

quips and quotes

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"Cincinnati has to play by the same constitutional rules as Colorado. Issue 3 is cut from the same despicable cloth as Colorado's Amendment 2. The panel decision cannot be reconciled with the Supreme Court's decision striking down Amendment 2, and we believe the full court will see that."

— Patricia M. Logue, managing attorney for Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund's Midwest Regional Office in Chicago. She was referring to Lamda's decision to take to the full Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals the October 23 ruling by a three-judge panel of the Sixth Circuit which upheld Cincinnati's Issue 3, a city statute which, like Colorado's Amendment 2, would prohibit the city from establishing laws barring discrimination against gays and lesbians.

"As a mother of four, grandmother of five, nurse and soldier, I feel like I understand the issues facing families as they struggle to make ends meet."

— Margaretthe Cammermeyer, who successfully fought the National Guard's attempts to discharge her for being a lesbian, on her plans to run for Congress.

"It's just sunk in and we're really, really happy. I think it's just another example of the fantastic commitment, sophistication, experience and visibility of Australia's gay and lesbian community. It just proves we can do anything."

— Gillian Minervini, cultural director of Sydney, Australia's Gay Games contingent, on that city's winning the right to host the 2002 Gay Games, the first city in the southern hemisphere to do so.

"This is a different universe we're living in. Although there have been disappointments with President Clinton, he's really changed the [landscape]. He's put gay issues on the radar screen of America."

— Elizabeth Birch, executive director of the Human Rights Campaign, on President Clinton's

November 8th appearance at HRC's first annual national dinner.

"It was the most successful year in our history."

— Kathleen DeBold, Gay and Lesbian Victory Fund, on the victories of openly gay candidates in 17 of 35 local elections on Nov. 4.

"This shifts the battlefield from the courts to the Legislature. I would suspect you would have a swift legislative response."

— Matt Glavin, president of the conservative Southeastern Legal Foundation, on the Georgia Supreme Court's 5-2 decision to uphold an Atlanta ordinance allowing benefits to domestic partners of city employees.

"Discrimination against lesbians and gay men as official governmental policy has emerged as the most intractable civil rights issue of the '90s."

— Ninth US Circuit Court of Appeals Judge William Norris, calling on Clinton to renounce the "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" military policy. ▼

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that as a Jew I do not matter. For my ancestors not being seen was a positive thing since discrimination against Jews was rampant. Members of my immediate family changed their name, were excluded from joining private clubs, and were not hired because their name sounded Jewish. I know many other minorities experience the same interactions. However, this time I will not be silent.

This letter is an indication of a beginning dialogue that I hope you will want to continue. In the future, since the Jewish calendar is lunar based and holidays are different each year, a Rabbi could be included in the planning of the National Coming Out Day events. I also plan on letting the Rabbis in Greensboro know that on the day we were all praying for forgiveness from God many lesbian women, gay men and bisexual and transgendered people sat in their congregations and wanted to be "out," accepted and seen. ▼

— Vivienne E. Radonsky, Pilot Mountain, NC



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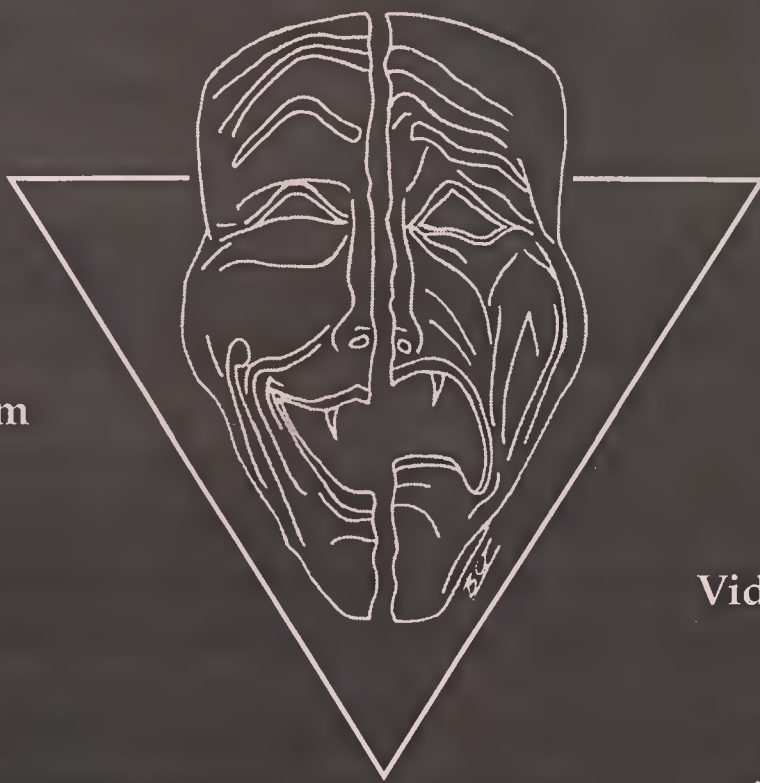
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