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11. Increasing susceptibility to love extended by others, as well as the uncontrollable urge to extend it;
12. An increasing tendency to let things happen, rather than to manipulate them and make them happen.

Peace & Joy to you in this upcoming year!

Boy Scout Group Loses Funds Over Gay's Ouster

*Reprinted from
The Orlando Sentinel, 12/18/93*

NEW HAVEN, Conn. - Protests over the ouster of a veteran Boy Scout leader because he is gay have prompted the United Way of Greater New Haven to end its annual \$70,000 contribution to the Boy Scouts, the charity said Friday. "We are opposed to discrimination in whatever form it takes," said Robert Fiscus, president of the United Way chapter, who acted after intense pressure from state legislators and gay activists.

The Quinnipiac Council of Boy Scouts ordered a volunteer leader to stay away from all scouting functions because an investigation revealed he is gay. The Scout leader's name was not made public. Robert Walker, the Boy Scouts' national spokesman, said the organization had no intention of changing its policy.



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write in and share your reflections.

Thanks for the memories and thanks, of course, to all the women who have made this organization work over the years... You!!!

THE BRIDGE: Information Fix

by Jo Wiggins

Someone please help break me of the habit of referring to every Y-chromosome carrier as "dude." I know I got it from! riding the computer networks, but I can't shake it. I knew I was getting excessive when I baby-sat my baby cousin Christopher and kept saying, "Listen, little dude...: I was raised mostly in Daytona, but I don't really have to sound it, do I?"

Okay, let's talk about the dearth of young folk who participate in *Out Loud*. I made some comments early in the Gay Chorus show about the Massachusetts ruling. The House, Senate, and should be Governor of Mass passed a bill that guarantees gay rights in high school! Does anyone realize how phuckin' momentous and historical, not to mention necessary, this bill really is?

So many of us queers suffered in high school. Even in nine-trey, I couldn't even have considered bringing a girlfriend to the dances or suing my school for discrimination. Aren't these universal experiences? So why was I the only voice to comment on that ruling? I seriously felt like nobody out there cared to remember their high school experiences and rejoice for kids in Massachusetts.

Of course, younger people are prob-

ably, just as I once was, scared and/or ignorant. This sucks. It is time to bring the benefits that queer Mass students get down here. It is time to think of the next generation. It is time to put our asses on the line, y'all. I am willing to get out there and volunteer for my community right now, not just write a column, do clinic defense, fight for free expression, and hope for the best. There's no time for any of us to play.

I watched the "Royal Kilted Canadian Yaksmen" episode of *Ren and Stimpe*. I love the song which goes, "Our country reeks of trees/ Our yaks are really large/ And they smell like rotting beef carcasses..." Well, guess who sang it? The Los Angeles Gay Men's Chorus! It said so on the credits, which is really cool 'cause how many kids shows even would mention the G-word?

From cool kid's stuff to uncool-- Did you all hear about Joseph R. Chambers and his attempts to censor *Out Loud* in Barney? As we all know, *Barney* "teaches alternative families" and is "teaching kids that we must accept everyone as they are whether they're homosexuals or lesbians." For these reasons and more, the fundamentalist Christian radio minister has decided that *Barney* is evil. I acknowledge the purple moron is "steeupid," as my brother Joey says, but I missed those particular episodes.

Did you know that sodomy is illegal in 21 states, including Flawduh? Florida is not one of the seven states that only punish gay sodomy, though. *Mademoiselle* provided such information in its "Public Laws for Private Lives" graph. According to this graph, most of the states have a Democratic voter majority. In thirteen states, a teenage girl can buy a handgun without

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This video addresses a wide spectrum of issues ranging from Lesbian and Gay "marriage" to the military ban and the AIDS pandemic. Events covered include: the March, the Wedding, the Holocaust Vigil, the Quilt, and Civil Disobedience.

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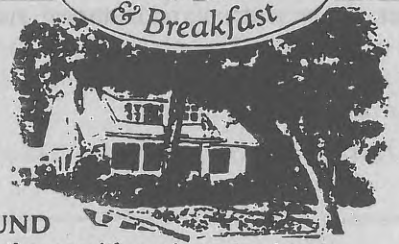
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LCN saw many successes this year, including spearheading DC in '93, promoting several concerts and cultural events, participating in PRIDE, and publishing the *Express*.

None of this would be possible, of course, without the efforts of many, many women. Thanks in particular to all of you who have contributed your talent, time, and spirit to LCN-- articles, folding, production tasks, organizational support.

Next year is a milestone for LCN. Ten years and still going strong. We have much to appreciate in one another; be a part of the events and activities that will enable us to do just that. We all need and look forward to your unique contribution.

Happy New Year! See you soon.

SISSY AND THE COWGIRLS, *continued from page 7*

ever read that held lesbians in a sensual fine light. Reading my first lesbian love scene, I felt as though I have been stirred from a deep dreamless sleep seeing strangers around me and knowing in my heart that somewhere, out there, were the people I was suppose to know. Those wonderful hippie women were after all straight, and though on occasional wine and smoke wild nights some gentle sweet reverie did occur, it was not the passion I knew was waiting for me somewhere.

Sissy Hankshaw took me hitching cross country in search of that place, and though I didn't physically leave that little town in upstate for years, my mind and heart had hit the trail knowing that I too would find a place to hang up my spurs.

Oh, the movie. The movie stars Uma Thurman as Sissy Hankshaw. Uma played (ooooooooooh!) June in *Henry and June*. John Hurt plays the Countess. I won't even try to ex-

plain that character. Rain Phoenix is the remarkable Bonanza Jellybean and Lorraine Bracco is Delores Del Ruby (she cracks a fine whip.)

Angie Dickinson, Roseanne Arnold, Buck Henry, Sean Young, Keanu Reeves and others too numerous to mention grace the film. Noriyuki "Pat" Morita plays the yam loving "Chink". Ha ha, ho ho and hee hee. (You had to be there.) Director Gus Van Sant used actual cowgirls to fill in the necessary other cowgirls on the ranch.

Music is provided by (who else?) k.d. Lang and Ben Mink. So, you are asking how is the movie? To be honest I don't know. I don't even know if it will make it to Orlando. It was released in November elsewhere. I can only say that I have read and reread the book 30 times and given at least twice that many copies away over the last 17 years. Good enough?

If nothing else, the movie may get you to buy or borrow the book. Reading *Cowgirls*, it won't be hard to recognize it as fantasy, fiction, make believe. Some cowgirls may even take a little offense. But maybe, it may just remind you of sometime, or someone, or someplace you have been, or want to be.

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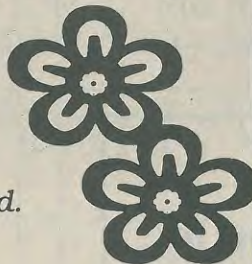
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The Bridge, Cont'd from p. 10

Antal permission, but cannot get an abortion! (Guess it's more sportin' to get 'em after they've been born.) Six states do not punish marital rape. If you are caught with an ounce of marijuana here, you get six months in jail and a \$1,000 fine, maximum. Take your locoweed up to Alabama, and that's your minimum sentence.

Song title of the month, if not the decade: *I Hate Myself and Want to Die*. Of course, it comes from those hellabright, babelicious Nirvana boys. I bought *The Beavis and Butthead Experience* for that track and was not disappointed. There is now a Nirvana/Breeders tour and A Tribe Called Quest/De La Soul/Souls of Mischief tour. I am begging now. I want them to come to Orlando!

One person who is coming to Orlando is even more babelicious, hellabright, and anticipated than Kurt Cobain. Yep, Katie's coming! Oooh, child! To quote Beavis and Butthead, I'm sure we'll be doing plenty of Breaking the Law! Breaking the law! Duh! Duh-duh-duh! Duh-duh-duh! Duh-duh-duh-DAAA! :)

Writer's note: The colon-right parenthesis mark, :) is a cyberpunk expression for extreme happiness.

LESBIAN WORLD NEWSPAPER ESTABLISHES FLORIDA BUREAU

ST. PETE Lesbian World Newspaper announced the appointment of Dorothy Abbott to the position of bureau chief of its Florida bureau. Ms. Abbott, who grew up in Tupelo, Mississippi, and Memphis, Tennessee, is a writer, editor, activist, organizer, and radio show producer, resides in St. Petersburg. She hosts the weekly program, *The Women's Show*, on radio station WMNF, broadcast on Saturdays from 10 a.m. until noon.

Ms. Abbott, a feminist, holds two Bachelor's degrees, one in Sociology and in History; an advanced Master's degree in Sociology; a Master's degree in Counseling; and a Master's in Education. She has worked as probation officer/youth counselor, a teacher (kindergarten through college) and a writer at the Center for Southern Culture at the University of Mississippi, the National Endowment for the Arts and

The Florida Humanities Council. IMs. Abbott is also the southern area representative for *Ladyslipper Incorporated*, a distributor of women's music and recordings.

Area groups and organizations are encouraged to forward press and news releases to Ms. Abbott at the LW-Florida Bureau, 325 10th Avenue NE, St Petersburg, Florida 33702, or to Call Ms. Abbott at 813-823-3337. Writers interested in contributing articles may request guidelines by forwarding a self-addressed-stamped envelope to LW, 26151 Lake Shore Blvd, Suite 2112, Euclid, Ohio 44132-1160, by calling 216-289-2939 or by faxing a request to 216-289-5885.

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Other Mothers

Follow-up

GLAAD recently published the following addresses so we can thank both the producer of *Other Mothers* (the show about lesbian mothers that our local Channel 6 refused to run) as well as the advertising sponsors who braved pressure from the American Family Association.

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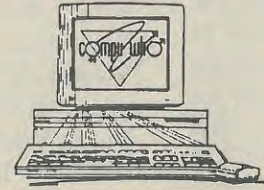
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Length: 300 words

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

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

The LCN Express Editorial Staff:

Barb Fallon, Madeliene Abling,

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Thank you!
Laura Summers
President/Founder

Dear Editors,

Rarely do I listen to rumors. Therefore, on good faith from an impeccable source:

There is a certain restaurant on Lake Ivanhoe, near Virginia Drive whose owners detest gays, homosexuals. They delight in our attendance at their restaurant. Perhaps they tolerate... None the less, why should we give them our hard earned dollars? I don't like "tolerance."

No, I'll not name said restaurant. But hey, on the corner-lake view- it's not hard! (Hint...close to "A" in the alphabet.)

Hope this gets in,
Pam Berry

[LCN policy is to print information that readers send in-- as long as it's expressed as an opinion and not as a slam or an assault. See p. 13.]

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We need help! A call to all resourceful and/or cute lesbians. Please join us on January 18 at Becky's for brainstorming anniversary activities, a potluck dinner, and for some fun. Looking for typing/editing assistance, an intern for the advertising coordinator, and bookkeeper. The current staff needs reinforcements! Call Becky for directions: 894-9333.

Jan. 18: LCN General Meeting and Production Meeting

Jan. 24: 7:00pm Folding Party at The Center

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Valentines Dance

The Orlando Regional Pride Committee is proud to announce its Second Annual Valentines Day Dance, to be held on February 12, 1994.

The dance is semi-formal and will include dinner. Advance reservations are required.

For tickets or information, call 236-9480.

DESIGN CONTEST

Orlando Regional Pride announces a design contest for Gay Pride Month 1994. The winning entry will be used in the official 1994 posters and T-shirts. The first prize in this contest is \$100. All entries will become the property of Orlando Regional Pride. The contest ends on Feb. 28, 1994.

The theme for 1994 is **STONEWALL 25: Only the Beginning...**

All entries should be mailed to: Orlando Regional Pride, PO Box 536392, Orlando FL 32853-6392. For more information regarding this contest, telephone 407-236-9480.

YEAR ROUND GLOWS SKIING

December, 1993 marked the 45th consecutive month the Gay & Lesbian Orlando Water Skiers (GLOWS) members have been out hitting the waterskiing. This winter GLOWS is having a membership drive with meetings the fourth Monday of the month at 8:00pm in the Gay & Lesbian Center in Orlando, located at 750 W. Colonial Drive.

All persons interested in water skiing are encouraged to attend. Beginners are welcome, even if just interested in giving water skiing a try! There are no membership fees, just fees when you go out on an event. The goal is to have FUN SKIING!

For information, call Gary at 407-679-0507 or Susanne at 407-849-6228. GLOWS, PO Box 970, Goldenrod, FL 32733-0970.

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Stonewall 25 Regional and Local Organizing Committees are now forming. Call or write for a group in your area. For Information/donations: Stonewall 25, 208 West 13th Street New York, NY 10011-7799 (212)439-1031

DECLARATION OF PURPOSE

We call upon the United Nations, its agencies, its member states and its affiliated non-governmental organizations to take all necessary action to assure that:

1. The promises of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights not be denied to lesbian, gay and bisexual people;

2. The rights and freedoms of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights be fulfilled to all people, including lesbian gay and bisexual people, without distinction of any kind, such as race, gender, sexual orientation, religion, ethnicity, language, age disability, socio-economic status and national or social origin;

3: The agencies of the UN and affiliated non-governmental undertake to report on violations of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights affecting lesbian, gay and bisexual people;

4. The promises of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights not be denied to people who have AIDS or are HIV positive;

5. The promises of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights with regard to the right to health care not be denied to people with HIV/AIDS, nor to lesbian, gay and bisexual people who desire to engage in reproduction;

6. The global effort to combat HIV/AIDS be intensified;

7. The Member States of the UN adopt a protocol to the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the crime of Genocide to define as a crime of genocide the intended destruction of any of the targets of the Holocaust, including lesbian, gay and bisexual people, and the intentional destruction of any population based on that group's race, gender, sexual orientation, religion ethnicity, language, age disability, socio-economic status and national or social origin;

8. The Agencies of the UN not deny Non-Governmental Organizations recognition or consultative status on the basis of their support for lesbian, gay and bisexual people, or people who have AIDS or are HIV positive;

9. The General Assembly of the United Nations proclaim an International Year of Lesbian and Gay people (possibly 1999);

10. The UN and its Agencies not discriminate against lesbian, gay and bisexual people in matters of contracting, hiring, employment conditions and termination;

11. The member states increase the funding of the Human Rights Agencies of the UN to accelerate the progress toward realizing the Promises of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights;

12. The rights of lesbian, gay and bisexual people to create families be recognized and protected, and that our family relationships with each other and our children be celebrated within 1994, the International Year of the Family.

Stonewall 25 International Organizing Group

According to organizers, **Stonewall 25** will be "the largest international mobilization for human rights ever."

The New York City Committee of Stonewall 25, Inc., recently became the Gay & Lesbian Center's newest tenant. **Stonewall 25** is the international organizing group of the Stonewall Riot's 25th anniversary celebration to be held in New York next June.

Stonewall 25/New York is a chapter of the US Steering Committee of Stonewall 25. Said Center Executive Director Richard Burns. "More than any other space in New York, the Center will be the hub of activity for lesbian and gay visitors from around the world who are in New York for Stonewall 25. We're glad to welcome them under our roof."

The Center itself will open a Visitor's Welcome Center on the first floor during the month of June, providing information, referrals, literature and merchandise to our of towners. Any gay and lesbian organization, agency or establishment wishing to provide literature for visitors is welcome to contact the Center at 212-620-7310.

*Excerpted from the Center Voice,
New York, 12/93*

THE METROPOLITAN BUSINESS ASSOCIATION: BEATING THE NEW YEAR BLUES

1994 meetings are now being planned. Topics as diverse and wide-ranging as business development strategies, the progress and consequences of political initiatives, and enhanced communication and business promotion through self-actualization (March meeting!) will be discussed by leaders in these and other areas, all relating the impact of such on both the professional as well as the personal lives of lesbians and gay men.

The January 6, 1994 MBA meeting will kick-off the new year with travel ideas especially designed for lesbians and gay men. Speakers and panelists will include Wayne Whiston, editor of "Our World," the international lesbian and gay travel magazine; Michael Ingram, president of the Key West business guild; and MBA member Jerry Molleck, of Triangle Vacations.

Although sometimes a dreary month, February 1994 promises to be filled with excitement and opportunities! In addition to the regularly scheduled February 3rd meeting featuring a "Tax Preparation" presentation by Elliot Barber and Heidi Latto, and

panel participation by other MBA-member accountants, the Networking Committee will be hosting the first gay and gay-friendly business expo in Orlando! On Saturday, February 19, from noon until 6 pm, MBA members and non-members will be able to showcase their services and products at the Maitland Civic Center. Exhibitor fees are as follows:

\$25 / table for MBA members

\$35 / for non-members

\$25 / for non-profit organizations

Registration is limited to 100 vendors, and the deadline is January 30. For more information, call 294-3969.

Admission to the Expo is \$3 / person and includes food, fun, T-shirts, drawings for prizes, and the opportunity to learn more about Central Florida gay and gay-friendly businesses and organizations.

The MBA is a professional organization for gay, bisexual and gay-supporting individuals seeking to network and interact on business matters as well as to socialize. MBA general meetings are the first Thursday of each month at the Radisson Hotel on Lake Ivanhoe; members \$5, non-mem-

bers \$10 (includes hors d'oeuvres). Networking/social hour is from 6:30 to 7:30pm; the meeting begins at 7:30.

Image Check

Reprinted from *Allure*, 12/93

Contradicting the myth that lesbians are less worried about their weight and looks than are heterosexual women, a Baltimore psychologist has shown that sexual orientation has little to do with acceptance of one's appearance. Mollie Jaschik-Herman discovered that regardless of their sexual orientation, most of the women she studied were dissatisfied with their bodies. Those who were more self-accepting, however, were members of racial minorities. The psychologist speculates that nonwhite women may feel less driven to meet the current impossibly thin standard because they don't look like the dominant images presented in popular culture.

Jaschik-Herman also determined that women "who need approval and are submissive (qualities that are considered socially desirable for women) had more body-image miseries than did those who were dominant and assertive. Regardless of sexual preference, this type of woman is at highest risk, she reports.

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I was hanging at the Center a couple of weeks ago helping to fold the LCN when I took a break and thumbed through some mags that were lying about. I yelled a whooping "YEEHAA" when I discovered to my great delight on the cover of *Out* (the November issue) a picture of Uma Thurman, dressed in leather jumpsuit, enormous thumbs in hitchhiker pose. She was portraying none other than that infamous ride catchin' thumb-flying heroine of the highway and byways-Sissy "howboutaride" Hankshaw. I hope that other fans of the great one, have felt a tiny spark of excitement at the prospects of of seeing her hitch across the big screen.

The vision of a movie about Sissy and the Cowgirls sent me whirling back to the waning days of my hetero-confusion when I lived with a HippyWomanEarthMama in a cedar home in the Bristol Mountains in Casire, New York. Surrounded al-

Sissy AND THE COWGIRLS

by Rita Boo

most constantly by hugging and kissing girlfriends and much less than macho hippie boys, I spent my early twenties in a smoky haze of homemade wine and banana buzz bread watching the summer heat rising off the surface of farm ponds and creeks where we escaped the swelter swimming naked, unashamed and free while listening to Joni Mitchell and the Dead.

A new book appeared in our midst, written by a virtual unknown, Tom Robbins. *Even Cowgirls Get the Blues* sent me rushing back to the days of my late teens. Highway hitch-

ing, sleeping in coyote tunnels built under the highways in Arizona and New Mexico. Staying warm in the brilliant second long sage scented fires of torched tumble weeds thawing the frozen desertnights.

Looking back, those times lasted as long as those flaming tumble weeds and the faces of my then close companions are just silhouettes of black and white in my memory. I had been on that 'searching for America' tour so many of us had believed in. Although now when I pass under the highway and see a bundle of cloth, knowing that at least temporarily someone has sought refuge there, I do not get a great rush of sentimentality for days gone by, or miles walked alone.

I devoured *Even Cowgirls*, finding in the those raucous ranch hands a piece of my own life and what my life would be. It was the first book I have

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NEWSCLIPS FROM AROUND THE NATION

Winterfest '94- Ski Weekend in Utah

More than 3000 men from around the country will descend on Park City, Utah for Winterfest '94, from January 15-22. The week's activities include an organized Gay Winter Games competition including a Nastar course, relay races and downhill fun runs, as well as daytime and evening activities such as the Snow Ball, the Winter White Party, Mardi Gras on the Slopes, tea dances and special lunch and apres ski events. A portion of the proceeds from all ski events will go to national AIDS organizations. More information and reservations may be obtained by calling 1-800-429-8747.

The Center Voice, New York

DC Victory

Because Congress failed to act, a 12 year battle by gay rights groups and civil libertarians ended September 14, when the District of Columbia's sodomy law automatically ended.

Southern Voice, 9/30/93

Appointments

Sarah Goodfield is the sixth lesbian or gay man to be appointed to a state board or commission by Texas Governor Ann Richards. Goodfield was appointed to the Texas utilities Commission.

The Advocate, 10/19/93

Openly lesbian Judy Harrington has been appointed by President Clinton as associate director of the Peace Corps. Harrington is the former campaign manager of Equal Protection of Colorado during that state's battle against the Amendment 2 ballot initiative.

Southern Voice 9/30/93

WRL Award

Mandy Carter, public policy advocate for the Human Rights Campaign Fund and grassroots organizer for over 25 years, has received the War Resisters League 1993 Peace Award in October.

Outline, 10/93

Cracker Barrel Battle, Cont'd

Atlanta: The SEC (Securities Exchange Commission) has ruled that Cracker Barrel must go to federal court if it is to prevent stockholders from voting on a proposal that its Board of Directors "reflect the varied races, gender and sexual orientations of the stockholders." Carl Owens of Atlanta brought the proxy proposal, and has encouraged gay people to buy a single share of Cracker Barrel stock in order to be able to influence the company as shareholders.

Virago, 12/93

Hate Crimes

Washington: The House of Representatives passed the Hate Crimes Sentencing Enhancement Act which increases sentences for federal hate crimes, but Jesse Helms is expected to head a vehement opposition in the Senate.

Virago, 12/93

Library

Called the Gay and Lesbian Center, a section of the new \$135 million San Francisco Library now under construction will house one of the most extensive collections of gay material anywhere, including historical, literary and cultural items, a video section, and over 200 gay periodicals.

Virago, 12/93



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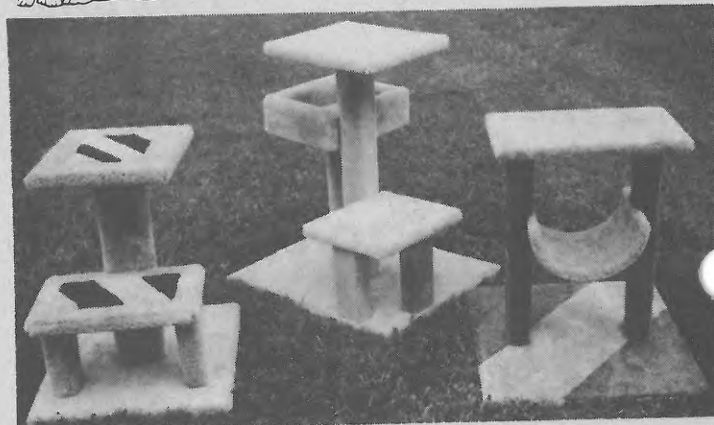
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Current Threat to our Freedom and Liberty *by Le June Perrin*

As we gradually approach the elections of November, 1994, we need to be increasingly aware that the incidents of violence will also increase. Currently, some gay and lesbian businesses are experiencing threatening telephone call from people within the tri county area. In one such call, the teenage woman expressed a desire that all gays and lesbians should be killed. In Oregon, two individuals were killed in their home by a fire bomb from a group of teenage skinheads during the height of their struggle to preserve their rights from attack from the Oregon Citizens Alliance.

A correlation can be drawn between the current threat to our freedom and liberty and that of the Jews and others who were deemed to be threats to the Third Reich. Under the Third Reich, there was a belief that if Jews and others were silenced and the wealth of power was removed from their hands then Germany could become a proud,

moral and wealthier nation. In the present, the radical right believes that if gays and lesbians were forced into silence about their lives, then there would be preservation of the outmoded belief of the two parent heterosexual family based on "Judeo-Christian" values. This article should not be deemed as a threat to these values, but should be used to clarify what the true agenda of the radical right.

The radical right has used its rhetoric to condemn the acknowledgment that our country is based on contributions from minorities and the homosexual population. The radical right has tried to thwart the teachings of multiculturalism, namely through the condemning the Rainbow Curriculum in New York. The Republican mayor elect of New York City has selected a woman who was instrumental in the dismissal of the New York School Superintendent who

supported the teaching of the Rainbow Curriculum.

The rhetoric by the radical right has been used to justify the increase of violent hate crimes against people of color, such as the burning of the black tourist near Tampa in 1993, the arson of an AIDS activist home in April, 1993, and the numerous murders of gays and lesbians through out the nation.

We need to be forever vigilant in order to protect our rights, We cannot rest on a decision by courts as to whether we are worthy to have the same rights as heterosexual citizens of the State of Florida. Although a judge in Colorado ruled that the law was discriminatory, the state of Colorado has appealed this Judge's decision to a higher court. The Colorado governor stated that the state would appeal this law to the US Supreme Court if necessary.

In order to safeguard your rights and lives, you must get involved by working to educate others about your life and the need for continued rights and freedom from discrimination. One must be willing to participate in any method available. One such method is the use of "Victory Parties" which

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