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# THE NEWS

FROM AROUND THE REGION, THE COUNTRY & THE WORLD

## International Film Festival Slated for Austin

AUSTIN - The Fourth Annual Austin Gay and Lesbian International Film Festival will be held November 1-10 at Dobie Theaters in Austin. This is the only gay and lesbian film festival in Texas, and the largest in the Southwest. This year's schedule of over 15 films and shorts includes Monika Treut's *My Father is Coming*, which opened the San Francisco, New York and Los Angeles gay and lesbian film festivals this year. *My Father is Coming* will be the premiere for the opening night gala on October 30. Proceeds will go to benefit AIDS Services of Austin and the Austin Immune Clinic, with a reception at Chances following the screening.

Among other films showing during the festival are Peter Adair's *Absolutely Positive*, the uplifting story of how eleven men and women are living with HIV; *The Changer: A Record of the Times*, a documentary celebration of 15 years of women's music and Olivia Records, the first national women's recording company; and Bruce LaBruce's funny and erotic *No Skin Off My Ass*, about an atypical romance between a hairdresser and a skinhead.

The November 7 showing of *The Changer: A Record of The Times* will be followed by a reception for Chris Williamson and Cruise Party at the

Quadrangle Room at the UT Texas Union at 9pm. Chris Williamson will also be in concert at the Cactus Club on Friday, November 8 at 9pm.

For more information about the festival, contact Scott Dinger at (512) 472-3240.



*Annise Parker, Houston City Council Candidate*

## Lesbian Activist Seeks City Council Seat

HOUSTON - Houston's gay and lesbian community has an excellent chance of electing the city's first openly lesbian City Council member this November.

Long-time activist Annise Parker, 35, kicked off her campaign in early July, soon after District C Council member Vince Ryan changed his mind about supporting a Montrose-based, non-incumbent district in the city redistricting plan.



"I'm running for the District C seat, not against Vince Ryan," Parker said. "It's time for Houston's gay men and lesbians to take their seat at the City Council table."

If elected, Parker would become Texas' second openly gay or lesbian official. Glen Maxey of Austin was elected state representative in a spring 1991 special election.

As the opposing camp has acknowledged, Parker is a serious candidate. She expects to raise up to \$75,000 in her effort to unseat 2-term incumbent Ryan. Parker's political involvement began at Rice University where she helped found the gay and lesbian support group. In the mid-1980s, Parker served two terms as the president of the Houston Gay and Lesbian Political Caucus. She also served on numerous community and state boards, as well as in Democratic Party positions. She has also served as the chair of the Houston Police Advisory Committee and on a United Way committee.

Parker's platform focuses on crime, city services and a clean environment. But like other campaigns in Houston this summer, a crime wave quickly made crime the one and only issue.

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## **"Lesbian" A Swear Word According to Hallmark**

LOS ANGELES - Two members of the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD) recently discovered that Hallmark Cards considers "lesbian" to be a "bad word." GLAAD member

Richard Best and Outreach co-chair Charlotte Innes separately visited two Hallmark stores in Southern California. They both tried to use Hallmark's new "Personalize It" program, whereby customers can use an in-store computer to print their own message on a Hallmark card. When Richard Best tried to send a note of thanks to group of participants in the San Diego Gay & Lesbian Pride Weekend, the computer refused to accept the message. He was told by a store employee that Hallmark had a list of "Swear words" and that the word "lesbian was probably" on that list. Charlotte Innes had a similar experience when a computer rejected her message to GLAAD/LA. After trying to send it three or four times, with the help of two store employees, one of the employees noted that Hallmark had a list of "bad words."

Her co-worker then called Hallmark's Kansas City office, and confirmed that "lesbian" was on the list. (The computer accepted the word "gay" because it may also be used in the sense of "joyful.")

GLAAD has written a letter to Hallmark asking for the removal of the word "lesbian" from its list of banned words and is asking lesbians everywhere to write and complain. The address is: Don Freberg, Director of Consumer Affairs, Hallmark Cards, Inc., P.O. Box 419580-216, Kansas City, MO 64141.

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## TLC Fundraiser Planned

DALLAS - On November 23 the Texas Lesbian Conference (TLC) will sponsor the November Extravaganza at the Unitarian Church on Normandy at Preston. The event begins at 12 noon and will be followed by a dance.

Artists and craftspeople from around the Metroplex will be displaying and selling their goods. Live music will be provided by a variety of musicians including: On The Verge, Lisa Caldwell, Leslie Stevenson, Kathy L. and Marg-

erie and Eugena. A bake sale and raffle will also be held during the event.

Admission will be charged and will go to benefit the Texas Lesbian Conference.

TLC is a conference by, for, and about lesbian women. This year's conference will be held in Dallas on May 15-17 at the downtown Sheraton. For more information about attending the conference or about the November Extravaganza, please contact Karyn Berger at (214) 942-5921.



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# WHAT'S GOIN' ON

A MONTHLY LISTING OF SPECIAL EVENTS ALL AROUND THE AREA

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**DALLAS** - The **Eighth Annual Texas Gay Rodeo**, sponsored by the **Texas Gay Rodeo Association (TGRA)**, will be held at the **Dallas Fair Park Coliseum** on November 7, 8, 9 & 10. This promises to be a grand affair with contestants from across the state. General Admission tickets are \$12.50 per day in advance (thru Nov. 8th) and \$15 at the door, Reserved Box Seats are \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door. Advance tickets are available through Central Ticket. Just call 1-800-462-7979 and have your Visa, MasterCard or Discover ready. Hotel headquarters are at the **Dallas Grand Hotel** and a dance will be held in the **Grand Ballroom** on Friday, Nov. 8th (\$5 Admission). Music for the dance will be provided by **Little Bit Of Texas** from Houston. If you would like more information, call (214) 520-TGRA.

**AUSTIN** - OK, all you **Chris Williamson** fans, get ready! The documentary, *The Changer: A Record of the Times*, a look at the auspicious beginnings of **Olivia Records** and "women's music", will be shown on Thursday, Nov 7th at the **Dobie Theatre** at 7:30pm. The showing is in conjunction with the **Austin Gay & Lesbian Film Festival** (see News article, pp. 8). A reception for **Chris Williamson** and an **OLIVIA CRUISE PARTY** will be held in the **Quadrangle Room** at the **UT Texas Union** following the showing at 9pm. There is no charge for the reception and everyone is welcome. A special introduction will be presented by Austin's

own **Two Nice Girls**. **Chris Williamson** will also be in concert at the **Cactus Club** on Friday, Nov. 8th at 9pm (the night following the film showing and reception). Don't miss it!

**DALLAS** - The **Women's Activities Department** of the **Metropolitan Community Church (MCC)** of Dallas will showcase arts and crafts produced by local and regional women artisans on Saturday, Nov. 9th at the **Second Annual Women's Arts & Crafts Festival**. The show will be held on church grounds at 5353 Maple. Doors open at 11am and admission is \$1. Parking is free and refreshments will be available.

**HOUSTON** - **LIB (Lesbians In Business)**, "A Women's Empowerment Group", will be meeting the third Friday of every month at the **Metropolitan Multiservice Center** at 1475 West Gray in the gymnasium at 6:30pm. The November meeting will feature two women owned adventure/travel business owned by women: **My Way Tours & Travel** and a company which teaches **SCUBA** diving and leads diving expeditions. If you would like more information or would like to join the group, please call **Stephanie** at (713) 680-8737 or **Suzanne** at (713) 529-8484.

**DALLAS** - **Dressing For Pleasure II** will be the focus of the third in a series of "Share The Vision" meetings sponsored by **Lesbian Visionaries**. **Dressing For Pleasure II** is an exciting, one-hour show with music, erotic scenes

and dramatizations, and women and men modeling the latest in leather and lace. The show will contain some nudity and controversial material, so come with an open mind! A \$5 donation is requested to cover costs. Members of **Lesbian Visionaries** may present their membership card for a \$2 discount.

**BEAUMONT - The Lambda Women's Support & Social Group** is a newly formed group in the Beaumont area. Meetings are held every Friday evening from 7-8:30pm at the **Unitarian Church** at 1575 Spindletop Rd. If you would like more information about the group, please call **Juli** at (409) 724-1192.

**AUSTIN/SAN ANTONIO** - Everybody at both **NEXUS AUSTIN & NEXUS SAN ANTONIO** would like to wish **Lori, Bucko and Karen** good luck at the **Texas Gay Rodeo!** If you miss the rodeo, you can always catch **Lana Puckett & Kim Pearson** at **NEXUS/AUSTIN** on Thursday, Nov. 14th at 9pm. They'll entertain you with everything from Pop music to Blue Grass. Look for them coming soon to **NEXUS/SA**, too! Also, be sure to attend **An Evening With Friends To Help A Friend** in Austin on Nov. 17th. **Karen DiAngelo** will host this fundraiser for a local Austin woman who was injured in a car accident. One last note — be sure and wish **Davie** a Happy Birthday whenever you run into her this month!

**HOUSTON** - Are you a volleyball player? **PLAZA 9200** is starting **League Volleyball** on the patio on Thursdays and they need you! Teams are forming now, so start working on your spike and

sign up at the bar. Also on Thursdays on the patio is **Steak Nite**. The girls at the **PLAZA** will furnish everything (even the steak) so you don't have to worry about a thing! **XTC** will be **open on Thursdays** beginning November 7th. **MS. B's** will be bringing you live music with **Two Hearts** on Nov. 3rd.

**ARLINGTON** - Country star **Lacy J. Dalton** will be giving two shows at **ROPER'S** on Nov. 15 & 16. The shows start at 10pm both nights (doors open at 5pm). After the shows, you'll get a chance to meet **Lacy J.** for autographs and pictures!

**DALLAS** - If you are headed for the **Texas Gay Rodeo**, you'll want to catch the **fashion show** at **DESERT MOON** on Nov. 8th. The show will be sponsored by **Wild West Outfitters** and will showcase the best in western wear! Tuesdays at **DESERT MOON** you can cue up for the **Pool Tournament** with a \$50 Grand Prize. Sundays and Wednesdays bring **C&W Dance Lessons**. Wednesday lessons are advance lessons with **Romero**, be sure to get out and brush up on you skills before the rodeo!

**SAN ANTONIO** - If it's fun you want, you'll find it at **MEMORIES**. New owners, **Miriam & Barbara**, have updated and the look is great. Check it out on Thursdays when **MEMORIES** brings you female & male **strippers**. What fun! Also be sure to catch the **MCC Benefit Show** on Sunday, Nov. 24th. See their ad in this issue for weekly drink specials!



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# DEAR AGNES

ANSWERS TO YOUR QUESTIONS ABOUT LOVE,  
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## Dear Agnes,

This isn't the kind of problem you usually deal with — but here it is anyway. Three months ago I got a promotion and suddenly I am overwhelmed. In fact, I'm beginning to wonder if I can even handle this job.

I don't have a degree and I am wondering if my big mouth has gotten me in over my head.

There are not enough hours in the day to handle everything I have to do at the office. I have very little time or energy left over to take care of things at home, and absolutely no time for romance. My lover has been very patient so far, but I know there is a limit (and I think I'm about to reach it).

I am working very long hours and my department is still in a mess. Now I'm wondering if I am making my home life a mess too.

Do you have any suggestions on how to manage all this? I don't want to be one of those women who has her job and that's it.

## Overwhelmed San Antonio, TX

### Dear Overwhelmed,

Anytime you start running a department, business, etc . . . it is frightening. Obviously you are cut out for the job or you wouldn't have been promoted. Your boss wouldn't have taken a risk on you if she/he didn't think you could do the job (it wouldn't be good for their career

if you failed).

For starters, if you aren't a list maker, become one. List all your jobs — both big and small — and assign them a number of priority. This doesn't mean your list will be gone everyday, but it will help you focus on what needs to be done. It will also help you to see what you have accomplished.

Second — don't work late everyday. Take off at least one — preferably two — days per week at 5pm. Do this whether or not you have everything done. Working extended days with no relief is the best way I can think of to burn out.

Third — be on the lookout for a "second lieutenant". There is someone in your department who wants more responsibility — find out who it is and delegate some of your work to them. This is probably one of the hardest things in the world to do if you are a supervisor, but it is essential if you are going to manage a whole department.

Fourth — (but very important) don't ignore romance. In fact, you should make time for it. Mark it on your calendar like any other appointment. This may seem to take all the spontaneity out of it, but romance is romance, no matter where or how you get to that point.

You will be able to manage. It may take awhile to adjust, but give yourself time. Good Luck!

### Dear Agnes,

This is a really strange one, but the only way to start is just to blurt it out. A

straight woman has been following me around.

This woman is married and has three kids. We met at a political rally and now she won't leave me alone.

At first I thought she just needed a friend, but then she started asking me all kinds of questions about being gay. Now she is at my house every day and has even showed up at my work a couple of times.

I think she's in love with me. I really like this woman as a friend, but I am not attracted to her that way. Even if I was, I don't want to be responsible for breaking up her marriage, and I don't want to have to bring anyone "out" (I've done it once and that was enough).

I even lied to her and told her I had met a woman at the bar I was attracted to. She reacted to that news by starting to buy me gifts!

I don't know what to do. I don't want to hurt her feelings, but I don't want to sleep with her either. Any advice?

**Can't Take It Much Longer**  
Austin, TX

### Dear Can't Take It,

You need to have a frank talk with this woman immediately. Tell her that you may be misinterpreting her feelings, but that you are not interested in a relationship. Emphasize that you would like to remain friends, but sex is not in the picture.

Try to get her to talk about her feelings. Depending on her response, you might suggest a support group for women who are coming out.

Don't let yourself get involved in a situation you don't want to be in because you are afraid of hurting her feelings. Speak up!



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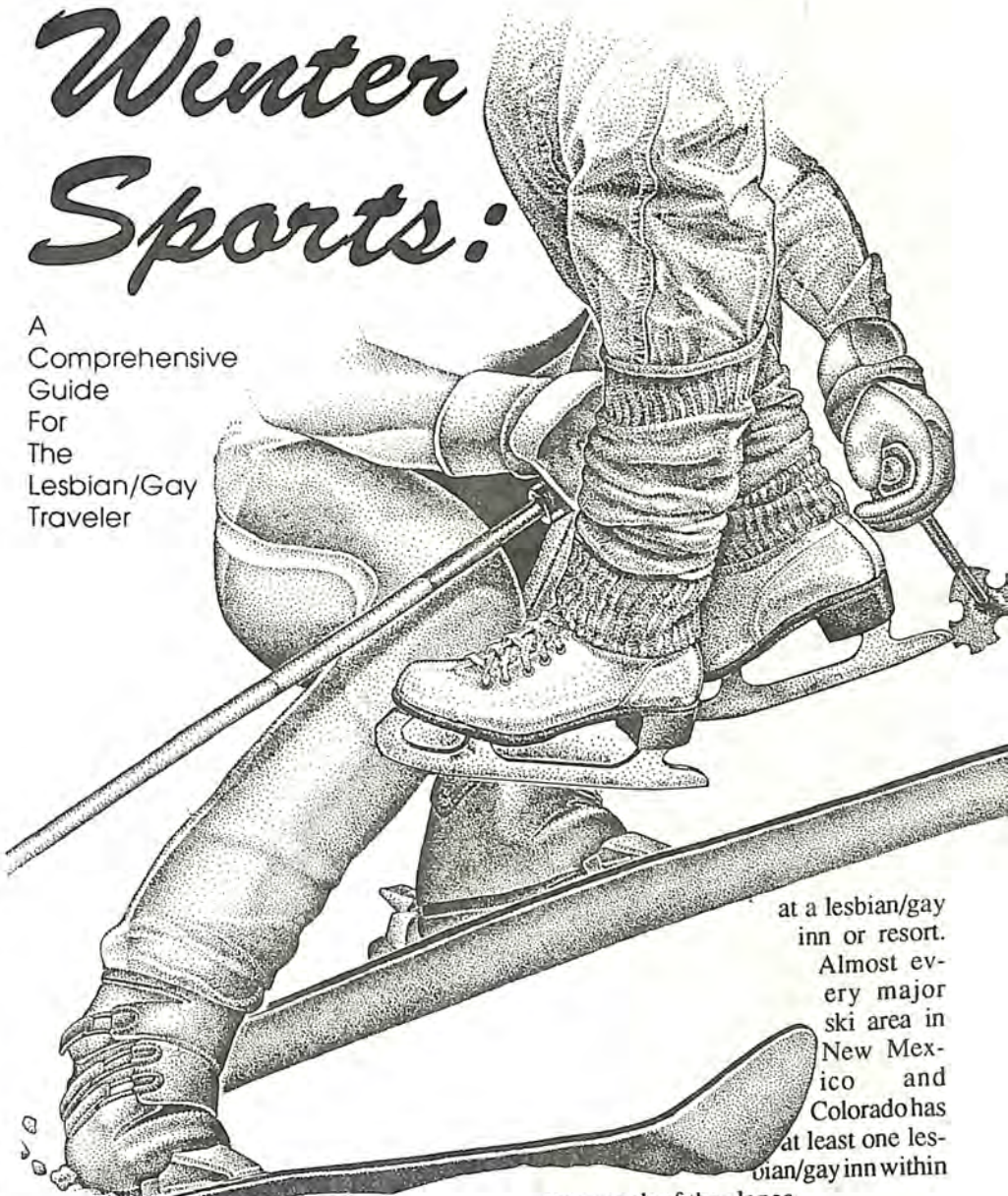
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Winter winds will be blowing soon, and that can mean only one thing — SKIING SEASON! Of course, if you are like me, your visit to the slopes will consist mainly of hanging out at the bar watching everyone else exert themselves, but either way, it's a lot of fun. What makes it even more fun is staying

at a lesbian/gay inn or resort. Almost every major ski area in New Mexico and Colorado has at least one lesbian/gay inn within

easy reach of the slopes.

What follows is a comprehensive listing of the accommodations available to the lesbian and gay traveler in the winter sports areas of the New Mexico and Colorado Rockies. Accommodations are listed by state and nearest city and include some information about each inn.

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#### **TRIANGLE INN**

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This inn provides accommodations in five adobe "casitas" in a compound at the foot of the Sangre de Cristo Mountains ten miles north of Santa Fe on the Taos Road. The Santa Fe Ski Area is approximately 25 miles to the south and the Taos Ski Valley is 55 miles to the north. The casitas range in size from studio apartment to two bedroom, each

with a private bath, fully stocked kitchen and color TV. Some of the casitas also offer fireplace, private courtyard and stereo. A hot tub is located in the courtyard. Rates are from \$80 to \$100 with a minimum stay of two nights. Smoking is permitted. Pets are also permitted with advance notice and a \$10 deposit.

### *Taos*

#### **THE RUBY SLIPPER**

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## COLORADO

### *Colorado Springs*

#### **PIKES PEAK PARADISE**

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## *Keystone*

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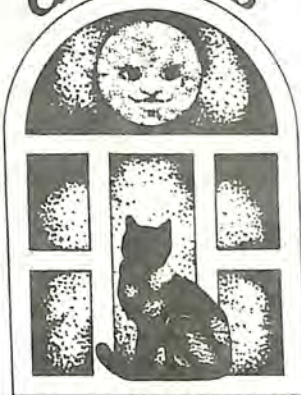
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A few other things you should know before you go are that most of these inns have mainly gay and lesbian clientele with some straight clientele. Only one (Harmony Ranch) is women only, although all welcome women. Most prefer that reservations are made in advance and all accept MasterCard and Visa (some will take various other credit cards). Breakfast offerings range from a continental breakfast to a full, gourmet breakfast in bed. Be sure to ask when making reservations if other meals are available.

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# CONVERSATIONS WITH BIANDA

## PART VII BY NANCY FORD



"What time did they say your car would be done?" Bianda glanced at the clock on her dashboard and then at the sea of traffic that lay motionless before them.

"It's done now. All I have to do is fork over \$431 and drive away. Priscilla stood up, poking her head through the sunroof. Fortunately for them both, it was already open. "I really appreciate the ride. Especially at this time of day. I owe you one." She slid back down into her seat. "Just tell me one thing — how can what started out to be a simple tune-up and oil-change suddenly turn into a \$431 major overhaul?"

"Why do you think they call the place 'Ya'll Tune and Lube'?" Bianda twisted the cap off the bottle of sparkling fruit juice she had purchased before getting on the freeway. Having lived in the metro area for more than a decade, Bianda knew better than to venture into 5 o'clock traffic without something to drink and something to read, preferably a tabloid, or the latest issue of "On Our Backs." Remarkably, the magazines shared a similar effect on her — one of clandestine amusement. "Want something to drink?"

Four hundred and thirty ONE dollars! Four hundred thirty-one." Priscilla was in her own little world now, one devoid of all drink, food, or literary amusement. "Amazing. It's like they know exactly how much cash you have socked away for a Thanksgiving trip to Taos or Key West or wherever. Simply amazing." She began to rage, jumping back up through the sunroof, waving her arms in an aerobic flurry. "Or maybe the amount — the maximum amount you think you're going to have to pay — no, DOUBLE the maximum amount — automatically breaks out in little sweat beads across my forehead in a code only mechanics can read." As she flailed away, the occupants of the other cars, mutually stuck all around them, began to wave back. That's Priscilla — making new friends wherever she goes.

"You're overreacting . . ." Bianda took a swig of water. "But then, if I just spent all my vacation money getting lubed without getting kissed, I'd probably overreact, too . . ." The car advanced two furlongs, and stopped again. "Why don't you see if they'll trade out for one of your kidneys?" Her right foot was beginning to atrophy from inactivity. Giving up, she shifted into park and turned off the ignition. *No point making that ozone hole any bigger than it already is* — she thought. They weren't going anywhere anytime soon.

"So get this —" Priscilla shouted from her outer-roof position. "I saw this show on TV about Russian women who are looking for American husbands."

"American men to become their husbands, or American men who are Husbands?" Bianda reached into the back seat and retrieved a copy of *Weekly World Inquirer*.

"Who knows? Who cares? The point is, they showed this close-up of one Russian woman. Pretty woman, blonde. So she looks right into the camera, smiles, and says 'I want American man who is clever and who likes sex.' Do you believe this?"

"Did the program give a 1-900 number where viewers can call in and wish her lots of luck?" Bianda checked the still motionless traffic before them, and went back to flipping pages.

"So, you know what I'm thinking?" —

"Almost always," Bianda replied, "But I almost never admit it."

"— I'm thinking that pretty soon all these clever American men who like sex will voluntarily go off to the Soviet Union to satisfy those Soviet women. Do you know what that means?" Priscilla swung back in beside Bianda, and swiped the bottle.



"We're one step closer to helping them re-build their economy, strengthen east/west relations, and promote global unity?"

No. Well, maybe. But, besides that, all the lesbian bars will suddenly overflow with these 'straight but curious women whose ex-boyfriend and/or husband is getting gласnosed by a Baltic Republican." Yes that, *indeed* was Priscilla. Always recognizing opportunity, always making new friends.

Bianda had no sooner finished an article about LaToya Jackson claiming to have met the Anti-Christ than the cars in front of them tentatively inched forward. As she turned the key, the only response was the click-click-click of what Bianda had come to recognize to be the final words of a dead battery.

"AAAUUUGGGHHH! THE CAR WON'T START!" Priscilla was shrieking, rapidly losing all the new traffic friends she had just made. "IT'S ME! I'M CURSED!"

"Turn the key again, this time it will start," Bianda meditated, crossing her fingers, toes, exuding all the positive energy she could from an aura she wasn't even sure she believed she really had. She pumped the accelerator twice, for luck, and twisted the key again. "Click-click-click."

"IT'S ME! I'M A CAR KILLER! I HOPE YOU HAVE \$431." As Priscilla's panic grew, so did Bianda's serenity. Picking up the cellular phone cradled between them, she calmly dialed the number of her auto club, and just as calmly communicated their location to the operator. Leaning back with her magazine and her warm juice she welcomed the idea of not having to fight the traffic 'til the tow truck arrived. Let the traffic fight her for awhile.

Not more than 5 minutes had passed before Bianda detected flashing yellow lights in her rear view mirror. "Well, will you take a look at this?"

"Elvis is alive — I know," Priscilla droned blankly staring into space, forehead pressed against her window. "Elvis is alive, and if he's *really* the King he owns controlling interest in all these ragmags who only stay in business by printing stories about people who've seen Elvis at Burger King and movie theaters and —"

"No, Look!" Immediately an incredibly shiny red tow truck swung in front of Bianda's expired vehicle, and slowly, slowly back up to within inches of contact. The driver's door opened, and above the din of the horn-blowing, obscenity-shouting motorists surrounding them, if you listened very closely you could hear the sound of another myth being shattered. Instead of the stereotypical male high school drop-out with baggy blue jeans, sweaty grease-stained T-shirt and a ZZ Top ball cap, Bianda's and Priscilla's rescuer was, well, none of those things. Blue jeans, yes, but they weren't baggy. T-shirt, yes, but it wasn't grease stained. Bianda could only imagine it sweaty. Ball cap, yes, but it crowned long, saffron-colored hair that fell into Bianda's car and brushed her arm as the woman leaned into her window.

"Need a jump?" the woman grinned as she looked first at Bianda, then at Priscilla, then at the pink triangle that dangled from the rear-view mirror, and then back at Bianda.

"Make that two that you owe me." Bianda drained the rest of the bottle in one gulp, and threw it into the back seat.

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First, I'll tell you what it was not. . . it was not a glorified political rally as some women's music festivals are prone to be; it wasn't a cliquish gathering of lesbian separatists; and it wasn't a weekend long concert of women with acoustic guitars singing folk songs (don't get mad . . . I really like folk music, I just don't want an entire weekend of it). What it was was a lot of fun.

I was impressed with the diversity of women that showed up for the event as well as the wide range of musical styles represented by the women performers. There were women of all ages, political persuasions and varying stages of undress. The musicians ran the gamut from the solo performer singing songs of lost love, to the new wave band singing of pantyhose and breast exams. All in all, there was something for every taste. Some of the best and most impressive were: Laura Love, Nancy Scott, The Therapy Sisters, Girls In The Nose, Robin E., Lara Linnette, Ms. Brown To You, Purlly Gates, and Emily Kaitz. All the rest of the performers were very good and I heard few complaints about any of the music.

The campground itself was very adequate and in a beautiful spot. The River offered places to wade, swing out on a rope and drop into deep water and shoot

the rapids on a tube, all within the confines of the camp. Most of the women worked hard to keep their areas clean (I didn't even see any cigarette butts lying around). Bathroom facilities were adequate, although a few extra toilets and showers wouldn't hurt.

The division of the campground into chemical free, quiet and party areas seemed to suit everyone and I heard no complaints about noise levels or the close proximity of other campers. In fact, the closeness of the camps the women set up seemed to foster a community spirit where women met and talked with one another instead of confining themselves only to the group they came with.

The food served was great and even included a meal of genuine New Braunfels german sausage (as one performer said, she never thought she would see a women's music festival where weinies were served for supper — I thought it was rather appropriate).

Gate security was excellent although most of the women I talked to thought internal security could have been cut back a little and still have been adequate.

The only complaints I heard were that all the women would have liked to see more vendors (this will fix itself as the festival grows); the hot weather, a result of an unusual, late season heat wave; and the Emcee (her jokes were stilted and repeated time and time again). I also heard complaints about the system of volunteer

work (everyone at the festival was required to put in four hours of work restocking the bathrooms, helping women through the parking lot, etc.). The complaints weren't about having to work, only about the fact that some women didn't show up for their shift, causing others to have to work eight hours or more.

The cost of tickets to the festival were very reasonable. Ticket prices ranged from \$45 to \$65 (with separate meal tickets available), as compared to \$200 and up for some of the other large women's music festivals around the country.

All in all, Bonnie (the festival organizer) and her staff put on a great weekend — and word of mouth should make it even bigger and better next year. The festival will be held the first weekend of October in 1992, so make plans to attend. It's definitely worth the effort!

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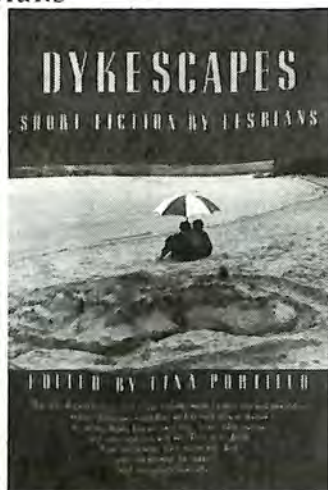
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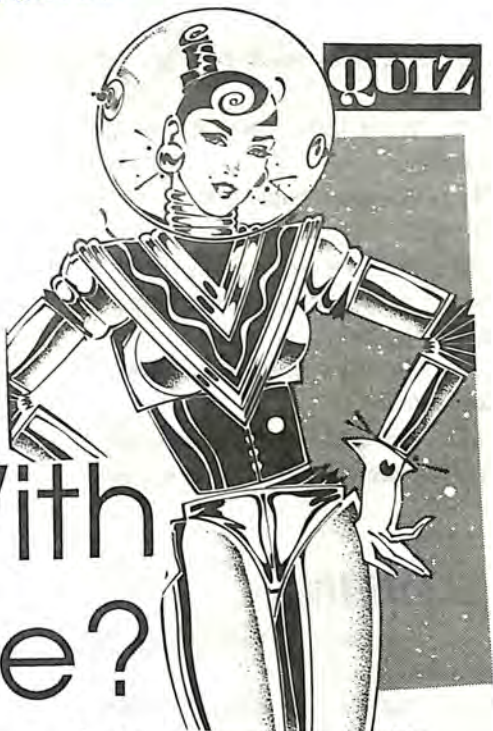
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1. You enjoy trying new and different foods.
2. You don't have any problem finding time for sex.
3. You like to go to a movie on the spur of the moment.
4. Your stomach rarely gets upset.
5. You seldom find time to eat three meals a day.
6. You are usually comfortable around people you have just met.
7. You enjoy experimenting with new and different ways of having sex.
8. You are the type person who will try anything once.
9. You usually don't mind a harmless practical joke even when you are the victim.
10. You enjoy every season of the year, from the heat of summer to the freezing cold of winter.
11. You enjoy traveling and exploring new cultures.
12. You create your own style when it comes to clothes instead of following current trends.
13. You like variety in your schedule.
14. You like to shop in stores you know nothing about.

15. You enjoy sex after physical exercise.
16. You will do almost anything on a dare.
17. You are a "night person" but enjoy the early morning too.
18. You don't mind going out on a whim, even when you don't look your best.
19. You enjoy all types of books and movies.
20. You could enjoy fantasy and play-acting as a part of your sex life.

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#### **47-60**

You are truly a creature of change. You are interested in everything that goes on around you and have little or no problem adjusting to new circumstances. You will have problems getting along with people who don't share your enthusiasm for things new and different, but you will intrigue them with your vitality. You enjoy meeting new people and taking on a challenge. You may even be considered an eccentric!

#### **33-46**

You are the most well-

balanced of this group. Your desire for change and challenge is tempered with stability. You like exploring the world just as much as staying home. You can fit into almost any group of people and probably have many friends. You can easily switch gears to adapt to any situation. From climbing Mt. Everest to watching the evening news you are usually comfortable with anything and anyone.

#### **20-32**

You have a hard time adjusting to new situations and you don't like anything that breaks the even tempo of your life. You may have a hard time making friends because you aren't comfortable around new people. You like the comforts of home and a steady routine. A fast-paced life-style is just not for you. You dislike change for change's sake and hardly ever do anything on a whim. When faced with a challenge, you prefer to avoid it if at all possible. You are usually on time and can be counted on to be there when needed.



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## TAURUS

Luck in financial matters makes the first part of November a happy one for Taurus, but you may be having some problems at home that need your attention. Just watch what you say to your loved ones and all will go smoothly. A new romance could wreak havoc on your entire life after the 17th. Try to keep your mind on your responsibilities and work. After the 22nd you should avoid all things new, stick with your old friends and stay with the tried and true.

## GEMINI

You may find yourself with some extra holiday cash on hand during the first part of November. A promotion may seem imminent at work, but you'll have to work hard and be aggressive to attain your goals after the 11th. After the 19th you may feel restless and need an outlet, an old friend who is back in the picture now may be just the person to help you find something to do with your time.

## CANCER

Your home life will be settled but unexciting during the first week of November. You

may be feeling a bit depressed and tired but the prospect of a raise or promotion at work will pull you out of it around the 14th. A healthy dose of romance lifts your spirits even higher after the 18th. You could be planning a social event in your home around the 23rd, invite only old friends and everything will go as planned.

## LEO

You'll get lots of invitations during the first part of November - accept them all and you can't help but have a good time! After the 14th some unusual holiday travel plans may be in the works. Your romantic life is on an upswing after the 20th, but take it in stride and don't get excited over someone who may just be a passing fancy. Month's end finds you struggling to meet a deadline at work, keep your pace and stay with it.

## VIRGO

Keep your mind on practical matters and hold onto your money during the first week of November. An old romance could be rekindled after the 10th. Treat this special person with something different and unique, the rewards are well worth the effort. You may feel like you've got too much time on your hands after the 20th, put it to good use with holiday projects and planning. Money matters improve towards the end of the month although this may involve some late hours on the job.

## LIBRA

A relationship that started off on poor footing turns into an ever-growing friendship during the first part of November. Try to stay out of the limelight as much as possible, after the 12th, both at work and in social situations. Holiday planning will take all

your time after the 24th and leave you feeling like a Scrooge around the 22nd, but a festive party you have planned will go a long way towards lifting your spirits towards month's end.

## SCORPIO

You may be feeling out-of-sorts during the first part of November. You are on cloud-nine one minute and angry the next. Try to keep outward appearances on an even keel or you will wind up in trouble. After the 18th you should try to concentrate on social activities even if you don't feel like it. Being alone right now will only serve to make you feel isolated. A short trip for a holiday event could be in the cards towards month's end and will improve your mood.

## SAGITTARIUS

Keep your advice to yourself during the first part of November. An old friend could go overboard on your suggestions and hurt both of you. There may be a new friendship in the making after the 12th, take care of it and it will last you a lifetime. Romance may be in the cards towards month's end, but you'll have to keep a cool head and stay out of trouble or this relationship could have problems right from the start.

## CAPRICORN

November starts off with a bang for Capricorn! Romance, travel and excitement may all be part of the agenda. Try not to go overboard on spending or you could find yourself short for the holiday season. Listen to the advice of your friends after the 19th. They have an unbiased opinion on something very important to you. After Thanksgiving you will be happiest working on small

projects at home and preparing for this year's round of holiday parties.

## AQUARIUS

Although you may feel a romantic attachment to a new person during the first week of November, it is best not to act on it right away, you may do or say something you regret later. Try to concentrate on your work after the 12th; otherwise, you may be tempted to spend too much money or get yourself involved in a sticky social situation. You may be the target of vicious gossip after the 24th. Hold your tongue and don't react, your defensiveness will only add fuel to the fire.

## PISCES

The first week of November finds you living it up. Take advantage your party mood now because work will have you tied up until Thanksgiving. After the 17th you may make a loan to a friend in crisis. Don't preach about how it's spent, they know better than you where it's needed. Be careful when choosing someone to share a secret with towards month's end. Someone who seems to be a friend may turn out to be shallow and superficial and you will regret having shared your confidence.



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Harvest Metropolitan Community Church  
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## FT. WORTH (area code 817)

### organizations

Affirmation (Methodist) • 478-7837  
RESPECT - Gay/Lesbian Association  
828 Hardwood Rd. • Hurst, TX 76054

## HOUSTON, TX (area code 713)

### businesses

Inklings • an alternative bookstore  
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### clubs

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### organizations

AIDS Foundation • 3927 Essex Lane • 623-6796  
AIDS HOTLINE • c/o Switchboard • 529-3211  
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4800 Calhoun • 529-3211  
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900 Lovett #203 77006 • 529-2037  
Montrose Pool League/Billiards • PJ 863-8482  
PWA Coalition - Houston • 1475 W. Gray #163 • 522-5428  
Womynspace • P.O. Box 980601 77098-0601  
Women's Softball League • 6431 Pineshade • 868-6256

## LUBBOCK, TX (area code 806)

### businesses

Ellie's Garden • 2812 34th St. • 796-0880

### organizations

Lubbock Lesbian/Gay Alliance  
P.O. Box 64746 79464 • 796-2403  
Names Project/Lubbock • 796-1800 or 744-1957  
Wild Wilde West Productions — theatre co.  
P.O. Box 504 79408 • 796-0880

## NATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

Affirmation: United Methodists for Lesbian/Gay  
Concerns • P.O. 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  
P.O. Box 436, Planetarium Station • New York, NY 10024  
GLAAD/USA • 80 Varick St. #3E • NY, NY 10013  
Hate Crime Line • 1-800-347-HATE  
National Gay Alliance for Young Adults, Inc.  
P.O. Box 190426  
Dallas, TX 75219-0426 • (214) 307-7203  
National Gay/Lesbian Clearinghouse  
666 Broadway 4th Floor • NY, NY 10012  
National Gay/Lesbian Crisisline  
1-800-SOS-GAYS

National Gay/Lesbian Task Force  
1517 U Street NW  
Washington D.C. 20009 • 202-332-6483  
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 ANGELO, TX (area code 915)

### businesses

Books Etc., Inc. • Lesbian/Gay/Alternative Books  
2410 W. Ave N 76904 • 942-1544

## SAN ANTONIO, TX (area code 512)

### clubs

Memories • 6402 Callaghan • 340-1241  
Nexus San Antonio • 8021 Pinebrook • 341-2818

### organizations

Dignity/San Antonio • 202 N. St. Mary's • 349-3632  
Integrity/San Antonio  
P.O. 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  
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# THE FEMINIST PERSPECTIVE

A NEW MONTHLY COLUMN FROM THE LESBIAN/GAY RIGHTS LOBBY

WRITTEN BY LAURIE EISERLOH, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, LGRL

AGREE? OR, DISAGREE? — SEND YOUR COMMENTS TO DIMENSIONS.

I am certain that many of you have seen the media images of lesbian and gay protesters in California smashing windows with bicycle racks and burning the California state flag in protest of Governor Pete Wilson's veto of a lesbian and gay civil rights bill. These protests in the streets are reminiscent of protests in Houston that the lesbian/gay community organized in response to the killing of a gay man named Paul Broussard.

At the same time, we have all suffered through the Clarence Thomas and Anita Hill hearings and a mass murder in Killeen perpetrated by a man who, according to the Houston Post, admittedly committed the crime because he hated women. Every day we hear statistics about the number of women mutilated by rape and domestic violence. A woman is raped every 6 seconds. Every 18 seconds a woman is beaten. The number one cause of injury to women in this country is domestic violence. As lesbians and as feminists, why aren't we rioting in the streets? Why is the gay and lesbian rights movement able to organize in response to violence and oppression against the community while the feminist movement seems more apt at organizing pro-choice rallies featuring Cybil Shephard? Where is Susan B. Anthony? Where is Gloria Steinem? Where is the women's rights movement when you need it?

The answer to this question is extremely complex; however, I think that part of the answer lies in the development of both political movements. The feminist movement has made a lot of important social changes and still exists as a political movement. However, much of the energy and creativity of this movement can now be found in community discussion groups and college classrooms. Rather than a shirking of political responsibility, this retreat to the classroom is a necessary stage in the development of feminism. The primary issue that is being addressed within this new stage of the feminist movement is this: how do we recognize differences in the women's movement while maintaining a cohesive political movement? Feminism encompasses issues such as racial oppression, class oppression, abortion, environmentalism, new definitions of the family, violence against women, etc. With such a multiplicity of agendas, protests in the streets can be difficult to organize. However, exclusionary politics nearly destroyed the feminist movement in the past. A balance must be sought.

The lesbian/gay rights movement, on the other hand, has not moved as far along in the process of recognizing diversity within our community. Although things are changing, the lesbian/gay rights movement, to a large extent, is dominated by privileged (privileged primarily by race and class) gay men. These leaders have made very positive changes, particularly in the fight against AIDS, but there has been some refusal to recognize differences of sex, race, class, religion and ability within our community. This refusal is exemplified by arguments such as whether the Dallas Gay Alliance should be called the Dallas Gay/Lesbian Alliance. At the same time, the lesbian/gay movement focuses on a more narrow range of issues — primarily AIDS, domestic partnership, and violence issues. This focus enabled the Houston community to organize in response to the killing of Paul Broussard and work for the passage of the state hate-crimes bill. While I'm not advocating that feminists concentrate on a more narrow range of issues, some degree of focus may be politically expedient.

Activists in the lesbian/gay rights movement and activists in the feminist movement have a lot to gain from working together and a lot to learn from one another. As both women's rights advocates and lesbian rights advocates, it is our community that must translate the errors of both movements into the strengths of the coalition.





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Happy Anniversary,  
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FROM DAVIDE

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