experience of working with candidates to learn the ins and outs of politics. So they go into the field with training - we go with guts.

In the state of Florida there are 67 counties. In those 67 counties there are 367 county commissioners. But there are only 23 commissioners who are black, and Bob Graham appointed 18 of them when he was governor. Some of them have maintained their seat and others, while no longer in office, those seats have remained filled by blacks. In the entire state of Florida, there is only one black Supervisor of elections and that's in St. Lucie County. Most of the counties do not have blacks to run for office but it is not because the



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blacks won't run. Until I ran, there had never been a black run for county commissioner in Orange County.

**C-Fold:** We need to stop being race and ethnic specific when we speak of candidates.

**Butler:** We need to stop labeling people. We need to support the person and not the party. I have been a democrat all my life and have given the democratic party my sweat and my tears and my money. But I look at the person, the candidate, not the party because the party is only a label.

**C-Fold:** You have made major inroads into the complacency of the black people. How do you encourage and hearten the black community to participate in their government?

**Butler:** I run all the time. Every candidate out there is selling himself to the voters and I do that every day. There isn't any purpose of my coming up here every day if I am not serving the people. So I have to go to the community and educate them on the issues. I reach out to them and have them articulate their concerns and their concerns. I tell them they sent me because they say they don't have the time.

**C-Fold:** Did you encounter any advice to "get along" with the existing powers?

**Butler:** No. I don't go along to get along. There are people who can walk into a room and you know they are there. There are those who have to

come in and make an appearance. When I walk in, you know I'm there. That's the way I live.

Now, I can disagree with you and I will fight you. But I can fight and love at the same time - I'm real good at

that. Many people will dislike you if they disagree with you on an issue. But that has nothing to do with liking or living someone.

I don't think I have met anyone I don't like. Now, there's a lot of folks that my vibes don't jive with, but I don't dislike them. There are people whose vibes are evil - I don't want those kind of vibes. I don't look at ugly things on television or go to ugly movies. I like movies like "Driving Miss Daisy." I deal in problems every day - people's problems. I don't need fictional problems.

I've had the riches of life - like loving and caring and fighting like hell for what I believe in. And like helping people. You can't help one person without helping someone else at the same time.

Nobody does anything by themselves. There's a board of seven people up here that I try to sensitize every Tuesday. I try to make this board to change their plantation mentality, their yesterday mentality or sometimes their no thinking mentality. The area that I inherited in 1990 is, I feel, a neglected area. And I remind the board all the time, Urbia and Suburbia go together. Not enough walls tall enough around suburbia to keep urbia out.

We must protect urbia right along with suburbia.

People don't make slums - government makes slums, neglect makes slums. I talk about this all the time with the Board. The things I have to say may not be what they want to hear - but I don't lie to them either. I believe this board is a better board

because of the sensitivity I bring to it. But all of us on the board know that's what we are here for.

It's been a challenge. I've been here two years in November and I tell them - they ride through these areas, I live in them. I feel the hurt - I hear the pain.

We have a chairman who is very sensitive to some of the issues that are brought forth.

**C-Fold:** A tactic often employed to disenfranchise groups is to keep them divided within their own ranks. There is a division in the younger blacks today that is reflected in their "gangs." Is this a result of "limited" integration where full opportunity is denied, is this an effort to maintain a division by in-power politicians.

**Butler:** You have to go back to yesterday to realize the plantation bosses did a hell of a job on the minds of people; black, poor Hispanic, Puerto Ricans. Unlike Haiti which was a plantation with one master, we had plantations with lots of masters. They instilled in the people that the house was better than the yard and the yard was better than the field. But none of them got a damn thing because they all were slaves under the master and that's how the master controlled the house, the yard and the field.

Now slavery was long ago, the mindset is still here in some. And we know the only way we can change that mindset is through education. Some were hungry for learning; Booker T., George Washington Carver educated himself because of this thirst for education.

As black people, we have learned that we will change this mindset by educating our boys and

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Just as the gay community is diverse, so is the bisexual community. It is this diversity that often leads gays and heterosexuals to deny the existence of bisexuality. In the following months, we hope to present various lifestyles of bisexuals. Hopefully this will lead to a better understanding from both gays and heterosexuals.

It is often said that truth is

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stranger than fiction. The following revelations are from one bisexual couple and the struggle each had in facing the reality of their sexuality. We will call them 'Gene' and 'Ewa'.

Gene came from a dysfunctional family in which he never felt loved. His father was an evil man that drank, beat up his family and ran around with other women. Gene and his father denied the existence of each other. Gene's father even had the nerve to move one of his girlfriends into the house to live with him and his wife. There was a constant battle between the women and the husband.

After several years, Gene was introduced to marijuana at school. When he got home that day, his mother told him that she was divorcing his father. Between the

## Bisexuality: A Lifestyle

marijuana and the good news, Gene had the greatest "high" of his life. He knew that the daily beatings and abuse would be over.

Gene finished high school and decided to join the Navy. It wasn't long before he was ousted for drinking and fighting. He moved in with a woman who worked at a phone sex establishment. She gave Gene a great lesson in sex education, but the relationship wasn't to last. Gene then need more inn order to get high. He got hooked on cocaine. Gene knew that if he were to get his life turned around, he would have to break the cocaine habit. He found help from a church support group. A month later, while attending a Bible study class, he met his wife.

Ewa was born in Poland. At five years of age she developed severe medical problems. Her father moved to America. Within two years Ewa needed more surgery. By the time Ewa was eleven, her father had accumulated enough money to bring the family to America. At eighteen, Ewa had to have both kidneys removed. The love in her family

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by Wm. Andre'  
Provencher

On November 8, at 8pm the Orlando Gay Chorus will be featured among the Rollins' College Music In the Chapel Series, performing Brahms' "Alto Rhapsody, Op. 53." The event marks the Chorus' first public appearance at a non-gay event. There is much pride in OGC as

a musical entity, regardless of the sexual orientation of its members or the political correctness such a selection connotes.

The Rhapsody for alto, male chorus, and orchestra is a setting of Goethe's poem "Harzreise in Winter," which describes the bleak mountain journey of a solitary wanderer, searching to find himself; the piece also seems to express Brahms' own existence as one drawn toward a self-chosen solitary life, proving to be one of his most romantic and deeply personal works. The Alto Rhapsody is perhaps the nearest thing by Brahms to the Classical concert aria, as well as one of the high points of Brahms' choral works.

Dr. Charles Callahan is the Composer-in-residence at Rollins' College, as well as its Director of Chapel Music. Director of the Orlando Gay Chorus as well, Dr. Callahan chose the Orlando Chorus because he felt its sound to be well-adapted to the musical demands this piece requires. (Also, one cannot

## Clef Notes

ignore the obvious rapport between Dr. Callahan and OGC.) The event will be OGCs first appearance with a full orchestra. Morgan Aiken, a member of the Orlando Gay Chorus, will be the featured soloist.

The second half of the program at Rollins' will include Brahms' "Deutsches Requiem," performed by the Rollins' Chapel Choir, also under the direction of Dr. Charles Callahan. Russ Macomber, a member of both OGC and the Rollins' Chapel Choir, will be the featured soloist for this composition.

The concert is scheduled for 8:00 p.m., in the Knowles Memorial Chapel on the Rollins Campus. Everyone is invited to attend this free concert; therefore, early seating is advised.

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## READER WRITES: EDITOR GETS SHAME ON YOU AWARD

### To The Editor:

Your "perspective" article in the August 1992 issue, entitled "FSO vs. Shaquille O'Neal," hit a few sour notes with me. Your main point that the Florida Symphony Orchestra deserves financial support is well taken. And you won't get an argument from me that salaries for professional athletes have become obscene (including that offered to Shaquille



O'Neal). However, your statement that sports "appeals to the lowest common denominator of human behavior" is way off base. You are out in left field on this issue, and you showed a lack of perspective in this "perspective" column. The organizers and participants of Gay Olympics would also disagree with you.

Engaging in sports is a rewarding experience. Keeping one's

self physically fit through sports is a wonderful thing to do for one's body as well as one's psyche. In addition to increased stamina and overall physical well-being, engaging in sports activities can build character and self-esteem. It isn't necessary for one to excel at sports to benefit. Simply getting exercise, whether via walking, swimming, or tennis, or organized sports, such as baseball, football, and yes, even basketball, is an important behavior that can have many positive and lasting effects.

Your snide comment on Shaquille O'Neal's name-"I didn't know he was Irish!"-is an insult to blacks and a highly prejudicial comment. It is ironic that you are willing to point fingers in your "Shame On You" column at people who discriminate against gays while at the same time making prejudicial comments about blacks and perpetuating the stereo type that gays should not be sports-minded but arts-minded. I nominate you for your own "Shame On You" award. Please remember that there is room in everyone, gay or straight, for both sports and the arts.

Sincerely,  
James J. Peters

Response: Thanks James for your letter, but is anyone worth 6 million dollars?

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## DECLARATION OF WAR & BATTLE PLAN

By: Daryl Hayatt - Founder of Military & Police International

You have seen the hate spreading from the Republican Convention. Our lives are on the line. I've lost over 30 long time dear friends; only one is left who is not HIV Positive or near death now. How many have you lost? Are you fed up with it? Will you accept this call to action, this call to war?

For over a year Bush did not even say the word AIDS. Elizabeth Taylor doubts he can even spell it and Lord knows Quayle can't. Bush didn't even mention AIDS in his acceptance speech-we can't afford anymore of his "kinder, gentler nation". How many of you noticed that Barbara did have on a red ribbon for awhile on the last night of the convention, but then took it off before she joined George on stage at the convention, but then took it off before she joined George on stage at the closing. Why?

This is going to be very nasty campaign, plus Bush will likely start a military conflict somewhere to win back support before Election Day. He will openly attack Clinton for seeking our support. He will disguise his hate primarily under the term "Family Values". Well, we can show him our "Family Values" by sticking together as a family.

### BATTLE PLAN

1. Be registered to vote and do so and get others to register now. If you need to vote by absentee ballot be sure to do so. For your hospitalized friends try to get them an absentee ballot or if they are able to briefly leave the hospital take them to cast their vote, same for friends who are sick at home.

2. Get out the vote by calling and or writing all family members and straight and gay friends to go vote for Clinton/Gore. Do this now and again a few days before election day. I have told my family they can either go and vote for Clinton as I need them to, or else we are no longer family. Get tough if you need to.

3. Volunteer at Clinton Headquarters every spare minute you can.

4. Contribute financially if you can-Bush has a huge war chest.

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### BATTLE PLAN

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## NEW CREATIONS CHURCH APPOINTS NEW PASTOR

We, the congregation of our church, would like to officially announce the coming of our new pastor. Welcome! His name is Dr. Drew Alexander. Dr. Alexander has been in Ministry for 25 years and is known for church growth and is also an accomplished musician. On September 20th we will be having a celebration installation service also a grand reception following the service. We praise God and rejoice for the prayers that were answered. Thank you Jesus! This incredible man is not only our new pastor, but along with that, is a loving, touching, caring human being who will reach out to you to help you in any way he can. Along with the new pastor, we are planning very talented people to perform their musical talents. Also more planned activities in the upcoming Fall and Winter seasons. We care Group meets every other wednesday at 7:00pm at various locations. The services are 5:00pm every Sunday at the First Unitarian Church, 1815 E. Robinson St., Orlando. So join us this Sunday for the uplift of a lifetime. The true love of Jesus Christ. For more information call 236-9156. - Billy Green.



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girls. You will find here that businesses say, "We can't find qualified people for this or that, but the kids are learning and qualifying. But they are going somewhere else because they won't come back home to no jobs.

There is a lot of this underlying discrimination but we are changing a lot of that in this county - how we spend our money. When bids are made to the county, I have told the chairman, when someone wants to do business with this county, I'd like to see a portfolio: what composed their workforce. A lot of folks have hang-ups about gays and lesbians, too. But we're changing a lot of that.

We now see law firms and architectural firms that are hiring black professionals and more women. It has gone beyond tokenism. We don't look at how many blacks you will hire but how many are on staff already and in what capacity. You would be surprised how many black professionals are here now.

I don't think job applicants should be asked about their sexuality. If I hire a woman who has children I'm not even allowed to ask her what provisions she has made for her kids, who's going to take care of them.

**C-Fold:** There is a prejudice against gays for employment and one of the means of

determining this is the marital status question on many employment applications. In addition to the

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usual: married, divorced, widowed or single, there is a fifth category: never married.

**Butler:** I've never seen that. But for a middle aged person, it gives a clue?

**C-Fold:** We advise newcomers to indicate either "widowed" or "divorced" and if pressed for detail, claim that it's too emotional to talk about.

**Butler:** But it's nobody's business.

I can respect you because you know who you are and anyone else who knows who they are. But you've got doctors, lawyers and Indian chiefs who are great pretenders. And by night they are

someone else. You know how you feel about you; you've got to love you before you can love me.

There will always be that male who feels threatened by you, most males feel this. They see in you things that reflect in their life and it scares them. Men will say nasty and vulgar things about gays they don't know because it demonstrates his "maleness," and he feels you threaten this maleness. When they find out someone they know is gay, they say, "Gee. I didn't know he was that way." My response to that is: Because you didn't want to know.

This is what yesterday's whites had with the

maid in the kitchen. They loved her to death because she took care of their children and washed their clothes and cooked their food. But they didn't give a damn about her family or her next door neighbor.

It's you I love because I've gotten to know you. But I don't know the others - maybe I don't want to know them.

I hear talk about Afro-Americans. My question is: where did the first white originate? Africa! So when someone calls me an Afro-American, I say: "Howdy brother, hello sister."

If you want to identify me, identify me with the black. The Cuban, the Haitian the Chinaman who come in all colors and the Pakistani/Indian also comes in black, brown and every color. Races developed according to the weather, but man originated in Africa. All the terms: black, Negro, Afro-American are another form of division. Someone says to me, "What do you want to be called." And I respond, "What do you want to be called. I've got a name, what's yours?"

Even in the gay community you have your "house", your "yard", and your "field". Everyone has the same division: "high class gay", and "middle class gay" and "poor class". You discriminate against yourselves.

There are the closeted gays who sneak around because of the urges and the feeling. They have to go where they can share the same feelings but by day they are miserable.

Blacks cannot hide who they are - gays can. But our concerns are all the same: Prejudices. The division is the same. We all have our problems, our loves and our woes.

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## Ask A Lawyer.....About Wills

Questions asked by David Rhinehart and answered by David W. Popick, Attorney

**Q:** Who needs a will?

**A:** Everyone should have a will. A will is one of the devices used to insure that the people you want to receive your property upon your death, will receive it.

**Q:** What would happen to my property if I don't have a will?

**A:** Without a will or other device, state law determines who receives your property upon death. State law provides that your next of kin will receive your property. If that is not what you want, making a will is

essential.

**Q:** Do I include in a will my car, clothes, jewelry, furniture, bank accounts and other personal property?

**A:** Sure. There are also other methods that can be used to be certain that your property is received by the proper persons, such as creation of a trust or joint ownership of property.

**Q:** What about insurance policies, military or company benefits.

**A:** Life insurance policy death benefits will be paid directly to the beneficiary named in the policy. IRA plans usually allow you to choose beneficiaries in the event of death. These types of benefits pass directly to named beneficiaries outside the provisions of your will and probate process. If your estate is your named beneficiary, the property will be paid to your estate and will be distributed pursuant to the terms of your will.

**Q:** How can I make sure that my lover inherits our real estate?

**A:** By including it in your will or a will substitute such as a trust. Property could also be held as joint tenants with the right of survivorship and not as tenants in common. In that case, upon the death of one of the parties, the survivor would become sole owner of the property.

**Q:** I have definite desires regarding my funeral. How do I make my wishes known.

**A:** Funeral wishes should be contained in your will. If possible, you should also let your next of kin know of your desires so that no surprises occur at the time when family members can least cope with them.

**Q:** Where should I keep my will? Who needs to know where it is?

**A:** Your will should be kept in a safe place, such as a safety deposit box. Some people elect to have an attorney hold the original will in a safety deposit box maintained for that purpose. The will can be obtained from the attorney upon request. The personal representative, the person or persons who will administer the estate, must know where the will is located and have access to it.

**Q:** How can I protect those whom I want to receive my property from estate taxes?

**A:** There are techniques that can be used to reduce estate taxes upon death. Those methods require the services of an attorney. Generally speaking, if your gross estate is less than \$600,000 and you are a Florida resident, there will be no Federal or Florida tax involvement.

Florida has no inheritance tax and in essence has no estate tax. You can designate in your will which persons will bear the burden of estate taxes and costs of administration of your estate. The other persons named in the will can then receive your property free of those expenses.

**Q:** What is a living will?

**A:** A living will is a declaration containing your desires as to what medical treatment is to be provided to you in the event you are suffering from a terminal condition from which your physician has determined there will be no recovery and from

making medical decisions for yourself as long as you are able to do so. You may also designate another person to make the medical decisions for you under certain circumstances.

**Q:** Is it expensive to have a will prepared?

**A:** The cost of preparation of a simple will is small, often \$150 or less. Most attorneys prepare simple wills as an accommodation to their clients. Of course, complex and involved wills and trusts are more expensive. It is essential that a qualified attorney prepare your will or other estate plan documents. It is also important to have an attorney prepare papers concerning joint ownership of real property because expertise is needed when dealing with mortgage lenders in particular.

Mr. Popick is a local attorney.

Watch for our next professional quiz - "Ask A Doctor". If you have any questions, submit them to David Rhinehart at the Center Fold office.

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**C-Fold:** I often write of this ability of the gays to stay in the closet

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as opposed to blacks who cannot hide. It is this failure to stand up for ourselves, and the internal prejudice within our community that keeps us divided and weak and unable to enjoy a strong political voice.

**Butler:** I have another radical friend: Alfredo Garcia Martinez. My son had AIDS and Alfredo would come to my home and spend time with my son.

Alfredo would come to the house and lay on the floor with Wayne and talk to him and that would calm him. When a crisis came up I always knew who to call. AIDS organizations work 9 to 5 but my crisis would come at four o'clock in the morning.

But Alfredo could help just by being there. He could tell Wayne, "Just admit you've got AIDS." Alfredo could say that to him - mama couldn't say that to him, not loving him the way I did. Alfredo would tell him he was going through stages. "You go through the denial, the embarrassment - through different stages."

Alfredo came to me and asked how he could reach the black community in dealing with AIDS. I told him we were having an NAACP meeting that night and that I would introduce him if he would come along. He wanted to get involved with the Black community because nobody else was doing anything about it. He wanted to tell our people that AIDS was passed through sharing sex and sharing needles. So I was able to get him a few opportunities to speak at clubs and churches and a couple of sororities.

I didn't know about my son having AIDS. My husband had taken

**".....my crisis would come at four o'clock in the morning."**

Wayne to see about his eyes - to get glasses. When he returned home, my husband said the doctor said my son was losing the sight of one eye. Then my son told us he had another doctor who might put him in the hospital and save his eye.

He took many tests while in the hospital and he had to sign papers that we were unaware of, papers advised him there was the possibility of serious complications due to his health. We did not yet know he had AIDS.

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## Lesbian-Owned Company Seeks Designs for Holiday Greeting Cards with Gay/Lesbian Theme

Virago, a new Minneapolis-based graphics company which is owned and operated by lesbians, is currently soliciting designs for a line of holiday cards to be marketed to lesbians and gay men. Artists, designers and peoplenapkin are invited to submit their two-dimensional designs for consideration of with an idea they can sketch on a

production. Themes which are specially sought included Christmas, Hanukkah and Solstice. Interpretation may range from spiritual to humorous and are encouraged to be gay or lesbian oriented or non-specific.

Selected designs will be produced in consultation with the artist, using high

quality materials and printing processes. The originator of each design selected will receive a cash award, credit line on back of card, and two boxes of the produced cards.

All designs which are not selected will be returned if SASE is included. Be sure to include both a front panel and inside panel if there is to be art or type on inside of card. Also, please indicate special printing instructions (such as embossing) on a separate overlay if necessary. Included name, address and telephone number with each design.

Please mail designs to: Virago, P.O. Box 8070, Minneapolis, MN 55408. ▽

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5. Display Clinton/Gore bumper stickers, yard signs, buttons, etc.

6. Copy and pass out this Declaration of War and Battle Plan to friends and get gay businesses in your area to post it if possible.

7. After Election Day we must join the Republican Party enmasse and clean it up! We must root out the religious, racist, homophobic, bigot bastards who have taken over that party.

8. I challenge each of you to see just how many votes you can round up for each lost friend who is no longer with us to fight and vote now.

9. UNITY=POWER GO VOTE FOR CLINTON/GORE VOTE AS IF YOUR LIFE DEPENDED ON IT!

10. Disregarded the polls Election Day as they can change very quickly. If Clinton is picked to win or hopelessly behind, go out and vote for him anyway. ▽



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## MABEL

Come to find out that whatever it was, set my boy for a loop -it changed his whole personality. The doctor told me he could not talk with me about my son. I started getting nosy as hell - you know how mothers are. Finally I started thinking and I asked him if he had AIDS and he said yes. I said, "son, how long?"

Well, then AIDS became a family affair. And I wanted the world to know because if I, being Mabel Butler, could help somebody, then that's what I would do. I asked a health department nurse to let me know how many blacks came in after I made that announcement. She then gave me a weekly account.

My son died in December and we had only learned about it in June. He died at 29. I think of Wayne a lot and I have those pains. But at 29 he had lived a life that he loved. His father died at 70 and I keep their ashes at home - my son in a beautiful vase and my husband in a vault. I plan on putting them in my rock garden.

They both wanted to die at home and they both during the same time.

Wayne's friend had sent him a beautiful pair of socks from England. He had just had his bath and I put those socks on his feet and said, "Honey, you know, you're going to heaven with those socks on." He looked at me and smiled one tear dropped on his cheek. Then he was

gone.

I hadn't expected him to die just then. But that

was a beautiful death. He had told me, "Mom, I'm ready to go now." I said, "Well, when He's ready, He'll come."

Mr. Butler just about the same way. But I had loved them both to death; life has been good, and every day I hope that I can help somebody else.

When Wayne was on that AZT, it changed his whole personality, so I started taking one of them and cutting it into three. We had to put double bolt locks on the doors because one morning my neighbor called me to say that Wayne was sitting outside waiting for the bus. He thought he was on his way to work. Whenever I didn't give him the AZT he acted normal.

**C-Fold:** You and I crossed paths once before. In 1991 both of us read names of AIDS victims at Lake Eola. You were immediately in front of me and we only exchanged hellos.

**Butler:** That was a very solemn occasion. They invited me that time because I had just lost a son. But I've lost so many friends, and friends of my son.

I receive The Center Fold - somebody sends it to me But they have never invited me back.

**C-Fold:** Well I'm going to pass the word to see you are invited in the future. It will be our privilege to share that somber celebration with you. ▽

## GLOWS SKIING RECORD


Today, 4 September 1992, a Gay and Lesbian of Orlando Water Skiers (GLOWS) record Today will mark the day GLOWS hitting the waters the record will be of those consecutive consecutive days in Another record summer was the skiing--the first two months of this summer, GLOWS members were out skiing all but seven days. Shooting for skiing goals can be fun!



The skiing fun range from the more typical skiing (i.e. "double skis" or "slalom") to variation of fun skiing such as double Hydroskiding, surfing and trick skiing. Other variations can include tubing or "disk" skiing

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# THE HUMAN RIGHTS CAMPAIGN FUND BLASTS REP. DANA ROHRABACHER'S ATTEMPT TO INTIMIDATE PRIVATE COMPANIES OPPOSING DISCRIMINATION AGAINST GAYS

WASHINGTON, DC Tim McFeeley, Executive Director of the Human Rights Campaign Fund-the largest national lesbian and gay political organization, today condemned Rep. Dana Rohrabacher (R-CA) for his recent attempt to their bans on funding thr Boy Scouts of America.

The Boy Scouts of America currently enforces a policy of discrimination against gay and lesbian Americans. Because of the refusal of the leadership of the organization to change this policy, corporations such as Levi Strauss, Wells Fargo Bank and the Bank of America are withholding funding for the Boy Scouts of America.

Rep. Rohrabacher Monday in a recent letter to Levi Strauss and Company expressed his outrage to their boycott claiming that "if <their> interference is successful it could well kill Scouting in America." He is currently seeking others in the House and Senate to co-sponsor his appeal.

"This action reeks of hypocrisy and demagoguery, stated McFeeley. "Rohrabacher and the Republican Party make claims to represent a history of personal freedom over governmental intervention and then attempt to dictate morality not only in our bedrooms, but

now in our boardrooms as well. How can they justify this?"

Boy Scouts of America is only national youth organization that discriminates against gay and lesbian Americans as leaders and members. The Girl Scouts, Big Brothers and Big Sisters and the National 4-H do not discriminate.

"Americans support the traditional values of tolerance and oppose discrimination," stated McFeeley. "The Boy Scouts stand against these traditional American values. What message are they teaching our youth? Activities that support lesbian and gay youth support family values because they encourage these youth to remain healthy, in school and at home."

McFeeley also noted that Rep. Rohrabacher voted against the Family Leave Act, which would require private companies to grant leave to employees who need extended time to care for children and other family members. "Mr. Rohrabacher wants to tell private corporations where to contribute their money, but does not want to tell them to help their employees take care of family members," McFeeley said.

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## "CAPITOL BEAT"



## GAY AND LESBIAN PARENTS COALITION INTERNATIONAL

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

Oct 9th, 7:30 PM Parents Rap Group (adults only) at GLCS.

Oct 17th, 6:00 PM Social/support meeting.

Oct 31st, 6:00 PM Family Hayride and Halloween party.

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## "CAMPAIGN 92"

by W.E. Beardemphl

The homosexual community can put a stop to the gut-wrenching, gay bashing displayed st the recent Republican Convention. The answer is surprisingly simple...vote this November in the presidential election.

There are 3 options for voting for President that can cover all gay persons. The first obvious choice is to vote for Democratic candidate Bill Clinton. For those whose family background and training will not allow Democratic voting, the second option is to vote for Ross Perot as a

protest vote. It seems certain that Perot still will be on the ballot in all 50 states in November Thirdly, one should vote, but not vote for any candidate for President. For those who take this position, it is important to go

to the polls and vote for other candidates so they are counted as a voter who leaves the presidential slot empty.

We have seen an increase in these last 12 years of murders, beatings, robberies, and harassment of gay persons because of a sanctioning gay bashing by religious and political leaders. This violence will accelerate if George Bush is elected on a platform advocating duplicitous, political premises that seek abolition and control of homosexual rights along with other with other Republican anti-human-rights positions: As a community, we are again faced with extreme danger; this time from those snarling faces on television who spouted time after time, "there is no place in the Republican

Party for homosexuals".

I was scoffed at and charged with using scare tactics and attempting to undermine our gay lifestyles when I first published the articles by Bobbi Campbell that raised the consciousness of our community and resulted in Bobbi being on the covers of Time and Newsweek. But, in that case it took wholesale dying of homosexuals before our awareness transferred into constructive actions. Only recently have our actions resulted in a leveling off of HIV amongst gay men.

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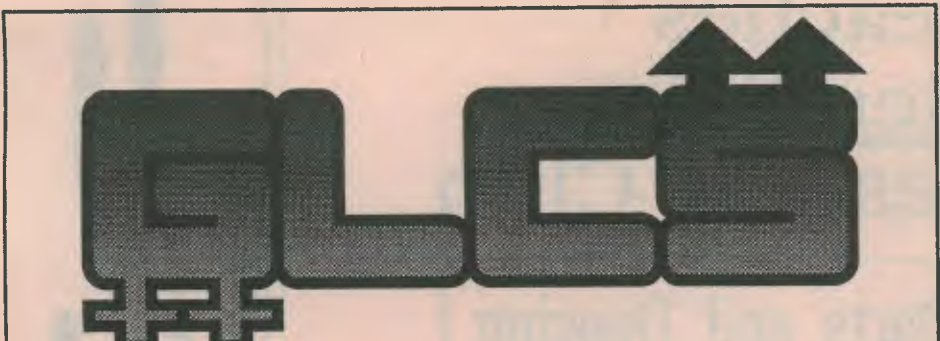




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# GLCS CALEN

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THUR
Sept 27 7:00pm Transvestite/ Transexual Support Group	Sept 28 6:00pm Delta Youth Alliance - Rap Group 7:30pm Healing Circle 7:30pm Committed Couples 9:15pm Gay Skate	Sept 29 7:00pm CODA-Co- Dependents Anonymous 7:30pm Men's & Women's RAP Group	Sept 30 7:30pm Men's Discussion Group 7:30pm Womyn Of GLCS	Oct 1 6:30pm MB Radisson Downtown 7:00pm Sa Seminar 7:30pm Co Out Gro
Oct 4	Oct 5 6:00pm Delta Youth Alliance - Rap Group 7:30pm Healing Circle 8:00pm GLCS Board Meeting	Oct 6 7:00pm CODA-Co- Dependents Anonymous 7:00pm GLCS Board Meeting 7:30pm Men's & Women's RAP Group	Oct 7 7:30pm Men's Discussion Group 7:30pm Womyn Of GLCS	Oct 8 6:30pm V Interview 7:30pm Co Out Gro
Oct 11 6:30pm Bisexual Support Covered Dish 7:00pm Transvestite/ Transexual Support Group	Oct 12 6:00pm Delta Youth Alliance - Rap Group 7:30pm Healing Circle 7:30pm Orlando Pride 9:15pm Gay Skate	Oct 13 7:00pm CODA-Co- Dependents Anonymous 7:30pm Men's & Women's RAP Group	Oct 14 7:30pm Men's Discussion Group 7:30pm Womyn Of GLCS	Oct 15 7:00pm M Board M 7:30pm Co Out Gro 7:30pm NOSOTE Spanish S Group
Oct 18 7:00pm Dignity Act Out Theatre at FACES	Oct 19 6:00pm Delta Youth Alliance - Rap Group 7:00pm GLCS Board Meeting 7:30pm Healing Circle 7:30pm Singles Group	Oct 20 7:00pm CODA-Co- Dependents Anonymous 7:30pm Men's & Women's RAP Group	Oct 21 7:30pm Men's Discussion Group 7:30pm Womyn Of GLCS	Oct 22 7:00pm Ga IV Comm 7:30pm Co Out Gro
Oct 25 7:00pm Transvestite/ Transexual Support Group 8:00pm ACT OUT Theatre at FACES	Oct 26 6:00pm Delta Youth Alliance - Rap Group 7:30pm Healing Circle 7:30pm Orlando Pride 7:30pm Committed Couples 9:15pm Gay Skate	Oct 27 7:00pm CODA-Co- Dependents Anonymous 7:30pm Men's & Women's RAP Group	Oct 28 7:30pm Men's Discussion Group 7:30pm Womyn Of GLCS	Oct 29 7:30pm Co Out Gro
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FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>Oct 2</b> 7:30pm BINGO at the Center	<b>Oct 3</b> 3:00pm Zion Free Catholic Church Service
<b>Oct 9</b> 7:30pm GLPCI Parents Rap Group 7:30pm BINGO at the Center	<b>Oct 10</b> 3:00pm Zion Free Catholic Church Service
<b>Oct 16</b> 7:30pm Deaf & Hearing Impaired Group 7:30pm BINGO at the Center	<b>Oct 17</b> 12:00pm CENTER FIX UP DAY 3:00pm Zion Free Catholic Church Service 3:00pm Gay & Lesbian Science Fiction Club
<b>Oct 23</b> 7:30pm Bisexual Support Group 7:30pm BINGO at the Center	<b>Oct 24</b> 9:00am Volunteer Fair-Fashion Square 3:00pm Zion Free Catholic Church Service 8:00pm PALS OPEN HOUSE
<b>Oct 30</b> 7:30pm BINGO at the Center	<b>Oct 31</b> HALLOWEEN Halloween Campout, Rosie + 855-6551 3:00pm Zion Free Catholic Church Service
<b>Nov 6</b> WOMYN'S Retreat at JOY MCC 7:30pm BINGO at the Center	<b>Nov 7</b> WOMYN'S Retreat at JOY MCC SANDY DELEGAL Concert - Cocoa 3:00pm Zion Free Catholic Church Service

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS DESCRIPTIONS

CODA is a group for co-dependents meeting Thursday nights. COMMITTED COUPLES network is a social planning group for couples meets the fourth Monday of every month. FANTASIA is a transvestite/transsexual support group open to gays and non-gays. GAYSKATE is open to all ages and held twice each month at Semoran Skateway. GLCS BOARD MEETINGS are open to the public and are held on the first and third Mondays of every month. Any items for the agenda must be submitted at least 24 hours in advance. HEALING CIRCLE is back and meets every Monday. MEN'S DISCUSSION and WOMYN OF GLCS are each general discussion groups. MOVIE NIGHT is every Friday night. As with other GLCS activities, there is no admission fee, but donations will always be gratefully accepted! RAP GROUP is a mixed discussion group of men and women. SINGLES GROUP is open to all singles meets the third Monday of every month and offers activities that are an alternative to the bar scene. YOUTH RAP and all other Delta Youth Alliance activities take place off-site and are open only to 13-21 year olds. DEAF AND HEARING IMPAIRED SUPPORT GROUP meets the third Friday of every month. BISEXUAL SUPPORT GROUP meets on the fourth Friday of every month. Call (407) 425-GLCS for information on any of these events.

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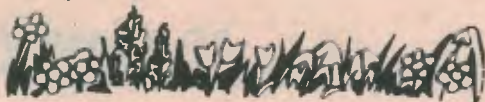
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# LESLIE KILLE: Red Sky In Morning!



by Wm. Andre' Provencher

Leslie Kille's older sister was forever getting into trouble; a piano was the proposed remedy. Unfortunately, Leslie's sister never learned to play the darned thing. At the age of four, Leslie Kille sat down at the piano and began practicing her sister's rehearsal material. Nine years later, Ms. Kille was a church organist, rehearsing an original band, late in the evenings. Today, Leslie can be heard on the airwaves of the Tampa Bay area, or on-stage at the Lighted Tree, a cozy, little neighborhood bar located on Pass-a-Grille beach, just South of St. Petersburg.

Her debut recording Storm, released a year ago, sports an odd title for an album filled with such peaceful, easy music. It is an album whose lyrics are brimming with recurring images of recovery and rebirth. The title cut represents the inner turmoil brought about by the glory of Love: "And I'll find you through the storm/ That seems to happen whenever I'm in your arms." The music carries you safely onward, as if aboard some sturdy vessel traveling all too rocky seas. Much of the album's compositions touch upon such support and guidance offered by a friend or loved one during a personal crisis.

Leslie's music very obviously reflects her moonlighting career as a therapist for Professional Psychiatric Services in Clearwater, where she specializes in victims of physical and sexual abuse. Surprisingly, it's also great music! "Music is my life," she told me. "It is a vehicle to express the frustration and angst I feel as a therapist."

Pain is a global issue. Ms. Kille focuses not on the pain and suffering (as far too many artists do), but rather on one's ability to cope, the how and why of it all. "Choosing a Way" is a song borne of Leslie's own experience as a childhood victim of abuse: "Choosing a

way to go one step beyond/ All that I know and can feel/ Finding that step to risk what is known/ Praying I won't lose belief." In many ways, Leslie's songs are "poetic ways of recovering."

Leslie's debut recording is likely to be found in the Easy Listening section of your local music store, although it's terribly difficult to categorize her as such. Her songs frequently border on Jazz, occasionally leaning toward pop. At best, her music is not intrusive; her melodies are infectious and make for an excellent diversion from the common workaday. For instance, the title cut unfolds gently and dependably, reminiscent of Chris Williamson. "All I Want is More" demands a solid jazz treatment by the likes of Harry Connick, Jr.; the song swings as is but just screams for a severe brass accompaniment. "Hear Me Now" resembles Alternative or House Music, the likes of which Natalie Merchant of 10,000 Maniacs would probably enjoy (as well as envy.)

Of course, what else would you expect from someone who describes inspiration from Sara Vaughn, Patti Austin and Basia. "I appreciate the purity of the Indigo Girls and the guts of Melissa Etheridge." Still, Leslie considers herself and her unique brand of music more along a classical vein. (A particular fondness for Bach can be heard on "The Harpist".)

Ms. Kille is quick to point out one of the more alluring aspects of Tampa Bay: "You don't have to sell out. In the Bay area, you don't have to write pop rock or guide lyrics in order to be people-pleasing." Leslie has never felt the unnecessary pressure to perform pop music in order to entertain an audience; nor does she feel compelled to hide her lesbianism, although she doesn't wear her sexuality on her sleeve, like some heterosexuals I know.

"I'm a woman first, a singer second, and a lesbian third. I don't introduce myself as, 'Hi. I'm Leslie Kille. I'm a lesbian.'"

Leslie lives with her lover, Candy. "I've been this way since I was young, whatever 'this way' means." She is "out" at work, both as performer and therapist. If a gay or lesbian should walk through the doors of Professional Psychiatric Services, Leslie feels there is a specialist on the grounds familiar with his or her particular needs.

Leslie's strength and security in her chosen lifestyle can be heard throughout Storm. The album includes an extremely touching love song which quietly shares her own sense of pride as a gay woman, as well as the importance of expressing such. The song is titled "I Miss You": "I miss you and I want you by my side/ I need you for a moment take my pride/ In your arms/ And I'll softly cry."

With a new album in the works, bookings around the country and a debut recording suggesting bigger and better opportunities ahead, Leslie is making her own political statement regarding feminism and human rights, wisely and most honestly. Our good fortune is that she shares with her audience her own joy and contentment in her music.

"People should do whatever they need to do, to travel their own journeys. When they're ready, and no longer embarrassed by their lifestyles, they will no longer hide."

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## Lifestyle

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sustained her during all of her ordeal. At twenty-two she moved to Florida. While there, she met Gene. They were married 7 months later.

Religion became a fixation for Gene and Ewa. They spent hours reading the Bible and listening closely to the pastor's sermons. They soon felt that there seemed to be a discrepancy between what they were hearing in church and what they perceived to be understanding from reading the Bible. They wanted to live their lives like those people found in the Bible. They noticed the amount of nudity mentioned in the Bible. It raised their curiosity.

Soon they were frequenting nudist camps where they felt at home with themselves and nature. On one visit, they were sharing their views of the Bible with another. The conversation eventually got around to the discussion of polygamy in the Bible. They figured that if God found polygamy satisfactory for those of Biblical times, they would also try it. So, in trying to live the Bible, Gene and Ewa became 'swingers'.

Ewa had to go out of state to help with some family matters while she was there she met a man and began a relationship with him. She phoned Gene to tell him of the relationship. Gene became excited at the idea of having a relationship himself. Gene met a gay man and soon found that sex with another man was enjoyable. Gene phoned Ewa to let her know what was happening to him. They both decided to pray and let God give

male friend that had become a member of their family. They now are living in what is the best and happiest time in their lives.

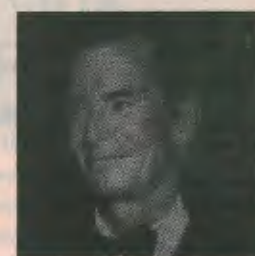
Ewa and Gene are born-again Christians. They believe that their bisexuality is a gift from God. When they consider the number of divorces today, they feel as though they are adding to their marriage rather than dividing it. Ewa wants to serve her Lord with all of her strength, mind and soul. She says that Christ came so that you would have life and have it more abundantly. Gene and Ewa do not like to 'sit in judgment' like so many so called Christians often do. They believe that God will be the judge of what is in their hearts. Whether it's nudity, polygamy, homosexuality, bisexuality or heterosexuality, they feel as though all are gifts from God. Gene and Ewa believe that all mankind should live by the 'Spirit' rather than by the 'letter' of the Bible, because the Spirit gives us life. ▽

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them an answer as to how they should lead their lives.

Ewa returned home. The bond between husband and wife seemed to be stronger than ever before. They decide that the best way for them to express their love and sexual needs was to have a third partner in the marriage. They found a

## Anthony Perkins Dies



We are always saddened with the passing of anyone due to complications of AIDS. On September 12, film star Anthony Perkins succumbed to this dread disease.

He left a legacy of compassion that could serve to teach those professed "Christians" who view this crisis with glee as it spreads across all of mankind. Tony Perkins left all of us with a lesson in love and charity with the following statement:

*"There are many who believe that this disease is God's vengeance, but I believe it was sent to teach people how to love and understand and have compassion for each other. I have learned more about love, selflessness and human understanding from the people I have met in this great adventure in the world of AIDS than I ever did in the cutthroat, competitive world in which I spent my life."*

How ironic that these vindictive and malicious "Christians" will have to suffer some losses to the calamity of AIDS before they comprehend humility and spirituality and grace.

## HUMAN RIGHTS CAMPAIGN FUND CALLS BUSH-QUAYLE RECORD ON AIDS "A LEGACY OF LIES"

WASHINGTON, DC (September 8, 1992) The Human Rights Campaign Fund, the nation's largest lesbian and gay political organization, today charged that the Bush Administration's response to the AIDS epidemic has been "a legacy of lies." Appearing at a Capitol Hill press conference coordinated by "AIDS WATCH '92", Tim McFeeley, executive director of the Campaign Fund, released a fact sheet analyzing the Bush-Quayle record of distortions on AIDS.

"President Bush repeatedly misleads the American public and the Congress on the issue of AIDS," McFeeley stated. "His distortions on spending have had a serious impact on the willingness of Congress to appropriate needed resources for AIDS research and on the American public's understanding of how much needed research is not being done because of a failure in leadership. While hundreds of thousands of American families live with the reality of AIDS, the Bush-Quayle record is one of distortion, diversion and denial."

McFeeley cited the President's repeated statements that his Administration is "doing all that can be done" to find a cure for AIDS. "Four years ago, George Bush promised to implement the recommendations of the National Commission on AIDS. Once in office, however, he failed to live up to his promise. Instead, he pits one disease against another, denies funds to research initiatives, and grossly distorts his own failure to lead" McFeeley noted the recent report by the Commission in which they called the Administration's response to AIDS "tragically insignificant."

"Many members of Congress, along with the American people, believe George Bush when he repeatedly claims that the government is spending '\$4.3 billion on research and prevention this year,'" McFeeley said. "In fact, only \$841 million is budgeted for AIDS research this year at the National Institutes for Health, less than half that spent on cancer

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## AUNTY FLAME! KITCHEN QUEEN



It's October my darlings and time for Halloween and the annual Masked Ball - the only night of the year it's ok to go out in curlers and face cream (I scared the BeJesus out of the neighbor's dog last year! Have you ever seen a Doberman have a nervous breakdown!!!!!! He doesn't dump on my yard anymore, though!!) Hmmmmmmm...Maybe I could go as a 'straight' this year!!!!.....N O T

Here's a Halloween Stew that Aunty got from Riff-Raff and was served at last year's Transylvanian Convention. It was a big hit...unlike the meatloaf!!!!.....So....Come on up to the lab, and see what's on the slab, I see you shiver with a n t i c i p a t i o n!!!!

### TRANSYLVANIAN STOCKPOT - SERVES 20

(It's JUST A JUMP TO THE LEFT...)

- 1 1/2 lbs sliced Bacon, cut into 1 inch pieces
- 3 lbs Onion, thinly sliced
- 12 Garlic Cloves, coarsely chopped
- 6 lbs Green Cabbage, cored & cut into 1/2 inch wide strips
- 1 tablespoon Hungarian Hot Paprika
- 1/4 teaspoon freshly ground Black Pepper
- 2 28oz cans Italian Plum Tomatoes, chopped and juices reserved
- 12 cups Chicken Stock or canned unsalted Broth
- 3/4 cup Golden Raisins
- 6 Cinnamon Sticks
- 6 Bay Leaves
- 1 1/2 lbs Smoked Kielbasa Sausage, sliced into thin rounds
- Salt
- minced fresh Parsley



(AND THEN A STEP TO THE RIHHHIGHT!...)

In a 12 quart stockpot cook the Bacon over medium-high heat until the fat is rendered and the Bacon begins to crisp - about three minutes. Add Onions and Garlic and sautee until Onions wilt - about 5 minutes. Add Cabbage, Paprika and Pepper and cook 5 more minutes, stirring occasionally.

(PUT YOUR HANDS ON YOUR HIPS)

Add Tomatoes and reserved juice, Chicken Stock, Raisins, Cinnamon and Bay Leaves and bring to a boil. Remove Cinnamon Sticks and Bay Leaves.

(Can be prepared up to this point 1 day ahead and refrigerated. Bring soup back to a simmer before continuing.)

Add Kielbasa to soup and cook until heated through - about 3 minutes. Adjust seasoning with Salt and Pepper. Sprinkle each serving with a little fresh Parsley.

(AND BRING YOUR KNEES IN THHHHIGHT!...)

(Note:.....Aunty has found some people find the amount of fat from the Bacon to be a trifle excessive, so Aunty recommends making the stew a day ahead and chilling thoroughly. It is an easy matter to then remove the fat that has risen to the surface and solidified before bringing the stew back to a simmer and completing the dish.)

(AND IT'S THE PELVIC THRUUUUST, IT REALLY DRIVES YOU INSAAAAANE!!)

Ooops! Aunty has been daydreaming again. She copies so many recipes her brain shifts to autopilot, now where was I. Oh yes!... Aunty promised to bring a large pot of soup along with a dozen loaves of bread this year and she still has to work on her costume, so Aunty is going to have to say TA! TA! for now. (Now where are those fishnet stockings?).....Love, Aunty!

## Community Notes

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## CAPITOL

A Department of Health & Human Services Report on Youth Suicide, has found that lesbian and gay youth are two to three times more likely to commit suicide. Ostracism from group activities such as the Boy Scouts is exactly what encourages these youth to attempt suicide.

Many local United Way Chapters and school districts are reviewing the Boy Scouts of America's position of discrimination. The Bay Area United Way has begun withholding funds from the Boy Scouts until they change their policy. Several area school districts have banned the Scouts from meeting on district properties.



This is not a religious or partisan issue. Republican Governor William Weld (MA) has created a state commission for lesbian and gay youth. School districts from around the country have also created programs to address the particular needs of lesbian and gay youth. Many religious organizations oppose the discrimination by the Boy Scouts including the Presbyterian Church (USA) and the Union of American Hebrew Congregations.

"We are proud of Corporations such as Levi Strauss for standing up for the traditional American values of fairness and equality," exclaimed McFeeley. "Organizations which promote bigotry and prejudice have no place in America. We encourage Levi Strauss to stand up against these bigoted attacks. The majority of Americans is on your side." ▽

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## BALLOT

Now, masquerading behind an angelic buzzword of "family values", a political "cultural warfare" theme that catapulted Hitler to power in Germany in 1933, was revived and acclaimed by Pat Buchanan in the major opening speech of the Republican Convention. This was followed by an unrepenting, unrelenting maliciousness and cruelty that dominated the Republican Party Platform and most of the Bush approved speeches delivered by smiling, made-up, hair-sprayed, "Fourth Reich" puppets.



Most true Republicans were eliminated from the program. When a life-long, honest Republican, Mary Fisher, spoke of her battle with AIDS, the orchestrated audience cheering stopped and the scowling disapproving faces of Jerry Falwell and Pat Robertson were clearly seen on national television.

This time let us not wait for wholesale murder like the specter of pink triangles on men being marched into Hitler's death camps. Wake up. Stop the philosophical gay bashing that justifies such atrocities. It can happen again. Silence can mean death.

But, for those who liked Hitler, Mussolini, Stalin, and America's prime bigot Anita

Bryant...they will love the NEW Republicans of Fawell, Robertson, Buchanan, and America's prime hypocrite George Bush. (George Bush is the Anita Bryant of American politics). QUOTE.

There is something we can do. We, the homosexual community of the United States must present a unified front this time, in this presidential election. Then, it can take years before these reactionary bigots recover enough strength to again attempt the outrageous destruction of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness for homosexuals. ▽



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## LIES

research. Only \$480 million is spent on AIDS prevention at the Centers for Disease Control."

McFeeley explained that Bush Administration's claim of billions of dollars in AIDS expenditures is created through a process of "cooking the books." "George Bush creates the impression of billions of dollars in AIDS spending by including the funding levels for entitlement spending on AIDS care, spending for programs such as veteran's benefits, Medicare and Medicaid. This funding is not included in the totals for any other disease. It is not AIDS research and prevention spending. It is a ruse to mislead Congress and the public, a blatant deception that has cost American lives."

The Campaign Fund cited government budget figures showing that entitlement spending has been the only AIDS spending to increase significantly during the Bush Administration. "Entitlement spending makes up over 60 percent of George Bush's \$4.3 billion," McFeeley said.

Although AIDS makes up only a small portion of the Nation's total entitlement bill, spending for AIDS under entitlement programs is skyrocketing. "This is the legacy of Regan, Bush and Quayle," McFeeley charged. "Hundreds of thousands of poor Americans have been infected with HIV during the last twelve years, while our leaders have distorted their records and denied the funds needed for research for effective treatments and a cure."

McFeeley called on the Senate to support full funding of the NIH 1993 budget request for AIDS research. He noted that more than 20,000 members of the Campaign Fund from around the nation would be contacting members of the Senate this week, through the Campaign Fund's Speak Out program, to encourage the Senate to increase funding levels for AIDS research.

"We do not believe that the AIDS community has asked for more than is appropriate to respond to an infectious killer disease. We question the motives of those who 'cook the books' to inflate the federal research and prevention budget, and we strongly object to the Bush notion that it is appropriate to pit one

disease group against another," McFeeley stated. "The truth is that all diseases require a larger investment in research and prevention, as well as an equitable system of health care delivery." ▽

## 1993 March on Washington Rally Committee Requests Performer Promo Kits.

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Volunteer sign language interpreters are needed for the rally and other March on Washington events. Interpreters who want to help the march by signing at the rally should contact Michelle Crone ASAP (515) 463-1051. ▽

## METROPOLITAN BUSINESS ASSOCIATION NEWS

We are moving ahead with 46 members and you're right, we have many plans and programs in store for our members.

Several members have expressed concern and confusion in regards to the July article in which you discussed the advertising of MBA members. There have also been questions about whether to respond to the phone number and address in the article or the address and phone number in the advertisement on page 9. In the future we would appreciate it if you would use our P.O. Box 568041 Orlando FL 32856-8041 and my phone number 695-1479 or Vicki Meachum/Membership Chair phone number 299-1439. - Debbie Simmons - Vice President. ▽

## US

By: Frank J. Dekanchuk  
Our sun was high and bright; sparkling in a brilliant blue sky. Waves crashed musically upon the shore lulling me

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with it's sheer volume of sound. Sea spray flew upward forming vagrant rainbows.

Underfoot sand formed and reformed small mountains as I moved my feet. It felt gritty and raspy as it sifted between my toes. My ankles twisted; then righted themselves in their efforts to hold me upright.

Sky cows screamed overhead; their kamikaze dived and rolls commanding my unwilling admiration. Picnickers offering encourage even more outrageous antics.

The sun is too hot and I know perfectly well that I'll be uncomfortable tonight with a burn but for the moment I'm in love with the sounds, sights, and sensations of the world. Remember feeling that way? Then tell me; just exactly what is it that makes you think we're so different? ▽

## SE CONFERENCE SETS DATES

The conference dates are: 4-7 MARCH 1993. The site is the BRYANT CONFERENCE CENTER and Sheraton Hotel in Tuscaloosa, AL on the campus of the University of Alabama. Registrations fees have been pegged at: \$60 posted by December 1st. &75 posted by February 1st. February 2nd and later: \$85. Single day registrations are \$40. Entertainment on Friday and Saturday evenings is \$10 each night. Groups of five or more registering at the same time can get a ten percent discount for the respective period.

The conference is open for applications for workshops/seminars to be held in one hour and two hour time blocks. Up to forty-eight may be accommodated. Those interested can contact the conference committee. Also, vendors of books, recordings and artifacts may petition for space as well through the conference committee.

The Southeast Conference is the longest running regional gathering of its type. It has been held in such cities as Chapel Hill, Memphis, Baton Rouge, Atlanta, Birmingham, Tampa, Baltimore, New Orleans, Raleigh and Dallas. The region stretches from Texas to Florida to Maryland and west to West Virginia, Kentucky and Arkansas. Attendance has ranged as high as 500 to 600 and attendees have come from Minnesota, California, New York and Illinois from OUTSIDE of the region. CONTACT: SECLGM '93 35406, POST OFFICE BOX 4954, TUSCALOOSA, AL (205)750-0257. ▽

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## QUESTIONNAIRES ARE VERY TELLING....

A couple of months ago, we started to acquire your thoughts and opinions about the Center Fold; what you like about it, what you don't like about it. Some editors would cringe at the thought of surveying readers opinions, but, since I have been managing editor, now going on my third year (if you can believe that!), I want to make our newspaper better. Some of the major criticisms of the paper have been, its lateness, which we are correcting. Some have lamented the lack of local talent writing more, and so do I. It's very difficult to find people who will adhere to a schedule every month, as well as even get people to offer their opinions/comments/thoughts in writing. Another suggestion which has again surfaced is that we think of a new name for the newspaper. Some suggestions have been, "The Orlando Banner," "The Triangle," "The Liaison," "The Orlando Blab." Some of these names deserve consideration. What do you think? Should we change the name? How about letting me know, and give me a suggestion for a name.

Some of the positive comments to date have been in the area of content, especially local stories, and the covering of local events. We would like to have more events covered, and more pictures, but to do this we need people and money. Pictures in the paper cost money, so we would hope local advertising revenues will increase, therefore allowing us to continue the use of color, and have more pictures. People are needed to become crack photographers, with their own camera, as well as local reporters, and we need commitments in these areas. We've had sincere starts, but not many individuals with staying power for what, in reality, is a

**LAST  
WORD....**

thankless job.

Nonetheless, I have enjoyed my tenure for the past two years as managing editor, and I look forward to the future. Look for staff meetings and new volunteer get togethers soon. ▽

## METROPOLITAN BUSINESS ASSOCIATION NEWS RELEASE

The Metropolitan Business Association wants you -- to run for office!

About 50 people turned out for the Sept. 3 meeting to hear two lively speakers and to find out that group president Keith Morrison had resigned.

There are now 48 members in good standing in the MBA, which meets the first Thursday of every month at The Radisson Hotel downtown on Lake Ivanhoe. The featured speaker for the Oct. 1 meeting is radio personality Clive Thomas. Social hour begins at 6:30 p.m., with the business meeting following at 7:30 p.m.

Vice President Debbie Simmons, the interim president, read a short statement from Morrison to the members.

"The MBA is on very firm ground with not only a strong membership but a very hard-working board of directors as well," stated Morrison, who has headed the group since April. "With that in mind and knowing that the organization will survive and prosper in the future, I am -- for personal reasons -- tendering my resignation effective Aug. 21, 1992."

Nominations for president are now being taken, as well as for the board position of media director. Two new at-large board members were voted into office at the last meeting, and the MBA bylaws were also adopted.

Vikki Brescher of the Travel Group of Tampa gave some choice pointers on travel for gays and lesbians, including being aware of attitudes -- as well as the law --

in foreign countries you intend to visit. And many places -- such as The Netherlands and a company in Hawaii -- are now offering packages specifically for gay men and women.

"You are a voice that is finally beginning to be heard," she said. She emphasized the importance of having a copy of your passport in case it is lost, and added that people who are HIV positive shouldn't be afraid to travel -- as long as they make plans for medication and support services.

The group was also visited by Janet Hawkins, a registered nurse who is the Libertarian candidate for state house District 35. Hawkins said she understands the problems of the average person, and said she "supported choices in education, lifestyles and health care." ▽

## NATIONAL COMING OUT DAY-OCTOBER 11

*National Coming Out Day Introduces "The Bumpersticker"*

August, 8th 1992 Santa Fe - To further expand the outreach of the National Coming Out Campaign, a "The Bumpersticker" is now available so each person can personally reach thousands of people every day.

"The Bumpersticker" reaches out to the entire community as a reminder that there are significant numbers of people in the closet. Our personal and political power depends in large part on our willingness to tell the truth about our lives," said Crane Winton, former District Court Judge of Minneapolis.

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