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*Express***HER STORY - OUR STORY -  
HERSTORY***by Barb Fallon*

I'm fascinated by lesbian herstory. But I rarely find the time to read all the books I buy from *On the Move* each year. Well this is the year! Unemployment has given me the opportunity, and I wish to be a productive citizen while collecting my most generous unemployment check.

The following are little snippets that I found pretty neat. Listed afterward are the books I found the information in, and further reading material on the topic. I hope to make this a semi-regular feature in the LCN. (Unemployment allowing that is) Enjoy!

In many Native American tribes, women were held in high regard and thought to be profoundly connected to the Spirits. As such, they sat on tribal councils, held high office and participated fully in tribal affairs. It was also thought that lesbians and gays became homosexual by guidance from the Spirit world. Though at times still ridiculed, other Native American tribes honored their unique spiritual authority. Within their culture, it would have been of grave consequence or unnatural to ignore the guidance offered by Spirits.

In studies, many lesbians have been found acting as Shamans for their tribes. (Spiritual leaders) In the Navajo, homosexuals were tribal leaders, collectively know as the Nadle. Those within the nadle married members of their own sex. In 1935, one Navajo elder said, "I believe that when all the nadle have passed away, it will be the end of Navajo culture... They are the leaders."

*(Continued, p. 2)***AT&T Makes The Right Choice***by Lucy*

As an employee of AT&T, I am happy to report that the Lesbian Herstory Archives have been approved for eligibility under the AT&T Employee Matching Gift Program. This is a program that will match, dollar for dollar, an employee's contribution to eligible organizations (minimum and maximum amounts may apply).

If you don't know about the archives, they are a wonderful library of lesbian herstory and culture. The first time I heard about the archives was at the National Lesbian Conference, and their presentation was one of the most enjoyable workshops I attended at the conference.

I have been disappointed by previous decisions made by AT&T, such as the decision to stop financial support to Planned Parenthood. I have also read much negative press in regard to that decision, and I know AT&T lost revenues from pro-choice customers who decided to switch long distance carriers. The decision to add the archives to the employee matching gift program is one I am proud of.

**1993 MARCH ON WASHINGTON UPDATE**

The second meeting of the National Steering Committee for the 1993 March on Washington for Lesbian, Gay & Bi Equal Rights and Liberation was held in Dallas, TX, on May 9 and 10. Because of the gender/racial requirements of the organization, the committee has expanded the number of co-chairs from 3 to 4 seats prior to the election. The elected co-chairs of the 1993 march are Scout of Chicago, Derek Livingston of Providence, Nadine Smith of Tampa, and Billy Hileman of Pittsburgh.

The items of the March platform were adopted. In general, the platform planks cover demands regarding 1) equal civil rights based on sexual orientation, identification, or gender; 2) anti-racism; 3) education and concerns of students; 4) universal health care; 5) reproductive freedom; 6) partnership and family; 7) general and specific calls for an end to discrimina-

tion. "This meeting was a big success. We are putting the components together for a truly incredible event in Washington next year. The feeling of the members of the Steering Committee was excitement as they left Dallas. We will succeed in sending the message to the bashers and homophobes that we are stronger than ever," said Scout, one of the newly elected Co-Chairs.

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PRIDE March &  
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## DC DOMESTIC PARTNER CAMPAIGN

The National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF) has launched a campaign to urge Congress to support the recently-passed D.C. domestic partnership ordinance. The law, which the D.C. City Council overwhelmingly passed last month, is subject to review by Congress because of the limited home rule granted to the District of Columbia.

The D.C. Health Benefits Expansion Act of 1992, extends health benefits coverage to the domestic partners of city employees; creates a city-wide registry for domestic partners; and extends hospital and health facility visitation rights to domestic partners. Some lesbian and gay couples would qualify for benefits under the law's definition of "domestic partner." More than twenty cities nationwide have

exacted legislation that provides some recognition of domestic partners and ten of those cities have health care coverage provision similar to the D.C. law.

## APPOINTMENT OF GAY JUDGE IN TEXAS RAISES DUST

Leaders of gay rights groups were outraged at remarks from Dallas GOP chairperson, who called Gov. Ann Richards appointment of a felony judge a political payback. Bob Dreigert said June 1 in a news conference that Richards appointed former defense lawyer Jerry Birdwell as a pay back to gay and lesbian groups that supported her campaign. John Thomas, Director of the Gay Alliance, warned "(T)he last group that people can take on and bash is the gay community." Birdwell is open about his sexuality. *Philadelphia Gay News*, June 12-8, '92

## 4TH ANNUAL LAMBDA LITERARY AWARDS

The 4th Annual Lambda Literary Awards have been made. Following is a partial list of finalists in the Lesbian categories. For more complete info, try *Out and About Books*, 930 N. Mills.

**Fiction:** Anna Livia, *Minimax*; Blache Boyd, *The Revolution of Little Girls*. **Sci-Fi:** Jewell Gomez, *The Gilda Stories*; BL Holmes, *Mega*. **Anthology:** Carla Trujillo (ed), *Chicana Lesbians*; Hutchins & Kaahumanu (ed), *Bi Any Other Name*. **Poetry:** Adrienne Rich, *Atlas of the Difficult World*; Becky Birtha, *Forbidden Poems*. **Mystery:** Katherine Forrest, *Murder by Tradition*; Mary Morell, *Final Session*. **Non-fiction:** Butler & Rosenblum, *Cancer in Two Voices*; Lillian Faberman, *Odd Girls and Twilight Lovers: A History of Lesbian Life in 20th Century America* Diana Souliami, *Gertrude & Alice*.

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## Announcements from the Heart

- ☞ Lucky Ladies - Marie and Karen exchanged touching vows last month in Orlando. The wonderful reception was held at Faces. Best wishes for a long and loving life together!
- ☞ Deepest sympathy to Karen and Dana for the loss of their brother-in-law Albert, survived by his lover Billy.

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## LCN Express

### Publication Information

LCN Express is a monthly publication for and by the Lesbian community of Orlando and the Central Florida area. We invite readers to submit articles, items of interest and announcements about women's groups and organizations. We welcome poems, political articles, social concerns, short stories, community questions and notices for upcoming events. **Deadline for submission of ads and articles is now the 15th of each month.**

Editorial length will be limited to 250 words and a phone number must accompany every article. Anonymity is acceptable, but a phone number is mandatory. Articles should be typed/neatly printed or preferably submitted on diskette, with word processing program specified.

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It is, however, strongly recommended that caution be exercised to address an opinion, not to assault the author of an article/letter (or anyone else for that matter). *Thanks!*

*The LCN Express Editorial Staff:*

*Barb Fallon, Cathy McElhinney, Rita Krosber,  
Madeliene Ablang, Becky Acuna, & Rachel Gardiner.*

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## THE MUSIC FESTIVAL

by Diane Kerkhoff

I'm on a high. I have just returned from the Southern Women's Music and Comedy Festival, but I am resisting returning to reality. I've never been to a festival before and I've never been camping before (I know - what kind of lesbian am I?), and so it was a totally new experience for me. My friend who invited me has many years of camping experience and several friends tried to prepare me for the festival part, but you can't understand unless you've been there.

Here are my personal highlights and lowlights. First the lowlights: The only low of the whole trip for me was that first night in a tent when it got down into the 40's. I was freezing and I looked over to my friend for help, and there she was shivering away - so much for years of camping experience. Also, all night the sound of zipping and unzipping drove me crazy. Never having camped before I hadn't realized what a major part of camping zipping is. By the next night with a little rearrangement of blankets and clothes, I was fine, and I slept through the zipping sounds.

That was the only low point for me, but I'll put in a complaint for my friend about the distance from the campsites to the 'porta-janes'.

Now for the highlights:

- ▼ Quality time talking and laughing with my friend while driving to and from North Carolina and a beautiful site with hot days and cool nights.
- ▼ A 3-hour work shift in the kitchen (I buttered bread for 3 hours!) I met lots of great women - like Ruby & Tammi.

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## Herstory, Cont'd

A Kutenai lesbian named Kauxuma nupike, or "Gone to the Spirits" was described to have passed for a man while traveling with her "wife." She was described as a courier, a guide and a peace mediator as well as a shaman for her powers to heal. One European trader wrote about them: "... they were both adventurous amazons."

Many more accounts can be found of lesbians in the Native American culture. These are just a few. Happy reading. Becky Butler, **Ceremonies of the Heart**; Paula Gunn Allen, **Lesbians in American Indian Cultures**; George Devereux, **Institutionalized Homosexuality in the Mohave Indians**; Jonathan Katz, **Gay American History**.

*Barb is a radical lipstick lesbian who has worked within the lesbian community locally and nationally for 8 yrs. She's now on the LCN Editorial Staff.*

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear LCN,

I was sitting at a friend's home the other day and noticed your magazine on the coffee table. I really enjoyed reading it. It was the first magazine that I could relate to. I also liked the fact that it was local. I would really like a subscription but I'm a little short on money.

Signed, W.J.

Response: Thanks we needed that! Your subscription is on its way. As always, we are free to lesbians. We ask \$12.00 (more if you can and less if you can't) and many women send us donation subscriptions for women who can't afford to pay.

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**7/15: Copy and ad deadline.** Send in something! Be humorous, serious, informative ...or provocative, but be there! Blurbs, so-called, are very welcome. (I.e., you don't have to be long or formal.)

**7/14: Newsletter meeting,** 7:00pm, 830 W. Smith St., College Park. Decisions are made for each issue and for the *Express* in general. Everyone is welcome.

**7/15-17: Typing articles** onto diskettes. We need you.

**7/22-7: Pronto Press** donates their labor to print the *Express* each month! Volunteers arrange to use Pronto's machine to fold it.

**7/27: 7:00pm. Folding Party at Key Largo.** Lots of stuffing, sorting, licking, looking, and laughing goin' on!

*See you there.*

## Local Events and Projects

**Auditions for Act Out Theatre** will be held August 9th at 6pm at the Phoenix for the one act play, *Immediate Family*. For more information, call 677-5407.

**Delta Youth Alliance Rap Group**, a lesbian and gay youth group. Leave message at the Center for Terry Deischer for info.

**Women's Discussion Group** at the Center every Wednesday at 7:00pm. Call the Center for information and topics, 427-4527.

**Act Out Theatre** announces the production of *Fog*, one act comedy drama written by Robert Patrick. This play can be seen at 8:00pm on July 7,8,14,15,21, and 22 at the Phoenix, 7124 Aloma Ave. (Tickets are \$5.)

**Metropolitan Business Association:** July 9, Big Bang, Orange Ave., 6:30pm social, 7:00pm meeting...the last that non-members will be admitted free of charge. Get there and get your membership application! (See p. 9)

**Gay & Lesbian Parents Coalition International (GLPCI):** For more information about the following upcoming events, call (407) 420-2191.

**July 2-5:** GLPCI Annual International Conference in Indianapolis. 14 adults and children from the Central Florida Chapter are going to attend. Several social events are planned including a family picnic featuring the premier of a mini-play presented by the vastly talented members of the Central Florida Chapter. Throughout the weekend, the adults will have the opportunity to attend a variety of workshops. Children (ages 6-12) will be escorted to the Indianapolis Children's Museum and other fun places; youth (13+) will run their own conference.

**July 10:** 7:30 pm. Parents Rap Group (adults only) at GLCS

**July 18:** 7:00pm. Social/support meeting.

**Catholic Mass:** July 19, 7:00pm, at GLCS, 750 W. Colonial Drive. Sponsored by *Dignity*.

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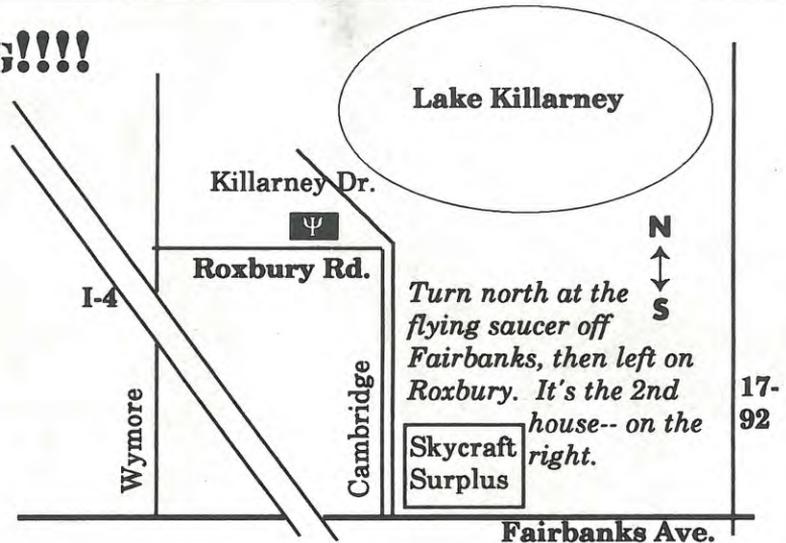
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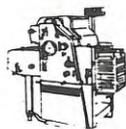
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# PROUD PICTURES

Media sources reported over 3,000 people attended the PRIDE Parade that swept through the streets of downtown Orlando on June 20. It was a truly gayla and emotion-packed event. "I've been out for a long time," said one lesbian, "but I've never marched about it before. I had goosebumps-- really. It was very moving." I confess tears came to my eyes as I looked at friends along the parade route cheering the marchers on. I was so glad they came. Many were dykes and some were hets; one day we can all march together.

Though I love to protest advocate, I dread the programs organized for political events. So, I want to add that the speeches were great, very meaningful. They informed about PRIDE's origins, asserted good advice for building unity in the present (like right now!), and sent us looking toward the future with Central FL's rep to the '93 March on Washington, Nadine Smith. The PRIDE March organizers did a great job. Thank you! *by Becky Acuña*



The LCN/WIT\* Lesbian Pride Picnic held at Key Largo on June 21 was a wonderful event to attend. Over 700 women and children swam, played volleyball, and were entertained by talented musicians all day long. Judy from Longwood commented, "I'm having a really great time ... but where did all these women come from?" It was nice to have shopping and info areas; thank you vendors and groups.

A great amount of any success is attributable to planning. It took a dozen lesbians 2 months to prepare and 76 lesbians to fill the hour-long workshifts that day. Cheryl, Sue, and the Key Largo staff did a super job. Special thanks are due the LCN/WIT coordinators: Rachel, Rita, Lori, Becky, Nancy, Kristine, Charlotte, Jan, Noreen, Barb, Kathy, and Donna. I'll let the pictures tell the rest of the story.

*by Barb Fallon*

\* WIT is the Brevard lesbian organization: Women In Touch.



# She Speaks Out

by Patty Sheehan

Finally the Savonarola (Spanish Inquisition witch-burner) of Orange County had his day in court and lost. Sheriff Walt Gallagher was found to have violated former Deputy Tom Woodard's right to privacy under the Florida Constitution. Finally, a ruling that a lesbian liberal can take heart in. Maybe these are not the Dark Ages, Act II, after all.

For those of you who do not know who Deputy Tom Woodard is, he's the Orange County officer who was forced to resign from the police force because he is bisexual. Woodard had an excellent record of performance, both as a police dispatcher and a Sheriff's deputy. Somehow, word got around that Woodard had been involved with another male dispatcher in the Apopka Police Department. Gallagher had his chief deputy, C.D. "Buck" Buchanan lean on Woodard to get him to resign, threatening he would be fired and never get another police job if he did not. This meeting took place April '89.

It has taken a while for this to come to trial, but luckily there was no change of venue to Simi Valley, California. In strong wording very supportive of homosexuals, Circuit Judge William Grindley ordered Sheriff

Gallagher to immediately re-hire Woodard and pay him back wages. Judge Grindley's ruling stated that gay people "are inherently treated with prejudice." Grindley wrote that "The only homosexual conduct considered by the Sheriff occurred before he (Woodard) was appointed a deputy sheriff... There was no incidence that his job or public life was affected in any respect by such conduct."

I'm sure a lot of lesbian and gay cops are heaving sighs of relief. I remember shortly after the word got out about Woodard's resignation. There were an awful lot of paranoid cops out there. Maybe they'll all go to Key Largo this weekend to celebrate. With all of the crime problems we have in this state, it's ridiculous that the Sheriff of Orange County is spending investigative money shadowing gay officers.

It is no coincidence that this investigator is the son of Rev. John Butler Book, a "religious" man whose main focus is woman and gay bashing "in the name of Jesus." Are there no homeless people you can help to feed, or any good works you can do for a change, my dear man? Morality is in the eye of the beholder, and these

Key West

## WOMEN IN PARADISE

The Key West Business Guild announces **Women in Paradise**, a week of events for women to be held September 14th through the 20th. During the week there will be concerts, women's theater, "The Prom You Always Wanted," watersport activities, walking tours, sporting events and other activities primarily designed for women participants.

For more information: Women in Paradise, PO Box 1208, Key West FL 33041. A recording answers calls placed to 800-535-7797. Early reservations are necessary for golf, the watersport activities, and the seminars.

religious fascists are really getting out of control.

Sheriff Gallagher's reasons that gays are unfit to be on the police force were that they could be blackmailed, wouldn't be accepted by other officers, and that suspects might object to searches by gays. If Gallagher's ignorant good-old-boy reasoning was allowed to really take off, we might also see female and black deputies hassled off the job. Gallagher's prejudice and stupidity is obvious. If anyone is unfit for his job, it is Sheriff Walt Gallagher.

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### Festival, Cont'd

- ▼ Sitting around the campsite drinking beer, chatting with the neighbors.
- ▼ A private softball game every afternoon and sitting in the sun, drinking beer, watching the comedy and musical performers.
- ▼ Watching Lea DeLaria's show and then hearing one of her phrases echoed from every corner for the rest of the trip (I won't tell you the phrase - it tends to permeate your brain).
- ▼ Country & Western dance lessons with Donna E every morning and a Country & Western dance every night. I was struck by the image of the gym packed full of dancing women. Also, it was wonderful to have music (live and taped) by female performers only.
- ▼ Feeling totally in sync with my friend except when we had to argue about who was going to lead.
- ▼ Having a vacation from the responsibilities of parenthood. (Did you forget that I'm supposed to be writing the parenting column?)
- ▼ Everything was done by women - stage building, sound, production, food, security, everything - well, except they did have some men that came in to clean the porta-janes twice a day. Very appropriate, I thought. I hope they were paid 60% of what it was worth.
- ▼ Waking up next to someone (I've been single much too long.)

One more lowlight: A sign at the

### Lesbian Challenges Florida's Adoption Laws

A Fort Lauderdale lesbian who wants to adopt a child contends a Florida law banning her and other lesbians and gays from even applying for adoption should be struck down.

A Circuit Court suit filed in Broward County on behalf of June Amer, 40, is the third backed by the ACLU in a statewide campaign to overturn the 15 yr old law. Attorney Fran Tetunic noted that the law excludes homosexuals, but "there's no mention of homicidal maniacs or child molesters or rapists or any other group."

The ban was adopted amid an anti-

gate said, "Shirts required beyond this point." That was the slap in the face to remind us that we were stepping back into 'civilization'- where I have to remember not to hug or touch my friend, where we will be persecuted and prosecuted for loving whom we choose, where we earn 60% of what men earn, where the government (of rich, homophobic, white men) thinks it has some say over my body.

And now the final highlight: I want to publicly thank all my friends who insisted on taking care of my son so that I could have this experience. You've given me a wonderful gift and I'll never forget it!

homosexual fervor stirred by Anita Bryant, but the test cases are forcing re-examination of the issue. ACLU directors charge Florida and New Hampshire are the only two states with a ban on adoptions by lesbians/gays.

A judge in Monroe County ruled against the law last year after the state declined to assert a position on its constitutionality, but the precedent applies only to Florida Keys. A ruling is pending on a challenge by a gay couple in Sarasota.

"What would make the most fiscal sense is that the Legislature sees the writing on the wall here and rescinds the statute," Robyn Blumner, FLACLU Director, said. "We would be happy to see these lawsuits go away by a simple act of the legislative pen."

The suit filed May 28 names as defendants the state Department of Health and Rehabilitative Services and the Childrens Home Society, a private agency helping the state agency place special children such as minority, disabled, and older children.

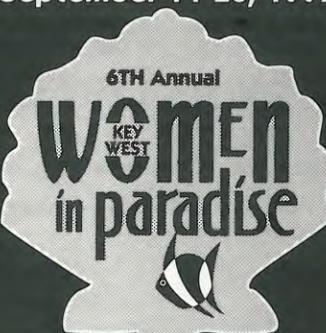
HRS spokesperson Catherine Deans said "We don't have judgement calls on it. We are simply following the law. We're standing neutral." Jay Rader, county director of the Children's Home Society, said the agency has no written policy on gay adoptions. But he said he believes most natural parents would prefer adoptions by heterosexual couples.

"Whether it is right or wrong legally, society still sees the father and mother, male and female, as providing the better parent figures for the children to grow up with," he said. "Personally, my preference would be for the 2-parent family, number one, and for the heterosexuals. I'm not saying they're the only ones, but they are my preference."

But Tetunic contends the law is in conflict with itself because it also says the state should provide a family life to all those who can benefit from it. "...(E)very group should be treated based upon the potential adoptive parent's ability to parent a child."

*From an Associated Press article*

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# Bar Dykes

## A THEATER REVIEW

by Rita Boo

Lewis Routh and **Act Out Theater** did an exceptional job with Merrill Harris Mushroom's Lesbian play, **Bar Dykes**. (It was their May production.) The characters were well thought out, humorous and for many of the younger lesbians in the audience, educational.

The stereotypical butch/fem role, that the heterosexual society still brands lesbians with, is in truth all but a vanishing memory. Plays, books and movies depicting that era in lesbian herstory are vital for our community. We need to know the struggle of the womyn who helped change the 'rules' of behavior and gave all lesbians a voice without regard to role playing.

Humorous though the play was, it portrayed the harassment of the lesbian/gay community by the establishment. Although today we enjoy a relatively safe space at lesbian and gay bars, without the fear of shake-downs by police, there are towns in this country passing anti-lesbian and gay legislation today. We can laugh at our herstory, but we need to remain on guard against the bigots that roam free.

All the womyn who portrayed the "Bar Dykes" need to be commended on their believable characters; sisters we could identify with. They seemed comfortable on the stage and relaxed in the ambience of a fifties bar. I must give special attention to the following actors for their exceptional work: Cathy Goodison for her portrayal of the butch, Rusty; Terry Wolfe as the wonderful, attentive bartender, Bo; Ruth Hoglin as Cynthia; Ginny Edwards as Joyce; Debbie Barretta as Andy. Last but not least, Maria Sinclair as Sherry.

I hope we will continue to enjoy more fine production from **Act Out Theater** and that the lesbian community will support the theater.

(See page 3 for upcoming **Act Out Theater** auditions and performances.)

# YES ANN, WE'RE HAPPY!!!

Several months ago we asked you to tell Ann Landers whether or not you were "glad to be gay." Well, surprise, Ann reports in her column of April 27, that "this issue has generated more mail than almost any other since I started writing the column nearly 37 years ago." More than 75,000 readers answered her question and their replies were decidedly positive-- 30 to 1, said, "Yes, I'm glad I'm gay."

Following are excerpts from letters. *Boston*: I'm 32 years old, the chairman of a multimillion dollar, high-tech company. And yes, I'm gay... We

are your doctors, lawyers, shopkeepers, bus drivers, waiters and florists. But best of all, we look, walk and talk like everyone else. For me, being gay is as natural as being straight is for you. Would you want to change? Well, neither would I. *Denver*: If I could take a pill that would make me straight, I wouldn't do it. I love the sensitivity and honesty that women have and men lack.

Ann's conclusion: "It is my firm conviction that homosexuality is **not** a learned behavior, it is genetic. It can be suppressed but not altered."

## New Advertising Schedule for the LCN Express

The Editorial Staff has decided to change the advertising rates for the **LCN Express**. We had to solve several problems. For instance, we were concerned about balancing ad and copy space. With former ad sizes, we were running out of space to print all the articles and ads you have been sending in.

We also needed to standardize the size ads we print; it has been very time-consuming to accommodate the many different sizes of ads we have received. And lastly, there's the ever-present pocketbook issue. (Not to be confused with the purse issue previously discussed.) Though we need to raise money to help pay for the costs of producing and mailing the newsletter, we are ever mindful that the **LCN Express** exists in order to serve the lesbian community-- businesses and consumers alike. So we retained our \$5 rate for business card ads...and we think you'll still find it the best bargain in town!

We apologize to current advertisers if this presents an unexpected expense in terms of creating new ads. We can desktop publish your ad for you; the proceeds going to LCN. Call Becky for info on this: 282-6569. And thank you all for your support. Let us hear from you soon! You can contact Barb at 648-4154 for further advertising information.

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## News from the METROPOLITAN BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

submitted by M

The July 9th meeting of the MBA promises to be one of the most exciting yet, with travel tips for gays and lesbians and entertainment by *The Implications* topping the agenda.

The meeting, which begins with a social at 6:30 p.m. and business at 7 p.m. at *The Big Bang\**, is also the last time non-members will be admitted free, so get your membership application in now! Following a membership drive at the Pride Picnic, Orlando's gay and lesbian business and professional guild now has about 30 charter members.

Work continues on the group's by-laws, which stress promoting our businesses and professionals in the community and protecting the confidentiality wishes of our members. "We want to put out a nice set of bylaws so we can form this organization to be a true power for months and years to come," said Keith Morrison, MBA president.

More than 40 people attended the June 4th meeting, which was headlined by Bruce Ground, owner of Orlando's new *Out and About Books*. Ground emphasized the MBA's importance to the gay and lesbian community: "The more we project a positive image, the more they'll see we aren't the negative things that stereotypes make us out to be."

*The address of The Big Bang is 102 North Orange Avenue in downtown Orlando.*

## Seeking: Unity AND Diversity

by Becky Acuña

It's been a while since I've done any work in the lesbian community. I find organizing on any issue difficult, despite the joy and infinite rewards it offers. It's not the work that makes it hard, it's the emotions.

Burd Bullock's speech at the PRIDE rally reminded me of one reason these "political" things can feel so lousy. He related the incident in which he was publicly slandered by a local radio station. With the help of GLAAD, the station's bigotry was confronted and an apology was aired.

While that was painful, Burd continued, it wasn't as bad as the hurt that came from fighting our own gay/lesbian community to "clear his name." He made an eloquent call for unity--and an end to the divisive attitudes we inflict upon each other.

"Yeah, yeah, yeah. That's news to you?" you yawn. OK. But think about the last time another lesbian said or did something that *really* stung. Think about the places or things you avoid because lesbians make you feel so mad or frustrated or tired. (Could be articles like this one!)

Over the years, I've seen this come up about things like children, racism, being professional, using the term lesbian, being chem-free, promoting women-only, bisexuality, being political, religion, being a non-drinker, etc.

What would you add? What would you say to lesbians who, hopefully unknowingly, hurt you with their attitudes. What could you say to help us extend our ability to withhold judgments and truly value your experience, your point of view, your most

"sacred core," if you will.

I'd like to do a series of short articles in the *LCN Express* which might help us build unity through diversity. Unity doesn't mean we all agree; it means we're all rooting for each other. It means we're really supporting each other's right to be who we are-- just like we ask the straight world to do. It means turning to the mirror to confront someone who oppresses homosexuals.

Please write to me at the address below. Include a number if you'd like to be called; let me know if you want or don't want to be quoted or published. Thanks.

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