

PROPERTY OF
HERLAND LIBRARY

Property of the Center

FREE

DIMENSIONS

VOLUME 6, ISSUE 9

APRIL 1993



PROPERTY OF
HERLAND LIBRARY



Ms.B's

A LITTLE BIT OF
NEW YORK CITY
IN THE HEART OF
HOUSTON

A Musical Comedy Revue With:

NANCY FORD

Female Entertainer Of The Year

April 8th & 22nd
& Every Other Thursday

Open Everyday 4pm-2am • Happy Hour Every Night • 4pm To 8pm



happy hour
all night
every friday

- industrial
 - alternative
 - new wave
- & dance music

*The
Patio*

**Steak
Nite
Starts
April
11th!**

PLAZA 9200

FOUR Bars in ONE!

Only 10 Minutes From Montrose • ONE COVER FOR ALL THE FUN
300 Car, Lighted Parking with Security • Men Always Welcome!

9200 Buffalo Speedway

713•666•3464

713•666•3356



Look For Our
7th Anniversary Celebration
Coming In April!

Pool Tournaments • Every Thursday At 8pm

Check Out Our

**FREE
DANCE
LESSONS**

Every Tuesday
Night at 8pm

Sponsored By:

SOUTHERN



COUNTRY

H ★ O ★ U ★ S ★ T ★ O ★ N

OPEN Tuesday thru Sunday • 7pm-2am

CONTENTS

VOLUME 6, ISSUE 9 • APRIL 1993

FEATURES

RECOGNIZING & OVERCOMING JEALOUSY 17

THE COFFEE CLUB

LESBIAN LITERATURE, MUSIC, MOVIES & MORE 25

QUIZ

ARE YOU CAPABLE OF HAVING AN AFFAIR? 28

WHAT A WORLD, WHAT A WORLD

HUMOR BY COMEDIAN NANCY FORD 22

A FEMINIST PERSPECTIVE

WOMEN & POLITICS WITH LOBBYIST LAURIE EISERLOH 38

MONTHLY FEATURES

8 NEWS • 12 WHAT'S GOIN' ON

15 DEAR AGNES • 30 POETRY

31 HOROSCOPE • 33 DIRECTORY

36 CLASSIFIEDS • 39 GRAFFITI

Dimensions is published by Visions Publishing Co., P.O. Box 856, Lubbock, TX 79408, Phone (806) 797-9647. Opinions expressed by columnists do not necessarily reflect those of Dimensions or its staff. Publication of the names of any person or organization is not an indication of sexual orientation. Subscription rates: 6 mos. \$15.00, 1 yr. \$24.00. Payment must accompany all subscription orders. Copyright ©1993 Visions Publishing Co. All rights reserved. Reproduction in whole or in part is strictly prohibited.

Any letter received by Dimensions will be assumed for publication. All letters must include signature, address and phone number. We reserve the right to edit letters as we feel necessary. The writers name will be withheld if so requested.

DIMENSIONS

P.O. Box 856
Lubbock, TX 79408
(806) 797-9647

Office Hrs:
1pm-6pm Mon-Sat



Kelly Chambers
Managing Editor

Tasha Sumner
Advertising & Art Director

Contributing Editors:

Shannon Lacy
Kelly Chambers
Linda Monroe
Cameron Taylor
Judy Smith
Nancy Ford

Shannon Lacy
Production Manager

Suzanna Reilly
Southwest Distribution

Cameron Taylor
Staff Photographer

**For Advertising
Information &
Rates,
Call or Write
Tasha Sumner at:**

P.O. Box 856
Lubbock, TX 79408

(806) 797-9647

We Need Writers!

**Dimensions needs
writers of short stories
and feature articles.**

Articles and stories must be between 1500-2000 words in length, typed, double-spaced. Subject matter should relate to lesbians and/or women's concerns. Explicit erotica and profanity is discouraged.

**Send your submission
along with SASE to:**

DIMENSIONS

**Attn: Kelly Chambers
P.O. BOX 856
Lubbock, TX 79408**

**Manuscripts will not be
returned, so please do
not send your original!**

NEW! 1993-94 WOMEN'S VACATIONS

EXPERIENCE

Olivia

Sun, swim, snorkel,
sail, siesta... On land or
at sea. All women, always!

MEXICO, CLUB MED RESORT

ON THE BEACH AT PLAYA BLANCA!

*Our own land based resort 120 miles south
of Puerto Vallarta*

May 1-8, 1993

\$895 to \$995 ‡

April 30-May 7, 1994

\$925 to \$1,025‡

GAY PRIDE, SAN FRANCISCO

OLIVIA'S 20TH ANNIVERSARY!

Concert, Dance, Parade, Hotel Available

June 25-27, 1993

EASTERN CARIBBEAN CRUISE

OLIVIA'S THANKSGIVING AT SEA!

*Fort Lauderdale, San Salvador, San Juan,
St. Thomas*

November 20-27, 1993

\$995 to \$2,495 ‡

MEXICAN CARIBBEAN & YUCATÁN CRUISE

OUR FOURTH VALENTINE'S CRUISE!

*Miami, Playa del Carmen, Cozumel &
Key West*

February 11-18, 1994

\$995 to \$2,495 ‡

CANADA & NEW ENGLAND CRUISE

*Toujours l'amour. Montréal, Québec City,
Charlottetown, Halifax, Bar Harbor,
Provincetown, & New York.*

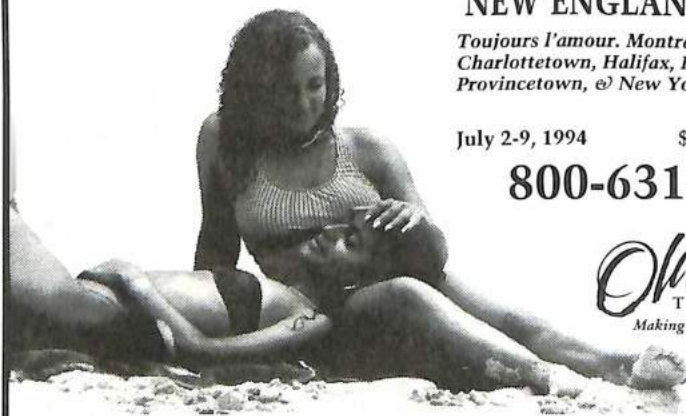
July 2-9, 1994

\$1,095 to \$2,595 ‡

800-631-6277

Olivia
TRAVEL

Making Your Dreams Come True.



OLIVIA TRAVEL, 4400 Market St., Oakland, CA 94608, 510-655-0364

Having Problems Finding A Copy of **DIMENSIONS?** SUBSCRIBE!

Get up to Twelve full months of Dimensions delivered right to your door! We protect your privacy by mailing Dimensions in a plain brown envelope with only our box number as a return address. We mail first class and our mailing lists are never sold. So, start now and receive next month's issue in the privacy of your own home!

☐

Please Start My 6 Month Subscription Right Away!
Enclosed Is My Check Or Money Order For \$15.00

☐

Please Start My 12 Month Subscription Right Away!
Enclosed Is My Check Or Money Order For \$24.00

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP _____

AREA CODE/PHONE _____

COMPLETE FORM AND MAIL TO:

DIMENSIONS

P.O. Box 856 • Lubbock, TX 79408 • (806) 797-9647

THE NEWS

FROM AROUND THE REGION, THE COUNTRY & THE WORLD

IT'S TIME . . . For The March On Washington!

WASHINGTON, D.C. - The March on Washington for Lesbian, Gay and Bi Equal Rights and Liberation happens on Sunday, April 25th. The March platform is in the box on page 9.

There has been some controversy surrounding the platform and the inclusion of items like abortion rights and universal health care. The Federation of Log Cabin Clubs, the national gay Republican organization has decided not to allow it's chapters to participate in the March because of the "non-gay" parts of the agenda.

Events surrounding the March will include:

- "Lobby Days" — office visits to representatives on April 22 & 23 and 26 & 27.
- Various dances, parties and shows including a concert with Romanovsky & Phillips, Margie Adam and Karen Williams on Saturday, April 24th.
- "The Wedding," an interfaith ceremony of commitment with Reverend Troy Perry on the 24th.
- "The Texas 2-Step Party" on the 24th for Texans and friends.

More than one million people are expected to attend the March on Washington. If you would like more information on the March and all the events leading up to and following it, please contact Deborah Bell at (202) 628-0493 for

registration information. March organizers are encouraging all participants to register. This will allow for better event planning and coordination, as well as giving March organizers a more accurate count to provide to the media. For travel and accommodations for the March, contact Destination Tours in Dallas at (214) 559-6133 or Confident Travel at 800-872-7252. Accommodations can also be found through Washington D.C. Accommodations 800-554-2220.

New Group Fights Back With Media Campaign

WASHINGTON, D.C. - A new group to fight anti-gay hate crusades has formed and has kicked off its media campaign with the premier of "Hate, Lies and Videotape," a new tape that exposes the propaganda tactics of the religious Right.

The Gay and Lesbian Emergency Media Campaign (GLEMC) announced its formation at a recent press conference at the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force offices in Washington, D.C. GLEMC will produce and distribute media that exposes the agenda of the religious rights and promotes lesbian and gay visibility. GLEMC is a project of "Testing the Limits," an award-winning filmmaking group based in New York City.

March On Washington Platform

1. We demand passage of a Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual, and Transgender civil rights bill and an end to discrimination by state and federal governments including the military; repeal of all sodomy laws and other laws that criminalize private sexual expression between consenting adults.
2. We demand massive increase in funding for AIDS education, research, and patient care; universal access to health care including alternative therapies; and an end to sexism in medical research and health care.
3. We demand legislation to prevent discrimination against Lesbians, Gays, Bisexuals and Transgendered people in areas of family diversity, custody, adoption and foster care and that the definition of family includes the full diversity of all family structures.
4. We demand full and equal inclusion of Lesbians, Gays, Bisexuals and Transgendered people in the educational system, and inclusion of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender studies in multicultural curricula.
5. We demand the right to reproductive freedom and choice, to control our own bodies, and an end to sexist discrimination.
6. We demand an end to racial and ethnic discrimination in all forms.
7. We demand an end to discrimination and violent oppression based on actual or perceived sexual orientation/identification, race, religion, identity, sex and gender expression, disability, age, class, AIDS/HIV infection.

in New York City.

One of GLEMC's first projects was the premiere of a new video, "Hate, Lies and Videotape." The video, screened at the press conference, vividly compares "The Gay Agenda" — a slick, 19-minute documentary-style video that feeds on lesbian and gay stereotypes — with other hate propaganda such as the 1940 Nazi film, "The Eternal Jew."

GLEMC charged that Congressional and Pentagon resistance to lifting the ban against gays in the military is being fueled by "The Gay Agenda." The "Videotape of hate" has been distributed to U.S. Senators, Representatives and to the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and is being shown in military establishments around the country and abroad. Gay activists were outraged to hear recently that Gen.

Carl Mundy Jr., Commandant of the Marines, had provided copies to the Joint Chiefs.

"The Gay Agenda" includes sensationalist images from gay pride events taken out of context and combined with statements from "medical authorities" and other pseudo-officials. The video is one of the major weapons in the Far Right's declared "Holy War" against lesbians and gays.

The video was produced by the Springs of Life, a charismatic Christian church in Lancaster, California. It was released last October, with thousands of copies delivered to Oregon and Colorado in time for those states' anti-gay initiatives. The tape is endorsed and promoted by Pat Robertson's Christian Coalition, and is sold for \$13.95 over

Robertson's "700 Club" cable show. GLEMC produced "Hate, Lies and Videotape" to expose and counter the fear-mongering tactics of the Far Right. Copies of this tape were distributed to the Joint Chiefs of Staff and the major television networks, with more copies slated for distribution to the U.S. Congress.

Bomb Threat Against GLAAD Billboard

OAKLAND, CA - The Patrick Media Group, an Oakland, CA based outdoor advertising firm, was informed that a bomb threat was received concerning a public service billboard donated for the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD). According to Cass Caulfield from Patrick Media, the threat was called in to the building that sits

under the billboard. The property owner called the police.

Citing public safety concerns, Partick Media made the decision to cover up the billboard. This billboard, part of the Billboard Project sponsored by GLAAD/Los Angeles and GLAAD/San Francisco Bay Area, was the last of a twenty-two billboard campaign throughout California. It depicts and interracial lesbian couple, one of whom is pregnant, with the tag "Another Traditional Family."

The couple, San Francisco residents and a family for more than nine years, are now the proud parents of a six month baby boy.



Business Delivery Systems

- DOCUMENTS
- PACKAGES
- FREIGHT
- IMMEDIATE PICKUP AND DELIVERY
- BONDED & INSURED
- RADIO DISPATCHED
- MONDAY THRU FRIDAY 8:00 AM TO 5:00 PM

14902 Preston Road 733-1108 Dallas, Tx 75240

Pager # 432-2391 At tone dial your number and then number sign (#).



3903 CEDAR SPRINGS
(214) 380-3808

WHAT'S GOIN' ON

A MONTHLY LISTING OF SPECIAL EVENTS ALL AROUND THE AREA

TEXAS - The fifth annual **Texas Lesbian Conference (TLC)** happens in at the **Stouffer Presidente Hotel** in Houston, May 21-23. Featured speakers include: **Phyllis Lyon and Del Martin**, authors of *Lesbian/Woman* and founding members of the Daughters of Bilitis (the first lesbian organization, founded in 1953); "**Sexpert**" **Susie Bright**; poet and author **Akasha (Gloria) Hull**; and **Dr. Nancy Lee Josie**, minister at MCC Cathedral of Hope in Dallas. The film "A Place of Rage" will be shown several times. The film features **June Jordan, Angela Davis and Alice Walker** recounting their experiences in the civil rights movement. Entertainment will be provided by **Denice Franke, Girls in the Nose and The Therapy Sisters**. For registration information, call (713) 867-8904 or write to: TLC '93, c/o LIB, P.O. Box 66748, Houston, TX 74266-6798. For hotel reservations, call the Stouffer Presidente at 1-800-468-3571 and mention TLC. Room rates for participants are \$79 for up to four women. Rates are good through May 7th, so call now!

HOUSTON - Although women have been composing classical music for generations, it doesn't get much air time on your favorite classical station. To make up for it, you can catch **Musica Femina**, a concert "informance" of classical women's music, with **Flute/Guitar Duo, Janna MacAuslan** and

Kristan Aspen. The two will be performing at the **Mucky Duck** (2425 Norfolk) on Thursday, April 8th at 8:30pm. Tickets are \$5 at the door. For more info, call (713) 528-5999.

ALL OVER - Interested in having children? A new national organization has formed for lesbian mothers and lesbians who want children. The group is called **MOMAZONS** and will provide information on bearing, adopting, raising and being involved with children. **MOMAZONS** promotes itself as "Support — Newsletter — Resource Exchange." For more info, write: P.O. Box 02069, Columbus, OH 43202 or call (614) 267-0193.

NEW ORLEANS - The **5th Annual Gulf Coast Womyn's Music Festival** will be held April 7-11, 30 miles north of New Orleans. Performers include **Sisterbeat, Lynn Thomas, Pam Hall and Sue Fink**. Activities include "Gyrlfest" a program for 3-16 year-olds, "Health Fair," "Womyn of Color Celebration," "Over 40s and friends," "Crafts-Womyn," and more. For more information call (601) 896-3196.

DALLAS - **Oak Lawn Community Services** offers an 8-week series for lesbian and gay men entitled "**Relationships in Recovery: How to Have a Healthy Relationship**." This series is held each Wednesday from 6-7:15pm.

South Plains AIDS Resource Center

FREE, CONFIDENTIAL HIV TESTING

(806) 796-7068 Office
1-800-627-7079
(806) 796-0920 FAX

David L. Crader
Executive Director
4204 B 50th Street
Lubbock, Texas 79413

The cost is \$5 per individual and \$10 per couple. It is held at OLCS, 3434 Fairmont. A **Women's General Issues Group** is held at OLCS on Tuesdays, from 7-8:30pm. OLCS also offers an **Incest Survivors Series**. For more information on any of these programs, call OLCS at (214) 520-8108.

LUBBOCK - If you can't attend the **March on Washington**, be sure to send your bandana! **Ellie's Garden** is selling pink, "**March For Me Too**", bandanas so that you can send your message to the March. You purchase a bandana, write your message on it and send it to the March where it will be worn or carried by marchers from West Texas. The bandana will be returned to you after the March. All proceeds will go to benefit local gay and lesbian organizations. Call **Ellie's** at (806) 796-0880 or **Sue** at (806) 793-5308 for more

info.

DALLAS - The **Oak Lawn Arts Festival** will be held from 12-6pm, Sunday, May 23rd on Cedar Springs Road between Reagan and Throckmorton. The festival is

sponsored by **Razzle Dazzle Dallas**. If you would like to have your art included, you must have your application in by April 10. All arts media are welcome. For application info, call (214) 606-3236.



If you have
information for the
"What's Goin' On"
column, please
send it to us!
Deadline for submissions is
the 20th of each month.

Ellie's Garden

WOMEN'S BOOKS & MORE

A Complete Selection Of
Gay/Lesbian Titles, Mystery, Sci-fi,
Videos, Music, Cards & Gifts.

Closed Monday.

2812 34th St., Lubbock, TX 79410

(806) 796-0880

1-800-473-5543



COMING OUT MEANS TELLING THE TRUTH ABOUT YOUR LIFE... A REAL FAMILY VALUE.

No matter how "out" we
think we are there are
always opportunities to tell
the truth about our lives,
whether it be through art,
politics, or just in the
course of life itself.

**That's how we empower our community.
That's how we put an end to prejudice.**

*Please give generously to the most positive
campaign the gay and lesbian community
has ever waged.*



OCTOBER 11

NATIONAL COMING OUT DAY, INC.
PO Box 8270, SANTA FE, NM
87504 / 505-982-2558
Your contribution is tax deductible.

DEAR AGNES

ANSWERS TO YOUR QUESTIONS ABOUT LOVE,
RELATIONSHIPS & PERSONAL PROBLEMS

Dear Agnes,

My problem is a little unusual for your column. It concerns my work. I work in a large department store in the Houston area. My boss is a woman, she knows I'm gay and she doesn't have a problem with it.

There are really two problems. The first concerns the men that work in my department. They also know I'm gay and are constantly harassing me about it. They make lewd comments and are always asking me if lesbians have a "secret" way of satisfying women that they don't know about.

I don't know what to do. I know that their comments constitute sexual harassment and that I could report them, but that would only make me and them even more miserable. My boss's boss doesn't know anything about me (that I know of) and I'm afraid if I filed a complaint it would go all over the company and really cause problems.

I love my job and don't want to lose it, but I am very uncomfortable with these men.

The second (related) problem is that I recently saw one of the wives of the men I work with at a women's bar. She recognized me and wanted to talk to me about her "blossoming lesbian sexual awareness." I was flabbergasted. I had no idea what to do. I don't want to be involved in any way with this woman. I know if she comes out and her husband finds out that she even saw me in that setting, he would probably blame me for "corrupting" her. Then, once again my job would be at risk.

I'm at a total loss. I can't go on like this, but I know if I speak up I'll just be causing myself even more problems. If you have any suggestions, I would truly appreciate your help.

Harassed

Houston, TX

Dear Harassed,

Harassment is harassment is harassment.

You have two choices. You can either blow the whistle on these guys or learn to ignore their sly and nasty remarks. Companies take sexual harassment charges very seriously, but, as you have already pointed out, it won't do a damned thing for your career.

You might try talking to them on an individual basis (no witnesses) and telling them in no uncertain terms to cut the crap. However, you should only take this course of action if you know these men well enough to be sure it won't make things worse than they already are.

This is a tough call, but if you just can't take it anymore, don't leave empty-handed — get a lawyer.

As for the wife, if you see her in the bar again, tell her politely that you do not socialize with co-workers or their wives and leave it at that.

Dear Agnes,

My lover and I met two years ago at a softball game for our daughters. I have been out of the closet for almost 17 years, but she was just coming out. I

was the first woman she ever slept with. We've had a great relationship until recently. It seems that she is getting curious about sex with other women. We have talked about this many times. I even told her before we moved in together that this would happen. I love her more than I can say and I don't want to let her go, but she is getting very restless.

I don't think she's sleeping with anyone else — yet. But it's only a matter of time I'm sure.

Do you have any suggestions? I don't want to lose her, but it seems the harder I try to hold on, the further away she gets.

AT A LOSS
Austin, TX

Dear Loss,

You can't make anyone love you or stay with you. The only real option you have is to let her go and wait for her return. Just don't wait too long. You can't put your life on hold for someone who doesn't want you.

I'm sorry to be so blunt, but that's just the way things are sometimes.



WRITE TO "AGNES"
WITH YOUR PROBLEMS AT:
P.O. Box 856
LUBBOCK, TX 79408

Another Exclusive Crossroads Market Author Appearance

Claire McNab

Meet the popular author of the Inspector Carol Ashton series of erotic mysteries (*Cop Out*, *Death Down Under*) and have her sign her newest best-seller, *Dead Certain*.

Houston: Saturday, April 17, 7:00 PM

Dallas: Sunday, April 18, 2:00 PM

Houston

610 W. Alabama, 713-942-0147

Dallas

3930 Cedar Springs Rd., 214-521-8919

Crossroads Market
& B O O K S T O R E



©1993 Oaklawn Marketing, Inc.

Recognizing & Overcoming JEALOUSY

by D. Winkler, MS, PFC

I was out the other night at a local club to have a good time, and although my interest was to socialize, I could not help but overhear a conversation that I feel is important to this thing called jealousy.

A young woman named Mary was taking a break from dancing and fun when I heard her tell a friend, "I'm having such a super time tonight. I can't wait to get home and call Sue (her lover) and tell her how much fun I've had. She will be so jealous!"

"Super!" I thought. Mary is going to try and get Sue's goat. And how will Sue feel and what will she more than likely say? More than likely Sue will get upset and let Mary know where she was that evening and just how much fun she had without Mary.

The fighting will go on and on. The relationship will get worse and worse. Tomorrow they can go out again to prove who can have the better time without the other. Who wins in these situations? Nobody!

There are many myths out there about jealousy. It has been defended and even glamorized. A large number of people believe it shows how much they care for the other person. They will even say, "If I did not care so much for you, I would not get jealous." Think about that statement for just a second. How

does your lover usually respond to loving, caring behavior? In a positive way I would think. Now, how do they usually act in response to jealous behavior? In a loving way? I think not. Behavior that is the result of jealousy is not loving, so let's not put a good name on it and say it is "showing how much you care."

The jealous person will try and blame their jealousy on their lover. They will say that if she would just stop/start doing this/that, then they would not be jealous. The jealous person is claiming that you are responsible for their jealousy. Don't buy into this. The jealousy is their problem, don't make it yours. If you do, stand by to have no outside friends or activities. Actually, the person who feels irrationally jealous creates their own feelings.

Most of us believe in the A-C Theory of emotions.

A - Activating event or experience (something happens, or is about to happen or we think it is or will happen).

C - Consequences (your emotions and behavioral reaction).

Most of us are convinced that the "A" causes the "C". My lover rejected me (A) and that made me angry and depressed (C).

Dr. Albert Ellis, a noted psychologist,

was the first to use the principles of Rational Thinking in counseling and has presented us with the A-B-C Theory of emotions. The "B" stands for our Belief system (your beliefs, thoughts, attitudes, or expectations). In Rational Thinking, we teach that "A" does not cause "C". Our Belief (B) about the event (A) causes our emotional reaction (C).

An activating event (A) can produce a variety of emotional consequences (C), ranging from pleasure to acute distress or anger. *However*, the kind of reaction we have to any activating event (A) is dependent upon the way one views the situation — i.e., their belief system (B). Dr. Ellis believes these principles are based on the fact that we humans have the unique capacity and ability to think and reason. And because we have this capacity, our feelings Are Produced By Our Thinking. While our background and environment may well have been (and may still be) negative, that does not explain why we continue to indulge in self-destructive behavior. The A-B-C Theory does explain why and how. It places the responsibility for how we feel squarely US.

People express their "upsetness" in many different ways. The loss of a loved one (through divorce or death), being rejected or being fired does not always affect everyone in the same way. Some are just concerned, disappointed, or sad, while others get hurt, mad or depressed. There are a large number of people who have experienced some of these events, and the degree of upsetness ranges from mere concern to depression, from calm displeasure to anger. And this is not only true from person to person, it is true within each of us. Something can take place today that

just displeases us, but last week when the same thing took place, we were angry. While the results of physical trauma cause a degree of pain for almost all of us, this is not the case with emotional trauma. For example, if I were to hit any five people over the head with a hammer, it would be safe to say they would all have some pain. But this is not so with emotional trauma. Not everyone gets upset or depressed when things happen.

We seem to be very good at justifying why we act in the counterproductive ways we do. As often as we do self-destructive things (sometimes the same ones over and over), one could get the impression that we enjoy pain. But this is not the case. We do work very hard for the emotional pain, but then we blame our upsetness on everything and everyone in the world except the one person who is responsible — OURSELF. So how do we cause our upsetness? Let's use the situation with Mary and Sue and present the sequence of jealousy. Ask yourself if this is what takes place in your life.

(1) Mary sees Sue talking with another person and tells herself something like this: "If they are intimate, I'm probably being compared; and I may not measure up; and that would be terrible." How does Mary feel? Anxious, of course.

(2) Mary now tells herself something like this: "She could leave me or embarrass me and others may find out. I'd look stupid and lose someone I want to keep. I would not be able to stand that." Now how does Mary feel? Yes, even more anxious than before.

(3) Now Mary thinks something like this: "That lousy, no good bitch. She shouldn't do this to me!" Now anger has entered the picture.

Mary may then decide that all this proves that she is an unlovable person, a failure, and even get depressed. Or, Mary may get even by name calling or physical violence. Or, Mary could leave her lover Sue so that her fragile integrity is maintained.

Let's go back and take a very close look at this sequence of events. I stated before that people create their own jealousy. It is not caused by what other people do, or don't do, say or don't say. Just what was Sue doing in this situation? Talking with someone. Let's take it a little further and say that Sue was dancing, drinking, having lunch, or at a party. Can these things cause Mary to feel jealous? No way. She may end up feeling jealous, but the events that are taking place are not the cause of her jealousy. So where does Mary get her jealous feelings?

From what she is telling herself about the events that are taking place (or may take place). Let's take a closer look at what Mary has said:

(1) If they are intimate, I'm probably being compared.

(2) I may not measure up and that would be terrible.

(3) Sue could leave me or embarrass me and others may find out.

(4) I'd look stu-

pid and lose someone I want to keep.

(5) I would not be able to stand losing Sue.

(6) That lousy, no good bitch.

(7) She shouldn't do this to me.

Where does Sue's talking (having lunch, dancing, drinking, or working) prove that Mary is being compared? Even if she were, what proves she would not measure up? Even if she were being compared, and did not measure up, what proves Sue will leave Mary? Sue could leave Mary even if all the above were not true.

Further, where is the proof that even if Sue left Mary she would then be stupid and unable to stand losing Sue. And how does Sue's comparison of Mary

continued on page 31

DENEUE IS...

A new bi-monthly magazine written by lesbians, about lesbians & for lesbians

- ▼ Social & Political Issues
- ▼ Reviews & Interviews
- ▼ Books & Movies
- ▼ The Latest Trends
- ▼ The Hottest Clubs
- ▼ News, Rumors, & Tidbits
- ▼ Cartoons, Poetry & Fiction
- ▼ Style, Attitude & Passion



DON'T YOU DESERVE DENEUE?

One Year (6 issues) for only \$21.00!

Please send my subscription (mailed in a discreet brown envelope) to:



Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

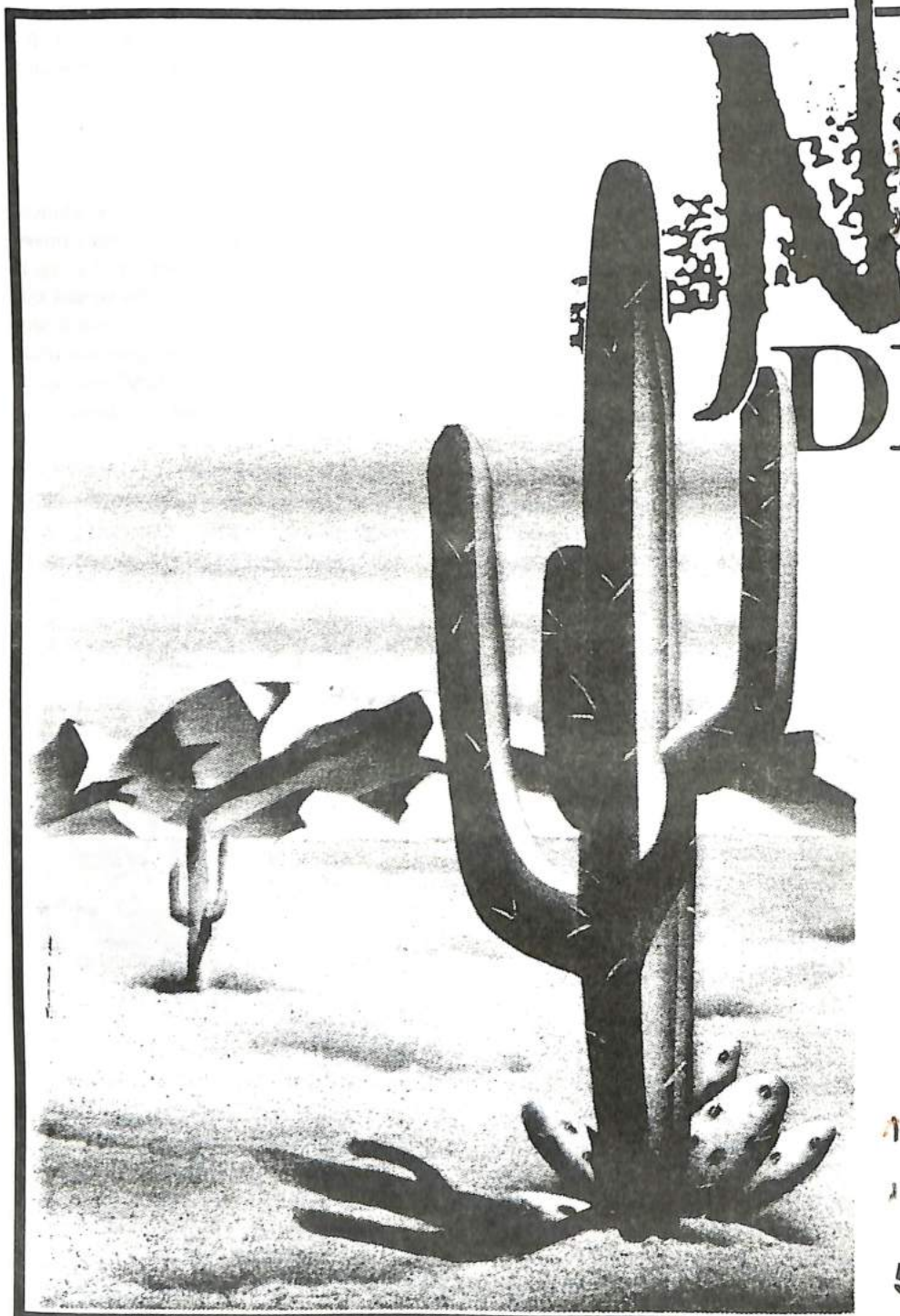
Please make checks or money orders payable to

Send to: FRS Enterprises

2336 Market Street #15

San Francisco, CA 94114

DENEUE





presents

ENA KAYE

SAN ANTONIO

Friday • April 16th • 9pm

AUSTIN

Sunday • April 18th • 9pm

**\$3 AT THE DOOR
WITH "SUNDAY"
DRINK SPECIALS!**

AUSTIN
305 W. 5th
512•472•5288



SAN ANTONIO
8021 Pinebrook
210•341•2818

WHAT A WORLD, WHAT A WORLD

ON THE ROAD TO WASHINGTON

BY NANCY FORD

So, what are you doing April 25? Hopefully, you'll be joining the millions of gays, lesbians, bi's, straights, and none-of-the-above's for the big March on Washington. Organizers are describing the event as the historic equivalent to the 1963 civil rights march led by Dr. Martin Luther King. More than 1 million of us are expected to hit DC Town, participating not only in the march itself, but attending the various conferences, lobbying efforts, and demonstrations. What a party.

"Passage of federal laws that would protect gay people against housing and job discrimination and lift the ban on homosexuals in the military are the key demands of the marchers," according to a recent article in *The Washington Post*. Demands? I prefer to think of them as Suggestions for Civilized Living. Outrageous, huh?

The good news is that the march is being endorsed not just by us crazy queers, but also by the National Organization for Women, the NAACP, the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and the United Church of Christ. The bad news is the National Park Service anticipates there will not be enough room in the federal downtown parks for the hoards of demonstrators, because the just-reseeded Wash-

ington Mall is off limits. Kind of elevates the idea of Keeping Off The Grass to a whole new level, doesn't it? So be sure to step around the new seedlings, not on them, as we protest the inequities, violence and hatred that has oppressed us for generations.

To make your trip as uncomplicated as possible, I've pulled together a few tips that I've acquired through years of hard on-the-road experience. Clip them and sew them into your underwear.

▼ Pack sensibly. Unless you are pregnant or a female impersonator, try to remember that you need only pack for one.

▼ Traveling is always exciting, whether it be via plane, automobile, ship, little seat in the grocery store shopping cart, whatever. I do, however, draw the line at buses. Not metropolitan-mass-transit-get-you-from-one-block-to-the-next buses — I'm talking about the buses on which you and your jostled kidneys travel cross-country, sharing a set with a scarved person of unknown origin (species, not geography) who is often toting pieces of luggage bearing the sticker, "honk if you love cheese." I can only assume that my aversion to this kind of transportation resulted from my mother having been frightened by a

greyhound while pregnant with me. If traveling by bus is your only alternative, consider mastering the ancient meditative practice of lowering your heart and breathing rate to a state of near-death. Like I always say, the best bus trip is an unconscious bus trip.

▼ Three words to remember when visiting public restrooms: Hover, hover, hover.

▼ If ever there was a time that the words "lesbian" and "sensible shoes" should be used in the same breath, it is now. Whether you're a Nike Dyke, Boot Scooter or a Pappagallo Princess, remember that you will be on your feet for long, long periods of time without benefit of bar or dance partner to lean on. WEAR SENSIBLE SHOES. You can't fight for equal rights with a blister, sister.

▼ There will be lots of cameras, lots of press, lots of media. The whole world will be watching our quest for equality and protection. Please remember that almost no one looks good in plaid.

▼ If carrying banners or placards bearing your own personal convictions and beliefs, please remember that Congress can be very persnickety at times. Spelling counts. Before hitting Pennsylvania Avenue, have a friend — a literate friend — check for typos.

▼ If driving, there's nothing more dangerous than battling highway fatigue unless it's trying to fold a road map. Remember to schedule frequent stops. One of the most entertaining ways to do this is to follow one of those gay/lesbian travel atlases which point the way to "friendlier neighborhoods." These breaks not only afford the traveller a little roadside rest, but you might even meet a politically like-minded new friend to tag along and share the driving. Maybe too, your car radio will blow out, forcing the two of you into hour after hour of increasingly intimate conversation. Maybe, even further, in a burst of cosmic spontaneity your eyes will meet at the mass wedding to be conducted on the steps of the Capitol. Suddenly you find yourselves exchanging vows, pledging to each other eternal love and devotion. Or maybe you should simply buy a box of No-Doze and just go for it.



KATHY HUBBARD

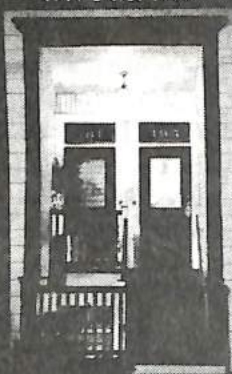
Texas Income Tax Service &
Business Consultation

(713) 522-9000

Fax: (713) 526-6588

P.O. Box 66588 • Houston, TX 77266

LEAVE A LIGHT
ON FOR ME



a novel by Jean Swallow

LEAVE A LIGHT ON FOR ME

by Jean Swallow

"An engaging story of interesting, complex women dealing with universal issues of love, infidelity, friendship, and family pain." —*San Francisco Chronicle*

"One of the most satisfying lesbian novels I have ever read. Ambitious and well written. A marvelous job." —Susanna Sturgis in the *Women's Review of Books*

"Swallow proves she is a gifted writer of fiction. Her characters have real depth, her scenes are full of specific detail and specific dialog, and her impeccable sense of time and pace keep the narrative flowing." —Patricia Roth Schwartz in *Belles Lettres*

\$9.95 in bookstores, or return this ad with \$11.00 (postpaid) to order by mail.

name _____ address _____
city _____ state _____ zip _____

ALYSON PUBLICATIONS
Dept. P-15, 40 Plympton St., Boston, MA 02118

Bedtime Reading

Short stories that celebrate
lesbian desire in all its forms.

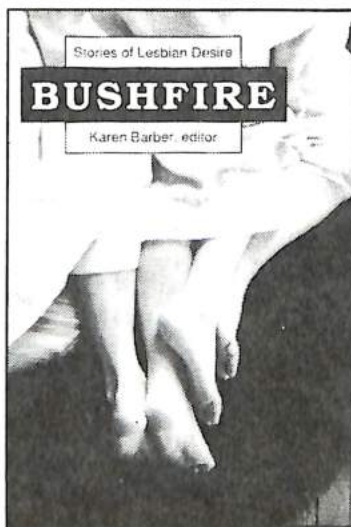
BUSHFIRE

edited by Karen Barber

\$8.95 in bookstores, or return this ad with \$10.00
(postpaid) to order by mail.

name _____
address _____
city _____ state _____ zip _____

ALYSON PUBLICATIONS
Dept. P-15, 40 Plympton St., Boston, MA 02118



THE COFFEE CLUB

LESBIANS IN THE ARTS • BOOKS, MUSIC, MOVIES, ETC.

THIS MONTH, TASHA SUMNER INTRODUCES:

Bastard Out Of Carolina

by Dorothy Allison

Dorothy Allison, author of Trash, a collection of short stories for which she won two Lambda Literary Awards in 1989 has just written her first novel. Bastard Out Of Carolina was a 1992 National Book Award finalist.

The story is narrated by "certified bastard," Ruth Anne Boatwright, known as Bone to her odd assortment of friends and relatives. Bone's birth certificate has "ILLEGITIMATE" stamped in large red letters across the bottom. Bone's mother, Anney, returns to City Hall once a year to try, without success, to get the word removed from the certificate.

Bone's step-father, Daddy Glen, is the ne'er-do-well, youngest son of a prosperous family. His insecurities about

his family position, and his jealousy of the love Anney has for Bone, lead him to physically and sexually abuse Bone. Surrounding the story of abuse are the members of Bone's extended family — uncles who drink, fight and work hard, aunts who are old before their time, and a gritty grandmother who dips snuff and never keeps her opinion to herself. Allison has strung together a series of family stories and made them into a novel. As a result, the book tends to wander at times, but instead of leading you away from the main story, her wandering only intensifies the effect. Allison says, "I hate most of the books on incest — the whole literature of victimology — hate most of all that so much of it is pseudo-porn, that it trades

on this culture's eroticization of child abuse . . . I did not want to give more than a bare sketch of what Daddy Glen does to Bone, and in every case I wanted it to be presented from her point of view, not his or anyone else's. I wanted not simply to empower Bone, but to vindicate her, to make her real in the world, forever altered by her experience of abuse, but not defined by it." This is the only area where Allison sets her gritty realism aside — we know what happens without having to be told in explicit detail. I appreciate the sensitivity for myself as well as for victims of such abuse.

On writing the book, Allison states, "There are many books a writer can choose to write, only one or two a writer has to write. Bastard Out Of Carolina is the book I had to write. It is not a lesbian coming-of-age story, not a charming portrait of growing up poor in the South of the fifties and sixties. Rather it is a frankly harrowing account of family violence and incest."

Allison's work is powerful. Her characters are mildly eccentric with a hard edge of realism. She manages to make the reader feel sympathy for the characters even while pointing out their flaws and failures.

Her descriptive powers are also impressive. She draws you into her world. From the dusty, treeless yards of down-and-out housing developments to the ramshackle house by the river, she can make you feel you are there. You can smell the stale beer, see the polluted river moving by and feel the gristle in the chicken-fried steak between your teeth.

Bastard Out Of Carolina is definitely in the top ten on my list of the best books I've ever read. As one of the co-owners

of a local bookstore put it, "This is not a "feel good" kind of book, but it is definitely one everyone should read." Allison ranks right up there with Alice Walker and Tennessee Williams and ahead of Fanny Flagg. This is a novel that doesn't fit comfortably into any genre. It simply falls into the category of "great literature."

Bastard Out Of Carolina is published by Plume Contemporary Fiction and is available at bookstores nationwide (including women's bookstores and major chains) and has been selected for the Quality Paperback Book Club.



Books, music and more
for the lesbian, gay and
feminist communities.



1846 Richmond Ave.
Houston, Texas 77098

(713) 521-3369

Open Tuesday - Sunday

Personalized mail order service.

with the other woman and departure from the relationship make Sue a no good bitch? In fact, Mary has no proof that any of this is taking place. If Mary were not telling herself these lies, would she feel jealous? Not a chance. So where does Mary's jealousy come from? From what she is telling herself. Who is the cause of her jealousy? She is.

If you have a problem with jealousy and don't want to continue to feel jealous, then begin to challenge the things you tell yourself. Look for what proves you are a less worthy person because of another's action. Would life be terrible if you were to be unfavorably compared? Stop whining about how things should be because you don't like the way things actually are. Why should things be the way you think they should be. What proof is there that you are unlovable or will never find love again just because your lover may (or has) decided to be with someone else? Face it, the only way you will ever know if you are completely unlovable is to try repeatedly with everyone else. Only then can you support your conclusion that you will never find love again.

The problem with the jealous person is not that they distrust their partner, but that they distrust themselves. I'll ex-

plain. If you don't think much of yourself, you are not going to believe you are worth much either. And you sure are not going to believe you have holding power over your lover. If another person talks (dances, eats, works, associates) with your partner, you will immediately think that you don't have enough appeal to win over the other person. In other words, you won't trust yourself to beat out what you see as the competition. You will believe every other person can snatch her away from you. Because of this feeling of not being able to win over others, you become smothering, controlling, demanding, restrictive and very possessive, all of which drive away the very person you desire most. **START CHALLENGING YOUR SELF TALK.**



D. Winkler is a family therapist in San Antonio, TX. His book, Stop Pretending and Start Practicing, a guide to achieving the kind of relationship you want, can be obtained by sending a check for \$12.95 to: D. Winkler, 5826 Dean Martin Drive, San Antonio, TX 78240.



Returning to Houston
by popular demand!

presents

ANN REED

Saturday 8 pm
May 1, 1993

Heinen Theatre / Houston Community College

Tickets: \$12 advance \$15 at the door

Available at: Inklings Bookshop or Lucia's Garden
1846 Richmond Virginia at Alabama
521-3369 523-6494

QUIZ Are You Capable of Having An *Affair?*

Some of us are just faithful by nature — others have to work at it. Would you have an affair if the opportunity presented itself? Answer the questions below to find out. Remember: this is a personality quiz, not an indicator of the current status of your love life. Even if the score indicates that you are prone to have an affair doesn't mean you can't control yourself. We aren't giving you permission to fool around and we aren't trying to run your girlfriend off. Now that we've got the disclaimer out of the way — on with the quiz!

1. When the cute new bartender starts flirting with your honey, you:

- a. make a move on the woman at the next table over.
- b. grab your lover's arm and lead her from the bar.
- c. go and dance with a friend.

2. Long distance relationships are:

- a. great — more freedom for you.
- b. all right if it's absolutely necessary.
- c. the pits.

3. Alone on a business trip, you spend your evenings:

- a. at the local nightspot scouting the prospects.
- b. trying to drum up business in the hotel lounge.
- c. alone in your room with a good book and CNN.

4. When an ex-lover calls you up after a long period of silence, you:

- a. ask to meet her for dinner and drinks.
- b. tell her how happy you are with your current flame.
- c. ask her not to call again.

5. When your love life gets boring, you and your lover:

- a. take separate vacations.
- b. head to the bar for a night out.
- c. hit the lingerie section of your favorite store.

6. Do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

- a. A meaningless night of sex never hurt anybody.

- b. Too much togetherness breeds boredom.
- c. Lesbians don't have sex after two years in a relationship.
- d. Women don't like sex as much as men.

SCORING

Give yourself points as follows:

Questions 1 thru 5:

- 6 points for every "a" answer.
- 4 points for every "b" answer.
- 2 points for every "c" answer.

Question 6:

- 6 points for every "agree"
- 2 points for every "disagree"

If You Scored:

18-29 points

You probably won't be sneaking out for an affair anytime soon. You are very committed to your relationship and probably wouldn't even give in if Madonna knocked on your door. Although you are faithful, your single-minded devotion can lead to trouble if you don't leave your lover room to breath. And you may have tend to keep to yourself and not make new friends — lighten up — you can trust yourself, can't you?

30-41 points

You have the perfect balance. You know you don't have to lock yourself away every time your lover is out of town. You know how to enjoy yourself and how to set limits. You are comfortable enough to flirt without letting it go too far. You are faithful without being boring.

42-54 points

Is all this hiding and sneaking around really fun for you? Maybe so, but hopefully you have an "open" relationship that can stand up to your philandering ways. If it's a constant struggle to be faithful, maybe you shouldn't be in a full-time relationship. Try to think about how your partner would feel if she found out about your extra-curricular activities. Is that really the way to treat someone you love?



ADOLPHINE CAROLE

Intuitive Counselor

**...working with the unconscious to
help small changes make
big differences**

*Private Sessions,
Workshops, Classes, Lectures*

512 • 477 2972

POETRY

FROM OUR READERS

Amorous Eyes

What speak, your wayward eyes, when meet
they falter brief, but flee too sweet
to discard, or not but wonder?

How measure, then, a smile so faint
direct intent, or social grace
sadness, depth, or private place?

How feel a body's stance, so near
in presence overlapped with mine
yet steer away in purpose, kind
from trembling hand and breath so dear?

So rare to know these wayward eyes
whose depth belie their purpose -
amorous eyes, who wander near
in fond but silent searches...

-Lynne Johnson

Would you like to see your poetry or short stories in print?

Send us a copy! Please include your name, address, phone number & signature.

All poetry received will be assumed for publication. Your signature grants Dimensions permission to publish and verifies that you are the author/owner of said poetry or writings. Be sure and tell us if you want to use your real name or what pen name you prefer.

HOROSCOPE

WHAT'S IN THE STARS FOR YOU THIS MONTH?

ARIES

Don't let impatience get in the way of your goals during the first part of April. After the 16th your charisma could attract people who can greatly enhance your career. But don't take your work home with you or you could upset your lover. After the 23rd you may react unreasonably to a difference of opinion at home. Take time out to think before you get emotional, otherwise you'll just be running on nervous energy.

TAURUS

You'll have to work hard during the first part of April or you won't have time to play later! Be sure and budget well so you'll have some "mad money" toward mid-month. After the 16th your financial picture is looking up because of some long-distance news. Keep a low profile and keep your attention focused on work. It may be hard to do, but it will pay off in the long run. Travel could be on the agenda toward month's end.

GEMINI

You may have to postpone social plans due to financial considerations during the first part of April. After the 18th you'll have to get down to work to get your career back on track. A loved one will be willing to help you out if you'll ask. Toward month's end you may uncover a secret someone has been keeping from you - let some time pass before you confront them, you'll be much better able to come up with a solution.

CANCER

You may have some difficulties at work during the first part of April. A co-worker could be trying to put the blame for his/her mistake on you. Stick to your guns. A special person may appear on the scene after the

16th. Be careful. Your emotions have a tendency to run away with you right now. You get back on track at work toward month's end. Catch up on bills and rework your budget to keep up with your changing situation.

LEO

Don't let a change of plans upset you during the first part of April. The change will work to your advantage in the long run. A relationship you thought was perfect may turn out to have some major flaws after the 18th. Consider your situation carefully before you decide what to do. A party or social occasion toward month's end will present you with the opportunity to show your best side to the boss.

VIRGO

Take your time making any financial decisions during the first part of April. Someone may be trying to sell you a bill of goods. After the 14th a change in the guard at work could give you the opportunity to move up the ladder, but you'll have to be on your toes to make sure you get what you want. Toward month's end you may be feeling the effects of "Spring Fever" but you'll have to buckle down and work hard if you want to get out and play.

LIBRA

A loved one may not be returning your affection during the first part of April. Give it time — she'll come around. Emotions may be running high on the job after the 13th. Stand up for yourself and your point of view. Avoiding making major decisions toward month's end. Anything involving lawyers or contracts on the 28th and 29th can only cause problems down the road.

SCORPIO

You may be feeling the urge to escape all responsibility during the first part of April, but you'll have to knuckle down and get to work. A look at your bank balance might get you going. After the 15th you could miss out on a great career opportunity if you insist on taking your love life frustrations out on co-workers. Your partner could be angry with you for spending so much time away from home toward month's end. A weekend away will patch things up just fine.

SAGITTARIUS

Social plans could be changed because of financial problems during the first part of April. Hard work for the rest of the month will help you catch up. An ongoing casual relationship could suddenly turn serious after the 16th. A little vacation with this new love could be just what the doctor ordered to cure your restlessness. You'll have to get back down to business toward month's end when your work load increases.

CAPRICORN

Step back and take an honest look at a troubling situation during the first part of April. Stay calm and don't make any decisions until after the 8th. Things settle down after the 17th when you can get away for a weekend. An ongoing relationship is doing great, but your friends can't seem to get it together. Stay out of it and let them handle their own problems. Creativity is on the rise and it will put you in center stage toward month's end.

AQUARIUS

Don't get overly anxious to start a new project during the first part of April. Unexpected delays and odd circumstances can disrupt your plans. After the 13th domestic problems could make you miss a fun social engagement. Get out of the house for awhile to relieve your boredom. Keep your opinions to yourself when discussing a problem

with a co-worker or family member toward month's end. Try to focus on the end results as opposed to the means used to reach them.

PISCES

Be generous with your advice during the first part of April, but hold on to your money or you'll lose it. A wonderful woman could be on her way into your life after the 16th. Don't get so carried away that you neglect your responsibilities. Toward month's end you'll be ready to relax after a round of work and social engagements. A weekend getaway may be just the ticket to help improve your mood.



BOOK & GIFT GALLERY FOR WOMEN

athena's

attic

open tues-fri 12noon-6pm
saturday 10am-6pm
106 austin • denton, tx
817-565-9755

THE DIRECTORY

A LISTING OF SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS, BUSINESSES & CLUBS

ALBUQUERQUE, NM (area code 505) organizations

Sister Source Cooperative & Lesbian Resource Line
144 Harvard SE • 268-2116

AMARILLO, TX (area code 806) organizations

Lesbian/Gay Alliance • PO Box 9361 79105 • 359-4219
MCC of Amarillo • PO Box 1276 • 372-4557

ARLINGTON, TX (area code 817) organizations

Gay/Lesbian Association of UTA
P.O. Box 19348-77, UTA St. 76019 • 794-5140

AUSTIN, TX (area code 512) clubs

Nexus • 305 W. 5th • 472-5288

organizations

Affirmation (Methodist) • 7403 Shoal Creek • 451-2329
Austin Latino/a Lesbian/Gay Organization
P.O. Box 1350 78787 • 280-6107
Austin Lesbian/Gay Political Caucus
P.O. Box 822 78767 • 462-9888
Center for Battered Women • (Lesbian Group)
385-5181 or 928-9070 (hotline)
Gay/Lesbian Student Association at UT Austin
458-3971 • Box 275 Texas Union 78712-7338
Lesbian/Gay Rights Lobby • 601 W. 18th St • 474-5475
Lesbian Mothers • Karen • 339-8508
Live Wire Productions • PO Box 141202 78714
Metropolitan Community Church
1100 Springdale Rd. • 929-3680
Oasis Ministry • 5555 N. Lamar Blvd. #L101 • 441-9191
P-Flag (Parents/Friends Lesbians/Gays) • 328-3830
Sapphires • Lesbian Social Group
Meeting Address • 1700 S. Lamar
Mailing Address • 201 W. Stasseney, Ste. #321 78745-3156
Waterloo Counseling Center
507 Powell 78703 • 322-9654
Texas Human Rights Foundation
P.O. Box 49740 78765 • 479-8473
AIDS Legal Assistance 1-800-828-6417
The Treehouse (Lesbian Mothers Support Group)
607 Nueces St. 78701 • 477-5822

DALLAS, TX (area code 214) businesses

Advanced Electrolysis • 3209 Premier Dr. #124
Plano, TX 75075 • 424-7147
Business Delivery Systems
14902 Preston Rd. 75240 • 733-1108

Crossroads Market • 3930 Cedar Springs • 521-8919

clubs

Sue Ellen's • 3903 Cedar Springs • 559-0707

organizations

Affirmation • PO Box 225831 75222 • 948-1546

AIDS Resource Center • P.O. Box 190712 75219
Asians & Friends • PO Box 9142 75209 • 392-3339
Cathedral of Hope MCC • 5910 Cedar Springs Rd. • 351-1901
Community Church & College of Divine Metaphysics
4001 Live Oak #401 • 826-7110, Ext. 401
Congregation Beth El B'nai
P.O. Box 64460 75220 • 497-1591
Dallas Gay Alliance • P.O. Box 190712 75219 • 528-0144
Dallas Gay/Lesbian Historic Archives
P.O. Box 190712 75219 • 821-1653
Dallas Gay Youth Group
300 Turtle Creek Plaza #116 • 307-7203
Dallas Outdoors • P.O. Box 35474 75235 • 276-5270
Dallas Tavern Guild • 3900 Lemmon Ave. #220 • 526-5292
Dignity/Dallas • PO Box 190133 75219 • 228-4101
Foundation for Human Understanding • 528-4233
GLAAD/Dallas • P.O. Box 190712 75219 • 526-GLAD
Grace Fellowship in Christ Jesus
2727 Oak Lawn 75219 • 528-2811
Lesbian Information Line (LIL)
P.O. Box 191443 75219 • 528-2426
Lesbian/Gay Political Coalition
P.O. Box 224424 75222 • 828-9882
Lesbian Resource Center • 1315 Skiles • 821-3999
Lesbian Visionaries • P.O. Box 191443 75219 • 528-4087
Metropolis Republicans
P.O. Box 191033 75219 • 941-8114
Oak Lawn Community Services
P.O. Box 191094 75219 • 520-8108
Oak Lawn Symphonic Band
P.O. Box 190973 75219 • 986-1751
PFLAG/Dallas • 556-6640
Imperial Sovereign Royal Court of Dallas
P.O. Box 45962 75245 • 904-9520
SDA Kinship • PO Box 38454 75238 • 707-1791
WANT (Women in The Arts) 288-829/823-3105
Womyn Together • 3920 Cedar Springs • 528-4233

DENTON, TX (area code 817) businesses

Athena's Attic • books, jewelry, art, etc.

108 N. Austin St. • 565-9755

organizations

COURAGE, Lesbian Gay Student Org.
P.O. Box 5067 76203 • 382-3813
Harvest Metropolitan Community Church
5900 South Stemmons 76205 • 1-800-497-HMCC

FT. WORTH (area code 817) organizations

Agape MCC • 4615 SE Loop 820 • 535-5002
Affirmation (Methodist) • 478-7837
RESPECT • Gay/Lesbian Association
828 Hardwood Rd. • Hurst, TX 76054
Tarrant County Lesbian/Gay Alliance
3327 Wintrop, Suite 243 76116 • 763-5544

HOUSTON, TX (area code 713) businesses

Advantage-Darmon Travel
Houston 682-2002 • Statewide 800-292-0500
Crossroads Market • 610 W. Alabama • 942-0147

Inkings Bookshop • 1846 Richmond • 521-3369
Kathy Hubbard • Income Tax Service • 522-9000
Unique Boutique • 1631 W. Alabama • 526-5266
Village Women's Clinic • 5925 Kirby, Ste. 201 • 528-6161

clubs

Ranch • 9218 Buffalo Spwy. • 666-3464
Ms. B's • 9208 Buffalo Spwy. • 666-3356

XTC • 9212 Buffalo Spwy. • 666-3356

organizations

AIDS Foundation • 3927 Essex Lane • 623-6796
AIDS HOTLINE • c/o Switchboard • 529-3211
Gay/Lesbian Students University of Houston
4800 Calhoun • 529-3211
Gay/Lesbian Switchboard • PO Box 66591 77266 • 529-3211
Houston Gay & Lesbian Parents Group • 666-8256
Houston Gay Political Caucus
P.O. Box 66664 77266 • 521-1000
Integrity • worship & fellowship for Episcopalians & friends
P.O. Box 66008 77266-6008 • 432-0414
Kingdom Community Church • 614 E. 19th • 862-7533
Lambda ALANON • Lambda Center for Alcoholics
1214 Joanne • 521-9772
Lesbian/Gay Students-Univ. Houston Clear Lake
2700 Bay Area 77058
Lesbian Teachers Network (LTN)
10222 Hammerly, Box 88 77043 • 939-8329
Metropolitan Community Church Of The Resurrection
1919 Decatur • 861-9149
Montrose Counseling Center
900 Lovett #203 77006 • 529-0037
Montrose Pool League/Billards • PJ 863-8482
PWA Coalition - Houston • 1475 W. Gray #163 • 522-5428
SORA (Sex or Relationships Addicts Anonymous)
support group for lesbians • 666-8256 or 529-1827
Worryspace • P.O. Box 980601 77098-0601
Women's Softball League • 6431 Pinoshade • 868-6256

National Gay/Lesbian Task Force
1517 U Street NW
Washington D.C. 20009 • 202-332-6483
Parents & Friends of Lesbians and Gays (P-Flag)
1-800-4-FAMILY
The Fund for Human Dignity
666 Broadway 4th Floor • NY, NY 10012

NORMAN, OK (area code 405) organizations

Women's Resource Center
P.O. Box 5089 73070

OKLAHOMA CITY, OK (area code 405)

organizations

Oasis the Community Center
2135 NW 39th 73112 • 525-AIDS
Herland Sister Resources, Inc.
2312 NW 39th 73112 • 521-9696

SAN ANTONIO, TX (area code 210) clubs

Nexus San Antonio • 8021 Pinebrook • 341-2818

organizations

Dignity/San Antonio • 202 N. St. Mary's • 349-3632
Integrity/San Antonio
PO Box 150006 78212 • 684-4920
River City Living Metropolitan Community Church
202 Holland 78212 • 822-1121
Lambda Students Center • 1140 W. Woodlawn Ave.
LISA (Lesbian Information SA) • 828-LISA (5472)
SALGA - San Antonio Lesbian/Gay Assembly • 733-7300
SALSA - San Antonio Lambda Students Alliance
PO Box 12715 78212 • SALSA Line 733-1225
San Antonio AIDS Foundation
PO Box 120113 78212-9313
San Antonio Tavern Guild • 822-2823

LUBBOCK, TX (area code 806) businesses

Ellie's Garden • 2812 34th St. • 796-0680

organizations

Lubbock Lesbian/Gay Alliance & Wild Wilde West Prod.
P.O. Box 64746 79464 • 791-4499
Community Outreach Center & Outreach AA (Tues. & Thurs.
@ 8pm) • 102 N. Ave. S • 762-1019
South Plains AIDS Resource Center (SPARC)
4204-B 50th St. 79413 • 1-800-627-7079 • 796-7068

NATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

Affirmation: United Methodists for Lesbian/Gay Concerns
PO Box 1021 • Evanston, IL 60204
AIDS Action Council • 729 Eighth St. S.E. Suite 200
Washington, DC 20003 • (202) 547-3101
AIDS 800 • 1-800-221-7044
Conference For Catholic Lesbians
PO Box 436, Planetarium Station • New York, NY 10024
GLAAD/USA • 80 Varick St. #3E • NY, NY 10013
Hate Crime Line • 1-800-347-HATE
Gay & Lesbian Parents Coalition International (GLPCI)
PO Box 50360, Washington, DC 20091 • (202) 583-8029
Lesbian Teachers Network (LTN)
PO Box 638 • Solon, IA 52333
National Gay Alliance for Young Adults, Inc.
PO Box 190426 • Dallas, TX 75219 • (214) 307-7203
National Gay/Lesbian Clearinghouse
666 Broadway 4th Floor • NY, NY 10012
National Gay/Lesbian Crisisline
1-800-SOS-GAYS

ADVERTISE ONE MONTH IN DIMENSIONS AND GET A THREE MONTH DIRECTORY LISTING FREE!

(Normally \$30 Per Quarter)

NON-PROFIT, COMMUNITY SERVICE
ORGANIZATIONS ARE
LISTED IN THE DIRECTORY
FREE OF CHARGE!
PLEASE CONTACT OUR
OFFICES FOR DETAILS.

Find Love, Roommates & Customers In The Dimensions Classifieds!

Just fill out the form below (or include all information on a separate sheet) & enclose a check or money order for the full amount. All ads are 50¢ per word (bold words 75¢ or all caps \$1.50). We will assign you a box number.

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP _____

PHONE _____

☐ Personals

☐ Messages

☐ Books/Publications

☐ Travel

☐ Roommates

☐ For Rent/Lease

☐ For Sale

☐ Help Wanted

☐ Work Wanted

☐ Professional Services

☐ Investments

☐ Miscellaneous

PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE YOUR AD IN THE SPACE BELOW:

Of Words _____ # Of Months _____ Amount Enclosed \$ _____

COMPLETE FORM & MAIL TO:

DIMENSIONS • P.O. Box 856 • Lubbock, TX 79408 • (806) 797-9647

HOW TO ANSWER A PERSONAL AD

Put your reply in an envelope, seal shut and put your return address and the Box # on it as shown.

Place this in another envelope and mail to the address above. We will then forward your unopened letter to the person who placed the ad.

BE SURE TO STAMP BOTH ENVELOPES!

Your Return
Address
Box # XXX

Your Return
Address

DIMENSIONS
P.O. Box 856
Lubbock, TX 79408

CLASSIFIEDS

RATES

50¢ PER WORD

75¢ PER WORD BOLD TYPE

ADD \$1.50 FOR

ADS IN ALL CAPS

2" X 1 1/2"

DISPLAY AD

WITH BORDER & BOLD HEADLINE

\$25 PER MONTH

Deadline for Classified Ads is the 20th of the month prior to the month of publication. Payment must accompany all ads. All Classified Ads will be accepted at the discretion of Dimensions.

Dimensions will not be held responsible for errors in your ad after the first month and cannot be held liable for more than the cost of the original ad.

PERSONALS

GWF, Interesting, independent, professional, secure in sexuality. Seeks GF for fun, friendship — possible romance. Recent photo please. Reply to Box #418.

ROOMMATES

SHARE: 2/2/2 House, \$290+, Gessner Area. Pool, W/D. Houston. Call 937-4468 leave message.

BOOKS & PUBLICATIONS

FREE introductory mail-order package from America's world-class lesbian/gay and feminist bookstore: Giovanni's Room, 345 South 12th Street, Philadelphia, PA 19107. Call toll free: 800-222-6996. Monthly update subscriptions free to customers.

GAIA'S GUIDE 1991/92 WORLD-WIDE LESBIAN GUIDE BOOK. 16th

Page 36 • Dimensions • April '93

edition. Mail order: \$16.00 — (inc. p&h) from: LAMBDA RISING, 1625 Connecticut Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C., 20009. Or toll free telephone order line: 1-800-621-6969; or local calls: (202) 462-6969; — seven days a week from 10am - midnight (Eastern Time). Accepting: Checks, money orders/VISA/Mastercard/& American Express. GAIA'S GUIDE-1991/92 is also available in every Feminist — Lesbian/Gay — Alternative Bookstore in the world. In-store price: \$12.95

TRAVEL

TAOS, New Mexico — Bed & Breakfast. Lovely grounds, secluded hot tub, Southwestern charm. Close to riding, rafting, hiking, galleries and more. The Ruby Slipper, a very special place. (505) 758-0613.

SANTA FE — TRIANGLE INN

Experience the magic and power of old Santa Fe. (505) 455-3375.

Desert Hearts Cowgirl Club

Women's Guest Ranch

A wonderful vacation for adult women. Cozy cabin accommodations. All meals included. Horses, hiking, and hand holding. Lots to do in the scenic Hill Country 50 miles NW of San Antonio.

Write for reservations or brochure
Desert Hearts Cowgirl Club
HC 3, Box 650
Bandera, TX 78003

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

WOMENLOVING WOMEN, all ages, write/meet - EVERYWHERE! - through The Wishing Well, established 1974. Confidential. Prompt. Tender, loving alternative to "The Well of Loneliness." Introductory Copy \$5.00 (mailed discreetly first class). Free Information write: PO Box 713090, Santee, CA 92072-3090. OR call (619) 443-4818.

**TO LEARN
HOW TO
ANSWER A
PERSONAL
AD,
SEE PAGE 34**



Fish Ranch Of Dallas

Aquarium Maintenance Service

Custom Set Up & Maintenance

Fresh Water & Salt Water

DFW Area • Reasonable Rates

214•328•0957

A FEMINIST PERSPECTIVE

By LAURIE EISERLOH, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE LESBIAN/GAY RIGHTS LOBBY

One of the most important bills for the lesbian community that was filed during this session of the Texas Legislature is State Representative Debra Danburg's HB 1775 that deals with the issue of child custody. Currently, courts must always determine what is in the best interest of the child when determining issues of custody. In considering the qualifications of each parent, the courts may not take the sex of the parent into consideration. But, courts can, and often do, take the sexual orientation of the parent into consideration. Representative Danburg's HB 1775 would put a stop to this practice.

Another important bill is the same-sex marriage bill, HB 615, co-sponsored by Representative Glen Maxey and Representative Debra Danburg. This legislation is important because it would allow persons of the same sex to be legally married. Although many feminists are highly opposed to the concept of marriage, the same sex marriage bill is very educational and has broadened the scope of the discussion at the state capitol concerning lesbian and gay rights. Some of you may have seen LGRL's Valentine's Day press conference concerning lesbian and gay marriage. At the press conference, Dana DeBeauvoir, the Travis County Clerk, spoke in favor of lesbian and gay marriages. Undeniably, a marriage certificate is a powerful legal instrument that allows married individuals to share benefits such as health insurance, death benefits, car insurance, etc. It is blatantly discriminatory to disallow lesbian and gay people these rights.

Both the child custody bill and the same sex marriage bill will be heard in the Judicial Affairs Committee. Please call the committee at (512) 463-0790 and tell them you support these bills. A simple phone call is enough. Ask to speak to Patrick if possible. Leave a message on the answering machine if necessary.

Another important bill for our community is the lesbian/gay civil rights bill, HB 1915. If this bill passes, it would disallow discrimination against lesbian and gay people in housing, employment and public accommodation. Currently the bill has thirty co-sponsors, but was originally sponsored by Representative Maxey. The bill will be heard by the State Affairs Committee. You may contact that committee at (512) 463-0814.

Finally, the most important issue for our community is the repeal of section 21.06 of the Texas Penal Code—the state's anti-homosexual conduct statute. The bill which will repeal section 21.06 is HB 652. Although individuals are rarely prosecuted under this statute, 21.06 is often used to deny lesbian and gay people jobs, education and insurance. There is a court repeal of 21.06 sponsored by the Texas Human Rights Foundation and a legislative repeal of 21.06 sponsored by the Lesbian/Gay Rights Lobby of Texas. Please contact the Criminal Jurisprudence Committee at (512) 463-0768 and tell them that you support HB 652, the repeal of section 21.06. The members of this committee are: Allen Place, Will Hartnett, Ray Allen, Susan Combs, Eddie De La Garza, Al Granoff, Sherri Greenberg, Pedro Nieto, Jim Solis, Mark Stiles and Robert Talton. If one of these individuals is your State Representative, please give him or her a call and say that you support the repeal of 21.06.



Houston's Most Affordable Boutique!

Unique
Boutique
and gifts

contempo and eclectic

Unique Boutique has everything you want.
art v cards v crystals v jewelry v antiques v oils v incense
frames v furnishings v great clothes
(includes denim, leggings, suits, dresses, robes, sequins & more)

1631 W. Alabama
713/526-5266

Open 7 days!

Bring in this ad for 10% discount.



M 001 111 072

The Graffiti Page

SPRING FLING '93

PROPERTY OF THE CENTER

A H II

KARLA, KELLIE, VICKI

HEATHER

TEXAS WOMEN'S
UNIVERSITYOO
H

-AUSTIN-

"I CROSS MY HEART
AND PROMISE TOO"
H.J.B.

Happy Birthday
Kenton!



KANDY,

Hi, this is your 19.

I just wanted to say
I love and miss you.
Please remember the heart won't be

Always my Angel!
I love you
Forever 19

Happy Birthday
James A.
We Love You!

APRIL 21
To the wife,
Thank you for 3 wonderful years of happiness!
You're the best thing that ever happened to me.
I love you! I hope we have many, MANY
more happy years together!
I LOVE YOU.
-ME-

PUT YOUR MESSAGE ON THE GRAFFITI PAGE FOR FREE!

Whatever you want, we'll print it right here for no charge!

No explicit language, please.

Graffiti will be printed on a first come, first served basis.

Send your Graffiti to:

Dimensions • Graffiti Page • P.O. Box 856 • Lubbock, TX 79408

SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL LESBIAN & GAY BUSINESSES

Money Talks.

Our Community's Economic
Health Is Important To Our
Political Clout. Spend Your
Money Where It Counts.

YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE.