

# The LCN

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## Express

### March for Our Lives

October 24, 1993

Tampa, FL

The National Organization for Women is pleased to invite you to attend an historic and vitally important mass demonstration in Tampa, Florida on October 24, 1993. The March for Our Lives... End Hate and Violence... Celebrate Diversity, will be a major show of unity and strength in this country against the rising tide of hate-based violence. We will expose the interconnected nature of violence and intolerance and the use of violence to keep our diverse communities divided, disempowered and marginalized both economically and politically. On October 24th, we will march to demand executive, judicial and legislative action on federal, state and local levels that will comprehensively address this international epidemic and end violence as a viable solution.

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### THE PARENT PERSPECTIVE

*By Diane P. Kerkhoff*

One day a policeman came to her door and took her 10-year-old son away.

"Why are you doing this?" she screamed while she fought him off.

He replied, "It's because we have confirmed reports that you do not like strawberries and that is a felony in this state making you an unfit mother."

"But it's estimated that 10% of the population won't eat strawberries..."

"And we intend to find every one of them and take their children away."

"Why? What does someone's berry preference have to do with their ability to be a good parent?"

"It's just not natural. These children will be confused. They will grow up preferring blueberries or, heaven forbid, raisins."

"That's ridiculous", she replied. "This is not something that can be taught. We are bombarded by the media every day with strawberry this, strawberry that. If a berry preference could be taught, everyone would love strawberries. My child encounters plenty of good strawberry-loving role models at his school and church and among our friends. He understands and accepts that there are people with different berry orientations out there. The only thing that is confusing to him is why so many strawberry lovers hate us.

"Besides," she continued, "if I could teach my son a berry preference, I wouldn't teach him one that would expose him to such ridicule and hatred. No parent wants that for her child. I try to teach my son honesty, tolerance, and acceptance of himself and others."

"That's not my problem, ma'am," he said. "This is the law, we have legal precedent, therefore it must be right."

"The law is wrong. The law has been wrong before. The law used to allow slavery. The law used to forbid women the right to vote. What is important is not the law but what is right. And is not right to take my son away from the only home he has ever known and from the mother who loves him with all her heart."

"I'm only doing my job, ma'am," he said. "Personally, I have nothing against strawberry-haters, but it's none of my business whether or not they lose their children. I'm just doing my job."

She fought and fought to get her son back, but too many strawberry-haters were apathetic and too many strawberry-lovers saw nothing wrong in separating a son from his strawberry-hating mother. Nobody lived happily ever after.

## OCTOBER

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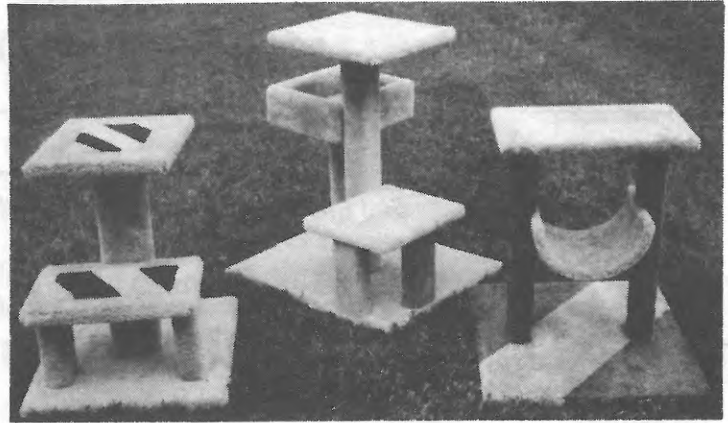
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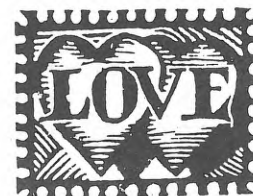
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Thanks!

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(Editorial note: we've been asked from time to time why there aren't monthly gatherings anymore... to which our response has been a lack of hosts' houses for the get-togethers. If you would like to schedule your place for a party, please leave a message for Rachel at 332-2311. It's a great way to meet new members of our community and catch up with old friends!)



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NOW, Dr. Ben Graber and Women's Clinic (in Broward County) sued last year for damages under the Federal Racketeering statutes. This valiant and lengthy, expensive effort has been stalled. The Moral Majority's attorneys convinced a judge to release them

from the case and forced the plaintiffs to pay the "not-so-Moral and definitely not-the-Majority's" legal fees.

This unexpected expenditure was the final straw, exhausting all remaining cash reserves. Yet, on the heels of this disaster, the landlord has refused to renew her lease because of anti-abortion coercion. Confronted with these multiple catastrophes, Joyce and her staff are faced with closing the clinic.

The Feminist Majority's National Clinic Defense Project has come to help, committing energy, people and financial resources to this project. The goal - Raise the money necessary to relocate Women's Clinic to a better and more secure location.

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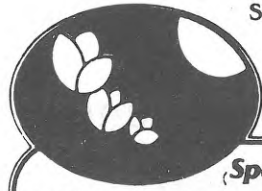
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## A VIEW FROM THE AUDIENCE

By Ann Lesur

In a world full of political strife, homophobia, breast cancer, and all of the other serious issues we as lesbians face each day, it's nice to remember what sets us apart from the rest and actually defines us as lesbians - a desire to be with women. Experiencing plain unadulterated lust for a female. This is where my story begins...

All week I've felt lightheaded and dizzy. No, I'm not ill. I have a crush on someone. Since I haven't actually met this stunning woman, I can't tell you anything meaningful about her. I don't know how cerebral she is, or how politically correct she is. My admiration for her consists simply of any appreciation of her physical beauty. Her gorgeous face. Her voluptuous body. I haven't been able to stop thinking about this girl since I first laid eyes on her a week ago.

She was performing in one of the stage shows at FACES. My friends pointed her out to me and all it took was one look. I was immediately enthralled and couldn't look away. She danced over to me and quickly left before I was able to dig a few dollar bills out of my pocket to give to her. The show soon ended and my friends were encouraging me to give her money during the next show. In between shows I was trying not to stare at her as she laughed and talked with her friends, but that proved to be difficult. She had beautiful long dark hair, flawless skin, sparkling eyes, and THE most captivating smile.

I got my money ready for the next show. This part was new to me - I've never been one to give dollars to dancers and suddenly felt very shy. The music started and the performance began. After a few dances with other women around the

dance floor, she headed my way again. She put her arms around my shoulders and pulled me close to her - I was so overwhelmed by the way her perfume smelled and the way her hair brushed across my skin that I forgot about the money for a second. Snapping back into reality, I fumbled for the bills in my pocket and gave her a couple. She responded with a sexy and breathy "thank you" in my ear, and danced back onto the stage to finish her show. She was a great performer - sensual, provocative, a real pleasure to watch. I considered going over to meet her after that second show, but decided against it. Part of me doesn't want to know anything more about her. It might spoil the fantasy she's created for me with her dancing. The very same fantasy that's kept this silly smile on my face all week!

You are very beautiful, Lisa.  
Thank you for reminding me of why I adore women...

Be out, loud & proud to  
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by Jo Wiggins

"Is she or isn't she?" This question is even more important than "does she like me or not?" Finding the ONE seems like a daunting process. Straight girls can count on a large majority of guys being straight. Gay girls have a much smaller pool to choose from.

Or you can think of it this way. There are 5 billion or more people on earth. Half are female-- 2.5 billion. Ten percent are gay. 250,000,000 lesbians on earth total. And I'm not factoring in the bisexuals. As usual, nobody bothered to figure out how many of us there are. (Oh no, I'm not bitter or anything!)

Do you see my point though? Lot's of women to choose from, and one is right for you. Anyway, I know lots of straight girls who haven't found a guy yet.

"Okay," some of you are saying, "so there's lots of us. Where do I meet them?" We younger girls have some special problems. Our friends, if they know, won't say "I know a girl who's just perfect for you!" Our parents, if they know, won't be happy to watch us flirt with the cashier at the Winn-Dixie. I know girls who have been slapped in the face for flirting with straights. To top it, most of the traditional meeting places are for

older women. Women who can drink. Women who have jobs. Women who have baggage from past relationships.

But enough complaining. There are ways. I mentioned the Delta Youth Alliance and house parties last month. Thing is, most happy relationships I know started off without the benefits of any gay meeting places. I know an older couple (29 so they're not ancient) who met while shopping in a department store. Another younger couple I know met at the first Lollapalooza.

Anyplace is a good place for queer women to meet. Just before I left the Calvary Assemblies of God Church, I found out that two girls in my youth group had been carrying on a relationship for years! Wow! They met in a church I found hateful and homophobic, and they kept their love going. I was impressed. When I say anyplace girlfriends, I mean anyplace.

Here's how I met Katie, love of my life. I was walking in a park in NYC and she was sitting under a tree, vision in a gray suit. I mustered up my nerve and asked her what she was reading. "See for yourself," she said in her sexy Russian accent while holding up the book whose title was in Cyrillic. I switched the conversation to music. Her diamond nosering, her bottomless charcoal grey eyes, the expensive-looking cut of her suit, and I was hooked. (Turns out she was reading a book on lesbian life in the former Soviet Union.)

Keep smiling, keep searching, keep the faith. Remember you gotta love yourself first. If you can't be good company for yourself, certainly you can't be good company for others. Gloria Steinem once said "A woman needs a man like a fish needs a bicycle." I'm sure that applies to women, too. Some days (like during a Wiggins-Lunacharsky PMS tantrum contest), I wish I could keep up that attitude. But I can't, so I'll give you a more realistic expression: A woman needs a partner like she needs chocolate cheesecake.

And Then Some... I've resolved never to use the word "slut" again. I thought I was so PC in my usage of the word. After all, I called guys "sluts" as well. But the DC Riot Gurrlls pamphlet changed my mind: "Why are people afraid that a girl would like sex? Why is it anyone's business who a girl sleeps with anyway? Usually SLUT is a put-down meaning that a girl has sex, likes sex, or has sex with lots of different people. It is also a very easy way to hurt a girl's feelings." If RG appeals to you, why not be a sweetie and contact 'em at PO Box 11002, Washington, DC 20008. Hopefully you can take the strong language and stronger ideas. Also, if you'd like to start a chapter, call me, Mizz Jo, at 299-9128. Girls kick ass!

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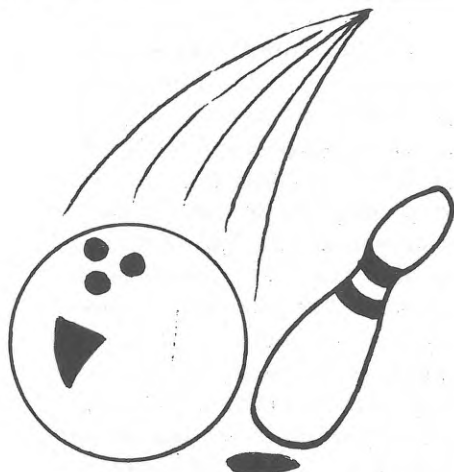
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## RAINBOW BOWLING LEAGUE

### FORMING IN LONGWOOD

Teams of two's and four's are now being formed for a bowling league at Fair Lanes Longwood with a portion of the prize fund to benefit Hope and Help Center which provides AIDS support and education.

Fair Lanes offers benefits to league bowlers. Members of one league receive \$.69 games any time lanes are available at any Fair Lanes location (including Longwood, Kissimmee, Altamonte, Sky Bowl, Semoran, Indian Hills, and Deltona). Members of two leagues receive 3 free games per day (after that, they are \$.69 per game) and those belonging to three leagues or more receive unlimited free games. Fair Lanes, Longwood, also offers special lounge and snack bar prices during league bowling.

The Rainbow League will allow for pre-bowling or post-bowling, which means you may bowl for the league prior to or after the date you will miss by calling ahead to make reservations. This is a handicapped league, which enables bowlers on all skill levels to compete equally so the emphasis is on having fun.

Two dates are presently set for the Rainbow League.

Mondays 9:30pm teams of 2 begins Sept. 27, 8:30 1st nite

Thursdays 9:30pm teams of 4 begins Sept. 30, 8:30 1st nite

For more information, call Lynne at (407) 834-2145.

## WOMYN'S CAFE—WHAT DO YOU SAY?

*Hello to the Womyn of the LCN:*

In less than 2 years, I am opening a Cafe/Conversation room and I would like to hear any comments and suggestions you may have. All of us, gay and straight, need a place where we can unwind and discuss situations or views with other womyn who are in the same working conditions.

This establishment will be a place where womyn can have these discussions in a relaxed environment which, for reasons of their own, they cannot have in a mixed atmosphere due to social shortcomings or bias attitudes based on their sex or sexual preferences.

There are currently in Orlando, several clubs which are male oriented, why not a Womyn's club? The question I am often asked is about men. A man can dine in the cafe

with no difficulties as long as he is accompanied by a female member. A female may dine at any time without being a member. We are not discriminating based on age, income, occupation, ethnic origin, social status, or sexual preference. All we ask our members to be is open minded and female.

I feel that once Womyn can enjoy, experience, and communicate with other womyn about subjects which pertain to them, the more womyn will have the ability and the strength to venture beyond the confines of limitations.

I hope to hear from you all soon.

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### March for Our Lives

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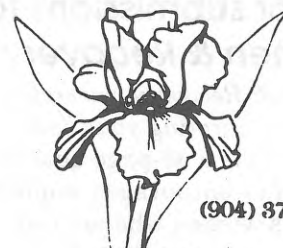
The end of the Cold War forced a shift in the focus for the right wing. With the "red menace" gone, right-wing leaders now wage their holy war against women's rights, lesbian and gay rights and affirm the racist attacks by scapegoating the poor, particularly low income women of color. Racial and sexual violence and violence based on sexual orientation have reached alarming proportions in the U.S. and worldwide. White supremacist groups in coalition with the pseudo religious right wing are waging hate campaigns nationwide. Guns have killed more people in this country in a year than died in the Vietnam war. Our elder citizens live in daily fear of being victimized by violence. The violence against women in our homes, the workplace and the street is at an historic,

horrific high and yet efforts to pass effective legislation to deal with gender-based violence against women stalls in the halls of Congress and state legislatures.

It is time to come together across all boundaries to demand the conversion of our economy from a war time to a peace time economy. As we march to fight back hatred, bigotry and violence, we will call on the leadership of this country to reprioritize the national resources to provide jobs, education, universal health care, housing and basic necessities of life to all the people of this country.

The March will be composed of delegations from a wide range of groups. If you'd like to join in an Orlando contingent, please write LCN or call Becky, 894-9333.

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In the past we have had over 100 women in attendance! During the day we enjoy canoeing, volleyball, fishing, and just relaxing in the sun. At night we surround a campfire with women singing, playing guitars and other instruments. Bring your own noise-maker/musical instrument/etc. and join in the fun on Saturday night.

Directions from Orlando: Take I-4 East to Sanford exit #51 (HWY46). Go left and stay on 46 approximately 5 miles. Go across Wekiva bridge and take your first left after the bridge. Follow this road until it dead-ends into the entrance of Wekiva Falls Resort. You will find us in the 'primitive' section of the campgrounds. For further information, please contact Cathy or Lucy at 291-3791.

(Note: For those of you who attended last year, the campground has been thoroughly cleaned up from the debris left by the stormy weather!)

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Wednesday	7:15am	Prayer Breakfast
	7:30pm	Discussion Group
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*Check the Bulletin Board. Family groups, Pot Luck Dinners, Volleyball, TLC Meetings and other activities fill the week.  
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