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# I'm Not A Straight Girl, But I Play One On TV

by ej

After seeing megahot comedian Ellen DeGeneres at the Bob Carr on May 6, I am left with only one question: Why doesn't she just go ahead and come out? Doesn't she know lesbians are hip and cool now?

Maybe she missed that issue of Newsweek. Maybe she didn't catch lesbian day on Maury Povich.



Well hell, her new sitcom *These Friends of Mine* is on ABC, the

## Ellen puts out some major 'bean clues.

Roseanne network. If she played a lesbian on her show she might even get to kiss her girlfriend occasionally (but only if she didn't show any actual lips.) Ellen puts out some major 'bean clues. (You know, lesbian.) Such as:

- 1) She's good friends with Melissa Etheridge, who is proudly "out now", and she had Melissa do the music for her sit-com.
- 2) She appeared on Arsenio the same night as Melissa, who, when asked about Ellen, said: "I have some stories about her..."
- 3) When Oprah asked about "the man in your life" Ellen answered by talking about her father.
- 4) As reported in Deneuve's LesboFile, during an interview with

Arsenio Ellen said (raising her eyebrows) "I'm hoping to get rid of all my material and just *come out*."

5) In the recent US article where Ellen interviewed herself, she asked herself if she had a boyfriend and responded by telling herself it was none of anybody's business.

## Why doesn't she just go ahead and come out ...doesn't she know lesbians are hip and cool now?

6) She keeps saying "I'm a L - L - L - Lawrence Welk fan." (Oops! Bad kd flashback.)

7) Guess who was her opening act at Bob Carr: A: A Canadian dance troupe wearing black tights and feathers who kept leaping

through the air with pointed toes; B: A young hip black male comic who used the word "booty" a lot; or C: A

## Well... lesbian or not, she's really hilarious.

cute butch folk singer who wore a flannel shirt, jeans, and sang lots of gender-ambiguous love songs

8) The only time she really talked about a guy during her concert was when she told a long story, at the end of which all she did with him was try on his clothes.

So what do you think? Well... lesbian or not, she's really hilarious. And, in my opinion, pretty darn cute. You never know - look how long it took ol' kd. Maybe we should just keep watching that traditional American coming-out ground the Advocate for further developments. People are strange, you know. (Not us.)



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# MBA— "Heroes: Coming out in the workplace."

More than 70 people at the MBA's May meeting were inspired by the presentation of "Heroes: Coming out in the workplace."

Seeing the faces filling the room and introducing speakers Judge Rand Hoch, Lucy Ford and Clive Thomas, MBA's Tom Dyer noted what an exciting time it was to be gay and lesbian here. "I just feel we're on the verge of wonderfulness in Central Florida."

**Rand Hoch**, the only worker's compensation judge for Volusia and Seminole counties, said he "came screaming out of the closet" after moving from Massachusetts in 1978.

"(I) ...came screaming out of the closet" *Judge Rand Hoch*

Hoch helped to get sexual orientation added to Palm Beach County's housing anti-discrimination ordinance. Once tapped as judge by the governor, Hoch noticed lawyers started pointing out clients were gay, or they tried to bully him around. Some attorneys said they were happy their gay kids had Hoch as a role model.

**Lucy Ford**, a co-founder of Orlando's chapter of AT&T's LEAGUE and active LCN member, had been married 12 years with a son when she came out. She has made sure to be open and honest

"Gay men and lesbians spend a great deal of time and energy on the job trying to hide their personal lives." *Lucy Ford*

with her child. "For a 13 year old, I think he has a very good grasp of what it's like to be a lesbian," she said.

After her divorce, co-workers expected Ford to find a new man so she made up stories about fake boyfriends. "The worst part was I couldn't remember this boyfriend's name," she said. "So the fake boyfriend and I split up and I haven't heard from him since."

Becoming a LEAGUE spokesperson gave Ford a business reason to come out. She recalled telling one manager: "Gay men and lesbians spend a great deal of time and energy on the job trying to hide

their personal lives. I let him know ... he has employees that are not as productive as they could be because the environment is not as comfortable as it could be."

"...the fake boyfriend and I split up and I haven't heard from him since." *Lucy Ford*

**Clive Thomas** came out on the radio, earning him a GLCS Spectrum Award. Now happy on 540 AM WGT, Thomas shared the ways he used to skirt questions about whether he was gay.

"...nothing bad happened. It was absolutely the right thing to do." *Clive Thomas*

"I used smoke and mirrors to put them down, but I didn't feel good that I was being controlled by them. I didn't have the guts to say what I am."

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Jamie's soothing alto voice and pleasing stage  
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*Sandy DeLegal*

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- National Lesbian Conference
- '87 March on Washington
- DC in '93.



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- Pride Picnics
- Auctions
- Campouts
- Gatherings
- Movie Nights
- Road Rallies
- Game Nights
- Full Moon Circles

Women In Sports  
By Frogger

I am pleased to announce we have added to the sports column. During the gathering I was fortunate to meet lesbians that play softball and are becoming contacts to let you know what's happening in your sports world. If anyone else has information they would like to share, please feel free to contact me at...

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# Somebody's Gotta Say It!!!

by Judy Shaw, M.A.

For the past few years, I have been listening to the Women's Community and our cry for visibility. Consistent with my nature and my own desire for self-discovery, I have been committed to studying this concept for its sociopolitical significance and ramifications; and for the most part, I totally agree that one of the goals of our patriarchal society has been to keep women "in their place" which is under the control and delusion of white male dominance. Yes, on Level One women are victims of a society that puts a premium on being male regardless of race, religion, ethnicity, etc.

## ...on Level One

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However, many gains have been made by the women's movement. Clearly not enough! But enough that it is time to re-evaluate where we really are today. Consciousness raising has brought awareness to many women that we do not have equal status in America much less the rest of the world. My concern is what have we done with that awareness.

I see two outcomes. The first is that some women have used this knowledge and certain sociopolitical gains from the women's movement to enrich their lives on every level- intellectually, emotionally, physically, spiritually and socially. The problem, though, is the second outcome. Many women have used the reality of women's oppression and subsequent invisibility as a reason to remain victims internalizing sexism as if it were an immutable personality trait. Women control 52% of the vote in this country. It

is strategically possible for us to achieve status when we finally really want it.

At the abhorrent risk of sounding like Camille Paglia, women need to stop cloaking themselves in the banner of victimhood and characteristics of marginalization - hopelessness, helplessness, poverty. We need to find the path, whether it is counseling, politics or whatever, that moves us through the process from VICTIM to SURVIVAL to ultimately THRIVAL. SURVIVAL is about personal empowerment. But the key to THRIVAL is economic empowerment. As long as most women barely survive economically, their vote is for sale to whatever patriarchal institution or individual that they are financially dependent on.

Women, we must begin to evaluate our standard of living and rethink the choosing of our careers. As long as we choose caregiving roles, we will be undervalued and

underpaid. Remember, if men are not rushing to do a job then it probably generates a survivalist income. Please do not misinterpret

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this message as one that undervalues the important nurturing and caring roles that women play in our society. The point is that many women have spent enormous amounts of energy working to change the system. And that work must continue. But the reality is that in this country money is power, so WOMEN, WE MUST GET OUR SHARE.

*Judy Shaw does counseling in her private practice in Winter Park, FL.*



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# THE PARENT PERSPECTIVE

by Diane P. Kerkhoff

I think we converted a few more women to country dancing at the Gay and Lesbian Parents Coalition International (GLPCI) fundraiser dance last month. There were several women out there taking lessons who said they had never done that before, and it looked like everyone was having a great time. Where were the rest of you? Afraid you'll get addicted like me?

Much thanks goes to Debra and Leslie for organizing the dance. Thanks also to Barb for teaching lessons, to Rod for being an excellent DJ, and to everyone else Debra and Leslie roped into helping.

Last month I started dating someone new, and boy, did my girlfriend get pissed off. Go figure.

A few weeks ago Channel 24 invited the gay and lesbian community to staff the phones during one night of

their all-too-often pledge drives. I volunteered as a representative of GLPCI and it was really cool how many different groups were there. Joel gave a nice talk on the air, and it felt really good to be surrounded by out gay men and lesbians in a mainstream environment.

I staked out an early shift, back row position (because I watch Channel 24 and I know the phones never ring then and there) and I had a real nice time chatting with the Gay Chorus guys up there. We all

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I love strong women.  
I know this one strong  
almost-two-year-old  
woman.

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did a good job and I was proud. And I categorically deny any responsibility for the back row breaking into a chorus of the Telephone Song from Bye Bye Birdie during the extremely exciting and stimulating instructions and procedures lecture.

Country music line of the month: *Sometimes I don't know whether to smother you with kisses or just smother you.*

I love strong women. I know this one strong almost-two-year-old woman. The other day she took me by the

finger, pulled me into the living room, pushed me toward the couch, slapped a tape in the VCR, and settled down next to me for our own private little *Barney* film festival. It was very cozy. I just have to work on her selections. I turned the tape off at one point and there was Bill Clinton giving a speech. My friend didn't seem to notice the difference between Bill and *Barney*, but she lost interest when I turned to a basketball game. Maybe she'll prefer baseball. I'll try that next time.

I try to stay in shape, okay? I work out twice a week including riding the stationary bike up the side of Mt. Everest (it seems), I take a dance class once a week, I do yard work, and my dancing at the Eagle on every child-free Friday night is often at an aerobic level. So I was quite surprised the other day when I could hardly get out of bed from the soreness and stiffness in my muscles and joints.

It took me a while, but I figured out what I had done to produce such pain - I stood on a ladder. I stood on a ladder, leaning forward, stretching over a bush to hammer small nails into screen under the eaves. No aerobics, no weights (except a hammer), no

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*"Sometimes I don't know whether to smother you with kisses or just smother you."*

*Country music line of the month*

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machines, just pure isometrics, and I couldn't move the next day. And no sympathy from anyone! My Dear Friend (MDF) said, "Well, you are getting older, you know."

So if there are any 20-year-olds out there reading this, I want you to get on a ladder and stretch forward as far as you can and hammer upwards for about 20 minutes and then write and tell me if you are sore the next day. MDF, being much older than I, needs this information.



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**Wed., June 15th:** Editorial/ Production Meeting at 7pm.

**Mon., June 27th:** 7:00pm

Folding Party at GLCS! If you are looking for a way to get involved, this is a great help and a chance to meet some of the community!

Many thanks to the womyn who helped last month!

## Letter to the Editors

LCN: Top quality writing and excellent information! Please continue my subscription! Thank you, *Susan B.*

## If you weren't there, you missed out on...

The **Laura Love Band** was great! (LCN's May concert event.) We have learned since the event that they are *selling out* college campus appearances across the country as well as being very popular among the women's music festival circuits. If you missed them, you missed a great time! Thanks to everyone who helped to make it happen!!

Also in May we had another **LCN gathering** at Ann Dial's home in Longwood. Lots of women came, brought tons of delicious food, and everyone had a fun-filled afternoon. The pool was generally full of wonderfully wet bodies, as well as a 'swat team' of water-pistol-totin wild women who couldn't bear to leave a dry seat anywhere in the range of their not-always-accurate aim. Thanks again to our hostesses. Anyone ready to host a July gathering? Call 831-2971 before June 15th to volunteer your home.

*Didn't know it was happening?!* Be sure to check monthly event times and dates in this newsletter— its not the same without YOU!

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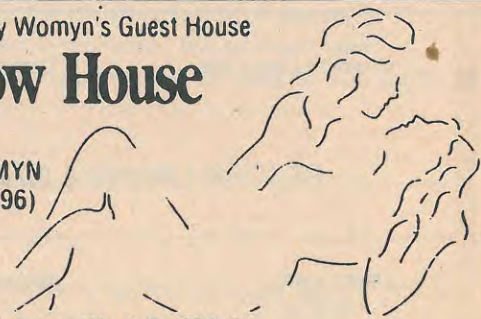
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# A NEW WORD... AND REAFFIRMATION

by *Debbra Docsa*

I'm getting worried about my touch with the world. I used to be happening, on top of what's what and who's who. Today, I realized, I am no longer current. Then, on the other hand I reasoned, what's to worry? Am I really missing anything?

All this hit me in the face when my "Atlantic Monthly" came the other day. As usual, I scanned through it, noting those articles I'd look forward to reading a little later and glancing at the last page, the Word Watch column. It is the Monthly's "selection of terms that have newly been coined.. recently acquired new currency or... taken on new meanings." The fact that I'd never before encountered the column's first word, LUG, confirmed that Orlando may be the City Beautiful but the City Current it is not. To those friends I shared my new information with, none had heard of LUG, not even the person I consider to be the queen of lesbian

information, trends and activities.

LUG. It is an acronym, slang which stands for lesbian until

## LUG —"lesbian until graduation"

graduation. Soukhanov, the author, notes varying views on the phenomena one of which is that it is "an instance of youthful experimentation with sexuality made possible by an atmosphere that tends to be tolerant and supportive of diversity." An opposing view finds it to be demeaning of the gay community's long struggle. LUG: lesbian until graduation.

In retrospect, vis a vis "what's what", I want to be part of the world. In spite of all the trivial information that's shoved into our homes in whatever manner possible I'm glad to have it. What else, really, is there if we aren't always learning?

So, there you have it.

# Write! All Right!

by *Rita Boo*

SO! Stonewall 25 is upon us. How many of us can even remember 1969? How many of us were born then? How many of us were wild-eyed dykes, butches, femmes, lezzies, etc.? The LCN wants your stories. We need to hear our herstory, and we especially want *yourstory!* We shouldn't, in our busy lives, limit our pride celebration to one measly week or month a year. So, in the tradition of dare ya's, I DARE YA to write a little ditty about your own life. A coming-out story, a bar-dyke story, a sports-dyke story, a lipstick-lesbian story, a nun story, a *none* story, a first-love story, a never-will-love-again story, a how-you-ripped-my-heart-out-and-two-stepped-on-it story (this one was for DPK) or any other story that you may feel inappropriate for print. We will love it.

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# LCN Express

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# Mark Your Calendars!! Local Pride Events for June

Tuesday, June 7, 7:00 PM. Special meeting for the **Rainbow Democratic Club** at GLCS to organize the Central Florida Buycott Guide.



Saturday, June 11. 10:00 AM. **Orlando Regional Pride Parade.** Stepping off at 10 AM on the corner of Amelia and Orange. Rally following the march at the Amphitheater on Lake Eola. Other festivities will continue at the Parliament House, Southern Nights, and Faces. FMI (407) 236-9480.



Saturday, June 11. LCN presents **Halcyon** in concert at Southern Nights following the march and rally. See front cover for more details.



Saturday & Sunday, June 11 & 12. 7:35 PM. **Orlando Gay Chorus** will be in concert at the Lockhaven Fine Arts Center. Advanced tickets on sale at GLCS, Out and About Books and Steve's House of Flowers for \$12 (\$15 at the door.) Info: (407) 645-5866.



Thursday, June 16, 7:30 PM. **5th Annual AIDS Memorial.** Sponsored by GLCS at the Lake Eola amphitheater. There will be a Names reading, a viewing of the local Names Quilt, and a special performance by the Orlando Opera Company. Names can be submitted for reading by calling (407) 425-4527.

Saturday, June 18, 10 AM. **Pride Fest '94** at the Central Florida Fair grounds. Sponsored by GLCS. Food, fun, exhibits and continuous live entertainment. \$5 in advance, \$7 at the gate. Tickets at GLCS & Out and About Books. FMI: (407) 425-4527.



Friday, June 24 thru Saturday July 2, 8 PM. **Act Out Theatre, Inc.**, presents **Street Theatre** at the Wall Street Plaza, Orlando. A recreation of the events on Christopher Street on the night of June 27, 1969. (Stonewall Riots) Special benefit nights are Friday June 26 for the Love Foundation, June 26 for GLCS and June 27 for Orlando Regional Pride. \$10 in advance. FMI call GLCS at 407-425-4527.



Saturday, June 25. **Lesbian Movie Night.** Sliding scale \$3-\$5. Come at 7:00 pm for snacks and drinks, movie starts around 7:30. You asked for some alternative entertainment... come check it out! Unitarian Church hall on Robinson and Hampton in Orlando. Call 831-2971 FMI.



Sunday, June 26. C-SPAN presents **STONE WALL 25!!!!** Live coverage of this herstorical event taking place in New York City. If you can't attend Stonewall 25 let the ratings show you were there in spirit.



Sunday, June 26, 10:30am **Joy MCC** will hold its **AIDS memorial** service. At 7:30pm Joy MCC will hold its annual Pride Celebration. Info: 407-894-1081.

# Dateline Daytona

By Stacy St. James.

Once again Daytona Beach is planning a big celebration for Pride Week culminating with a picnic at Bethune Point Park on Sunday June 26, from 11 AM to 5 PM. This is the same park where it was held last year. There will be games, arts and crafts, face painting, kite flying and live entertainment by Kat Tracks of Eustis.

Entertainment for the children will also be provided. The cost is \$5 in advance and \$7 at the gate. We would love to see our friends from Orlando and the surrounding areas. Come join us. Eat, drink and be merry in Daytona Beach on this our 25th Anniversary.

FYI: Press on site with cameras from 11AM to 1PM.

The week's activities include a dance on Saturday June 18, at Days Inn on A1A called a "Celebration of Heritage." On Monday evening, Lambda Center will have an Open House from 6pm to 9pm. On Saturday, June 25, the '69 will have an All Girls Band from 8PM-till???

For more info including directions: Char at 904-756-0602 or Stacy at 904-255-3206.



Our love and best wishes to Sue York, who is still undergoing medical treatment. We miss you!



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## LOCAL

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GLOWS was founded to bring people together (beginner included) for water ski adventures. During day light savings time, it's not unusual to have daily skiin' scheduled. If you are interested in some fun in the sun out on the Lake, River, Intercoastal Waterway or even maybe the Atlantic Ocean, contact Gary at 407-679-0507 or P.O. Box 970, Goldenrod, FL 32733-0970.

### ACT OUT Benefit Performances

Act Out Theatre will produce "Doric Wilson's Street Theatre" on June 24-27 and July 1 and 2 at 8:00pm at Eola Theatre Company, 17 Wall Street Plaza, Downtown Orlando. The cost is \$10 in advance and \$12 at the door. The Friday, June 24th performance is a benefit for The Love Foundation, Inc. The Sunday June 26th performance will be a benefit for GLCS, and June 27th a benefit for Orlando Regional Pride (the parade people) with the balance of the performance to benefit Act Out itself. For more info call Lewis at 521-8134.

# Come Out!



## STATE

### Women Empowered Speaker Series to Focus on Women and Politics

The Women Empowered speaker series will bring nationally recognized feminist speakers to Key West, Florida on July 14, 1994 to discuss women and politics. The entire series is being videotaped for inclusion in a multi-volume educational documentary focusing on the achievements of women in various disciplines. Speakers will include Eleanor 'Ellie' Smeal, a former President of the National Organization for Women and the current President of the Feminist Majority Fund and Foundation. Sarah Pettit, executive editor of OUT magazine, and Nadine Smith, co-chair of the 'March on Washington' will also be speaking.

These speakers will appear during the Women in Paradise Festival, a week long program of activities by and for women. They will speak in the Caribbean Spa at the Pier House Resort, between 10:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

Women interested in registration information, or wishing to be placed on the mailing list for future programs, should call (305) 296-4546.

### A Wake Up Call!

JR Productions, Inc. in association with Fountain magazine proudly presents **Margie Adam in concert**, Saturday, June 11, 1994 at 7:30 p.m. Miami Way Theatre, 12615 West Dixie Highway, North Miami, Florida. Tickets are \$15-\$30 sliding scale.

Please join us for a very special engagement and evening with Margie Adam, a pioneer of Women's music, and Victoria Sigler, who is running for County Court Judge. (Concert profits will contribute to the campaign of Victoria Sigler.)

Directions: Take I-95 to NW 125th Street East exit. Go east one mile to W. Dixie Hwy. Make the diagonal left turn onto Dixie Hwy and go one block. The theatre will be on your right. FMI call (305) 559-5122.

### Fifth Pride Film Festival Call to Artists

Tampa- The Fifth Annual Lesbian and Gay Pride Film Festival seeks artists to exhibit in a juried two day sidewalk arts festival, to be held Saturday and Sunday, October 8 and 9th, 1994 in the Franklin Street Mall. Cash prizes will be awarded.

Over 12,000 tickets were sold at the 1993 Festival, and over 5,000 attended the art show. This year's celebration is expected to draw more artists and vendors as well as larger crowds. This will be the first year that the art show will be juried with cash awards to the winning artists.

FMI write: Tampa Bay Arts, Inc., 1222 S. Dale Mabry Hwy. Suite 602, Tampa, FL 33629. Or call 813-837-4485.



Beaux Arts 44th Americana Florida Music, Poetry & Arts Festival Mon., July 4th, Williams Park in downtown St. Petersburg. June 15 deadline to enter 1-2 poems, no limitations, no fees. Prizes will be awarded by Marjorie M. Schuck, prominent poet-editor-publisher. Send poems to Beaux Arts Society, 1831-10 St. S. SP, FL 33705. 813-896-2787.



A Florida state court of appeals ruled that the state can bar gays and lesbians from adopting children, overturning two county court decisions which had allowed them. In the US, only Florida and New Hampshire have such bans.



## Your Silence Will Not Protect You



"Ballot Measure Nine"

The provocative new video documentary *Ballot Measure Nine*, tells the disturbing story of what happened during the 1992 campaign for Oregon's anti-gay ballot initiative. Statewide, a virulent discourse on the dangers and morality of homosexuality thrived, and in this climate of lies and fear came the inevitable rise of harassment, vandalism, assault and murder of lesbians, gay men and their supporters. It shows the religious right's attempt to dehumanize lesbians and gay men with propaganda and moralistic rhetoric. Ballot Measure Nine, is a powerful tool for change, and a vivid testament to the courage and stamina of lesbians, gay men, bisexuals and their supporters. Produced by award-winning filmmaker Heather MacDonald, Ballot Measure Nine will be released in late June, 1994 for wide grassroots distribution. Tapes (running time 75 minutes) are \$22, which includes shipping and handling. Make checks payable to Media Network/Oregon Tape Project. Order now, or write for more information: Ballot Measure Nine, 54 West 16th Street, #12-J, New York, NY 10011

Lesbian & Gay Book Month!

**Publishing Triangle**, the Association of Lesbians and Gay Men in Publishing, announced that June is National Lesbian and Gay Book Month. The association is seeking submissions for the 1995 National Lesbian and Gay Book Month Poster. For more info: Michele Karlsberg, (718) 351-9599, or write PO Box 114, Prince Street Station, NY, NY 10012

Anti Gay Initiatives

On Monday, January 10th, two anti-gay initiatives were filed with the Washington secretary of state, setting off petition drives to get the measures on the November 1994 ballot. One of the two measures, filed by the Citizens Alliance of Washington, targets lesbian and gay parents and their families with unprecedented vigor-prohibiting gays and lesbians from becoming foster parents, adopting children, or gaining child custody in a divorce. This measure also bars "minority status based on homosexuality," prohibits schools from presenting homosexuality as positive behavior and bans same-gender marriage. Sam Woodard, director of the initiative's sponsoring organization, the Citizens Alliance of Washington, said that taking a child from its parents would not traumatize the child. He called any trauma that may result "mushy stuff getting blown out of proportion."

Lesbian & Gay Programming on National Public Radio

There is an active on-line discussion in process regarding **gay and lesbian programming issues at National Public Radio (NPR)**. NPR hosts a forum on America Online (AOL), and is encouraging listeners to offer suggestions for lesbian and gay programming. If you listen to NPR and have some ideas, you can reach NPR on AOL. Go to keyword NPR, to the NPR Outreach Folder, find Talk About Radio, then enter the GAY/LES/BI Program on NPR. By letter or phone, contact Sean Collins, NPR News, 635 Massachusetts Ave., NW, Washington DC 20001-3753; 202-414-2342

Negative Impact of Anti-Gay Discrimination

**NGLTF**, working in conjunction with the Human Rights Campaign Fund and other groups, is looking for individuals who have experienced discrimination in employment based on their sexual orientation. The cases should clearly illustrate the negative impact of anti-gay discrimination in the workplace and provide compelling arguments for Federal protection from discrimination. We are especially looking for cases involving women and people of color, cases not in a major metropolitan city, and cases that involve working class or labor oriented jobs. Individuals would need to be comfortable with and perform well under substantial national media exposure. If you have experienced such discrimination, please contact David Smith, NGLTF Director of Public Information. (202)-332-6483, ext. 3309; e-mail to [dmsnlgltf@aol.com](mailto:dmsnlgltf@aol.com).

INTERNATIONAL

In Britain, Health Secretary Virginia Bottomely, unveiled the first change in adoption law and practice in two decades. Stating a preference for married couples, her white paper encourages transracial adoptions and relaxes restrictions against 'older people in their forties.' But 'homosexual couples are not able to adopt a child now and there's no intention that they should be able.'

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Life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness  
are not "special rights."

# The Bridge—Free to Be and Watch Cartoons

by Jo Wiggins

I have a huge problem with the entire concept of gay-rights laws. It's the same essential problem I have with censorship, marijuana prohibition, abortion restrictions, curfews, etcetera. My main political stance is "Freedom to think, freedom to speak, freedom to be, as long as you don't hurt nobody." Asking the government to affirm my rights for me, when I know that all human beings have rights to begin with, is inimical to this belief. I do not wish to rely on the goodwill

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of politicians, especially when there really is none. Oh, please, Big Daddy Government, can I start a business/go out dancing/have sex with whomever I want? Can I get off my knees now? Okay, so we don't all live in the confines of my theory (but what a lovely thing if we did!) In practice, I believe that civil rights laws are needed as long as groups are hindered from living their lives their way due to prejudice. Well, we all know about that. I thought foolishly that the Demo-

**Oh, please, Big Daddy Government, can I start a business/go out dancing/have sex with whomever I want? Can I get off my knees now?**

cratic Party lived up to my most basic principles. I was wrong. Yeah, Bill "lyin' cheatin' sexually-harassin' ass-coverin'" Clinton is a huge defender of civil liberties. As is Sam Nunn, as is Lawton Chiles... It's

gotten so whenever someone asks me my party affiliation, I'm like, "Duh-duh...not Republican!" This is not good enough. I want to be able to say "Hell, yes, I'm Such and Such!" so

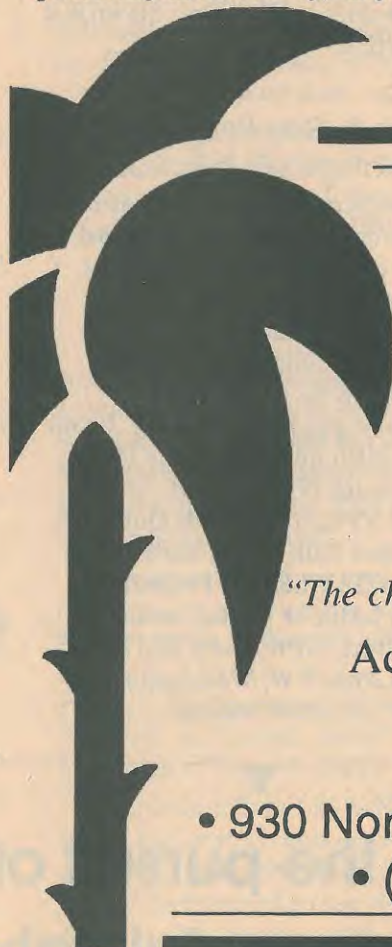
**I thought foolishly that the Democratic Party lived up to my most basic principles.**

convincingly that everyone wants to join. So I considered several options. Maybe I could reform the Republican Party from within. However, the one thing I can say for them is that their leadership is honest about screwing over young bisexual women. I could give up party affiliation. I could give up voting altogether. That doesn't sit well with me—people fought for my right to vote and I feel that if you don't participate, don't bitch. Essentially, Libertarians believe that so long as individuals deal with others peacefully and honestly, they should

be free to make their own decisions and live their lives as they choose, without governmental interference" "Hello Nurse!" to quote Animaniacs. I have sent away for a lovely libertarian membership card. To be sure, it isn't perfect. I know I don't want Howard Stern for governor of anything. Unlike many Libertarians, I believe in gun control, as the right to live violence-free takes precedence over the right to collect assault weapons

**Republican Party ...leadership is honest about screwing over young bisexual women**

like china figurines. (My girlfriend, the happy owner of a Teflon-bullet filled plastic handgun, constantly argues with me on this issue.) I have recently come to the conclusion that adults should have Ecstasy, marijuana and peyote if they want, but I don't believe in making other drugs legal. I do



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believe that a government and laws are needed to feed and educate kids, to punish real criminals (though not by death), and to generally keep its populace reasonably intact. I don't need them to interfere in my sex, my music, my reading, my religion, or any other personal thang. Do you? More power to Rainbow

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Democrats, Log Cabin Republicans, Republicans for Choice, pro-business Democrats. But most power to us, like the Constitution-and the Libertarian party-say, us as in We the People, whatever we believe. I've gotta tell y'all this, even if you think it's bizarre or sickeningly sweet. Katie and I communicate with giffies. She has sent her favorite Metalhead Hick Goddess (fair's fair-I published one of her nicknames last month) some cool stuff. Pumpnickel bread, fresh-baked and delicious, via Fed Ex. Expensive perfume that, and I quote," made me think of sex, so I knew it was perfect!" A bisexual emblem pin. One of her coolest gifts was a Lemonheads CD, *Lick*. I'm not a Lemonheads fan and she knows it, so what gives? What gives is that the beautiful cover art depicts a couple of indeterminate gender, one blond, one skinhead. The blond is licking the Skinhead's scalp. I loved it!!!! I sent her Animaniacs figurines from McDonalds. Her roommate tells me that they are proudly displayed in the kitchen, especially tough bitch Slappy Squirrel and the adorable Dot Warner, her favorites. (Gotta watch the show to get it!) We may not agree on guns, but thank God for cartoons! It doesn't hurt to be

informed, really it doesn't. The staff at the Libertarian hotline, frankly tends to be as informed as snails. If you talk nice and slow to whomever answers at 1-800-682-1776, you'll get pamphlets within days. I quoted from it's introductory pamphlet. I'm not saying join, I'm saying that there's an alternative. The Republicans were once a two-bit little joke

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# Is Bisexuality About Choice?

by *Deni Andretta*

Being a self-proclaimed and Out bi-sexual womyn is about living out the consequences of loving and desiring people of either gender. It is about not limiting my potential to love. It's really all very simple. But, until the recent upsurge of the bisexual movement it was difficult to find anyone (much less a vocal group or community) who openly and proudly acknowledge to identify as either/ or a heterosexual woman or a lesbian.

From a feminist point of view, bisexuality calls into question many fundamental assumptions of sexuality in 20th century culture: the duality of gender, the necessity of either bipolar or unipolar relationships; and, in the lesbian community, the model of bisexuality as a stage of coming out, before finally arriving at a TRUE lesbian sexual orientation.

## Bisexual, feminist womyn are challenged.

Bisexuality confuses people. They do not know where to put us.

We do not fit neatly into a systematic little box. There is no model, nothing to point to in our common cultural background to explain feelings of lust and/or love with both men and women. What does a young womyn of high school age do when she likes both boys and girls? Who are her role models? Where can she go for support that will not suppress her bisexual identity in favor of a heterosexual or a lesbian one?

I know a womyn who was in a lesbian marriage for seven years. I'll call her Honey. One day Honey admitted to her lover, Joan, that there were some men that she was/ had been attracted to. Joan freaked! My lover desires MEN!!! In Joan's mind Honey had stopped being a lesbian and became heterosexual. After much turmoil, Honey and Joan parted. Honey had not said "I slept with men in the past seven years." What she said is "there are some men I have found sexually attractive in my life time." I am certain that if Honey had said "I had on occasion, found other womyn attractive", it may have been the cause of a disagreement, but it would not have precipitated a break-up. Why does the policy of the times demand that

Honey (or any of us) choose between womyn and men as objects of attraction?

Bisexual, feminist womyn are challenged. To be such a womyn means confronting the culturally prescribed notions of exclusivity, duality, oppression and conflict. To be bisexual and feminist means to live an intensely examined life.

## To be such a womyn means confronting the culturally prescribed notions of exclusivity, duality, oppression and conflict

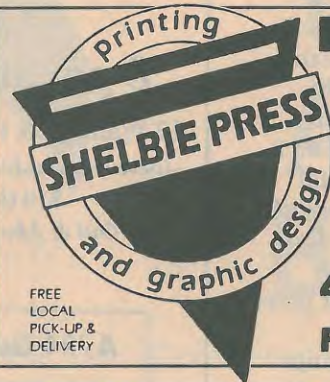
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