

Here is part of one of my Sightings column to give you a sense of what it was about.

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BISEXUAL SIGHTINGS

By Lani Ka'ahumanu

The Bisexual Sightings are an assortment of gems.

TRICKY DICK

“So many people are gay – or go both ways. I don’t care. I don’t want to hear about it. ... I don’t go for this outing business. If someone is gay, that’s their business, and they should have the right to protect their privacy about it.” Richard Nixon, according to Monica Crowley’s book *Nixon Off the Record*

Seen: Bay Times, 12/26/96, “The Queerest Quotes of 1996” Rex Wockner

SANDWICH WILL BE CAST OFF BY GAY MASSES

by columnist **Michelangelo Signorile**

“[W]ithout consulting the rest of us mere mortals, [the] National Gay Lesbian Task Force suddenly rename[d] us ‘*the gay-lesbian-bisexual-transgender movement*’ or, as one of NGLTF’s leaders recently said in a press release, ‘*the g/l/ b/t community*.’ Sounds like a sandwich. ...NGLTF’s often dated and unrealistic political dogma will be cast off by the gay masses in due time.”

Seen: *OUT* magazine, Fall ‘96

Ring, ring... Hey Signorile it’s the clue phone and it’s for you. Get a grip big guy. I have to say you are the one who is often dated and unrealistic. The Right targets all of us and has no problem saying bisexual or transgender; this petty divisive bullshit feeds right into their hands. Your cutting edge is a little dull.

Seen: 11/26/96

STAND UP AND BE COUNTED KATE...

When Creating Change conference attendees were asked (see BiTransAction story) “to remember to say the words “transgender and bisexual,” and “to learn to understand our issues as your own, to speak out for us as we have all spoken out for you. Please show your solidarity with bisexual, transgender, and intersexed people who are fighting for the rights of all queer people, and stand with us now.” With her arms folded lesbian comic/activist Kate Clinton didn’t budge from her seat. Even with her partner Urvashi Vaid former Executive Director of NGLTF tugging at her to stand up with her.

Seen: 11/9/96

How telling is that? Seems to me there is a “Stand up and be counted Kate” political action waiting to happen at her performances. When is she coming to your town?

THE TEN MOST INTERESTING PEOPLE IN 1996 *hosted by Barbara Walters*

From interview:

Barbara Walters: "Are you bisexual?" Dennis Rodman: "No."

BW: "Is all this (cross dressing, make-up, etc.) about gender? What is it?"

DR: "Doesn't matter if I want to be gay. Doesn't matter if I want to be bisexual. You have to like me for who I am."

Seen: 12/6/96, ABC, Barbara Walters Special

You go girl (and I don't mean Barbara).

PETTY BIPHOBIC POLITICS

In the recent elections The Alice B. Toklas Lesbian and Gay Democratic Club in San Francisco decided to not put a pink triangle next to bisexual candidate's names on their official slate cards. This identifier only appeared next to the gay and lesbian candidates names.

Seen: 11/96

Shame on you Alice! What have you got to lose but votes?

NO DEAR FOR DORNAN...

from a letter to then Representative Bob Dornan from Cliff Arneson, bi vet activist extraordinaire

Representative Dornan: I have omitted the word "Dear," because it is a term of endearment that I reserve for those I hold in high esteem. I cannot apply this adjective to you, due to your lengthy and hateful record of attacks upon gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender people.

Seen: 10/26/96, personal email

And this is only the opening paragraph! For those who don't know, Cliff is the Vice President of New England Gay, Lesbian, & Bisexual Veterans, Inc. Boston

BAY AREA KQED/PBS FORUM - Michael Krasny Call-in Radio Program

Krasny hosted a show on Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Domestic Violence. Among the guests were representatives from San Francisco District Attorney Hallinan's office, and Community United Against Violence. All guests were consistently inclusive and thoughtful with their language. Krasny finally said it was a lot to say and was there a way to shorten it. Everyone replied, "LGBT" and so it was.

Heard: 1/8/97