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Monday 28th	RTÉ 1	00.15	She Don't Look Back (History of Irish Women Artists)
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Wednesday 30th	BBC 2	23.15	Gaytime TV
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Editorial

Here we are at the fourth issue of sh...OUT!! already. It's getting better all the time! Some of you think the text is too small and it needs to be read with a torch and a magnifying glass! Sometimes it's difficult to squeeze in everything on a sheet of A3.

That's not to say we have more than enough for each issue. On the contrary, we're always open to new material, be they stories, articles, viewpoints, cartoons, reviews, and so on. Send us something, we'll surely use it, and we won't print your name if you prefer. It just needs to be of interest to the lgb community.

But you can be straight! Our aim to is to 'integrate' with the heterosexual majority. I am the sub-editor and I am straight, but I am gay-friendly. In my short time at *The Other Place* I have met some genuine people and I can well appreciate the discrimination that lesbians and gays have to endure. I believe I can offer a positive and unbiased aspect to sh...OUT!! and can maintain a reasonable mix of both gay and lesbian editorial content. I don't always achieve this, but I learn from my mistakes, and my computer skills improve all the time.

I detest bigotry, and I am dismayed by the homophobics who are so narrow minded that their ears meet in the middle. Excuse the clichés - but 'some of my best friends are gay', 'live and let live', and 'one man's meat is another man's monosodium glutamate'.

I believe there is a need for sh...OUT!! and I am happy to be involved in its production. So please keep me busy.....post, fax, or E-mail us with your contribution. It is your newsletter!!

Paul

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U.S.A. An explosion in a gay bar in Atlanta, Georgia, has been linked to an explosion at an abortion clinic. A Christian Fundamentalist group calling themselves "The Army Of God" have claimed responsibility.

Namibia. President Nujoma's recent anti-gay tirades have acted as a catalyst for the creation of 'The Rainbow Project', while 'Sister Namibia', a feminist group that works on lesbian projects received this year's Felipa Da Souza award from the International Lesbian and Gay Human Rights Commission.

Argentina. Gay men and lesbians can claim widow(er)s pensions when their lovers die. Couples are only eligible if they have lived together in 'apparent matrimony' for five years.

Egypt. A man claiming that his transgender brother should not receive the customary (half) portion of their deceased father's estate, has lost his court battle because the transexual was male at the time of his father's death.

Australia. The state of New South Wales is to test a new program teaching students that anti-gay discrimination is illegal and homosexuality is normal.

Poland. The 'public' voted to carry a new constitution which includes a clause banning gay marriage.

Denmark. The Lutheran Church will now perform lesbian and gay marriage ceremonies.

N.U.I. Queers

The Senate elections are on us again. Ex-Senator Brendan Ryan, 'Defender of Minorities', is on the campaign trail once more. His literature loudly proclaims his track record in opposing oppressive regimes (right wing only). He is the proud possessor of a photograph of himself with that great homophobe Fidel Castro. Mr. Ryan is a snake in the grass as far as the Gay Community is concerned. He refused to support the campaign against Section 37 of the Employment Equality Act, which gave religious run schools and hospitals the right to discriminate against gays, on the grounds that the Church had rights to protect their ethos.

In other words if the 'ethos' of a church is anti-gay that's O.K. with our great champion of minority rights. Mr Ryan is expected to be in close contention for a seat with Prof. William Binchy of S.P.U.C. fame. Talk about Hobson's Choice - the snake in the grass versus the jackal on the rock!

At least you know where you stand with Binchy. Me? I'm going to vote for Joe O'Toole, who conducted a brilliant campaign against Section 37.

Married Gay Men

A support group is being set up in Cork for gay/bisexual men who are or have been married. It is run by men who are themselves married or separated.

For further information please contact the 'Gay Information Line' on (021) 271087
 Wednesday 7-9pm
 Saturday 3-5pm

Or write to:
The MGM Group,
 c/o 8 South Main Street,
 Cork.

All enquiries will be treated in the strictest confidence.

Friends Forever

Ditzy Phoebe (Lisa Kudrow) from 'Friends' has a new movie coming out. She stars with Mira Sorvino (Mighty Aphrodite) in 'Romany and Michelle's High School Reunion'. Unfortunately, it has been described as a 'girly version' of 'Dumber And Dumber'. Let's hope she doesn't give up the day job. I know quite a few dykes including myself, who would be sorely disappointed if she disappeared from our screens!!

London Pride



Well my darlings, here I am back in Cork and my feet still haven't touched the ground. London was as London is - hot, steamy, sweaty, polluted, diluted and utterly F.A.B. When I arrived a few days before Pride, all I could see everywhere I went was a queer. With a shopping bag, not Littlewoods or Byrite, I mean we're talking Guicci, Agnes B. Dolce A Gabanna, baby. All and sundry paraded about with a recently acquired tan, new haircut and tattoo and/or piercing(s). There I was pale, and devoid of bodily adornment, yet I did have that 'like I just stepped out of the salon' look. My pals and I discussed how us queers were taking over the world and how marvellous that was. These conversations took place over some light refreshments in Rupert St. bar. I even managed to bump into some faces from this fine City. Spooky, I know ya can't go no place mate, 'innit!'. Later on in the afternoon, I did my detective work, checking out all the beautiful things available to buy for just mere squillions of sterling. Things got quite hot and heavy when I had to be prised away from a fake fur dalmation print shopping basket of wheels. The stunning shop assistant was very person-centred when my friends took her aside and explained my favourite fetish - that of fake fur. I did shed a tear, a most beautiful thing to have to leave behind - the trolley, lovey, not the sales woman. Further on I came unstuck again - dolls, windows full. No, not the blow-up kind, but the new 'Billie' doll, in the plastic. With the label informing me he was fully anatomically correct. Personally, I prefer female dolls, so it was like - why isn't there a dyke doll if there's a gay man's one? Oh, how dolls sometimes replicate life! Could it be that gay men can afford £30 for a queer doll and us dykes can't perhaps? It certainly appears that way to me. Anyway, for the moment, I myself will be sticking to my beautiful dolly collection.

I digress. Saturday was the day of Pride. Up bright and early - 9 A.M. to be precise. Showered, running around the flat having a complete freak-out as to what to wear. I have to say I wasn't the only one. Three of us mixing and matching and being complete 'calamity janes'. Finally after what seemed a lifetime, there we were dressed, dancing 'round the living-room to some top tunes, grinning from ear to ear. Close by, a friend was having a bubbly breakfast with strawberries, croissants, passion cake and other delights. Photos were taken and we left to go and join the march at Hyde Park. What a motely crew we were, two of my mates looked like 'Batman and Robin' with the wrap-around super-cool shades, one looked like a 70's medallion man without the gold - super fly guy - one looked like Big Bird, and me, well I looked like a bad take-off of Louise from 'Thelma and Louise',

with me in pretty pink cat-like shades. What can I say really - the march was amazing, tons and tons of people as far as the eye could see, waving, cheering, dancing, laughing, chatting to new people - it was an excellent, happy, pumpin' vibe. My face hurt from all the smiling. After the march, our group of funsters retired to a nearby hostelry for lunch where we entertained all of the other guests with our dance routine and Abba karaoke. Oh, what a sight to behold!

Newly refreshed we proceeded to make our way to the Park, and what a job that was. Being stuck on the tube underground for a half an hour is not many people's idea of fun. The place was wall-to-wall bodies, beautiful bodies at that, but it was damn hot and uncomfortable. Finally a bunch of us got out a few stops early. Between walking, lack of empty buses and cabs, Big Bird tried to sort things out. Five minutes later all fifteen of us were in a cosy minibus making our way to the Common. The snag was we were travelling in a Christian Fellowship bus, wondering why nobody we waved at would wave back. B.B. never did get around to telling us how he wangled that!!

Lastly the Common, new fencing erected all the way around, it was weird...you could hear the noise as you approached but couldn't see any people. That all changed as soon as you threw your three quid in the bucket. You were slap bang in the middle of it all, stalls, tents for this, that and the other pleasure. The plans and maps certainly didn't help me or anyone else I found lost on my search. I don't know how it sounds like being lost in a crowd, but it does sound like being lost in a crowd of queers! I walked around with a distinct feeling of sensory overload. When I found the women's tent I felt like I'd died and gone to dyke diversity heaven. Women, women, women, and no men...hurray! Tall, small, fat, skinny - women from every race, every colour, every creed. Dancing, moving, shaking, manoeuvring, undulating, swaying. Uh! 'memories' - like the corners of my mind....

As you can imagine, I enjoyed the day to the fullest, especially because I had the special people in my life with me - you all know who you are. The day ended with many kisses, hugs and fireworks. Time for home, a basin of water for my feet, and bed.

It was so tiring being glam all day.
 Til Next Time,
 Love,
 Miss Barbie Dolls.

"Olé, Olé, Oh Lay"

Ronald Rent's rant about the Spanish student invasion got me thinking. Just what is it about these students that presses the wrong button in people. Is it the fact that they are almost ALL stunningly handsome - and contrary to Ronalds's Report, mostly unavailable. Is it the fact that they infest the public transport system every day - speaking so loudly one can only assume they are all quite hard of hearing. A short trip on a No. 8 bus will verify the fact that when José calls his friend from the back seat he assumes the said friend is wearing earphones and is in Barcelona.

I think myself the problem goes back to the Spanish Armada. I recently come across an affray outside a Disco where a few local lads were hurling abuse at a group of Spanish students. "What was it all about?", I enquired - "The Battle of Kinsale", replied the leader of the Irish Pack. "But that was in 1601", I said. "I don't care what time it was, I only heard about it tonight!"

Come back from Killarney, Ronnie, please. I miss you.

Total Recoil

It makes you think, doesn't it? Money isn't everything. I mean the Poor Misfortunate Haughey family are totally bereft of memory. Young Ciaran could not remember a £150,000 loan being paid off for him. His Poor father could not remember his own name such was his devotion to duty, and as for lavish lifestyles - for goodness sake, the man is down to his last few racehorses and only one island. When the truth does out, I'd say don't bother with another Tribunal. Let's instead have a public flogging in Daunt's Square instead of the Corpus Christi Procession, it would be good for the country and would probably draw a bigger crowd.

Suggestions for 'Whip Cracker' to **sh..OUT!!**, c/o **The Other Place.**

Adios,
 F.T.

Women's Alcohol & Drug Recovery Group

(currently looking for a new and snappier name)
 is an active recovery group for Lesbian/Bi/Straight women to work together on our recovery.
 ALL emotions are here, including the silliest!
 New season, new members - starts
Thursday August 7th at 8pm.

For more information on how to become a part of the best night out in town, contact: **Liz** at

The Lesbian Health Project
 in **The Other Place**
 or ring **278470**

sh..OUT!! will soon be on the **Internet**, with the help of David (G.I.I.). We're hoping to be on line in the next couple of weeks. Also we've been asked to do a slot on K2 (105 FM), and our first foray into radio should be on Saturday August 2nd!! If you've got anything you want said on the air you can drop it into us here at the newsletter H.Q. Hopefully, it'll be a weekly event, but we'll be able to tell you more in the coming weeks.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

*"Safe Sex Sucks,
 but is our only alternative for now"*

Avon

Artists' Support Group for Lesbian/Bisexual Women

Do You Work with Video / Film, Fine Art, Sculpture, Theatre, Dance, Music, Writing, or ANY other type of creative work?
 Do You ever feel isolated, invisible, or prejudiced against in the work you do?
 This is a group where we can talk about our experiences as Lesbian/Bisexual artists and creative people.....and see what evolves.....

Open to All Women

Next Meeting Friday 1st August and every first Friday of the month 8.30pm at **The Other Place**