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BOY SCOUT BIGOTRY TO BE BOYCOTTED

Queer Nation, National Capitol, Washington, D.C., announced they intend to boycott the Boy Scouts of America and the United Way chapters that fund their bigotry. BSA's written policy requiring the complete exclusion of all gay youth and adults from all scouting programs, requiring discrimination in hiring and membership, has prompted Queer Nation to launch a nationwide boycott urging all Americans not to join, donate or in any ray support these organizations.

If you don't want your children to be exposed to the discriminatory practices of the Boy Scouts, here are some options. Enroll your children in 4-H or other programs which acknowledge the diversity of family relationships. Contact your local United Way chapter and ask them not to (monetarily) support the BSA's anti-gay practices. Ask your public school to refuse meeting space or other services funded with public tax dollars to the Boy Scouts.

Girl Scouts Endorse Privacy

Amid the escalating controversy over the Boy Scout's gay ban, the Girl Scouts of the USA issued a policy statement endorsing personal privacy. "We value and respect our volunteers and staff and we won't investigate into their personal matters," said spokeswoman Barbara Smith. "We don't have any policies that involve an individual's sexual preferences. We don't condone or permit sexual displays of any sort, either homosexual or heterosexual," she said.

She Speaks Out

by Patty Sheehan

This month I'd like to address one of the burning issues facing lesbians today. It's not health insurance for partners, workplace issues, or coming out. These issues pale in comparison. I am referring to the "P" issue. Not the house on O.B.T., your least favorite vegetable, or whether you need to or not. I am talking about the "purse" issue. Yes, in all our dialogues about what's "politically correct" no one has ever slung this one over their shoulder.

Before I get too deep into this subject, let me just say that I can't. My purse is so crammed full of stuff I can't get to the bottom of it; so let's skim the surface a bit.

I quit carrying a purse in high school. It got too heavy. I didn't feel right going out without a spark plug wrench, my wallet, tools, half a roll of wintergreen Lifesavers, and guitar picks. What would I do without these necessities? What would I do if my moped had broken down? Ask some guy to help me, who would of course expect to be paid with sexual favors, while I tried to explain why my Catholic parents didn't believe in birth control, and besides, I thought penises were yucky! No, it was much easier just to carry tools.

College was much easier. Everyone did the knapsack thing, which
enabled me to explore androgynous
behavior, gave me something to sit on
in endless registration lines, and allows me to strike a pose cooly with one
shoulder slightly drooped in support,
while I leaned against walls. Of course,
by this stage in my development, my

right shoulder permanently drooped from carrying my purse full of tools in high school.

Graduation from college forced me to trade in my blue jeans and knapsack for panty hose and a purse. The academic concept of what one knew was more important than what one looked like gave way. In business, it was a firm handshake, sensible pumps, and a purse to match. The only problem I've encountered is that no purse is large enough to carry my appointment book, shades, checkbook, Swiss Army knife (with 97 attachments in lieu of tools), and scads of Kleenexes and antihistamines to fend off the cigarette smoke in the office. So I carry my fat little purse around, and don't think much about it. Until the other day.

I had gone to visit a nice lesbian couple who had a tuxedo jacket for sale. I needed my checkbook, so naturally I brought my purse. This elicited from them hysterical laughter, followed by tears. I offered them a barely used Kleenex, and asked them what the problem was. They pointed at my purse. I then realized that I had never brought a purse to any friendly function or party. I was a closeted purse

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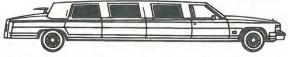
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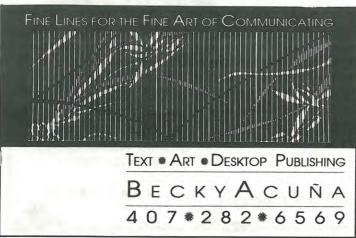
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LCN Express is a monthly publication for and by the Lesbian community of Orlando and the Central Florida area. We invite readers to submit articles, items of interest and announcements about women's groups and organizations. We welcome poems, political articles, social concerns, short stories, community questions and notices for upcoming events. Deadline for submission of ads and articles is now the 15th of each month.

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So, while we were in Ft. Myers we decided to find *The Bottom Line*. After deciding the address in the guide wasn't correct, we decided to stop and ask for directions. Nancy whipped into a Circle K (where one can always find a sister). The sister inside gave us directions but also told us of a wonderful new place she thought we should try. We drove by *Pharaoh's* to check it out. The restaurant was closed that day, but we were determined to come back.

What a wonderful surprise! First let me tell you that the Fluffmeister was duly impressed. The entire place is beautifully decorated, the people very friendly and the food excellent! Pharaoh's was a fabulous experience. The dining area, which was very intimate and classy, was within viewing distance of the lounge. A singer (Gigi, who was incredible), and two musicians were entertaining.

Four hours later we ventured into the rest of *Pharaoh's*. There we found another lounge, a game room and a great dance club. We still haven't stopped talking about *Pharaoh's*. Bill (the owner), Denise (the hostess, bartender, dance instructor,... who is, by the way, very pretty and single). Gigi, Paul and everyone else we met that night have worked very hard to create a place for the community that is a positive, one-of-a kind establishment. Gyrls, this is a place where you can get all dressed up, hold hands and make kissy face.

We've decided that we need to get a group together and go down to Sanibel or Ft. Myers for the weekend and revisit *Pharaoh's*. If you are in the area or plan on visiting, please take the time to include *Pharaoh's* in you itinerary. You won't regret it.

Loved It!!! Two Snaps, Around The World, and Z-Formation Fluffy

Dear LCN Readers,

Thank you for all the letters, ads, classifieds and articles you've been sending us. We want to pass on the compliments we've been receiving about the *LCN Express* to you, because it is you who make the newsletter a quality publication.

Special thanks are due to our ongoing contributors. Suzanne Paszkowski's In Good Health articles have been extremely informative and well-written; we've all learned a lot from them. Diane Kerkhoff has reported the goings-on of

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the local parents groups, including articles which display both wit and wisdom. Thanks too, to Patty Sheehan for her commentary in She Speaks Out.

Others of you who have contributed are too numerous to personally mention, but don't think you're not appreciated! Please, keep it coming women!! You're building a Loving, Committed Network we love to be a part of.

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photocopies, please.) Tickets available only at the door. The Central Florida Gay and Les-

bian 50/50 dance is privately sponsored and is not affiliated with the First Unitarian Church of Orlando. We're excited about June 14th, and hope you'll decide to be there for the

▼ Local Events and Projects **▼**

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Local Deaf/Hearing Impaired Group Forming: We are trying to form a new group for Gays and Lesbians who are deaf or hearing impaired and any others who know sign language.

The group will meet on the 3rd Friday of each month at The Center, 750 West Colonial Drive, TDD & phone #425-4527 after 1:00 pm. Come join us, meet some new people, and have a good time!

GLPCI (Gay & Lesbian Parents Coalition International) are holding the following upcoming events. June 12, 7:30pm: Silent auction benefit at Scott Laurent Galleries. June 13, 2:00pm: Social/support meet-

ing at Gay Pride Picnic. July 2-5: GLPCI Annual International Conference in Indianapolis.

For more information, call the Parents Group at (407) 420-2191.

LCN Express FOLDING PARTY: Monday, June 29 at 7:00 pm at Key Largo. Issue to be discussed: Is it rude to show up for your second date in a U-Haul trailer?

LCN PRIDE PICNIC: Still need volunteers for cooking, serving, greeting, and clean-up. (Anyone out there willing and able to live up to the title of "Trash Queen?") Please give Rachel a call: 831-2971.

GLCS -- The Center: Wednesday night Womyns' Discussion Group. Open to all lesbians. Starts at 7:30pm. Thursday night - Lesbian Survivors of Domestic Violence. Starts at 7:30pm. Call the Center for more info.

Metropolitan Business Guild: June 4, Big Bang-Orange Ave, 6:30pm social/7:00 general meeting.



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She Speaks Out

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carrier. And I had been exposed, by two women who felt that this purse didn't quite fit my "image."

So I ask you, my friends, to purse or not to purse? Is it better to shuffle off this mortal load, or to bear purses against a sea of insults, and by opposing, end them? Is it okay for "femmes," but not for "butches?" Are we still keeping to those roles? For now, I'll just pick the lint off a wintergreen Lifesaver I found in the bottom of my purse, and peruse this a while. And stop snickering, or I'll hit you with my purse.

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A Single Parent Survives Mother's Day

by Diane Kerkhoff

For some reason I was expecting Mother's Day to be more fun. I don't know why - I'd already gotten the card my son made at school and I have no partner to prod my son into thoughtful behavior. Also, my son had already informed me that he thought Mother's Day was the day you didn't schedule anything so mothers can get their chores done. Needless to say, I didn't expect much else from him.

I had purposely not scheduled anything, hoping to spend time with a certain friend, but that fell through and I was left with all those chores my son was concerned with. So, I was cutting grass, doing laundry, cleaning the patio - all the time thinking that I could get ready in a flash if anyone (eg. an 8-year-old boy) wanted to take me to brunch or something. I'd even pay!

But, all I got was grief. We've been out of sync for a week now. I can tell because I hear myself saying something oh 4 or 5 times before my son hears it. Even then, he's using selective hearing, eliminating words he doesn't like. Sometimes it feels like I'm in a Japanese movie talking for five minutes, but my son hears only three words in dubbed English. Anyway, while I had been doing my chores, he had make a prize-winning mess

throughout the house. I suggested - inthat quiet, confident, self-controll manner that I always use with my son (yeah, right) - that he clean it up.

He was well on the way to setting records for fussing and whining (is there organized competition for this?) when I decided I'd better use a different approach. I explained why I was so irritable, that I was disappointed about my plans and I had wanted some acknowledgement of Mother's Day - not a big deal, just something. He reminded me that he had given me a card he made in school, but I pointed out that he had done that only because his teacher had made him. He said, "Well, I just don't celebrate Mother's Day every year." That struck me as so bizarre that I just laughed.

We let it go at that, and we peacefully coexisted for the rest of the day. After supper he got up from the table, picked up his dishes, and carried them to the kitchen, all the while looking at me out of the corner of his eye to see if I would notice him doing somethin. nice without being told. That was his "Happy Mother's Day" to me. I rewarded him by doing something that never fails to tickle him - I pretended to faint dead away.

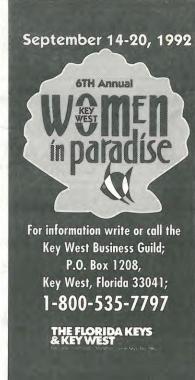
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Forever After is a romantic comedy, centering around two young men celebrating their first year together. But wait, are they really gay or are they just actors playing roles? Oh no! Is this for real? Melpomene, the muse

of tragedy (isn't that a drag-queen?) and Thalia, the muse of comedy, (I think she's real!) have descended from the proscenium to add to the mayhem! A wildly funny, sharp-tongued look at relationships, theatre and Orlando's hottest, gay and lesbian nightclubsthe perfect choice for a Gay Pride Event!

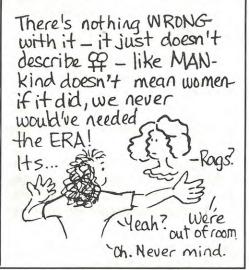
Act Out Theatre's production of Forever After is directed by Lewis Routh (founder of Act Out Theatre). Performances are Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, June 19,20 & 21 and

26,27 & 28 at 8pm at the Phoenix at Aloma, 7124 Aloma (one mile east of 436). Tickets are \$5.00 in advance, available ONLY at the nightclub, or \$6.00 at the door. A special benefit production with all ticket sales going to the Gay and Lesbian Community Services Center will be held Sun., June 21 at 8 pm.

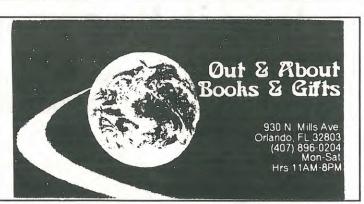
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Report from Central Florida's Metropolitan Business Guild

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Words of wisdom and hilarious entertainment highlighted the general meeting of the Metropolitan Business Association held at the Big Bang on May 7. About 50 people attended the gathering, which featured Nancy Valmus and Rand Hall, of the Tampa Bay Business Association, Brian Arbogast of Floridata, and a short act from the camp-fest "Lola Olay" to close the meeting.

Brian Arbogast of Floridata discussed the preparation of this year's directory, which for the first time will cover the entire state instead of just Central Florida. Other business guilds in the state are helping to compile the comprehensive directory. "It won't be entirely comprehensive, but it is going to be as close to a central data point for the state as we can possibly have," he said, adding that initial plans called for the distribution of 15,000 directories.

Arbogast mentioned that as the third largest gay and lesbian population in the country, it was high time Florida had a statewide directory.

"We're all spread out and we're all different, but one thing we have in common is discrimination based on our sexual orientation. There's no reason that gay Cubans in south Florida shouldn't be able to relate to gay Baptists in north Florida."

TBBA's Valmus gave a synopsis of the history of the Suncoast group, noting that it was formed in 1982 after two gay men were killed. The first meeting was attended by just four people. Today the group has several hundred members and is the second largest guild in the United States, she said. "What you're doing here has more impact on you and your rights than pride celebrations. Your political clout and rights are going to come from this group, the people right here," Valmus said. "Whether you really have money or not, if the politicians think you have money, that's what counts."

Valmus said the group worked hard to become more visible in the community at large over the last several years. "We hadn't really put our names out there, to let people know there argays and lesbians out there who arserious individuals." She stressed the importance of the MBA being a visible force in the Orlando area. "A lot of people feel the need to remain closeted -- you know what's good for your life. But your organization cannot be in the closet -- officials need to know that your organization is here," Valmus said.

MBA president Keith Morrison announced before the close of the meeting that the guild will have a banner in the upcoming pride parade, and that everyone is welcome to march with us. The next board meeting was set for Thursday, May 28 at 7 p.m. at GLCS. During that time, the board will draw up the bylaws. Anyone wishing to contribute in the process should attend.

The next general meeting will be Thursday, June 4 at the Big Bang on Orange Avenue. The discussion at that meeting will be led by a certific accountant talking about organizing your business.

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Sat., June 13: GLCS Pride Picnic at Camp Heronwood, noon to 6 p.m. Discount tickets at GLCS. Sun., June 14: Joy MCC Aids Memorial Service 10:30 a.m.

Wed., June 17: Legal Seminar at Joy MCC 7:30 p.m.

Thurs., June 18: AIDS Memorial at Lake Eola, 7:30 p.m.

Sat., June 20: 2nd annual Orlando Regional Gay & Lesbian Pride Parade 10 a.m. Lake Eola

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Awareness Tent, Writer's Tent, over-40's

space, on-site General Store, Hipsway Cafe, Disabled Resources. All concerts interpreted for the hearing impaired; showers and portable toilets provided. No dogs permitted. except seeing-eye or hearing-impaired (must be registered). Gates open 12 noon Thursday; festival ends Monday at 3 p.m.

TICKETS: 5-DAY: Thurs-Mon; 4-DAY: Fri-Mon; 3-DAY: Sat-Mon

CABIN: only 125 spaces available, so reserve early. Rooms 12-20 women with bunks.

RV's: Plenty of space but no hookups. RV ticket includes admission for one; others can purchase camping tickets.

CHILDREN: All children must be preregistered for childcare by August 1st 1992. No overnight childcare; "potty-trained" only; boys 8 and under welcome.

PAYMENT: Money Order, certified check or cash; personal checks accepted until Aug. 25. For overnight express mail, use Federal Express. For tickets along with brochure and map to festival, send self addressed. legal size, stamped envelope to:

RHYTHM FEST, 2009 CHAPEL HILL RD., DURHAM, NC 27707.

(919) 419-1923; Fax (919) 419-8315. WORKSHOPS: Send description of work-

shop if you wish it listed.
OPEN MIC: Sign up at the Fest; some day stage slots available for theater and dance.

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(813) 864-1182.
The Cooperative of Workers are: Mandy

and Barbara Savage.

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Women's Motorcycle Festival '92

Wells College, located along the eastn shores of Cayuga Lake in central
New York, will be the site of Women's
Motorcycle Festival, Aug. 16-19. For the
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dancing and an acoustically perfect auditorium for the entertainment.

Also on the agenda: Motorcycle workshops; 5 different group rides to such activities as swimming below waterfalls, horseback riding, speeding down an alpine slide, and more; Leah Zaciri and Anne Seale performing; talent show starring the bikers; competitive field events; and more!

If you're interested, call or write W.M.F., 7 Lent Avenue, LeRoy, N.Y. 14482; (716)768-6054.

Gay & Lesbian Civil Rights Bill

One hundred sixteen lawmakers (15 Senators and 101 Representatives) have agreed to sponsor the Federal Gay & Lesbian Civil Rights Bill (S5740, HR1430) to ban discrimination based on sexual orientation. Five Senators and 54 Representatives have also written a resolution (H. Res. 271, S. Res. 236) urging President Bush to rescind the military directive banning homosexuals and bisexuals from military service. Please write your Senators and Representatives.

POISON on Video

The controversial film, *Poison*, was released on home video May 28. The film came under attack by a right wing group for its depictions of homosexuality. *Poison* received the Grand Jury Prize at the '91 Sundance Film Festival. Tell your local video store you want them to stock the video. To order your own copy, or for institutional use, call 800-367-8439.

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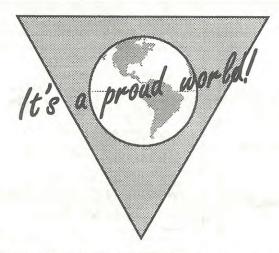
Take Back the Night, a multicultural lunar calendar is seeking women visual artists and writers to contribute to the 1993 calendar. Write for guidelines: Full Womoon Productions, Box 1205 Santa Cruz, CA 95061.



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