

THANKS, JESSE!

San Francisco (*Washington Blade*) - "That Gay Pride parade, I wish every American could have seen it," sputtered Senator Jesse Helms in his inimical way on a recently produced videotape. The parade Helms was referring to was San Francisco's 1991 Gay Pride celebration which featured then San Francisco Supervisor Roberta Achtenberg and her female companion Judge Mary Morgan.

Helms made his remark on the floor of the U.S. Senate in May in an attempt to derail the confirmation of Achtenberg as assistant secretary of HUD. Through a clever bit of editing, the San Francisco Parade Committee produced a 15-second public service announcement using Helms' comments to promote the 1993 parade.

"See for Yourself," the copy reads following Helms' statement. The tape was sent to TV stations around the country and was featured on several newscasts.

Needless to say, Helms was not amused.

"They're not going to fool anybody with that," he told reporters after he learned of the video. "The people know what I said.... Taking it out of context just demonstrates how far out of context these Lesbians and Gays are."

"I wasn't born gay, I chose it. Eyes open and mind wide, I saw the potential and decided." *Writer Mimi Freed, in THE ADVOCATE.*

"If homosexuality is a disease, let's call in queer to work." *Comedienne and rally co-producer Robin Tyler, at the March on Washington.*

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LETTER TO MY COMMUNITY: A Sturdy Yes of a People

By Joan Nestle

Written after viewing the Senate hearings on gays in the military, after watching a "60 Minutes" segment on the Rainbow Curriculum and after reading the New York Times for the last six months.

These are not easy times, but they are times that must be. All around us, institutional heads speak about our humanity as if we were not there, as if we were human objects to be moved around as their small minds and smaller hearts grapple with the "gay problem." Other people, working people, fierce in their protection of their children and in adherence to their religious leaders, pledge close-mindedness. Devout Catholic, orthodox Jew, fundamental Christian know what God has said about us. The powerful and the powerless join hands in judgment.

But we come now a full handed people. We come knowing our history, knowing our poets, knowing our communities from the past who built worlds for us to inherit; we come women who refused to be ideal or childlike or fettered; we come men who endured the loss of all for the love of some. We are the watchers of their sad shows; we are the builders of new times.

For over four decades, I have made my way in this world as a lover of women. I have spread my legs and lowered my

lips for the love of women at night and taught thousands of students to write during the day. The way I loved filled the way I taught; the way I loved shaped the books I wrote; the way I loved shaped the politics of change I fought for. Hundreds of thousands of us held our passions close as we created public beauty in this country.

Offers will come to us: be silent, do not announce, tell no one and you will have a place. But silence wins no honest or safe place. Our heritage demands sound - Radclyffe Hall shouts at her lawyer, "I mean this to be a book about inverts, not just friends." Oscar

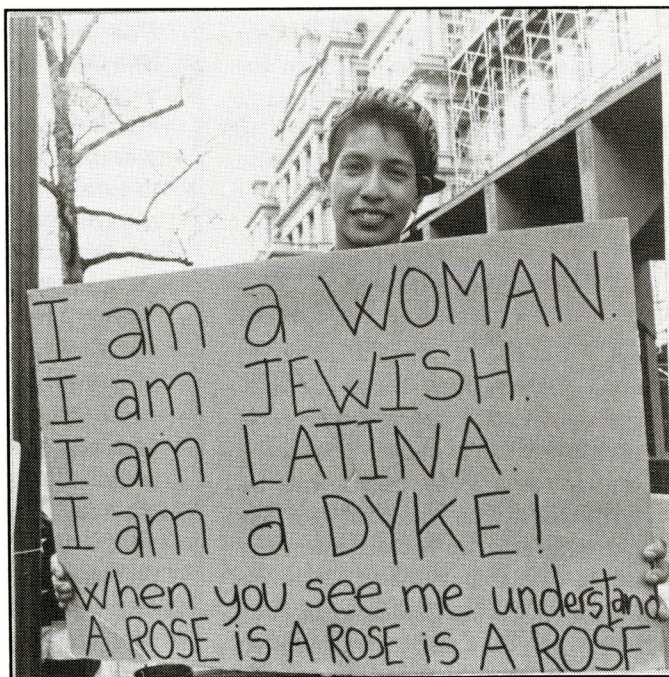


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L E T T E R S . . .

Dear APEX,

Here! Here! for Michael Rossetti! And many thanks for all he has worked for and accomplished over the years for the Lesbian and Gay community! My partner and I and a couple of friends were on the late bus to Washington and it was truly disappointing! Those of us who boarded in Portland felt as though we were putting the others out. I need to be more specific, the students from U.M.O. We felt as if we'd stumbled onto a rolling frat house party and were not invited! The kids (and I use the term literally!) were rude, inconsiderate and the whole bus smelled of stale beer and a few of them could hardly stand. The girl "in charge" was constantly at the front of the bus arguing with the driver over the time we would leave D.C. and where he would pick us up. She also let it be known that the students paid a rate that was at least half what we paid per ticket!! We were not given clear instructions as to where to meet the bus, therefore a rather large group of us were waiting in the wrong place and the CT coordinator (a beautiful hispanic woman) helped us find our bus! She gave me a small amount of insight to the problems that occurred with the Maine organizing effort. I was saddened with this information but it didn't surprise me. We attended the Matlovich meeting last fall concerning the march, put our names on the list to help organize things and also called other phone numbers to offer services and were never once contacted!

I was there in 1987, rode the train down and it was incredible!!! I'll never forget it! I'm sure others will

remember waiting for hours to board the train in D.C. then being herded into what appeared to be a large plywood box type room along with a very rowdy Massachusetts contingent. We then waited what seemed another four hours until the Mass. group got very loud and demanding and their diminutive leader lost control of them. At that point, the entire Maine group drew up ranks as one for comfort and murmured to each other about going home to the safety of our "woods" and out of the "big city"! Even with this experience that trip was put together ten times better.

As I said, we would have gladly done our share to help organize things better than they were but were not given the opportunity. If it had not been for Michael putting the info on the phone line we would not have even found out about the busses!

Thanks for all your efforts Michael!

Connie Pelkey

Dear APEX,

I am writing to thank Ana R. Kissed for so clearly expressing ideas and reactions I feel about the dyke experience in amerika in 1993. I often feel like a fish without a bowl (much less a lake or a stream) given my perspective on life and I would dry up were it not for other brave, articulate lesbian separatists who work hard to get our ideas printed. Congratulations to APEX for choosing to carry so powerful a column.

I too was in DC and the Dyke march was THE event of the weekend for me. Just as I knew men belonged NOWHERE in this march, I knew I be-



apex \ˈā-peks/ *n.* 1 **a:** the uppermost point: VERTEX (the ~ of a mountain) **b:** the narrowed or pointed end: TIP (the ~ of the tongue) 2: the highest or culminating point (the ~ of her career) **syn** see SUMMIT.

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longed ANYWHERE in this beautiful, powerful crowd of 20,000 lesbians.

Sunday's march was quite a different story. As I am in geographical transition and I did not want to march in any contingent that included men, I did not know where I "belonged." I chose to march with the Lesbian Cancer Coalition. What a revolutionary group! Given all the conditioning and societal pressure (including lesbian and gay society) to give all our energy away to men and use only the dregs for ourselves and other wimmin, it is revolutionary that wimmin have joined together to support the 46,000 wimmin whose lives are affected by cancer each year. Here were wimmin who love wimmin and give their life/work energy to wimmin...YES!

Don't call me "queer." I am a loud, proud dyke by choice. I take my space in this world as a dyke and I create dyke space for other dykes. This is what I want more of in APEX.

Dykely,
Pat Star

Dear APEX:

I wanted to briefly respond to last month's letter from Michael Rossetti, and to make a general comment. Though I feel no need personally to respond to such spiteful charges, I do want to set the record straight on the matter. Too often in these circumstances, silence is unfortunately taken for guilt.

Though Michael Rossetti was quite involved with the group's activities at the beginning, he very quickly began organizing the hospitality suite on his own. He decided unilaterally, after a clear group decision to the contrary, to charge people coming to the suite. This, after we had established a plain and simple policy that group members consult one another before making and moving ahead with important decisions. The organizing group had wanted the hospitality suite to be free

for all Mainers, so that persons could coordinate their activities there, pick up information, meet others, etc. Moreover, he was the one not returning phone calls. He told a fellow group member that he repeatedly didn't call him back because, in his words, "I didn't think it was important."

Considering that Michael had turned this hospitality suite idea into his own little project, wholly independent of our activities, and that he was informing no one of his planning, why then at the end of it all should the committee reimburse him? If we were to give him money, which was rather scarce at that point (we had to kick in our own money to make sure that the buses were able to travel down to Washington), then we would theoretically have to fund any group from Maine doing organizing work for the March. I don't believe that was our obligation. Now if Michael had actually been working with us throughout the process, abiding by group decisions, checking with other folks before deciding important matters, and staying in contact with the group, then surely we would have been morally bound to help him recoup monies paid. However, that simply was not the case here.

I can only wish that Michael had gotten his facts straight before screaming this brand of blanket indictment. It is small wonder that under such prevailing circumstances, few people in the lesbian and gay community get involved and stay involved. When we attack each other so, criticize one another's hard and earnest efforts, and attempt to position ourselves in order for gain, no one wants to do anything. Why, after all, do the work when not only do you receive little thanks, but everything that you do accomplish is harshly and unfairly assailed and diminished?

Our community's distressing penchant for turning on each other poses a monstrous, perhaps insurmountable, obstacle to broad social and political progress. If we don't unite and work together as a whole, there is not much

hope of getting what we certainly deserve in the near future. The time and energy that are wasted on hurtful attacks, back-biting, and petty, indefensible name-calling would be infinitely better spent working toward full equality and equal protection in both the state and nation.

I very much appreciate all of the work that Michael Rossetti has done in the past for our community. From what I know, he was active and out there when few others were willing to join the struggle. I can only regret that his idea of gain and progress for our community continued to include unfounded, undeserved, and upsetting condemnations of others who are trying to do what they can to help in our collective fight. I sincerely invite him to rethink his tactics and to try to learn how to work with others in a group setting. Everyone loses with the way he's done it.

Sincerely,
Rick Foss

AS I SEE IT:

We (lesbians and gay men) are bombarded on a daily basis with hetero images - in the media, in line at the grocery store, in the laundromat, everywhere! Sometimes it's difficult to deal with our lives as lesbians and gay men in this world that we didn't create. So to get back in touch with ourselves and our community we go to places that we did create. Gay bars, women's dances, marches, symposium, women only spaces (my favorite), you get the idea. The other night we went out to the "new and improved" Underground and were beginning to have fun. I was dancing with the most beautiful woman on the floor, my life partner, and I look across to see a hetero couple mauling each other! They weren't cuddling, they were blatantly grinding against each other, he had his hands all over her tits and she was sliding her crotch

WHERE WE'VE BEEN - an exploration of lesbian and gay history

by Stan Clough

I recently had the pleasure of talking to Howard Solomon about the Matlovich Society and the vocation of lesbian/gay history. Howard is a Professor of European History, as well as lesbian/gay studies, at Tufts University. He is also co-chair, along with Lois Reckitt, of the Matlovich Society, which meets on the second and fourth Thursday of every month. The Society was named in honor of gay Vietnam War veteran Leonard Matlovich, the first to challenge discrimination against gays and lesbians in the military. Matlovich died of AIDS in 1988.

The Matlovich Society's roots go back to the spring of 1991, when Howard had written an essay for *Our Paper* that compared history's silence concerning gays and lesbians to what happens to a person who is abused: that individual learns to be quiet. "In order to end the abuse, the victim speaks out. Gay history helps to end the oppression. Ron McClinton, who founded the Matlovich Society, was excited with the essay; it seemed to confirm some of his own ideas concerning a society that would educate the community to its past. Both Ron and I believed, and I still believe, that we become stronger, prouder and more total human beings as lesbians, gays and bisexuals when we understand who we are and how we got here. History has a liberating effect."

Howard's own personal experiences in academia mirror these effects. "I attended Northwestern 25 years ago. I didn't know I was gay. Virtually no one in the United States was studying gay history - the field didn't exist. Though my area was 17th Century French history, Louis XIV was very foreign to my experience as the son of a working-class Jewish family from western Pennsylvania." In 1968, Howard taught a course called the "History of Social Deviance" at NYU. "It was about marginalized groups, including lesbians and gays. 'Social deviance' was a vehicle for speaking more to who I was and what my life was about." Around 1978, at Tufts, where he currently teaches, Howard became bored with teaching 'traditional history': "a boredom that arose from a

recognition that there was little place in academia at that time for lesbian/gay studies." It was part of a defining moment for Howard: John Boswell's book, *Christianity, Social Tolerance and Homosexuality*, was published in 1980. "Its scholarship and subject matter, by a gay person, legitimized lesbian/gay studies. Homophobic historians were outdone at their own game - they *had* to admit Boswell had a legitimate topic. Thousands bought Boswell's book, maybe never reading it, but had it on their coffee tables. It was a symbol of legitimacy."

Similarly, the Matlovich Society, in providing a safe, neutral place for lesbians, gays and bisexuals, "legitimizes their concerns through an exploration of their history. Matlovich is now part of a Portland that has changed significantly. In the last two years, EPP, APEX, and the Gay Men's Chorus, among others, have created places for people to become involved. And of course, lesbian/gay history is itself political. Historians Lillian Faderman, Martin Duberman, John D'Emilio and Karla Jay are activists. Activism illuminates, if it doesn't animate, their work; at least it makes it significant. Matlovich provides a platform for historians to activate the community, just as African-American and women's studies have energized those communities."

The Matlovich Society will continue to help create a lesbian and gay consciousness in Portland. Planned for this fall is a lesbian/gay/bi history course, along with book discussion groups, poetry readings and a wide variety of programs at the Thursday night meetings. "In two years, we have had 47 programs, with an average of 70-90 people at each meeting."

Matlovich is still important to Howard's personal development: "Gay and lesbian historians have no place isolated in an ivory tower. We belong out in the community." ▼



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FOR SOME, AIDS EDUCATION JUST DOESN'T CUT IT

In the past few years, there has been a growing effort to educate the public about AIDS, HIV and the use of condoms. But for some men, learning the facts about how HIV is transmitted or making the commitment to practice safer sex has simply not been enough. They have heard it all a dozen times and are still unsafe. Why?

As with trying to stop smoking, to curb excessive drinking, or to stick with a diet, the impulse for gratification can be overpowering. As much as people need information, they also need a place to put that information into practice. And as hard as people strive to stay safe, they need a place that offers them the support to keep their commitments. That is why ARIES was developed: a 14 week group counseling program where men who have sex with men can talk on the phone with trained counselors and learn how to get sexually safer.

"Though the participants already know the facts about HIV and AIDS," says Dr. Roger Roffman, director of ARIES, "our counselors focus on the problems many people face when trying to get safer and help clients learn how to overcome difficult challenges." According to Roffman, "men are very positive about the group support they receive, and in the past year, we have come to appreciate how the men help each other deal with the uncertainties of safer sex, learn how to set safer sex

goals and become more and more skillful at meeting their goals."

"ARIES fulfills a gap in the fight against AIDS, and since our toll-free number (1-800-999-7511) can be used from

anywhere in the U.S., men from everywhere in America have called to become part of a telephone group" says Roffman. Currently, ARIES is running 17 groups every week which means men from communities all over America are working together to get sexually safer.

The men who call ARIES are of all ages, ethnic backgrounds and professions. Some are married, some are closeted; some consider themselves gay while some identify as bisexual. Some men live in communities with a lot of gay support and other men live in small and isolated communities. And all these men have something in common; they need a place to make safer sex happen.

ARIES is now helping men in 47 states and has taken calls from nearly 4,000 people

interested in telephone counseling. "Some of the men are really worried that people they know or work with will find out about their sexuality. So much so that they don't look for help," says Roffman, "But since this program is done entirely over the phone, a man can be anonymous if he chooses." Those who are interested in more information about ARIES can call toll-free: 1-800-999-7511. ▼

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THIS DYKE'S PERSPECTIVE - a few critical thoughts and questions

by Ana R Kissed

I am writing this column for lesbians and i welcome other lesbians participation in the dialogues i am hoping to establish here.

So...at the risk of being boring, i am going to focus again on the difference between a lesbian identity and a queer identity, and how queer politics threatens lesbian existence.

Queer politics essentially claims that anyone can be anything. That it is all just a gender constructed thing, or that boys can be dykes too, all they have to do is say so and claim a non-, pre-, or post operative trans gendered person identity they can be lesbian. The politics of Queer also validates the practice of wombyn choosing to fuck men and identifying themselves as lesbian. Queer politics is part of the attempt to invalidate the existence of a self identified group of wombyn born wombyn who choose to have sex only with other wombyn born wombyn. Also known as lesbian.

When i become aware of an attempt to deny my existence, i try to find out who is directing the attempt to make me invisible. So i analyze who benefits and who has the ability to control the resources needed to maintain a valid identity in a culture constructed and controlled by men. Not surprisingly i find it is men who benefit from appropriating the identity and denying the existence of lesbians. By denying our existence men try to prevent us from finding each other and recruiting other wombyn born wombyn to make the choice and become lesbians too.

So for me, it is both heartbreaking and enraging when lesbians embrace a queer or gay identity and in the process contribute to lesbian invisibility.

In spite of this powerful attempt by men to co-opt lesbians, we continue to accomplish and create LESBIAN culture, LESBIAN thought and LESBIAN existence. In order to do this we have to maintain a constant vigilance, because men want to disappear lesbians they want to make us extinct. I feel it is crucial to and for lesbians to examine our choices of identity and understand who benefits when lesbians choose not to identify as lesbians. As lesbians we need to understand that our choices impact other lesbians lives and that choices are not equally valid or neutral. ▽



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TELL ME WHAT YOU LIKE - a book review

by Madeleine Winter

Tell Me What You Like, by Kate Allen
New Victoria Publishers, Inc.

Kate Allen's new murder mystery tells an absorbing story while exploring a sizable cross-section of lesbian life. From a lesbian cop to lesbian sex workers, and every place between, she shows insight and humor.

Her presentation of lesbian S/M as a valid choice for lesbians is counterpointed by the near-hysteria of anti-S/M dykes who, for the most part, operate on phobia and not on facts. The discussions her S/M dyke characters have with anti-S/M women are compelling, articulate and honest. There are several hot sex scenes throughout the book which are well written and avoid the usual triteness of lesbian erotica.

Kate Allen also presents the complexity of lesbian relationships, both good and bad, in a way most lesbians will be able to relate to from personal experience. Particularly enjoyable (or agonizing!) is her tongue-in-check look at spiritual, healer, craftswomen dykes.

Alison Kaine, the main character, embodies the contradictions we all face

by being outsiders - she has become a police officer like her father, but when her job conflicts with her lesbianism, she shows herself loyal to her community by seeking justice rather than expedience, as do her straight male counterparts. The harassment she receives from her colleagues and superiors about "interfering" on the case exemplifies societal attitudes toward lesbians - we're not considered a priority. Too often, interest is severely lacking when the police have a case in which a lesbian is the victim.

This murder mystery emerges from the fears and realities of lesbian/gay life in the U.S. It is enthralling because it comes right from today's news pages - hate crimes against lesbians/gays by rabid right wingers. The author keeps us guessing right up to the end - was the murderer a right wing crazy, a dyke, a dyke-gone-straight? Kate Allen does an excellent job of reflecting the fear of betrayal by others within our community and the external fears of right wing extremism we all share.

The only complaint I have about the book is Kate Allen's portrayal of

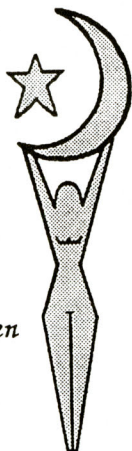
lesbians as sex-starved, can't wait 'til we get home, let's do it in the parking lot for money beings. The frequency with which such events occur in this novel is amazing. It may work well as a fantasy, but the reality of lesbians' sex lives is more complex.

This is a well crafted book that covers a variety of issues with humor and thoughtfulness while holding readers' attention with an engrossing mystery - I had a hard time putting this book down. If you are a mystery fan or just like good lesbian literature, I recommend it highly. ▼



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BETRAYED!

by Dennis Lyons

SAN FRANCISCO - Gay and Lesbian groups reacted with anger, charges of betrayal and promises of a long legal battle to upset President Clinton's decision to adopt a "don't ask, don't tell" policy toward lesbians and gay men serving in the military.

Clinton's announcement also sparked protests and several acts of civil disobedience in cities across the United States. On July 20 in San Francisco, 41 of about 500 protesters were arrested at the Federal Building. In Washington, D.C. 11 protesters were arrested during a demonstration by about 200 outside the White House. Los Angeles has seen Lesbians and Gays in the streets every night since the announcement.

"Today I am one angry lesbian," said NGLTF director Torie Osborn at the rally in San Francisco. "President Clinton has caved in to the politics of the far right and proved to be the bubba that betrayed us." Osborn challenged the crowd, "Today must be a day of rededication, because our revenge must be political power, so this can never happen again."

Lisa Detmer of the Lesbian Avengers, wearing a t-shirt with a bug bomb logo, said, "We won't settle for anything less than a complete lifting of the ban, and our fuse is short." She made it clear that in no way was her group endorsing the military. On the contrary, she opposes militarism of any kind, but nonetheless demands full civil rights for queers.

In other cities around the country, anti-Clinton sentiment was similar. The lesbian and gay community felt it had won something last November. Today, it finds itself wondering what happened.

"I am livid," said Rita Addressa, executive director of the Philadelphia Gay and Lesbian Task Force which organized a demonstration on July 21 at the Liberty Bell.

"The president has demonstrated a clear moral cowardice." She said by raising, then dashing expectations that the ban would be lifted completely, Clinton has put his stamp of approval on the military's practice of discriminating against us. "The president has given license to gay bashing, license to witch hunts. We knew that the military was the enemy, and now the president has made himself an enemy in complicity with military policy. He is a white man with his head in the sand."



photo by Noreen Hogan

"President Clinton has caved in to the politics of the far right and proved to be the bubba that betrayed us."

Gays and Lesbians were among Clinton's strongest supporters in the 1992 presidential election and were major contributors to his campaign. Now, many community leaders are outraged.

Tim McFeeley, whose organization Human Rights Campaign Fund was largely responsible for fundraising and an early endorsement of the Clinton candidacy, admitted defeat, calling the new policy "a shattering disappointment for millions of gay, lesbian and bisexual Americans."

"I told you so," stated D.C. queer activist Michael Petrelis. "Let's remind the readers that Clinton as governor (of Arkansas) did nothing to change the gay-specific sodomy laws in his home state. ACT UP and Queer Nation have been the only ones shouting 'don't trust Clinton' as far back as the New Hampshire primary."

Clinton, who promised to end the military discrimination against queer people when he took office, admitted his "honorable compromise" was not a perfect solution and would

not please everyone. The new policy says that sexual orientation in itself is no grounds for exclusion from the military service. But it also says that homosexual conduct on or off base - including mere statement that an individual is queer - is forbidden and will be grounds for dismissal from the service.

Barney Frank (D-Mass), one of only two openly gay members of Congress, praised Clinton and said that if he

had gone further he would have been overruled by Congress. He added that the policy ends "witch hunts" against gay members of the military but said he wished Clinton had been able to go further. Frank has been widely criticized for selling our community short by offering his own version of "don't ask, don't tell" back in May.

In Maine, reaction was mixed. MLGPA president Paula Aboud, in an Associated Press interview seemed pleased and proud of Clinton. "Of course we would like the whole pie, but he has made a courageous stand on our behalf and I would like to thank him."

ACT UP Portland activist Bee Bell disagreed. "Clinton has been lying to the queer community from the very start. He knuckled under on his promise to end U.S. backed HIV concentration camps for Haitians in Cuba and appointed an AIDS coordinator who supports mandatory names reporting." Bell added, "I don't believe queer people should be making a big priority of joining a military which attacks and kills other oppressed people around the world." In summing up, Bell had this warning to our community: "Bill Clinton is a liar. Queer people from this day forward should not trust the man." ▼

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Wilde chides, "You cannot kill my love of young men by putting me in prison." Pat Parker warns, "Where will you be when they come for you?" Mabel Hampton flaunts, "What do you mean, when did I come out, I was never in." Audre Lorde chants, "Silence will never save anyone." They cannot force silence into our mouths; we take lovers in our mouths, we take breasts and cocks into our mouths, we take wetness and fullness into our mouths - but never their silence, for that will choke us.

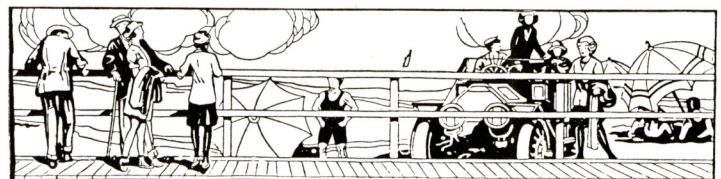
Devout mothers and experts say we are inappropriate for children, that meeting lesbian parents is harmful for children. Let them find out about these kind of people when they are older, they say, as if we are a kind of strange food that only adults can have a taste for. Let my son be beaten into malehood in the schoolyard, let my daughter lose her heart in the pursuit of a woman's life - but never let our children know that gender is not a prison, that love is not doled out to the same few. They - those devout mothers and experts - battle to protect a killing ground.

Other excluded people have told us that perspective is all: Frederick Douglass wrote, "That which he most loved, I most hated, that which gave him life" was death to me. The dying masters have built a house of cards, a full deck of hatreds, and are caught in its reflected images. We must know ourselves, know the solidness of our history and our gift of love, so we can walk through their mirrored house into the waiting world on the other side. Cohesion in the killing forces will fall if we appear with our names full on our lips, say the military experts, all white men, sitting in the same chairs as the other white men who judged what was real in other times - the Un-American Committee white men, the Iran-Gate white men, the Anita Hill white men. Hollow voices they have become as we move forward; like ghosts they sit upon those chairs, mouthing the credos of a losing world; but even in their airy flailings, they maim hope.

Think of what they fear from us - love and desire, rebellion and difference, play, tenderness, touch, freer children who do not call each other faggot, girls who strive for their own glory, men who do not have to hate softness. All their words and reasons for excusions, all the tumult of their no - will fall into the shadows of history.

You - my queer comrades - have given me a world where my words could live, where my love was kissed by sun, where my anger turned to visions of possibilities. These are hard times, but necessary ones. These are the times when we BE, a sturdy Yes of a people. ▼

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CALENDAR . . .

MONDAY 8/2

Kent Donovan, History Professor and Research Fellow, talks about the ongoing crisis with homosexuality in the family of the British monarchy. Seacoast Gay Men, Unitarian Church, Portsmouth, NH, 7pm. FMI ☎ AI (603) 898-1115.

SAT. 8/7 - FRI. 8/13

Sappho's Sisters VI conference at Ferry Beach Park UU Conf. Ctr., Saco, ME. FMI ☎ (207) 282-4489 or (207) 284-8612.

SUNDAY 8/8

Canoe on the Connecticut River in Hanover with Amelia's. Meet at Ledyard Canoe Club 10am. FMI ☎ Di at (603) 643-2765.

Annual Seacoast Gay Men clothing optional potluck cook-out in Deerfield, NH at 2pm. FMI and directions ☎ AI (603) 898-1115.

TUES. 8/10 - SUN. 8/15

Michigan Womyn's Music Festival, near Hart, MI. FMI WWTMC, Box 22, Walhalla, MI 48458. (616) 757-4766.

THURSDAY 8/12

Matlovich Throws a Lawn Party! We'll supply beverages and a grill, you bring your

favorite dish to share. 7pm, 235 High St., So. Portland. FMI ☎ (207) 773-1209.

SATURDAY 8/14

Kite flying and barbecue in Elmore, VT with Women of the Woods. Bring something to barbecue and a kite. FMI ☎ (902) 888-5196.

MONDAY 8/16

Seacoast Gay Men Lobster CheapEats on Portsmouth Harbor. Meet at Unitarian Church, Portsmouth, NH, 7pm. FMI ☎ AI (603) 898-1115.

SUNDAY 8/22

Brunch in Barnet, VT with Women of the Woods at 11am. FMI ☎ (802) 748-8515.

MONDAY 8/23

Kim Gallagher of Seacoast Astrological Association talks about secret future revelations of life. Seacoast Gay Men, Unitarian Church, Portsmouth, NH, 7pm. FMI ☎ AI (603) 898-1115.

TUESDAY 8/24

ACT UP Benefit at Zootz. Chem free dance. 7pm.

THURSDAY 8/26

Betsy Sweet, political activist and President of Moose Ridge Associates Consulting Firm, and Steve Wessler, Head of the Civil Rights Unit of the Attorney General's Office, speak on *Does Hate Begin in Kindergarten? Combating Discrimination in Maine's Schools*. Matlovich Soc., Rines Aud., Portland Library, 7:30-9pm, Wheelchair accessible. FMI ☎ (207) 773-1209.

SATURDAY 8/28

Lesbian Country Dance with Out and About at Old ski lodge at top of Mt. Agamenticus, 8:30pm-12:30am, DJ. I-95 north to exit 4 (York). At top of ramp, turn left. Just before the Park and Ride, turn right onto Chases Pond Rd. Go approx. 6 miles. Turn right and follow this road to the summit.

NH Pride's Summer Sizzler Dance, Pat's Peak, Henniker, NH. 8pm, \$6. FMI ☎ (603) 382-9308.

Campfire in Williamstown, VT with Women of the Woods. 7pm. FMI ☎ (802) 229-0109.

SUNDAY 8/29

Auditions for the 1993-94 choral season of the Maine Gay Men's Chorus will be held 8/29 from 1-5pm and 9/7 from 6-9pm at First Parish Church, 425 Congress St., Portland, ME. FMI ☎ Bruce Fithian (207) 839-4506.

MONDAY 8/30

Seacoast Gay Men Annual Last Blast Summer Potluck Cookout at I-95 Rest Area Maine Information Center. Entrance on either Rte. 1 or I-95 north to pet exercise area. FMI ☎ AI (603) 898-1115.

CONFERENCES

Fifth Annual Fall Lesbian Conference: Celebrating Our Lives as Lesbians, Keene, NH, Sat. 9/18, 9am-5pm, \$10-25 sliding fee in advance, \$15 at door. FMI ☎ (603) 352-6741 or write (send SASE) Monadnock Area Womyn, POB 6345, Keene, NH 03431.

Portland Roundup - Gays in Sobriety presents a weekend of workshops and fun at USM Luther Bonney. Labor Day weekend 9/3-9/5. Workshops, sunset cruise, movie night, dance. FMI ☎ Jerry at (207) 775-6335.

NOTICES

Equal Protection Lewiston (EPL) desperately needs your support in time and money. Please send donations to POB 7804, Lewiston, ME 04243-7804. FMI ☎ (207) 777-3037 (fax (207) 777-3299). And please come to a meeting to find out what you can do. EPL meets every other Monday in the Lewiston Multipurpose Center.

6th Annual Provincetown Harbor Swim for Life & Mermaid Brunch AIDS Benefit Sat., 9/11 (storm date Sunday) at the Boatslip Beach Club, 161 Commercial St., Provincetown, MA. The 1.4 mile Harbor swim, which is an approved event of the U.S. Masters Swimming, is open to both competitive and non-competitive swimmers of all levels and ages. Prizes and ribbons will be awarded. Volunteers are being recruited, including cheerleaders, boaters, cooks and registrants. The Provincetown Rescue Squad and U.S. Coast Guard will once again participate. For Pledge sheets and FMI, please contact: Provincetown Harbor Swim for Life and Mermaid Brunch, PO Box 819, Provincetown, MA 02657, (508) 487-3684.


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Lesbians Experience with Menopause, anthology accepting submission. Menoproud, POB 7726, Albuquerque, NM 87194.

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MEDIA

WMPG'S Women's Music Fest on 90.9 FM 3-5pm Sundays.

KGAY is on the air! This gay-owned radio station is broadcasting via satellite on Galaxy 5, transponder 6, at 6.3 & 6.46 mhz, or on Spacenet 3, transponder 22, at 6.2 & 7.4 mhz. FMI → KGAY studio - 1-800-733-5429; office - 1-800-758-6642.

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up and down his leg. I was disgusted, as were a lot of others. Don't get me wrong, if a homosexual couple were acting this way I'd have the same reaction. What you do to get your rocks off is your business and I don't want to see it! Especially a straight couple on a gay dance floor!! If you're bi, fine, go to a straight bar if you're with an opposite and a gay place if the same, or create a space for yourselves. I know we're supposed to be accepting but I'm old fashioned, I go to gay gatherings to see gay people have fun, not straight people fucking in my face!

Connie Pelkey

Dear APEX:

I want to alert your readers to a petition which will soon be circulating in Maine. Concerned Maine Families is proposing a ballot measure that would not allow the would force the state to disallow any forms of discrimination which are not already written into law. This would doom any future gay rights initiatives, and is specifically aimed at the gay rights movement. They will need 50,000 *valid* signatures to put the initiative on the ballot. I suggest that people sign this petition with a fictitious name and address as a means of obstructing their progress. Each signature has to be verified for authenticity and all invalid signatures will be disqualified from the 50,000 total. If time runs out and

they don't have enough valid signatures, their proposal will fail.

We can put our numbers to use - let them find out how many people disagree with them.

Name withheld
upon request

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VERMONT COURT ALLOWS LESBIAN ADOPTION

Montpelier, VT (Bay Windows) - A lesbian may adopt the children of her partner without either woman losing her parental rights, the Vermont Supreme Court ruled 6/18.

The proposed adoptions had been rejected by Probate Judge George Belcher, who determined that state law required an adopting couple to be married. If they were not, he said, the biological parent would lose parental rights.

The Supreme Court conceded that Belcher's interpretation of state law was technically correct, but said he had failed to consider

that families have changed in the 40 years since the statute was adopted.

"It is wonderful to have the Supreme Court affirm and recognize the relationship that I have had with my sons since the day they were born," said Deborah Lashman, who went to court two years ago to adopt the biological children of her partner, Jane Van Buren.

The ruling effectively establishes that lesbians can be "legally recognized parents," said Julie A. Frame, who represented the Burlington women before the Supreme Court.

Lashman and Van Buren have lived together since 1986. Van Buren gave birth to a son in 1988 after being artificially inseminated. She had another son almost four years later after being impregnated from the same sperm donor.

After Lashman went to court to adopt the children, the Vermont Social and Rehabilitative Services Department investigated and determined the adoptions were in the best interests of the children, according to the ruling. ▽

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ASK THIGHMASTER - advice with holes

Dear Thighmaster:

I find myself the focus of a fatal attraction. After a few dates with this woman, the red flags were popping up all over the place. She expressed her love for me far too fervently far too soon, sent me too many flowers, bought me expensive gifts, made plans for us for way into the future, and went too far out of her way to accommodate my professional schedule - although she kept trying to take me away from work without my consent. So a few weeks ago, I told her gently that I didn't want to see her any more, and I assumed that would be the end of it. Wrong. Since then, she has shown up at the gathering spots I frequent (30 miles from her home). She calls me constantly (sometimes at hellishly early hours), tells me she loves me, sends more flowers, and tries to manipulate me in countless other ways.

It appears it is time to tell her in no uncertain terms to leave me completely alone. I'm a wreck. I'm afraid to go out, I don't want to answer the phone, and I look over my shoulder constantly. My question to you, oh plenipotentiary of APEX is: HOW DO I GET THE DAMN SICK BITCH TO LEAVE ME THE FUCK ALONE?!

The Object of Her Obsession

Dear Object:

Next time you look over your shoulder, open your eyes: the stalker who's

really doing you in is whoever taught you to put etiquette before self-preservation. You wait until four seconds before your dog goes into the lobster pot, and then you decide that it appears to be time to dump that "I



drawing by Naomi Falcone

have to wash my hair" line? Fire your mental Miss Manners, crawl out of your house turned flower shop, and get yourself to an ACT UP meeting. Why? Well, for one thing, it will be much harder for her to drag you back to her prison of love if you're chained to a pharmaceutical company. And at the very least, you'll be surrounded by people who know what you need to learn. Politeness reeks as a liberation tactic; it's time for direct action.

If doing actions is new to you, try a small one first. Call her up - no, no,

no, don't wait for her next move, the problem's not going away - and tell her "in no uncertain terms," as you say, to stay out of your life. This might actually be enough. Thighmaster wonders if she has any idea you feel terrorized; if you've been using words like "plenipotentiary" she probably doesn't know what the hell you've been talking about. If she doesn't seem to be getting it, threaten to get a restraining order. (You won't have gotten tips on this collaboration with the police thing from your ACT UP meeting, but Thighmaster is confident that you can steal a suitable script about police "protection" from one of those "reality-911" shows.)

Of course, being direct might not work. If she's the master of manipulation you claim she is, she might just go underground for awhile and resurface in some apparently less threatening guise. Fortunately for you - and Thighmaster, alas, has seen enough of these camouflage outfits to know about this only too well - the conquest costume shop has a very limited stock of costumes for the postdumped. There are two big sellers. The first one is Barbie's friend Midge, who comes with one line inspired by Mattel "I only want to be your friend and of course I don't want to have sex with you or you'd read about it on my pink box" and one line Mattel has nothing to do with, at least not officially: "Let's go



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out and cruise some chycks together." This costume isn't so dangerous, because it's pretty easy to see through - who ever believed that Barbie and Midge were dating those lumpless dorks Ken and Alan anyway? The second costume, far more treacherous to the sensitive lesbo caregiver, is the famed Damsel in Distress outfit. Dykes often discard the ill-fitting Heidi dress, and use only the accessories: a half-empty box of tissues, a tear factory, 8,000 heartstrings, and a script that reads "I'm really hurting because of my mother/work crisis/political infighting/fear of nuclear war/problems with a new lover (this is the one she'll pick if she's really smart because it might lead you to believe that she has indeed moved on), and you're the only person I can talk to about it, and I can only really talk about it in person, and I know I'm asking a lot, but could I/you please come over just to talk?" Don't fall for either of these. Once you've been stuffed into shining armor, or imprisoned in Midge's dream house, it will take more than ACT UP to release you. And ACT UP has more important things to do. ▽

Thighmaster eagerly awaits your submissions. No problem too complicated or twisted! Thighmaster, c/o Phoenix Press, PO Box 4743, Portland, ME 04112. ▽

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Lesbian psychotherapy group will begin meeting weekly on 9/15 from 3:30-5:00pm for 12 weeks in Lewiston. Led by expressive therapist and clinical social worker. Contact Rheatha Forster at (207) 784-7127 or Norma Kraus Eule at (207) 784-8747. Insurance reimbursable. 9/93

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TIME OUT - Outdoor recreation and environmental club for lesbians, gay men & friends. Free newsletter lists outdoor sports, instructional and environmentally related events for the NH and ME area. FMI ☐ (207) 871-9940 or SASE to Time Out, POB 11502, Portland, ME 04104.

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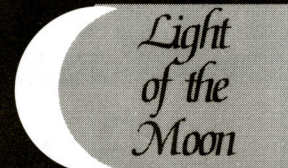
18 Union St., Hallowell, ME. 1st Fri. of the month, 7pm. FMI☎ (207) 622-6631.



WE SHARE A DREAM

The following is excerpted from the July edition of the monthly newsletter of the NGLTF Policy Institute.

The 30th anniversary of the 1963 civil rights March on Washington, which featured Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s "I Have a Dream" speech, will be marked by another March on Washington on 8/28. The New Coalition of Conscience will convene a massive march and rally at the Lincoln Memorial to renew the call for jobs, justice and peace. NGLTF, one of the co-conveners of the March, is coordinating a Gay/Lesbian contingent to join in this unprecedented coalition. FMI☎ (404) 526-8995 or (404) 524-1956. To join the Lesbian/Gay contingent, call Linda Yanney of NGLTF (202) 332-6483.▼



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