



Hot Web site

Shoe International, a new lesbian community site produced in Switzerland, takes on a distinctly international feel beginning on the main screen, where you're given a choice of seven languages. Joining the site is free, and with plenty of fun features for members—you'll find instant messaging (no special software required), E-cards, and the old standbys, chat rooms and message boards—Shoe gives the impression it can't quite figure out what it wants to be when it grows up. Nevertheless, it seems to be having fun along the way.

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Activism 101

Although George W. Bush has promised to reform education, he's said nothing about whether that reform will include the creation of safe learning environments for the nation's gay and lesbian students. The Gay, Lesbian, and Straight Education Network—a group whose focus is just that sort of reform—has launched a revamped site that makes it easier than ever for you to get involved in its effort. Don't know your local education officials? Under the [Action link](#), GLSEN provides the contact information for every school district superintendent in the country. Don't have time to write a letter? A GLSEN E-card will get the message across just fine.

Straighten up

We have parades, pink triangles, a purple Teletubby, and a fabulous flag. Now straight people can stand tall and be counted as well—at the [Straight Pride](#) pages. Sporting its own striped “straight flag,” this joke site introduces you to “some of the fine, upstanding straight men and women who prove that ‘straight pride is kewl!’ ” Perfect for a few quick laughs, this Web site is the one to forward to your straight-but-not-narrow friends.

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