

# DC March Needs You!

The March on Washington needs your bodies **and** your money. It takes a lot of time and money to bring one million people to DC. So while you make plans to get there in '93, make out a check too. Send it to the local organizers (c/o LCN) or to the national office, PO Box 34607, Washington, DC 20043.

A contribution from the Human Rights Campaign Fund helped establish the office (1012 14th St. NW, Washington, DC 20005) to serve as an information and coordination center. It will be staffed by volunteers.

## Parent Perspective, cont'd

offer help. Money, time, and materials are all needed to allow more of us just-making-ends-meet parents to attend.

By the way, My Dear Friend thinks I have been much too happy this month (interesting developments in my love life? - sorry, I seem to be out of column space this month). MDF knows that I always bake when I'm depressed (the Achy Baky Heart syndrome), and she reaps the benefits. So, if it's not too much trouble, she'd like someone to step forward and break my heart. Her sweet tooth thanks you.

# THE COUNTRY CLUB

by Nan Shultz

Howdy, cowgirls! Now don't be looking around like you don't know who I'm talking to. There are plenty of you out there. Just because you haven't called to say you want to be official cowgirls doesn't mean I haven't seen you out there burning up the dance floor. And let me say I'm quite proud of you; looks like you're having a great time.

I thought my first *Country Club* article would be my last, but this thing is catching on and some cowgirl friends of mine (no names, but you would be amazed at who's doing this!) suggested that a discussion of dance-hall etiquette and general tips might be in order at this time. So here goes...

#1 Dance with everybody!! After all, the invitation here is just to dance so there's no reason to refuse anyone, or to feel constrained about who you can ask. Dance with your friends, dance with your friend's girlfriend, dance with people you don't know... yet. The more different people you dance with, the more fun you'll have

and the better dancer you'll become

#2 Decide who's going to lead, and let them do it. The dance floor is no place for processing your control issues. You may not like the sound of this, but **the lead is always right**. Since she has to steer and is responsible for keeping the two of you off the backs and boots of others, she must be the one to decide about turns and twirls and so forth. My advice is to learn to lead and follow and you'll get to dance twice as often.

#3 Don't forget words like "please," and "thank you" and "I enjoyed it." Used to be the boys said "thank you" and the girls said "I enjoyed it." But now you can say either one you want. But do say something, and adding "ma'am" is bound to get you a smile!

#4 Find out the local ground rules and follow them. At the *Phoenix*, for instance, the first ones out on the floor determine whether the song will be a line dance or a couples dance. At other places, line dancers move to the center and couples dance around the outside. Just observe the local custom.

#5 Have fun! And call me if you'd like to join Southern Country: Nan Shultz at 657-5651.

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LCN will host another campout October 30 through November 1st at Wekiva Falls Resort. There will be volleyball, fishing, canoeing, singing, and ghost stories around the campfire. Cost of camping is \$14 per night which includes two womyn per site. We will be in the back along the river as usual. Come out for the weekend or the just a day! Either way it is always great fun! For more info and directions call Rosie between the hours of 2:00 and 10:00pm at 855-6551.

**COMING OUT DAY**

Two national lesbian and gay organizations, *National Coming Out Day* and *The Lesbian and Gay Public Awareness Project*, are asking photographers to record Oct. 11, National Coming Out Day as A Day in the Life of Gay and Lesbian America. "The Photo project will confirm...there is no 'us' and 'them'," said Lynn Shepodd, Executive Director of National Coming Out Day. "We are a community that is diverse, crossing all lifestyle, ethnic, age, economic, racial and other artificial lines. We expect the Photo Project to show that in a powerful and long lasting way."

Participate! Amateur and professional photographers interested in submitting the October 11, 1992 portraits of lesbian and gay America, and those wishing more information, should contact National Coming Out Day at (505) 982-2558 or The Lesbian and Gay Awareness Project at (818) 990-8000

**I Didn't Know There Was Another Way**

by C.C.

I didn't know there was another way to live without drinking until I was introduced to Alcoholics Anonymous. Before AA, I felt hopeless, helpless, alone, was filled with remorse and guilt, and honestly didn't think I had anything to live for. My life ran the course of a vicious merry-go-round that I couldn't get off by myself.

AA saved my life and my sanity but I didn't really know about AA or what it was or where it was. It took the intervention of my family and a court order to get me to AA's doors and today, six years later, I am very grateful for that.

I'm passing this information along for anyone who thinks she might have a drinking problem but doesn't know where to go or are just interested in finding out what AA is about.

Alcoholics Anonymous is a fellowship of men and women who share their experience, strength and hope with each other that they may solve their common problem and help others

to recover from alcoholism.

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There are gay and lesbian AA meetings right here in Orlando. The name of the group is called *Free To Be*. It meets every night of the week at 8:00pm in the LAMBDA Central Clubhouse at 109 N. Hill Ave. (off Washington, just east of Summerlin) Orlando, FL 32801.

You can also call 407-647-3333. This phone number is for Central Florida's Intergroup which has information about all the meetings in the Orlando and outlying areas.

**October Dates to Watch Out For**

Oct. 11	National Coming Out Day
Oct. 18 and 25	Act Out Theatre Performances
Oct. 30	LCN Camp-Out at Wekiva Falls
Oct. 31	All Hallow's Eve a.k.a. Halloween Happy New Year! (See p. 6.)

Interested in helping do a country western dance benefit to help fund a bus from Orlando to the March on Washington? Call Becky, 282-6569.

## Death by the Riverside by Holly Cutler

Reviewed by  
WomonKind Books, NYC

J.M. Redmann was born in Mississippi and spent her childhood on the Gulf Coast. She speaks "bayou" fluently and sprinkles this throughout her new book. *Death by the Riverside* is a fast paced detective novel that keeps you turning the pages.

Set in Southern Louisiana, this novel introduces us to Micky Knight. Micky is a tough Detective Dyke, with a penchant for Scotch and beautiful women. Her detective work barely pays the rent, buys the catfood, and keeps her in Johnny Walker. So when an alluring and wealthy client offers her a respectable sum of money to take some compromising pictures of her brother, Micky jumps at the chance.

However, what appeared to be a simple task becomes complicated and dangerous. An easy photo assignment unexpectedly uncovers a ruthless drug ring, and our heroine sets out to expose them in a wild adventure involving a host of characters.

Sam Spade and Mike Hammer better hang up their trench-coats. Redmann has created a convincing Lesbian detective who is as street-smart and sassy as her predecessors. Somehow Micky survives the bullets, blades, and body-bashings (kind of like RoboCop in a sports bra). However, Redmann includes a love interest for Micky that balances out the mayhem with tenderness that leaves you wishing for more.

If you like a good detective/adventure story read *Death by the Riverside*. It's got a pinch as hard as an indignant old Louisiana crab.

## Herstory

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deported as enemies of the state. Often their sexuality was reason for blame. Higher class gays worked to blend in and retain their economic status or stayed or moved abroad to avoid suspicion.

The exodus presented an interesting problem for the U.S. government. The 1952 Naturalization and Immigration Act would have allowed the U.S. to bar "sexual deviant" aliens.

But the need to fuel the cold war and anti-communism movement weighed greater than the need to highlight the sexual preference of the fleeing refugees. Even a Florida investigative committee report on homosexuality in 1964 never mentioned any influx from Cuba.

I personally think South Beach and other south Florida areas are the better for the immigration!

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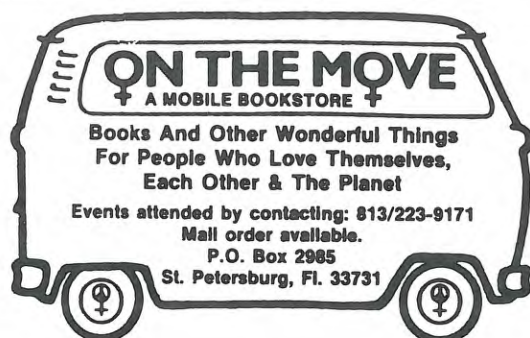
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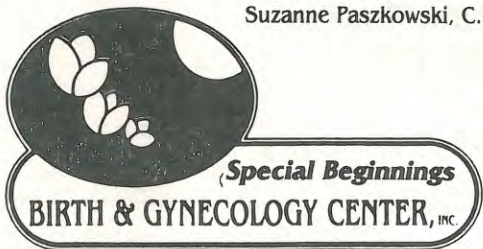
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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear LCN,

Please remove my name for your list. I will be moving to California soon and will not be able to pay for it. I have received the newsletter for free for along time and I appreciate it. I did want to tell you what a wonderful paper it is. I especially enjoyed the Herstory, Parents articles and personal insights articles from Ms. Lewis. Thank you very, very much.

*Signed, T.J.E.*

*T.J.E.: Moving to California is no reason to be removed from the mailing list. Many womyn stay linked to Central Florida's lesbian community through our newsletter; we currently send over a hundred out of state each month. We would be happy to send it to you in California. Please call or drop us a line with your new address.*



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## The Parent Perspective

by Diane P. Kerkhoff

Late in August Kirsten Gallagher of the Orlando Sentinel interviewed me and my son for an article on gay parenting. She apologized for being tired and disorganized and justified her state by explaining the hard work involved in covering the Republican Convention and then the hurricane. I tried to listen sympathetically, but finally I had to stop her and say, "Kirsten, it's obvious that you don't have kids, because none of that compares to ... The First Week of School!"

Kirsten doesn't know the excitement of receiving that list of mandatory school supplies three days before they are absolutely needed. And the exhilaration of competing against other parents (each with about six children) for that last metric ruler at the Wal-Mart. And the thrill of victory when a shirt fits my son, he likes it, and it actually meets the school dress code. And don't forget setting up the car pools, scheduling dance classes, sports, and music lessons. And the valient ongoing struggle to convince my son that homework is a fact of life again. And my favorite of all - my annual "I Am A Lesbian" speech when I meet with my son's teacher for the first time. Maybe I'll change that speech to "I Am A Lawrence Welk Fan" next time. (That's an inside joke only for k. d. lang fans.)

So anyway, Kirsten wanted to know what's the difference between me and some straight parent. This sounded like a joke, and for once I had no punch line. Because it isn't a joke - I told her (and would someone please tell President Bush) that my sexual preference does not enter into my parenting. I'm open about my sexuality with my son,

but I'm also open about the sexuality my straight friends and sex in general. My son and I are just as "normal" as any other family, and the most important thing is "Love Makes a Family."

And speaking of "Love Makes a Family," there are only nine months left until the great GLPCI (Gay and Lesbian Parents Coalition International) annual conference comes to Orlando. Please call us at 420-2191 to get registration information and to offer help. Money, time, and materials

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**Oct. 13-17:** Type articles  
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**Oct. 26:** Need volunteer to pick up newsletter at Pronto Press and bring to **Folding Party at Faces!!!**  
7:00pm.

## THE SHOW MUST GO ON!

**Act Out Theatre**, formerly homeless and without hope, has found temporary shelter. We are happy to announce that we will be performing at Faces on Edgewater Drive. Sue Hanna has graciously opened her doors to our Gay and Lesbian theater group. Faces will host two (2) Lesbian theme one act plays. These plays had already been in rehearsal when Winter Park closed our doors at the old Scott Laurant Galleries.

The two plays are *One Fool* and *Immediate Family*, both written by Terry Baum. *One Fool* will feature Catherine Goodison as the "fool." Performing in *Immediate Family* will be Debbie Dean as Virginia. Each of these acts in this double bill deals with lesbian themes you will be sure to enjoy. The performance dates are Oct. 18th, 25th and Nov. 1st (all Sundays) Admission is \$7.00 and curtain time is 8:00pm.

## ▼ Local Events and Projects ▼

**Tampa Lesbian & Gay Film Fest** Oct 7,8,9,10,11 at the historic Tampa Theatre. Eight films over four days, dining, cocktails, gay and lesbian art exhibit, Tea dance, an evening of gay and lesbian live theater, and more. For info call 1-800-SAY-ARTS. Tickets also available at *One in Ten Players*, 813-839-5939 and *Brigit Books*, 813-522-5775.

**LCN Halloween Campout** Oct. 30 - Nov. 1 at Wekiva Falls Resort. Join the rest of the Gyrls for a great time. See article, p.1.

**Sandy DeLegal** is debuting her first tape and giving a concert on Nov. 7th, in Cocoa Village at 7:30pm. For tickets, hotel accommodations, or more info call Barb or Sandy at 639-9636.

**Gay & Lesbian Community Services (GLCS):** Womyn of GLCS meet every Wednesday 7:30 p.m. Signing Classes open to everyone. Call 425-4527 for times and dates. Support and Social Group for the Deaf & Hearing Impaired Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual com-

munity. Meets 3rd Friday each month at 7:30. Delta Youth Alliance Rap Group: Every Monday 6 p.m. Coming Out Group is back every Thurs 7:30pm

**Women's Retreat:** Nov. 6-8th for Self esteem and Spirituality by Joy MCC. Call 438-0525 for info.

**A Call for Artists!** Applications for a December Art Show produced by GLCS are available at the Center. The show will be juried and will include all forms including mixed media and photography etc. Deadline for application is Nov. 6th. All slide/photos will be return as long as they are accompanied by SASE (58 cents). 425-4527 for info.

**Hurricane relief** by and for the lesbian community in Dade county. Make food bank and monetary contributions thru *Something Special*, 7762 NW 14th Court, Miami, FL 33147. Aid is still needed! Please help.

**MBA Meeting:** Oct. 1, Radisson Hotel downtown. 6:30pm social; 7:30 meeting featuring Clive Thomas.

**GLPCI (Gay & Lesbian Parents):** Oct. 9, 7:30pm - Parents Rap Group (adults only) at GLCS.

Oct. 17, 6:00pm - Social/support mtg.  
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## LESBIAN PRIDE PICNIC?

by Barb Fallon

The one thing constant in life is change! (Most of us hate it!) But the reality is that Key Largo is gone. I personally am very sorry to see it go, but that's not why I'm writing this article, though it is related.

Last month we held a general meeting for LCN. It was very productive. One of the items on the agenda was the annual Lesbian Pride Picnic. Where will we have it now that Key Largo is closed? We discussed local parks, private parks, womyn owned land, etc. We also discussed not having one, joining in the Orlando Pride picnic, and producing a different kind of event. Say, a big name concert, or a filmfest or some other womyn-identified event during pride week.

Do you feel strongly about this? Please let us know what your opinion is on this topic. Write the LCN or call Barb at 648-4154 or Lucy at 291-3791.

## She Speaks Out

by Patty Sheehan

The people in the room stood, clapped, and even laughed in unbroken unison. It was as if they were programmed. And in manner of speaking, they were. The scene I've described occurred when I was a born-again Christian.

I've done a lot of things I've been ashamed of in my life, but none can compare with the "works" I did in the born-again Christian movement. Nothing scares me more than remembering the agenda of these propagandists of the patriarchy. Except maybe the Republican National Convention.

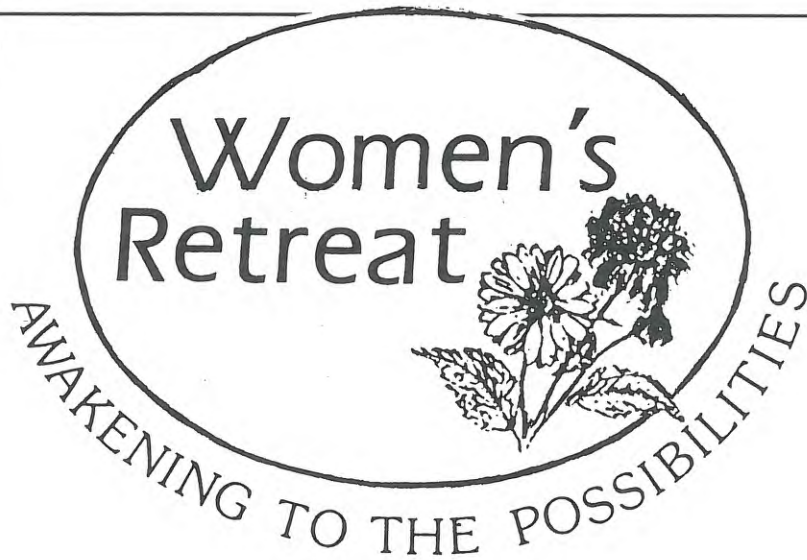
The entire "Family Values" theme ought to scare the devil (pardon the expression) out of every woman in America. The concept behind "Family Values" is called "headship." "Headship" is the belief that God is the head of man, man is the head of woman and children, and woman is

out of luck if she doesn't like the arrangement. In this belief system, a woman has no choices, no ability to do anything without the approval of her husband, or in the case of a single woman, her father.

Personally, "headship" was the straw that broke the camel's back and sent me running from the church. Several of the "elders" had decided that it would be best for me to return to the "headship" of my father, even though he had tried to molest me. You see, the needs of a woman are completely null and void under this patriarchal system. This is evidently high on the Republican agenda, and straight from the radical right wing fundamentalists.

Why should this concern you? The fundamentalists and Republicans have already sought to stop a woman's right to choose whether to have an abortion.

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# Halloween -- The Original New Year's Eve

by Stacia Lewis

November 1 is the half-way point between Autumn Equinox and Winter Solstice. During pagan times, it was celebrated on the eve before and was called All Hallows Eve. The pagan idea used to be that crucial joints between the seasons opened cracks in the fabric of space-time, allowing contact between the ghost world and the mortal one.

There are many remnants of this festival. **Trick-or-Treat:** Originally, it was believed that ancestral dead came up from their tombs on Halloween, sometimes bringing gifts to the children of their descendants. **Broomsticks:** Sacred mid-wives used special broomsticks to sweep the threshold of the house after childbirth, to repel evil influences from mothers and their babies (before men took over birthing and made it an industry). Among gypsies whose marriages are still performed by wise-women, jumping the broomstick is an essential part of the rite.

**Bobbing for apples:** The tub of water represented the Cauldron of Regeneration and the apples were soul symbols-- a game whose symbols hint at cheating death. At the end of the game, all the players run away to escape the Grim Reaper. This also relates to the Pentagram or Pentacle, because an apple cut transversely

reveals its core (Kore, Inner Soul of Mother Earth) in the shape of a Pentacle. Ah, the apple, Eve's fruit of knowledge!

For me, Halloween has always been a day of self-reckoning, "to try to hold in one steady glance all the parts of my life."\* Parts of my personal Halloween Eve ritual are to cast a circle with sound, invoke the spirits, and speak

"This is a time that is not a time  
In a place that is not a place  
On a day that is not a day  
Between the worlds and beyond..."

I also perform a self blessing with a pentacle as follows: with the right hand touch the left breast, the forehead, the right breast, the left shoulder, the right shoulder, and finally the left breast again. The body of my ritual changes from year to year. Blessed be.

\*From *Toward the Solstice* by Adrienne Rich (my favorite poem).

## *She Speaks Out, Cont'd*

Single mothers recently came under attack. And I'm sure gays and lesbians won't be far behind. The fundamentalists recall how the Anita Bryant campaign in Dade County awakened a sleeping giant of gay and lesbian counterprotesters, so they may be cautious.

Apart of the religious right's agenda is the quarantine of homosexuals. Be aware. No one is free while others are oppressed. How can we stop this threat to ourselves? The answer is easy. Get out and vote. I don't care if you don't have the time, or you aren't politically inclined, or you don't have anything red-white-and-blue to wear, or if your dog is sick. There are a million excuses.

No one will be there to protect us once our rights are gone. We have to do it for ourselves. Bill Clinton is one of the most progressive candidates to come along in decades. If you won't vote FOR him, at least vote against George Bush. Your freedom to make your own choices may be at stake.

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# Highlights of LCN General Meeting

Lots of new and "old" (shall we say time-honored?) faces appeared at the September 9 meeting of the LCN. Perhaps the most important decision made was that general meetings will now take place on a regular basis to involve the LCN in more projects and to involve more LCN supporters in making decisions.

Here's a recap of the meeting. If you have any questions or input, give Barb a call at 648-4154.

- ▼ Financial Report was distributed and reviewed
- ▼ Discussion of the location of next year's Pride Picnic due to the closing of Key Largo - see article, p.5
- ▼ Patty Sheehan gave an update on Orlando Pride. Patty has volunteered to represent LCN at the Orlando Pride meetings. Plans are already underway for LCN to produce a float for next year's pride parade.
- ▼ We have been approached by other gay and lesbian marketing groups to sell our mailing list to them. Decision was made that we would not sell our mailing list due confidentiality requirements.
- ▼ LCN would like to promote a concert in lieu of the auction or picnic next year - what do you think? Who would you like to see in concert?
- ▼ On-going discussions of the March on Washington. Meetings are open to everyone. Call Barb at 648-4154 or Becky at 282-6569.
- ▼ Still researching the various possibilities for a new computer. (We're looking into expanding our computer resources to include desktop publishing equipment. If you have such equipment or expertise, please give us a call!!)
- ▼ LCN has generously donated books received monthly by various publishers to the GLCS library. (Naiad is a regular and there are numerous non-fiction works, too. We'll publish a list soon.) You can check them out at the Center!

These are just the highlights of the meeting but as you can see we had a very productive agenda. Next meeting will be advertised in November's issue. **MARK YOUR CALENDARS**-everyone is encouraged to attend!

# HERSTORY

by Barb Fallon

Being barely old enough to personally remember President Kennedy and young enough to have only been fed the U.S. rhetoric about the Cuban revolution, I admittedly know very little about Cuba. I found the short history in *Hidden from History, Reclaiming Gay and Lesbian Past* very informative. Below is a glimpse from one of its chapters.

During the Cuban revolution (1959) many homosexuals emigrated to Miami. The required puritism of the new Cuban leadership left little leeway for their lifestyle. Not only because they were homosexual but for two other reasons as well.

First, many working class gays gravitated to Havana for employment. There was a more relaxed attitude towards them in the city (like many U.S. cities) than the rural countryside provided. A major employer was American mob controlled tourism. The revolution expelled the American underworld and the superficial tolerance of lesbian and gays.

Secondly, homosexual that joined the counterrevolution and were found out, were publicly hung to dry and

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# METROPOLITAN BUSINESS ASSOCIATION NEWS RELEASE

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

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

There are now 48 members in good standing in the MBA, which meets the first Thursday of every month at The Radisson Hotel downtown on Lake Ivanhoe. The featured speaker for the Oct. 1 meeting is radio

personality Clive Thomas. Social hour begins at 6:30 p.m., with the business meeting following at 7:30 p.m.

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

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

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

Vikki Brescher of the Travel Group in Tampa gave some choice pointers

on travel for gays and lesbians, including being aware of attitudes -- as well as the law -- in foreign countries you intend to visit. Many places -- such as The Netherlands and a company in Hawaii -- are now offering packages specifically for gay men and women.

"You are a voice that is finally beginning to be heard," she said.

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

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



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# NATIONAL NEWS

**Performers** interested in performing at the April 25, 1993 **March on Washington** rally need to submit their promo kits by Oct 10, 1992. All kits will be reviewed by Michelle Crone and Robin Tyler. More info Michelle, 518-463-1051 or Robin, 818-893-4075.

**Chicago Police** Superintendent Matt Rodriguez said on the first day of his new job that he would recruit gays and lesbians to his police force and have "zero tolerance" for anti-gay insensitivity among the officers. Rodriguez has also promised to ride in the lead car of this year's pride parade. Only two of Chicago's 12,509 officers are openly lesbian; none are openly gay. *Virago*

**Lavender Law Conference III**, Oct 23-25, 1992 in Chicago produced by the National Lesbian & Gay Law Assc. The NLGLA is the only bar association focused on the rights of lesbian and gays and on the welfare of lesbian and gay professionals. For further info contact P.O. Box 77130 National Capitol Sta-

tion, Washington, DC, 20013 or 202-389-0161.

**March News.** Hewlett-Packard Corp. announced in June that its corporate anti-discrimination policy had been revised to forbid anti-gay bias or harassment. Hewlett-Packard is based in Palo-Alto, Ca., and employs 92,000 workers. *Virago*

On June 1st, **Wells Fargo Bank** and **Bank of America** joined other companies, such as Levi Strauss, in ending donations to the Boy Scouts of America because BSA excludes gays from scouting. *Virago*

**Women are running faster** and quicker. A study conducted by Susan Ward and Brian Whipp of UCLA compared world-class records over 70 years and found that women's times have improved at twice the rate of men's. If current progress continues, women will rival men in the 1998 marathon. *LC*

## Announcements from the Heart

Happy four year anniversary to Nancy and Lori.

*Dear Maddo*, I just wanted you to know that even if I knew everything I know now, ten years ago, I would do it all again! I love you and Happy Anniversary. *Love, Barbie*

*GLCS extends thanks to all those who donated to Gay-rage Sale. It was a success! Money will be used for much needed renovations.*

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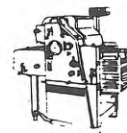
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