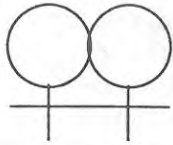


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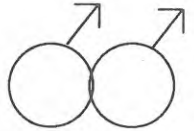
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Come Out To The Pride Parade

Orlando Regional Pride proudly presents the third annual Orlando Regional Pride, Saturday, June 26, 1993. There will be a pre-parade brunch at Lee's Lakeside at 8 a.m., which will be \$12.50 per person, which includes buffet, tax, and tip. This is the perfect celebration for those who are too bashful to publicly display their pride, but still wish to be included in the festivities. The theme of this year's parade is "By Design - A Family of Friends." This event will be a celebration of our extended family, the lesbian and gay community. T-shirts with the theme will be available for \$12.00 the day of the parade, or right now from Out and About Books, 930 N. Mills Avenue.

The Parade itself will start on the corner of Central and Osceola, near

Lee's Lakeside. the parade will commence at 10:00 am, so please be there by 9:00. This is one event you will not want to be fashionably late for. Mobile units and marchers will report to this location. Flyers have been sent to all organizations in the community. If your organization has not been contacted about participating in the parade, please contact Patty at (407) 860-2811. Fees for mobile units have been set at \$25.00 per vehicle, and organizations have been asked for an advance donation of \$2.00 per member.

We hope to see your smiling faces out in the sunshine on the 26th!

Please see Page 4 for the Pride Events Calendar.

*The LCN invites  
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- B Holly Near
- C Arsenio Hall's twin sister.
- D Nun above.

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See back cover for  
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# THE PARENT PERSPECTIVE

## GLPCI Upcoming Events

**June 11, 7:30 - Parents Rap Group** (adults only) at the Gay and Lesbian Center, 714 E. Colonial Dr., Orlando. Any adult interesting in parenting issues is invited to attend the rap session.

**July 1-4 - Annual GLPCI International Conference** at the Clarion Hotel in Orlando, featuring workshops, speakers, entertainment, networking, hosted by the Central Florida Chapter of GLPCI.

by *Diane P. Kerkhoff*

I'm back from the March. Wasn't it cool? Well, that's old news so I'm not going to talk about it anymore (maybe).

The Central Florida chapter of GLPCI (Gay and Lesbian Parents Coalition International) has a social/support meeting every month. We usually have a potluck at someone's house, but in April we decided to meet for dinner at Fazoli's and then go bowling at Bowl America.

Now, every month for the last two years I have sent out press releases telling what GLPCI has scheduled for the coming month, and various newspapers print these items. The Orlando Sentinel usually prints our items in the Community Datebook section. Well, in April the Sentinel printed our item about dinner and bowling as a news item in the Local and State section.

Our message line got several negative calls, as did Fazoli's and Bowl America. One caller said, "Please don't expose your children to this kind of behavior." I didn't know whether he meant

dinner or bowling, but I figured it was bowling after I saw some of those beer guts a few lanes down. We did get some positive calls also - from people who need us and didn't know we exist - so I guess we can put up with a few negative calls. By the way, both Fazoli's and Bowl America bent over backwards to accomodate us and assure us that they wouldn't tolerate anyone bothering us. Did you all feel that euphoric sense of freedom in DC? Did you feel that loss of freedom when you returned home?

Next month is our GLPCI conference. I could use some more volunteers from the LCN community to do mundane things like run errands, set up stuff, take down stuff, handle stuff, stuff stuff. Call me at 420-2191 and say "I can't stand your nagging me any more. I'll help."

Here's a maxim you should live your life by: Don't EVER volunteer to be a bus mom. There have been no cookies for my dear friend (MDF) this month. Regular readers of this column will know what that means. The rest of you will just have to guess from the grin on my face.

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# From the Heart

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The man was very well off, but convinced he could take it with him. He didn't want to put out any money for repairs or to replace dilapidated furniture and the modern conveniences, such as a vacuum, he doesn't have or want are unbelievable.

However, this is not the worst part. The worst part was that I was without my lover. I had no one to share the sights and experiences, nor my anxieties, fears and apprehensions. I realized that if I took the job I'd spend another thirteen

months without her. No way. What we have is more important to me than that and even more important than I had realized. I had taken what we had together for granted, knowing that it would always be there. When it wasn't, I realized how very special it was and how I needed to make changes. Changes I hoped would make what we have BETTER.

I returned home very glad to see my lover and it is MUCH BETTER.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY,  
Darling. Thank you for three wonderful years. Plus qu' hier, moins que demain.

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She Speaks -

## Putting Our Best Foot Forward

by *Patty Sheehan*

It was supposed to be the largest civil rights march in history. But instead on concentrating on the "normality" of the majority of the people who march on D.C., the media did their usual "freak show." And I can't say as I blame them.

Much of the entertainment on and around the main stage left a lot to be desired. I heard about Lea Delaria's comments about sleeping with the President's wife, and about women doffing their clothing and dancing from a straight friend -- someone who cared enough about me and my lifestyle to tune in to CNN and watch the march coverage. I was mortified by what she told me.

Let me explain, I think Lea Delaria is hilarious. I also love to expose my nude body to the sun now and then. But there is a time and place for everything. I wouldn't have wanted to introduce my mother to my lifestyle by taking her to a Lea Delaria concert in the nude. And I don't think straight America got a very good first impression of our movement from the March on Washington.

We all use common sense in our everyday lives to moderate our behavior. Just as we wouldn't wear a bikini, high tops, and a "DYKE" button on our T-shirt during a job interview, certain situations demand certain forms of behavior. Unfortunately, in our zeal to display our cultural diversity, we failed in the basic tenets of manners and decency, of which our community has a wealth. But you could not tell that from the march coverage.

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Park, Downtown Orlando. Meet at the red pagoda on the northeast side of the lake. Monthly meetings: Second Tuesday of each month at the new GLCS center, 714 E. Colonial Dr., Orlando at 7:30pm. For more information write to us at: Orlando Front Runners, PO Box 1604, Orlando, FL 32802.

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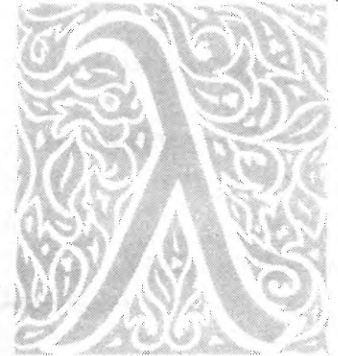
# NATIONAL LESBIAN AND BI WOMEN'S HEALTH SURVEY

The Lesbian Health Project of Los Angeles announces the launch of a National Lesbian and Bi women's Health Survey to help assess if Lesbians are at increases risk for cancer. Co-sponsored by Lesbian health organizations and Feminist Health projects around the country, the survey is being distributed to between 100,000 and 300,000 Lesbians and Bisexual women at the National March on Washington and at pride marches nationally. It will be the largest Lesbian and Bi women's health survey ever conducted.

"We hope to get a clearer understanding of Lesbians' true risks for cancers and other health concerns," says Suzann Gage, RNCNP, OB/GYN nurse practitioner, director of the Lesbian Health Project of Los

Angeles and coordinator of the National Lesbian and Bi Women's Health Survey. "We have very little health data on Lesbians; Women's health surveys never include questions about sexual orientation to see if Lesbians as a group, like other sub groups of women, may indeed be at greater risk for cancers and other major health concerns." Lesbian health activists for years have speculated that Lesbians may indeed be at increased risk for cancers and other health concerns. We hope this study will help shed more light on actual rates of breast cancer in Lesbians, as well as important directions in Lesbian health education, prevention and empowerment. We also hope it will reinforce what we already know to be a profound need for funding of Lesbian health care and research." Individuals and

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### **Best Foot Forward** *continued from pg 11*

dignity. We in the gay rights movement have to do the same. We have only recently gotten media attention and coverage because we'd cleaned up our image. Prominent people started coming out of the closet. We need to follow and support our leaders, rather than screaming for consensus and cultural diversity to the point that exhibitionists on roller skates are representing our movement. I'm kidding, or course, but we need to think about the way we represent ourselves, and the repercussions that could result.

Yes, the dykes and queens started Stonewall. And in so many years our movement went nowhere. It's up to us to lead the defense of our basic civil rights as the everyday, normal American citizens we are. Let's wake up, lesbian and gay America, and think before we act like a bunch of lunatics.

Our own Orlando Pride Parade is coming in June. With David Caton and the American Family Association lurking with civil rights exclusions for lesbians and gays, we need to be careful. Let's get our rights first, let's protect ourselves before we become further objects of hatred, ridicule, and violence.

Please come out to the Orlando Regional Pride Parade on June 26, 1993. If you are having a hard time deciding what to wear, purchase a "By Design -- A Family of Friends" T-shirt. Wear a "DYKE" button if you wish. But please, leave the clothes on, keep the buns covered, and act as if your mother was watching. The civil rights you save may be your own.

## LCN Express

### Publication Information

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

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The current focus is on the amendment proposed by David Caton, American Family Association., as well as a similar proposal by Andrew Martin, Christian Action Council, who is also a gubernatorial candidate. Caton's amendment reads as follows:

1. Article I, section 2 of the Constitution of the State of Florida is hereby amended by: a) inserting "(a)" before the first word thereof and, b) adding a new subsection "(b)" at the end thereof to read: "(b) Neither the state, nor its political subdivisions, shall enact or adopt any law regarding discrimination which creates, establishes or recognizes any right, privilege or protection for any person based upon any status or alleged trait other than race, color, religion, gender, natural origin, age, handicap or marital status." 2. All laws previously enacted which are inconsistent with this provision are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency. 3. This amendment shall take effect on the date it is approved by the electorate.

The effects of this amendment, if passed, would be to legalize discrimination in employment, housing, restaurants, and public accommodations for reasons not relevant to job performance or ability, thereby allowing no legal recourse for discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation -- homosexual or heterosexual.

Committees are currently being formed in the areas of fundraising, communications, and planning. A.P.O. Box and voice mail number are in the process of being obtained: in the interim, to volunteer or for more information regarding future meetings, please contact Cindy Abel, 407-273-2389, or visit the booth at the Pride Festival. Your support is needed!

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### Lesbian Drama Hits Winter Park

*Last Summer at Bluefish Cove*, a stirring play by lesbian playwright Jane Chambers, will be presented by Troupe Momentum at Theater 1304 in Winter Park. Set in a lesbian resort called Bluefish Cove, *Last Summer* revolves around the relationships between seven lesbians and a "straight" woman who is trying to unravel her sexual identity. The main action revolves around Lil who falls in love with one of the lesbians.

According to director Robyn Baker, who formed Troupe Momentum a month ago, the main character changes from a woman who doesn't know what she wants to someone who does. Performances are June 2, 3, 6 and 9, 10, 14 at 8 p.m. at Theater 1304 at 1304 Fairbanks Ave. in Winter Park. The play's run may be extended if there is sufficient interest.

**The Metropolitan Business Association** is a professional organization for gay, bisexual, and gay-supportive individuals seeking to network and interact on business matters, as well as to socialize and exchange information of interest to the community. The Metropolitan Business Association may be contacted at 420-2182 for any further information.

MBA general meetings are the first Thursday of each month, at the Radisson Hotel on Lake Ivanhoe. The fee for members is \$5.00, non-members is \$10.00, and includes hors d'oeuvres. The networking

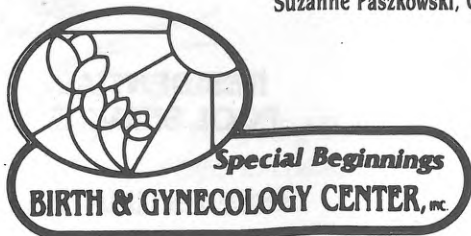
and social hour is from 6:30 to 7:30 pm, and the meeting begins at 7:30 pm. Guests are welcome.

Their April meeting included **Update on AIDS**, Media Presentation, and Public Perceptions Orlando, Florida. Ms. Barbara West of WFTV, spoke on the topic of "Aids and the Media". A frequent reporter on medical issues, West addressed the perceptions of the general viewing public as well as trends in news reporting. An engaging and sincere speaker, West communicated her desire to support individuals suffering from illnesses, particularly the HIV virus. After fielding questions from the periodically tearful audience, West closed by restating her conviction that the joint responsibility of the media and AIDS Support Organizations are to "remind us that the problem is here, it is not going away, and we need to focus on it, and address it."

The Gay Men's Chorus entertained the gathering with a wide range of selections, performing during the social hour, then mingling with the group afterward, permitting for further interaction with these talented - and sometimes comical - performers.

**Rache Alpert** will be in concert at the Junkyard at Butler Plaza in Casselberry on June 16, 1993. Rache Alpert, singer songwriter and guitarist, has been opening concerts for such luminaries as Phoebe Snow, Kenny G., Sandra Bernhard, and has toured with the Indigo Girls on two national tours.

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## Dear Fluffy,

"Jill" and I broke up three months ago. We had been together for four years and, as you might imagine, I was devastated. I miss "Jill" but was especially hurt when our mutual friend "Laura" asked "Jill", a mere three days after our breakup, to a lingerie party for two... You get the picture. What should I do?

Pretty Pissed in Palatka

Dear Missy Pissy,

I don't know what all the fuss is about. In my circle, three days is considered far too long for practical lesbian etiquette. Gyrlfriend, what are you waiting for? Ask "Laura" out.

Miss Fluffy

P.S. Speaking of etiquette, gyrls, we need to talk, but that will wait until next month...

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# OFFICIAL PRIDE EVENT SCHEDULE

**June 5 - Gay Day at Disney.** Come out and join in the fun for "A day of magic, a night of pleasure." There will be a brunch, a day of fun with "family" in the Magic Kingdom, (don't forget to wear your red T-shirt), and dancing that evening at Pleasure Island. Meet in front of the Castle at 3:00 pm. T-shirts are available at G.L.C.S. Call (407) 425-4527 for more information.

**June 6 - Interfaith AIDS Service.** 1:30 pm will be held at First United Methodist Church, downtown Orlando. Sponsored by the presbyterian AIDS network. Reception to follow. Call Centaur for more information at (407) 849-1452.

**June 12 - G.L.C.S. PRIDEFEST.** 10:00 to 6:00 pm. Admission \$5.00 advance, \$7.00 at the gate. Taking the place of the picnic this year, Gay and Lesbian Community Services is presenting Pridefest at the Central Florida Fairgrounds. Call G.L.C.S. for more information (407) 425-4527.

**June 12 and 13 - Orlando Gay Chorus Concert.** 7:35 pm. Ann Densch Theater, Loch Haven Park. Tickets \$5, \$10, \$15. Call G.L.C.S. for tickets and more information.

**June 14 - Legal Seminar.** 7:00-9:00 pm, at the Center. Attorneys will be available to answer legal questions concerning health or domestic issues, criminal law, or business concerns. Reservations are recommended.

**June 19 - Additional Action.** 10:00 at the Naval Training Center in Orlando. This demonstration will be in support of President Clinton's lifting the ban on gays in the military. Call G.L.C.S. for more information.

**June 24 - AIDS Memorial Service & Candlelight Vigil at Lake Eola,** 7:30 pm. Sponsored by G.L.C.S. this service will include reading of the names of those who have died of AIDS.

**June 25 - Lea Delaria in Concert at Edith Bush Auditorium** at Rollins College. 7:00 pm sponsored by LCN. Come out and see the hilarious comic fresh from the Arsenio Hall show and the March on Washington. The concert begins at 8:00, preceding the show, there will be a wine and cheese reception. For more information call (407) 649-7175.

**June 26 - Orlando Regional Pride Parade and Brunch.** Brunch starts at 8 a.m. at Lee's Lakeside. The parade will begin at 10:00 am, on the corner of Central and Osceola, near Lee's Lakeside. Please call the Prideline at (407) 236-9480, or Patty at 860-2811 for more information.

**June 26 - Post Parade Party** at the "P", Parlaiment House, 410 N. Orange Blossom Trail. Immediately following the parade. Call (407) 425-7571 for more information.

**June 27 - Church Services --** Joy MCC 2351 S. Ferncreek Ave. Morning Services will be and AIDS Memorial Service, at 10:30. The evening service, at 7:30 will be a "Celebration of Life" at 7:30. Call Joy MCC at (407) 894-1081 for more information.

**June 27 - Play "After the Wall"** will be presented at the Hat Box Review at 7:00 pm at Theater Downtown. This play will show the past, present, and potential future of the gay and lesbian community. Tickets are \$5 to \$10 sliding scale. Call 292-9088 for more information. Theatre Downtown is located at 2113 N. Orange Avenue. phone (407) 841-0083.

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## Announcements From the Heart!

It is with great joy that Cristi Vihlen and Suzanne Paszkowski announce their commitment to each other as life partners on May 16, 1993. They would like to thank all their friends in the community for making the ceremony and reception such a special and memorable occasion.



June 6th 1990...

A walk on the beach; two mismatched womyn -- "paint by number" meets "abstract art"--yet, three years later, still loving those walks on the beach--and the tears and the laughter. It's been weird, wild and wonderful.

Happy 3rd!

Love, Sue



A HAPPY HAPPY to Miss Cathy McElhiney! Have a wonderful birthday -- Your Lezzie Gyrlfriends!!!!

## The Old Lesbian Craze

by Airie

We old lesbians (OLOC), marched behind the organizers of the "March on Washington". Behind us was a contingent from SAGE (Senior Action for a Gay environment) out of NYC. It seems like a dream now. The transition back to the straight world has been made. Our chants of "2-4-6-8, how do you know your grandma's straight?" still echos in my mind. On my first day back, a smile slides from the corner of my mouth when, at first, I think I recognize a "sister" turn a corner. It was only a faint look-a-like I saw ... Adjustment to the real world is slow and traumatic.

Marge and I are thankful that we still have Breaking the Silence MCC to revive us in the company of our gay and lesbian family. Then we hear about the Orlando community through LCN, and WIT keeps us in touch through our newsletter and lesbian potlucks. Even friendly restaurants and new gay bars open up to us.

To broaden our focus, we have reserved some of our new energies for FLOLOC. If you haven't heard, this is Old Lesbians Organizing for Change. Brevard now has its own chapter. We invite lesbians 60 & over to join us. If you are 50ish, we have a "support" status available when enough of you show interest.

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## The Debate Continues

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### Going Nowhere Fast

by Stacey St. James

Should we or shouldn't we? Will they or won't they? Can we or can't we? THE BAN!! What to do??

In an article this week in the Daytona News-Journal (5-15-93) they outlined two options for Clinton's proposed lifting of the ban.

One option proposed by Mr. Homophobic himself, Sen. Sam Nunn, was "don't ask, don't tell". It would supposedly prevent the military from asking a person their sexual orientation, but could still put you on the outside looking in if you chose to tell.

In the second option, designed to be similar to Clinton's pledge, homosexuals could serve in the military (they already do) but would be prohibited from homosexual conduct. Isn't this the way it is now or did I miss a step??

Under both options the military would be restricted to not asking sexual orientation or conducting "witch hunts".

No one has yet decided though what homosexual conduct is or what constitutes a declaration of homosexuality. That is being worked on by a panel or senior military officers. (Unbiased, I'm sure.)

At President Clinton's latest news conference he sidestepped questions from the press stating, "You know what my position is. I still think the issue should be conducted."

*To be continued...*

## Lift The Ban Now Demonstration

Central Florida citizens and activists concerned with liberty, equality, and human rights are uniting in a show of solidarity and support for President Clinton's courageous initiative in lifting the ban against gay, lesbian, and bisexual Americans openly serving in our armed forces. On June 19, 1993, a peaceful demonstration will occur outside the Orlando Naval Training Center on Bennett Road off Highway 50 in east Orlando. Demonstration participants will meet at 9:30 am in

the parking lot beside the Fashion Square Cinema behind the mall. The demonstration will take place from 10:00 am to approximately 1:00 pm. Please join us as we send a strong, visible message to the citizens of Central Florida, our elected senators and representatives, and the thousands of local and national gay women and men who serve our country honorably, yet remain in fear, secrecy, and danger.

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In 1970, without knowing of the historical significance of the letter, the Gay Activists Alliance of New York designated the orange lambda on a blue field as a symbol of gay liberation. In December, 1974, the lambda was adopted as the international symbol for gay and lesbian rights by the International Gay Rights Congress meeting in Edinburgh, Scotland. Display it with pride, and shed a little light on the darkness of bigotry.

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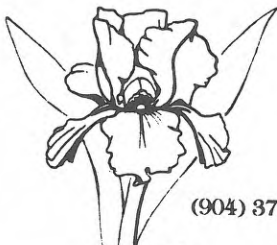
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