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# 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 propoganda 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."

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**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.

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**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

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## 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 his 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.



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# 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

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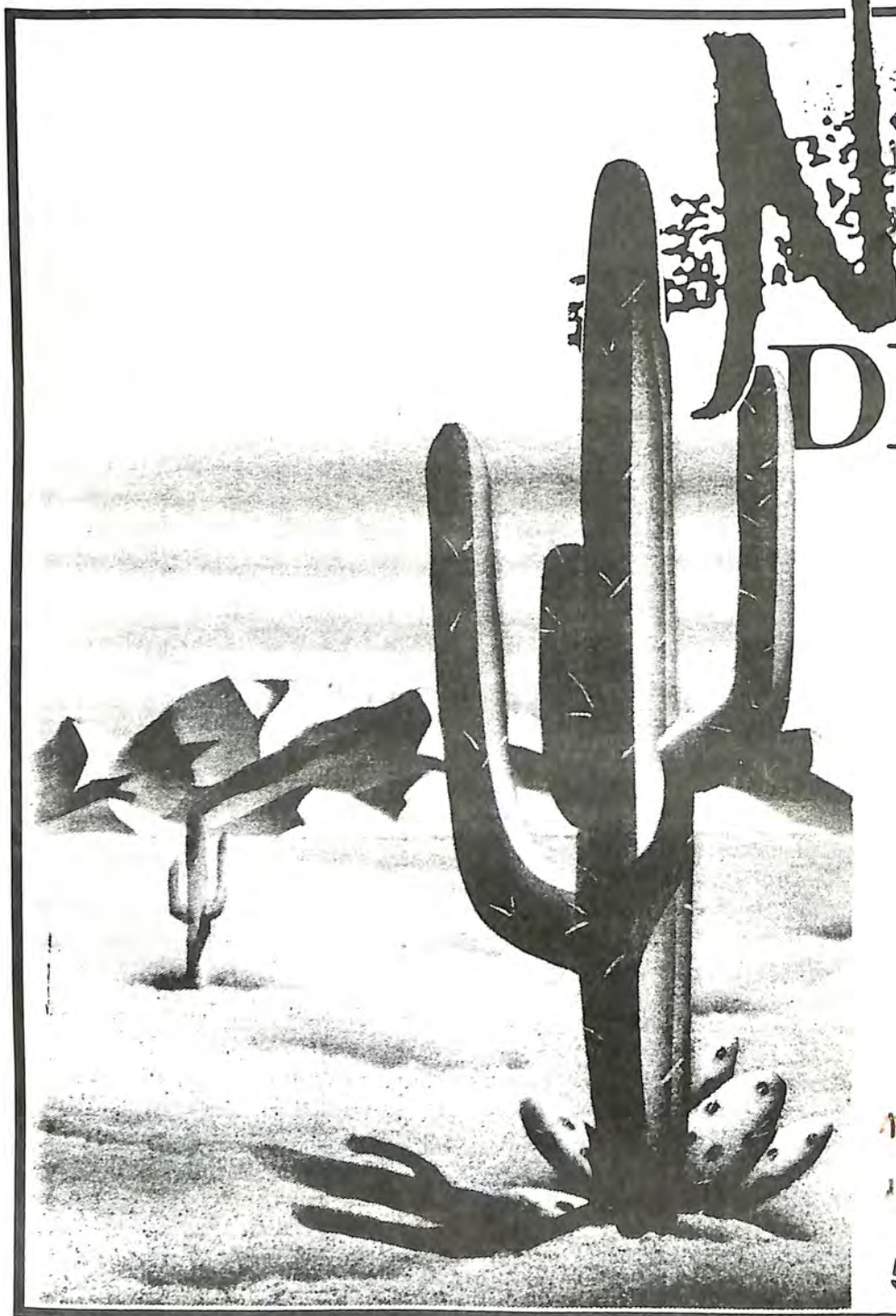
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## ON THE ROAD TO WASHINGTON

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 Pappagallos 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.



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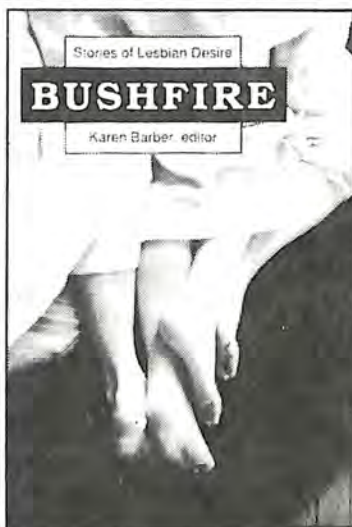
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THIS MONTH, TASHA SUMNER INTRODUCES:

## 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.



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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.

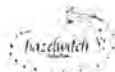
If you have a problem with jealousy and don't want to continue to feel jealous, then begin to challenge the things you tell yourself. Look for what proves you are a less worthy person because of another's action. Would life be terrible if you were to be unfavorably compared? Stop whining about how things 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.**



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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?



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How feel a body's stance, so near  
in presence overlapped with mine  
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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 are 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 the means used to reach them.

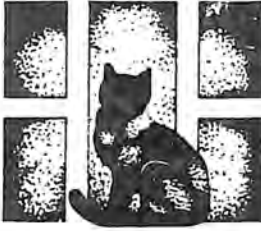

## PISCES

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.



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1919 Decatur • 861-9149  
Montrose Counseling Center  
900 Lovett #203 77006 • 529-0037  
Montrose Pool League/Billiards • 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 Pineshade • 868-6256

National Gay/Lesbian Task Force  
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Washington D.C. 20009 • 202-332-6483  
Parents & Friends of Lesbians and Gays (P-F)lag  
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### NORMAN, OK (area code 405) organizations

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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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San Antonio AIDS Foundation  
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San Antonio Tavern Guild • 822-2823

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South Plains AIDS Resource Center (SPARC)  
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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  
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Hate Crime Line • 1-800-347-HATE  
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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.



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