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## Ruth J. Waters Loses Last Battle With Cancer

**Sunrise: April 15, 1930 •• Sunset: July 14, 2001** -- The following is taken, in its entirety, from the obituary "In Celebration Of The Ongoing Life Of Ruth J. Waters." Memorial services were held on July 22, 2001 at the Pasadena Church of Religious Science in Pasadena, California.



As the product of an interracial liaison between a "feisty" white woman and a biracial man at the beginning of the Depression, Ruth J. Waters was reared by a strong black woman activist and educated in the segregated educational system of Oklahoma. Even as a child Ruth never considered that one could choose not to fight injustice whenever and wherever encountered.

After her first marriage and two children, she entered a Nurse Training Program in the third integrated class at the University of Oklahoma. Ruth was the first female to host a radio show in Oklahoma City. She moved to Chicago long enough to remarry and have another child before the family moved to California. Her activism and community involvement continued in California as she challenged local School Boards, served as den mother, Girl Scout leader, a Big Sister, and was an active member and fundraiser for the Pasadena NAACP during the Civil Rights Era. Being of the "old school," a generation of local youth "feared" and loved "Ms. Waters"...and knew she genuinely cared. Having begun her career as a nurse, Ruth worked with the Los Angeles County Probation Program and retired as head of the Pasadena branch of the Employment Development Department's Summer Youth Program.

A true Renaissance woman, she bred Great Danes and showed them all over the country. She was a self-taught auto mechanic, seamstress, computer and stock market novice, an official rescue person for the Kennel Club, and taught her grandchildren to swim.

Ruth knew that a meaningful life demanded that you be true to yourself, and be willing to grow and change. In 1986, Ruth co-founded the National Black Gay & Lesbian Leadership Forum and served as its co-chair

for six years. Prior to that, she served on the Board of Connexus for two years. In 1995, she became the first recipient of the L.A. Gay & Lesbian Center's LACE (Lesbian and bisexual women Active in Community Empowerment) Award-for Outstanding Contributions as a Grassroots Activist. As a founding member of Investors Unlimited, Ruth served the club as vice-president and became its president in February of this year. Continuing her lifelong commitment of service, Ruth became a Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA), where she worked for the well being of abused and neglected children in the Dependency courts of the County of Los Angeles. At the Pasadena Church of Religious Science, she was a member of the Toastmasters Club, volunteered in the Computer Lab and enjoyed attending church with her granddaughter Robin.

A true fighter, Ruth was a survivor of both breast and cervical cancer. Having lost her last battle with cancer, Ruth unselfishly donated her body to UCLA for medical research and organ transplant. She often joked that there would probably be nothing left for them to use. Yet, shortly after her Sunset, her corneas were transplanted giving two individuals the gift of sight.

She is deeply loved, and will be dearly missed by all whose lives she touched. She leaves to carry on her legacy, her son Victor, daughters Chiquita and Tami, her grandchildren Sean, Lamar, Astral, Alafi, Gillian, Jamila and Robin, five great-grandchildren and hundreds of women and men from all walks of life who have been impacted by her power, her tenacity, and her love.

One very close to Ruth recently remarked that "she was one hell of a woman, and a magnificent mother."



Gay civil rights and AIDS activist Phill Wilson still remembers the contentious organizing meeting during which Ruth Waters decided there would be a National Black Lesbian and Gay Leadership Conference.

People were debating whether black gay men and lesbians should hold such a conference, he said, and whether the "right" people were in charge. They also were discussing whether they should allow white activists to attend.

"Finally, Ruth had had enough," Wilson said. "She stood up and said: 'I came here to help organize a conference, and that's what I'm going to do. If you don't want to do that, you should leave and go do something you want to do.'"

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## Commentary....



*By Angela D. Odom*

*"Fear is the main source of superstition, and one of the main sources of cruelty. To conquer fear is the beginning of wisdom."*

--Bertrand Russell

### Our Image As Lesbians of Color: Are We Invisible?

The platform on which FemmeNoir stands is one of collective consciousness among women of African heritage generally and lesbians of African heritage specifically; throughout the world. Why does FemmeNoir wish to carry such a heavy burden and wield such a double-edged sword? Because as Black women we are currently being denigrated in the popular culture and as lesbians, unfortunately, we are still invisible.

As lesbians of African heritage, we fought, lived and died in the struggle for civil rights. We were hosed with water, beaten with sticks, and placed behind bars for the belief in our fight for racial equality. Yet, in our neighborhoods, we have to fight stereotypes, homophobia, and ignorance. We stood next to our mothers, brothers, sisters, aunts and uncles as we marched to Washington, through Selma, and Cicero. Yet, some of us became disowned and excommunicated from our families, churches, and friends; thus, becoming sexual exiles upon the proclamation of our sexuality.

What one does not understand, one fears; and what one fears, one attacks. This statement has never been truer than it is today. It would be easier to find a young woman who can call the names of Lil Kim, Destiny's Child, Missy Elliott and the like, than to find a young woman who will know the works of Nikki Giovanni, Maya Angelou, June Jordan, or Alice Walker. Thus, many of our young women today are walking around with a pocket full of put-downs – skeezer, skank, bitch, hoe, bitch dyke, and bulldagger – which they fling mindlessly and effortlessly at one another. Considering the current political climate, words such as these conjure words such as "cultural suicide" and/or "genocide" to mind.

Akilah Monifa, in an article on Sister Speak ("The "Miss" Education about African American Lesbians"), spoke about the Vanguard Award presented to Whoopi Goldberg in 1999 by the Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD). The presenters said that Whoopi helped " . . . educate millions about the experiences of African American lesbians."

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## Our Image As Lesbians of Color: Are We Invisible?

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In the article, Akilah states:

*"Now I'm not knocking Whoopi, quite the contrary, I have a great deal of admiration for her. I just think that it is a sad state of affairs when the basis of educating folks of the experience of lesbian sistahs comes from movies especially one that was released in the 80s and the other one where Goldberg's character was lesbian in theory only."*

*Not that one has to be in a relationship to be a lesbian, but in particular "Boys on the Side" as well as 1999s "The Deep End of the Ocean" featured Goldberg's lesbian characters as one-dimensional beings who were isolated. I know that we are hungry for positive images in the media and some may agree that some visibility as long as it is not negative is better than no visibility at all. I would beg to differ.*

*Which brings me to question as to why GLAAD could not find an African American lesbian dead or alive, to honor rather than someone who portrays one in the media. Maybe it has to do with the scarcity of visible openly out lesbians in the media.*

Akilah continues in this article with a true breakdown of the "'Miss' Education about African American Lesbians. Her article goes into great depth and detail about OUR history as lesbians of color in Africa and in music.

Which brings me to why I started FemmeNoir. It is a network or portal, which leads you to other sites of interest to OUR community -- lesbians of color. Here you will find writers, filmmakers, educators, intellectuals, activists, entertainers, communities, etc. We need to reach for our inheritance from those lesbians of color who have gone before us -- Ruth Waters, Ruth Ellis, Audre Lorde, Barbara Jordan and others -- and strengthen ourselves in the richness of their lives and move, positively and visibly, forward.

In summary, Akilah Monifa concludes her article making a very poignant point:

*"There always has been and always will be African American lesbians. We must tell our stories, of our lives, in song, word, but most importantly through life itself. We must as Barbara Smith suggests "... manifest our lives in every way possible." This in my opinion means being out and visible to the greatest extent possible. For we cannot afford to be invisible. Happy African American history month to all sistahs and their families. Let's educate ourselves and others about our lives."*

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For the full-text of Akilah Monifa's article, visit <http://www.femmenoira.net/commentary1.htm>.

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## In The News . . .

### Uloah Starts Fellowship Fund In Honor Of Ruth Waters.

In Waters's memory, ULOAH has established the Ruth Waters Fellowship Fund to help disadvantaged children and youth. Donations can be sent to ULOAH, c/o Ruth Waters Fellowship Fund, 1626 N. Wilcox Ave. #190, Los Angeles, CA 90028.

### Study details STD risks for lesbians

While some lesbians tend to assume they don't need to worry much about sexually transmitted diseases, a new study suggests they're more vulnerable than many people think.

In a survey of 39 lesbians who never had sex with men, 13 percent reported they had suffered from an STD. And only four of the Minneapolis-area women said they regularly got tested.

The risk of having an STD was even higher among bisexuals and lesbians who had sex with men in the past.

"The perception that sexual relations between women are low risk or even risk-free needs to be addressed," said University of Minnesota epidemiologists Greta R. Bauer and Seth L. Welles, who report their findings in the August 2001 issue of the American Journal of Public Health. "(Women who have sex with women) should be provided with accurate information so that they can make informed decisions regarding their health."

The lesbians who never had sex with men reported STDs including chlamydia, genital warts, pelvic inflammatory disease and trichomoniasis, also known as trich, which can cause vaginal itching and burning.

The authors wrote that doctors must pay more attention to STDs among lesbians and not assume they are immune to problems because they don't have male partners.

"The sign of a good doctor is someone who asks about sexual history, is non-judgmental and does the appropriate screening tests," said Dr. Jeffrey D. Klausner, director of STD Prevention and Control Services for the San Francisco Department of Public Health.

"Every doctor visit should have some discussion about sexuality. If women are not having those discussions with their doctors, they should seek other doctors," he said.

To learn more about lesbian safe sex, visit this fact sheet from [lesbianstd.com](http://lesbianstd.com). -- Source: *PlanetOut.com*

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## **In The News . . . (cont'd)** **Gay couples account for 940,00 Americans—census**

By Andrew Quinn -- Reuters

SAN FRANCISCO—New census figures give a fresh estimate of the number of gay and lesbian couples in the United States, showing same-sex households flourishing everywhere from big city centers to small towns and remote rural regions.

The 2000 figures, released on Wednesday by the U.S. Census Bureau, are the most comprehensive count of same-sex couples in U.S. history and reflect a change in polling questions that allowed gay and lesbian couples to identify themselves clearly to demographers.

"These numbers show us that gay and lesbian couples exist in virtually every county in the United States," said Gary Gates, a research associate at the Urban Institute in Washington who specializes in gay and lesbian population studies.

The new data show a major jump in self-identified gay and lesbian pairings, rising to 472,289 last year from 121,346 in 1990. And while 10 years ago gay couples were reported in only about half of U.S. counties, the latest numbers show them in 99.2 percent of the 2,418 counties that have reported so far.

California—known for liberal attitudes about "alternate" lifestyles—continues to lead the pack, with more than 92,000 same-sex couples around the state, up threefold from 1990 and double the number reported in the runner-up state, New York.

But while well-known gay and lesbian destinations such as the San Francisco Bay Area continue to boast the highest percentage of same-sex couples—more than 7 percent of all couples both married and unmarried in the case of San Francisco—other regions of the country are also experiencing a boom in gay and lesbian pairings.

## **Los Angeles Leads the Nation in Reported Cases of Same-Sex Domestic Violence, but the Numbers Are Misleading**

By John Caldwell -- Frontiers Web

An alarming number of same-sex domestic violence cases were reported in Los Angeles in 2000—far more than anywhere else in the country. But in the burgeoning science of addressing and examining this once-neglected problem, high numbers of reported cases can not only be misleading, they can be encouraging.

The fifth annual report on domestic violence in the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgendered community released by the National Coalition of Anti-Violence Programs (NCAVP) July 31, showed that Los Angeles

accounted for more than half the cases nationwide last year. Domestic violence involving LGBT people increased 30% with 4,048 total cases over 3,120 in 1999. A startling 2,146 of those, accounting for 85% of the national growth in cases reported, were in Los Angeles.

"I think the numbers are a really positive thing," said Susan Holt, program manager for the L.A. Gay & Lesbian Center's STOP (Support, Treatment, Outreach/Education & Prevention) domestic violence program. "When we're talking about the gay and lesbian community, we want to see an increase. It shows that our outreach and education is paying off."

In conjunction with the efforts of specific programs such as STOP, experts are seeing increased willingness among LGBT persons to identify abuse and come forward, something that has been notoriously difficult for all people, regardless of sexual orientation.

"Generally speaking, people don't commonly disclose that they're being abused," Holt said. "Rather than waiting for them, we're assessing if they're at risk."

Despite increased awareness, domestic violence within the lesbian and gay community continues to be a vexing problem. The frequency with which it happens, along with some core behaviors such as verbal abuse, physical harm, sexual assault and stalking, are the same as in the heterosexual community, but the comparison ends there.

"Traditionally, there have not been that many resources available to gay and lesbian victims of domestic violence," said Rich Ryan, a representative with the city. He was pleased to note that the Domestic Violence Council is starting to adequately address LGBT issues.

Despite all the denial and fear, however, LGBT domestic violence is finding increased legitimacy in expanding outreach and education, particularly in Los Angeles.

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#### **Aug. 24 - Sept. 3, 2001 Oakland, CA**

The International Lesbian & Gay Association is holding its Global Gay Summit in the U.S. this year...Aug. 24 to Sept. 3 in Oakland, Calif. Delegates are expected to attend from more than 50 nations.

There will be day-long pre-conferences on men's issues, women's issues, religion, and "racism and globalization [and] its impact on the GLBT community."

To register, visit:

<http://www.ilgaoakland2001.org/home.html>, or phone: 1 510 663-3980 or e-mail: [ilgaoakland2001@aol.com](mailto:ilgaoakland2001@aol.com).

For more information on ILGA, visit:

[www.ilgaeurope2001.org](http://www.ilgaeurope2001.org)

#### **South Africa Pride September 24-28, 2001**

In a break from tradition, the PRIDE 2001 Organising Committee has decided to extend the PRIDE event to last a whole week, from Monday, 24 September 2001 to Friday, 28 September 2001, culminating in the Parade and Mardi Gras on Saturday, 29 September 2001. For more information check their site at: <http://www.sapride.org>

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development professionals and coaches, a team of experts will facilitate this innovative and holistic-centered seminar series, led by San Diego-based organizational and professional development consultant Sheryl Gee. Topics include finding diverse pools of top-notch professionals, remote/virtual team-building and balancing worklife with core cultural, family and spiritual needs and values. Immediately following, recruiters will be available to discuss career opportunities with AAWOT conference attendees. Debbie Allen, Keynote. For more information call 800-560-AAWT(2298); or register online at [www.aawot.com](http://www.aawot.com).

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**Nov. 16-18, 2001**

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#### **INTERNATIONAL LESBIAN & GAY ASSOCIATION**

**LGBT People From Across The World Head To Oakland For The First Global Summit On Gay Rights.**

To combat worldwide violence and discrimination, The International Lesbian & Gay Association, (ILGA), the world's largest federation of LGBT organizations, will hold the first ever Global Summit in Oakland, California this August 24 through September 3, 2001.

Hundreds of human rights leaders and LGBT activists from around the world are expected to attend and exchange information, build skills, network and strategize ways to end global discrimination of all kinds against peoples with same gender sexual orientation and different gender identities.

## FemmeNoir Debuts With New Look . . .



A labor of love, which has grown into a mission to teach, empower, and to share the wonder of our loves and our lives.

FemmeNoir is about community and bringing that community closer to other lesbians of color. Whether you live in North America, South America, Africa, the United Kingdom, anywhere in the world, you can find information about our lifestyles and culture via FemmeNoir.

Though FemmeNoir's content is geared primarily toward lesbians of color, we also introduce you to non-lesbian identified women of color who serve as positive role models in our communities and our content will provide information we can use as women, such as gardening, homelife, cooking, finances, etc.

FemmeNoir is designed to build self-esteem through our history and culture; to encourage a more powerful self-concept via the bridge called our sisters backs who are "doing it" in the communities; and to provide a platform for lesbians of color to express themselves at a time when information truly is power on this information superhighway.

With the advent of the internet, information is assessable and communication is quick and easy. It is FemmeNoir's ambitious hope to bring that information and the

ability to communicate with one another as close as your desktop. FemmeNoir serves as a portal to other sites of interest to lesbians of color. In addition, we will provide original content pertaining to our community, our loves, our lives, our music, our theater, our films, our publications, and our culture.

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## Personal Finance

### Protecting Your Identity

By Christine Adams Tripp, J.D.



Have you ever gone on the net and typed your name into a search engine site? You would be surprised at what comes up. Today, there are more and more people with the same name. Not only first and last name, but first name, middle name, and last name. Try it sometimes and see what happens.

It's easy to become you without your knowledge. Identity theft is such a big business that police departments around the country are forming task force to handle the many complaints that are filed everyday. Because of the gravity of the problem, and the fact that there is so much information to give, this column will be presented in two or three parts. The first part will consist of how identity theft occurs and minimizing your risk. The second part will discuss what happens if you are a victim, and lastly how to resolve the problem.

First, let's look at how someone could steal your identity. The basic information that a thief needs to steal your identity is your name, date of birth, and social security number. In other words, the identity theft occurs when someone appropriates your personal information without your knowledge. The only reason they would misappropriate this information is to commit fraud or theft.

Let's look at some case scenarios. A clerk working in Human Resources receives resumes and applications every day. Her job was to place the resumes and applications in the mail boxes of the different departments for managers to review. Let's look at the kind of information she has at her disposal. She has names, addresses, telephone numbers, social security numbers, nearest relatives, educational and job information, and much more. As we delve into this subject we will see what the clerk could do with the information.

Next, a couple has been saving money and sacrificing for several years and decides it is time to apply for a mortgage to purchase their first home. They think their credit is in good shape since they only have one credit card each and their debt ratio is within range to qualify for a mortgage. You can imagine their surprise when they find they have credit cards and store accounts open in their names. learn later what the process is for cleaning up their credit.

Worst of all is all the accounts are in collection. We will The last scenario is an elderly couple who are almost forced out of their home because someone signed their names as co-signers for an automobile. The same person took out a mortgage on their property. This is a very difficult situation because they have found it was their son and they didn't want him to get in trouble. These scenarios and many, many more happen daily in this country.

Let's discuss how to minimize your risk. Now, you can't completely protect yourself from identity theft. If someone is intent on getting your information or they want to get you for some reason, then they will go all out and get the information. In this article, we are discussing the thief who is an opportunist. If you leave the information out and/or you are an easy target, then your identity will be taken.

So let's look at some things you can do to minimize your chances of being a victim of identity theft. First, take your social security card out of your purse and/or wallet. Memorize the number and put it away in a safe place. Never, ever put your social security number on your resume or application. If a potential employer asks for your social security number, explain that you only give the number out when you are hired.

A thief can get your personal information by stealing your purse. What do you keep in your purse? You drivers license, credit cards, telephone book, etc. Do you write your pin number on the back of your credit or ATM cards? Don't! Another way they can get your information is by "dumpster diving" or going through your trash. Don't throw away credit card statements, tax information, or anything else that has your personal information on it. Buy a cheap shredder and shred everything that has your information on it.

Some other examples of identity theft could be: putting in a change of address to divert your mail; using personal information you share on the internet; making counterfeit checks and draining your bank account; establishing credit in your name; getting a cell phone; moving into an apartment; and too many more to mention.

To minimize your risk from identity theft, you must manage and guard your personal information. Deposit all outgoing mail in the mailbox or at the post office. Read all credit card statements. Get a copy of your credit report at least once a year. If you find anything on the report that looks suspicious, write to the credit reporting agency and have the information removed.

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### Protecting Your Identity (cont'd from page 7)

By all means, don't share your personal information with anyone unless it is absolutely necessary. I always suggest that my clients put passwords on all of their accounts, including their utilities. When using a password, don't use your initials, your pet's name, and/or any other obvious name that can be associated with you.

Next time, we will discuss what happens when your identity is stolen and what to do about it. Any questions? You can contact me at: [pi-eye@investigator-ct.com](mailto:pi-eye@investigator-ct.com) or visit my website at: <http://www.investigator-ct.com/pi-eye.html>.

Be careful!

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## On The Web . . .

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Blackberri Café was created by two women who were looking for a central place on the internet to connect with other lesbians of color. "This place did not exist...so we decided to create it. That's how Blackberri Café was born."

"Since then, the concept has been refined, but the original spirit of our idea has remained the same. Our vision is to create a safe, nurturing place for lesbians of color to hang out. We want our café to be a comfortable, interactive community. Thus, we have designed our site a little differently. We have built in several ways for members to participate, learn, share and provide feedback. We have included a variety of content and features that we believe reflects the diverse interests of our community. Our café also reflects some of the new interests that we have discovered together as our relationship has evolved.

Building our café has been a real learning experience. We continue to learn something new everyday about each other, being webmistresses and entrepreneurs. We are looking forward to sharing these experiences with you, as well as learning from you as we evolve together."



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