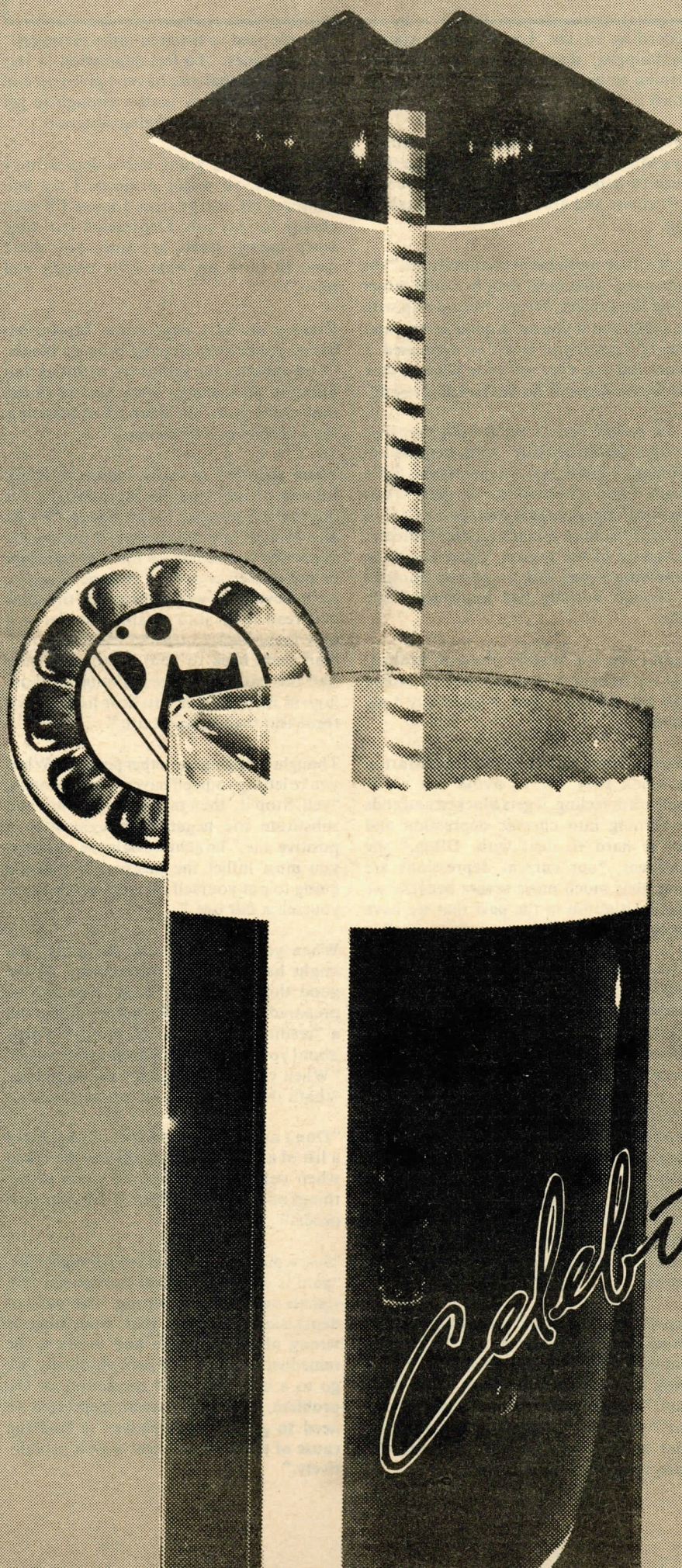


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# DEPRESSION

by Nigel Jennings

According to Dr. Lee Martin, Atlanta psychologist, depression is normal and nothing to be ashamed of. It is a tool by which to learn.

"Depression is a very complex emotion," says Martin. "It can range from the mild blues to depressions so deep that people hallucinate and are in need of hospitalization.

"It has such unpleasant connotations," she continues, "that most people would rather avoid the subject. We are brought up with the myth that if you are a good person and live right, then you won't be depressed. I mean, did you ever see June Cleaver (the mother on *Leave It To Beaver*) depressed?"

Some people believe we are not prepared to deal constructively with depression, although, Martin says, "depression is just a reaction and a normal one at that. When someone experiences a loss, you've got to see depression as a reaction that indicates the health of the person. There might be something wrong with the person who acts as though nothing has happened," she adds.

Depression is a healthy phase of healing, believes Martin. It is also a way of coping with the situation and is generally time limited.

"Where people get in trouble," says Martin, "is when they try to avoid the really unpleasant feeling; it gets blocked and ends up turning into chronic depression and that is hard to deal with. Often," she continues, "our current depressions are made that much more severe because we have a situation in the past that we have not resolved. It will keep cropping up."

Martin also believes that some people delay depression unconsciously in order to give their psyches time to adjust until they feel strong enough to grieve. "But, Martin maintains, "the important part is to go ahead and grieve; it's a catharsis."

When you look at depression, Martin believes, you have to take into context how many stresses have happened simultaneously, as well as how many stresses or losses have occurred over a period of time. "Your personality and emotions get worn out," she says. "It's like lifting weights; if you lift too many you end up with muscle spasms."

Depression is a signal that something is wrong in our lives, says Martin, and that a change is needed. It is a rebellion; "I'm not going to live like this; this is not what I want," is its common theme. "The helplessness," she says, "comes from not knowing what to do about the situation and not being in touch with ourselves.

"People need to listen to inner messages," she continues. "To feel depression in this sense means that you haven't given up and you still think you matter enough to get away from a life-deadening situation.

"If I feel myself going into a depression I don't take on major projects. I try and conserve my energy since I know I'll need energy for my job. Depression is a time when energy levels are low—you don't need to burn up what little energy you have,"

Coming out of a depression, Martin believes, is like convalescing from an illness. "You should take things bit by bit as you build up your energy level. But do things that excite you," she adds. "Excitement is the opposite of depression."

There are ways to make depression work for you. "Listen and pay attention to your internal monologue," Martin says. "We do an awful lot of mind chatter. When we are depressed it is usually to bitch at ourselves or put ourselves down." A good practice, she believes, is to write down these thoughts and read them into a tape recorder and play them back (a trusted friend can also read them back to you). "People usually find this cathartic," she continues, "because it gives them a chance to hear how silly or theatrical their remarks are."

Thought-stopping is another process. "When you're letting yourself have it," says Martin, "yell 'Stop it,' then take a deep breath and substitute the negative thought with a positive one." To achieve balance, she says, you must inflict the positive. If you are going to put yourself on trial, at least give yourself a fair one."

When you are depressed, she adds, you might have trouble remembering all the good things about yourself. You can be prepared with what behavior modifiers call a "credit card"—a list of positive things about yourself and your accomplishments. "When you are depressed," she continues, "that's the time to haul it out and read it.

"Don't neglect the child part of you. Have a list of all the things you like to do. Then when you are depressed do some of the things on the list. You have to fill your own needs."

"Just remember," adds Martin thoughtfully, "pain is a useful survival mechanism that signals something is wrong. The pain of depression tells you that something is wrong about your life and needs to be remedied. If you are in pain physically, we go to a doctor to find the source of the problem, just as when we are depressed we need to go within ourselves to find the cause of the pain and deal with it productively."

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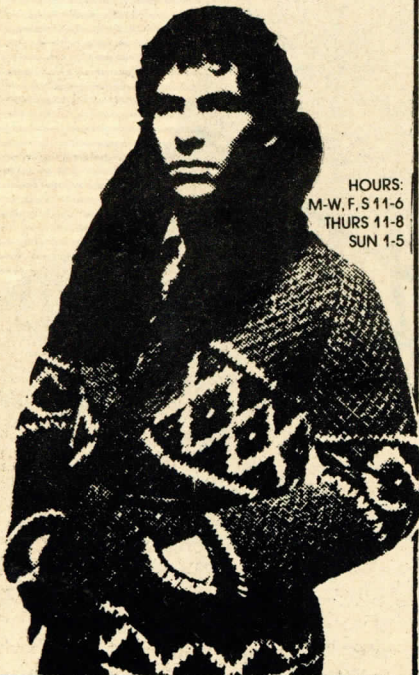
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# AID Atlanta Provides Funding, Activities Update

While back we asked folks at *Cruise* if we could publish a weekly column to keep the community informed of our activities. We're happy to announce the start of our weekly updates.

During the month of November our AIDS Awareness Public Education meetings have met weekly at the Gay Center at 7:30 on Sunday evenings with useful and informative speakers on topics of prevention, risk reduction, bereavement and loss, thanks to the programming efforts of John McDavid and Don Smith. David Harris and Glen McGehee traveled to Chattanooga to appear as panelists on "Point of View," a half hour program on AIDS aired by PBS and it's CBS affiliate. Caitlin Ryan and Don Smith made a presentation on issues of AIDS at the Georgia Psychological Association's all-day seminar on Catastrophic Illness. Rob Kingston and John McDavid addressed

interested students in a Georgia Tech discussion group. Caitlin and David also represented AID Atlanta and the Southeast at another marathon series of quarterly Steering Committee meetings for FARO, the Federation of AIDS Related Organizations, in San Francisco, mid-month.

Jay Evans sparked our November fundraising efforts with a benefit at *Texas Drilling Co.*, raising \$669, while the *Armory*, in true Thanksgiving spirit helped us raise an additional \$500 plus. Thanks to the *Abstein Gallery*, we raffled off another fabulous print, raising \$184 in donations at the *Sports Page*.

We addressed candidates vying for Sidney Marcus' 26th Congressional seat in a forum at *Illusions*, and are inviting surviving candidates to meet with us to hear the real

issues on December 13 at our monthly open meeting at the *Neon Peach* (805 Peachtree St.).

AID Atlanta is increasing its commitment to providing direct services to people with AIDS by undertaking an Emergency Assistance Fund which will provide some immediate help with basic necessities, such as, food, clothing and rent for people with AIDS. Various political and business leaders in the community are being asked to serve as advisory members for this fund. While we're organizing this service we need your help! Immediate donations of food are needed by people with AIDS in our community. Please drop off any canned goods and other non-perishable items at *Crackerjacks*, located at 966 Peachtree St.

Our Buddy Support Program, co-chaired by Steve Masterson and Keith Blackman,

has indicated another need for trained social workers, and for individuals who would like to volunteer as buddies, helping people with AIDS with routine chores, companionship and transportation.

Upcoming events include *Caroling with Laverne*, a benefit for AID Atlanta on Dec. 11 at 9:30 p.m. at *Gene and Gabe's*—we hope you'll extend your Christmas spirit to support both the Guild Christmas Party and AIDS—and a Valentine's Benefit at the Fox on Feb. 11.

As always, we appreciate your support and look forward to your comments and suggestions in response to finally getting out a weekly column. Many thanks to Bob Swinden at *Cruise* for affording us this opportunity.

## Norman, Oklahoma Gays Propose Rights Ordinance

After several months of study, the Human Rights Commission of Norman, Oklahoma has proposed a change to the city code adding 'sexual/affectional preference' to the list of protected citizens. Currently,

race, color, religion, ancestry, national origin, sex, age, place of birth, and handicapped persons belong to this group. Steve Keller, a member of the commission and past member of the Gay Activists Alliance (GAA) at the University of Oklahoma and author of the bill, said that this change was long overdue. At their August 25 meeting, the commission unanimously approved the ordinance to be sent to the city council for approval, although several members of the commission did not hold much hope of it passing due to the great number of religious groups in Norman that were bound to be against it. The Ordinance would protect gays from discrimination in employment, public housing

A group calling themselves the Human Rights Coalition (HRC) was formed the night the ordinance passed the commission. Secretary Cal Thixton said that the group was busy tracking down organizations and businesses that have statements on record securing gay rights that have members or affiliations in Norman. "Currently we have about two dozen groups willing to speak at the City Council October 25. Groups like the National Organization for Women, Oklahomans for Human Rights, Women's Political Caucus and more.

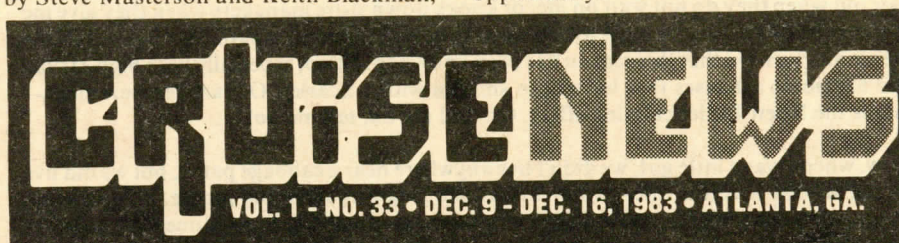
## Club Body Centre Holds Open House

Club Body Centre, the once controversial Amsterdam Avenue Health and Fitness Club, will welcome neighbors, families and prospective new members to a pre-Christmas open house on Sunday, December 11th, 1983 from 1pm to 7pm.

A "very well-built" Santa Claus will be on hand; wine and cheese will be served to adults; soft drinks and balloons will greet the tots.

"We really want to show the community that Club Body Centre is a health and

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## Fuller, Martin Runoff Set for December 20th



Supporters of Cynthia Fuller made merry on election night. (l-r) Ray Kluka, Cynthia Fuller, Frank Scheuren and City Councilperson Barbara Asher.

Former General Assembly attorney Jim Martin edged former State Representative Cynthia Fuller, Tuesday night, in a special election for House District 26th. They will meet in a runoff December 20th, to fill the seat of the late Sidney Marcus.

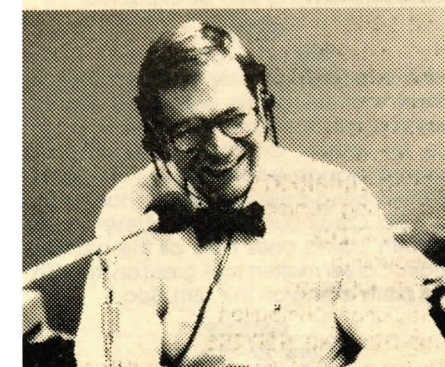
Final results gave Martin 871 votes and Ms. Fuller 745, with an estimated 18 percent of the District's registered voters participating. Other candidates were Carl Hartrampf, with 549 votes; Kathy Davis, 355; Beth Damon Coonan, 187; Jim Fallaize, 153; Joseph Zimmerman, 38; Frank Blankenship, 15; Thomas Zarrilli, 9; Benjamin Biggers, 6. The district includes most of Midtown, Morningside, Virginia-Highlands and the Pine Hills neighborhood up to Buckhead.

Coonan, who in previous years had served as president of the local lesbian/gay political organization First Tuesday, managed to impress several political observers in her first crack at a political campaign. "She impressed me very much

at a Candidates Forum," said one. However, attacks by Coonan's campaign against Fuller's record with gay issues caused a great deal of stress in Fuller's camp. "Why don't they do this to their enemies instead of their friends?" was the question Ms. Fuller's staffers wondered. The impact on Fuller's record is questionable, however. Fuller's widest margin of victory was at the Grady High School polling place in the heart of gay Midtown.

Some observers predict the turnout for the runoff could dip to only 10 percent of the registered vote. That percentage is a marked contrast to the importance of the House seat, which had previously been occupied by Marcus. At his death, Marcus was eulogized as one of the most respected and beloved politicians in the state, and one who served the interests of urban growth and rural responsibility with equal dedication. The district, which includes a mix of families, senior citizens, minorities and single adults, is unusual only in that it includes a large gay population.

## Talk Show Host Seeks Rebuttals To Williams



Atlanta radio personality Tom Houck, a co-host with Dick Williams on WGST's weekday call-in program, *Counterpoint*, is seeking liberal and pro-gay callers to respond to Williams' often anti-gay remarks.

Williams, who denies he is anti-gay, is the champion of the conservative viewpoint locally, both on *counterpoint* and as an editorial columnist in the *Atlanta Journal*. "I'm not anti-gay," Williams insists, "I'm pro-common sense." But Williams often rails against homosexuals on any number of topics. For example, on a recent discussion of providing public restrooms for downtown, Houck told *Cruise* that Williams all but said the proposed facilities would be "crawling with faggots."

"I'm amazed that we don't get more response from liberals and gays," Houck said. William's conservative viewpoint all too often goes unchallenged, he adds.





## DIAMOND LIL!

## CRUISING THE STARS

by  
**MIKE VOSS**

### 'TIS THE SEASON!

Oh, laddies and lassies, tell me it's not so! Tell me that the Yule is not just around the corner. Tell me that I do not have to go Christmas shopping and begin standing in line at 6 a.m. in the morning in hopes of securing my Cabbage Patch Doll, and then having to wait for all of its adoption papers to come through. I don't want to have to snatch clerks' hair out when they do not wait on me, or knock down store managers when they give me the least bit of lip. I really want to be a good little girl and remain calm throughout all the grease and turmoil that this season has been known to stir up, especially with high-strung and histrionic actresses that have been smitten with a Scarlett O'Hara temperament—minus the Rhett Butler calming effect. Oh, tell me no, tell me no!

Now, when I was a little girl, we didn't live anywhere near a cabbage patch; but we did live on the official streetcar line—which I consider to be a touch more grease, if you please. During these hard times, one couldn't expect too much at Christmas time; and I always wanted a bright and shiny pair of roller skates, cause all of the "colored" kids down the street would get a new pair every year and just carry on like Sarah-Lowella-totally-insane on the brick sidewalks up and down. Needless to say, I never received a pair—nor did I get a Dolly Dimple Doll, which was a popular thing during that era. My parents usually gave me some butch marble game, but I wound up playing with my sisters' paper dolls.

Christmas in high school was an event to look forward to, as I was a working lad with my own money to spend. My father had seen to it that I had a paper route, actually delivering newspapers—if you can imagine my being that butch. (Gosh, after all these years, here I am still connected with a newspaper!) Drawing names and exchanging presents in school was quite fun, except for the time that the good-looking trick gave me a rubber doll—such embarrassment!

When one leaves home and comes to the big city, holiday time may not be your most joyous or gleeful occasion. In fact, I remember that it became a time to dread. If you couldn't make it home at Christmas, then I would become laden with guilt. If you were husbandless, then I wanted to block it all out by soireeing and partying throughout the whole season—seldom remembering much of anything, except hoping that when you finally came to and found out the date, you desperately wanted it to be way past the First of the Year. I needed another party when I realized it was only December 28th—egads, not only Christmas holidays, but my official birthday, to boot. What a total bummer! Finally, I stopped putting up the lights, the wreaths and the trees. I began spending part of that time with friends who had their act better together and knew how to celebrate the Season in the way that it was intended.

At last, after a little therapy, study, and opening my ears, I have gained a little insight on handling the Season for what it really is—exactly what YOU make it! Now, we can allow ourselves to be highly influenced by all the hype and hullabaloo on the news media and drive our persons to the brink of insanity with trying to keep up with "Miss Thing," all the social functions, frantic shopping, our friends, or the family. But, are we ACTUALLY doing ourselves any favors? It's taken me years, brothers and sisters, to realize that I come FIRST! Outside persuasions and inside guilt, obligations, and frustrations, I must lay on the line and sort out and deal with on an even keel. I must resign myself to "letting things happen," instead of "trying to make things happen."

You know, Miss Diamond doesn't want you children out there sitting around and fretting and carrying-on during this Yuletide; and if I get wind that you are, I'm gonna come out there and spank your fannies good and proper. I want you rejoicing with fruitcake and ambrosia and not lamenting the past, lost lovers, or incorrigible families. There's absolutely no excuse whatever in you being lonely or feeling sorry for yourselves. We're in one of the greatest cities, the land of opportunity, the horn of plenty (ooo, talk about the horn of plenty); and there's plenty that's happening here in the Big Peach. I don't want you sitting out there alone crying in your beer. Get with people, or call friends.

I suppose by now you folks have gathered that I don't really need that Cabbage Patch Doll, or "Miss Fury" with the blue-black lips, or a brand new pair of roller skates. What I really need is a brand new Key! But, you know I'm just kidding there girls—what I really need is you, my Readers, for I love each and every one of you. Who could ask for a better Christmas? Merry Christmas to all and to each a very Happy New Year!

### For Dec. 10th - Dec. 16th

#### SAGITTARIUS

(Nov. 22 - Dec. 21)

Lovers may be in abundance this week. Others are anxious to have you around. Enjoy lots of attention. On the 10th and 11th domestic issues look profitable and emotionally satisfying. Personality may bring bigger successes on the 13th and 14th. Use more showmanship in all that you do and go farther. Financial matters look sticky on the 15th. Keep cool... don't lose your temper and you won't lose what you thought you would. Sex and romance are great outlets for career pressures that may be many on the 16th. Go out and party.

#### CAPRICORN

(Dec. 22 - Jan. 20)

Upsets in career direction may keep you at odds with loved ones. Relax, things will take care of themselves. Do something nice for those around you. You might be surprised at the change in attitudes. Friends may consume all your time on the 11th. Let them. It'll mean more money down the road. On the 12th business insights couldn't be beat. Others may come to you for the answers. Life might get a little difficult on both the 13th and 14th. Communication with others looks difficult on any level. Be careful. Stay out of the line of fire. Expect to be gossiped about. Friends come to your aid on the 15th. Romance may be disappointing on the 16th. Delays could be nerve-wracking.

#### AQUARIUS

(Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)

Communication in romantic matters may be difficult all week. No one seems willing to give in... including you. On the 10th and 11th advantages come from social gatherings. New jobs may be offered on the 12th which look like worthwhile ventures. New loves may outweigh what you've already got on the 13th. Temptations are to cast off the old. Accidents may be many on the 14th. Keeping your mind in the 'present' may be difficult. Secrets on the 15th should be kept that way. Great money day. No need to blab. Changes in career matters on the 16th look frustrating but shortlived.

#### PISCES

(Feb. 20 - March 20)

All the planets are in your favor for success in career matters. Don't be afraid to try at this time. All changes are for your eventual good. Probably the most negative aspects occurring around you concern domestic issues. On the 13th and 14th don't expect everything to go as you planned it. More money may be needed. Best romantic day will be on the 15th. The reverse should be true on the 16th.

#### ARIES

(March 21 - April 19)

Communication with loved ones could keep you confused all week again. You might be being tested. Domestic matters mean problems on both the 10th and the 11th. Career opportunities offered on the 12th are for real. Jump at all bones offered. Travel, men and communication are the big keys on the 13th. Joyful day. Plan all battle strategy with loved ones on the 14th. You'll need it. On the 15th and 16th sex may consume most thoughts. Ample new playmates are readily available.

#### TAURUS

(April 20 - May 20)

Expect a super social weekend. On the 10th new loves are plentiful. On the 11th expect to catch up on career matters. Allow some time for romance, however—that's where most happiness can be found all week. Good news on all financial dealings may finally reach you on the 13th. Domestic issues favored here. Co-workers may be on the rag the 14th. Ignore them. Temporary hateful aspects pass quickly. Best day for romance is on the 15th when all runs smoothly. On the 16th delays may be many. Emotional disappointments can be expected.

#### GEMINI

(May 21 - June 21)

A shift of energy may be from romance to career matters. Others are willing now to help you out. Superiors may even come to you for advice. On the 12th accept all business proposals from friends. Partnership activities bring smiles as well as honors on the 13th. Credit bummer may creep up on the 14th. Loved ones hold all the answers again. Career matters look great on the 15th and pretty stifling on the 16th. Boo.

#### CANCER

(June 22 - July 21)

Too much is going on with you... I can't keep up.

#### LEO

(July 22 - Aug. 21)

Romance, travel and creativity can bring bliss all week. Domestic issues still look fraught with delays and snags. On the 11th and 12th expect extra help with credit issues. Others may come to your aid with good ideas and also cash. If you haven't fallen in love recently then don't waste the 13th. Marriage material may be everywhere. On the 14th career matters could get sticky. Communication problems may be many. Yield this time and make more money. Domestic legalities are in your favor after the 15th. On 16th not much will go your way easily.

#### VIRGO

(Aug. 22 - Sept. 22)

New loves are on the horizon. You're ready for a change. Romance couldn't look better over the weekend. On the 12th business

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# BOOKS

## GLORIA STEINEM

by Kathy Tepes

**Gloria Steinem**  
**Outrageous Acts & Everyday Rebellions**  
**\$14.95 Holt, Rinehart & Winston**

Gloria Steinem is America's foremost spokesperson and organizer for the feminist movement. She travels extensively as a feminist lecturer. During the past 10 years, she has been a visible and persuasive advocate of women's political and personal development. In addition to her feminist activities, Ms. Steinem has developed a reputation as an outstanding journalist. Her first article was published in 1962. She helped found both *New York Magazine*, where she was its political columnist, and *Ms. magazine*. The best of her writing on feminism, American culture, politics, and people appears in the book *Outrageous Acts And Everyday Rebellions*.

The book includes Gloria Steinem's by now classic account of infiltrating the Playboy Club, where she landed a job as a bunny twenty years ago to investigate what really went on behind the scenes. There is also a series of portraits of such well-known political figures as Eugene McCarthy, Nelson Rockefeller, Richard Nixon, and George McGovern (for whom she served as "pamphlet writer, advance 'man,' fundraiser, delegate lobbyist, errand runner, press secretary—consecutively or simultaneously.") In an essay "Ruth's Song (Because She Could Not Sing It)," Gloria Steinem writes a moving tribute to her mother, an adventurous woman who struggled out of a working-class family into college, loved working as a reporter and newspaper editor, but had to give up her own career for marriage and eventually suffered mental illness.

Other pieces in the book include importance of work, women's relationships to their bodies, transsexualism, food, and the revolution in language sparked by the current feminist awakening. Ms. Steinem is quoted "We now have words like 'sexual harassment' and 'battered women.' A few years ago, they were just called 'life.'" She added, "Once women were trained to marry a doctor (or scientist or plumber). Now, we are becoming the men we wanted to marry."

In the section "Five Women," Gloria Steinem pinpoints the real tragedy of Marilyn Monroe's suicide, catches Pat Nixon at her most candid and revealing, and uncovers the person behind Jacqueline Onassis' media image. She profiles her friend and colleague Alice Walker, and details the historical importance of *The Color Purple*, the novel

for which Walker won a Pulitzer Prize and the American Book Award for Fiction. And, in perhaps the most persuasive piece of all, she shows, through the ordeal of Linda Lovelace, just how lethal to women pornography can be.

The most powerful article is "The International Crime of Genital Mutilation," co-authored with Robin Morgan. It describes how an estimated 75 million women (according to the World Health Organization) in the world are suffering the results of genital mutilation, a ritual carried out when the child is between the ages of three and eight, and she may be considered unclean, improper, or unmarriageable if it is not done.

Gloria Steinem's last chapter, "Far from the Opposite Shore," is excellent, a must for any political activist. Ms. Steinem worked as a writer for political campaigns of Robert Kennedy, Cesar Chavez's United Farm Workers, Shirley Chisholm and Bella Abzug. Ms. Steinem was also a treasurer of the Angela Davis Defense Fund. In the early 70s she traveled and lectured with feminist lawyer and black activist Florynce Kennedy. Among the organizations Ms. Steinem helped to found are the National Women's Political Caucus and the Coalition of Labor Union Women. She was also a founder and now serves on the Board of Women's Action Alliance, a non-profit organization that has pioneered in such areas as non-sexist, multi-racial early childhood education and building national coalitions among women's groups; the Ms. Foundation for Women, the only national multi-issue women's fund; Women USA, a national communications system on women's issues; and Voters for Choice, a political committee that encourages voters among the majority supporting reproductive freedom to make their views known at the polls. She was also a member of the International Women's Year Commission that organized the Houston Women's Conference in 1977.

Recently, Gloria Steinem appeared on 20/20 television show, where she was questioned by Barbara Walters whether she was a lesbian. To Ms. Steinem's credit, she never said no, rather she calmly answered that to be a lesbian is fine. I suppose it would take another show to explain to Barbara Walters, who by the way refuses to identify herself as a feminist, the meaning of being a political lesbian. Last year, Gloria Steinem participated at a benefit for SAGE (Senior Action in a Gay Environment) in New York City.



## EYEWITNESS CRUISE

Hello again, gossip fans. Well, the phones here at *Cruise News* have been ringing off the wall with lots of juicy trash, much of which had to be edited to death to protect the guilty! Murmers barely had room to add her own bits of friendly, yet spreadable, gossip! Now for the grease.

**Sue Ellen's** (John Sullivan) pajama party was a big success. Rumor has it there was a tying of the knot between a family member and one of the muscle clones.

If **Brian** is the **T.H.'s** new assistant at **Backstreet** will he be required to buy a matching hamster coat?

Word is out that **Rhonda Radner** and **Leo** are getting real lovey lately and **Doug** is getting a real "backache" about it all.

Whoever was responsible for putting several hits of a certain drug in **Tom Johnson's** cocktail at **Backstreet** should be horsewhipped. **Tom** just happened to be allergic to the chemical and it was not an amusing prank — next time keep your drugs to yourself asshole! Or give them to someone who wants them.

It was **Ron, Brian, Judy** and **Kevin** from **Saint** joining **Connie** and **Miss Real** from the **Cove** having a bonfire on the patio at the **Stud**.

News Flash!!! **Miss Real** via the **Cove** has come out with a new cologne, **Eau de Onion**.

**Rhonda, Warren** and **Kevin** tell Murmers that they have their special private parties at **Saint** on Saturdays.

**Chena Black** will be off later this month to terrorize **Paris**. Will they be ready for her? Have a good time, honey, and try not to sit on the Eiffel Tower. It's a tourist attraction, too!

**Cove D.J.'s Randy** and **Aron** are having a battle of the turntables.

**Margaret Montego** is totally moist over this week's heartthrob **D.H.** from the **Cove**. Pity he's just a whore not unlike herself — and what about **Buddy**?

Were **Amber** and **Erica** too real at **Laverne's** new X-mas show? They even made **Taisha Wallace** blush! Too much, T & A?

If **Robert Davis** and **Brian** of **Backstreet** are brothers, how come Robert got all the looks?

Speaking of **Disco Heaven** (Backstreet), shame on you **Miss Vicki** seen putting out her cigarette on a **Cruise** magazine.

And she just made her first 50¢ bartending last Friday. But **Louis** wants to know, "Is it **Vicki** or is it **Brillo**?"

Rumor correction of the week (really, girls!): Director of the **Pharr Library Creature Feature** is **Tom Billingham**, not **Rita Ramsey**!

Has that dark gray Cougar owned by the notorious **Ella Phant** become a pimp mobile . . . or does she just plan her menus around chicken she picks up at the **Gallus**?

**Julie Garden** asks Murmers to thank all her friends (or was it "both" her friends) at the **Armory** for making turning 40, a little easier. Girl, you don't look a day over 39!

And **Thelma** wants everyone to know she really doesn't have false teeth like a certain unretouched photo hanging in **The Bar** suggests.

**Glenda Sue** of the **Pharr Library** says that ex-doorman **Brian** is wearing him out and the Atlanta Police Department as well. Stay home, girl!

Is **Gene** of the **Armory** really Shirley Temple's disco twin?

**Gregg Jones** is back at **Backstreet** slinging cocktails.

**Tutti Frutti** is changing his stage name to **Mini Spud** and **Rita** says Tutti was doing Diana Ross in a small N.C. town long before the Supremes.

**Thelma** is getting **T.R.** a tattoo of a polo player over his left tit for Christmas.

Birthday wishes this week to **Dawn Dupree, Earl Hayes, George Hammond, Taisha Wallace, Joel Taylor** and **Aron Siegal**.

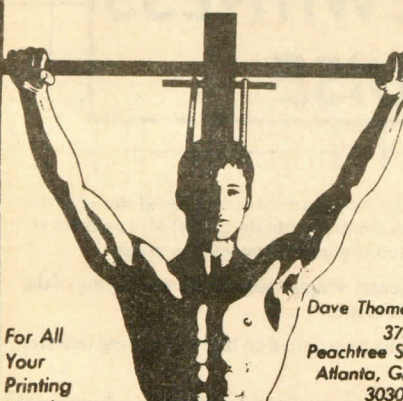
Well, that's more than enough ole gossip for this week; and remember, just 14 more cocktail hours till Christmas!

Later girls . . .



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fitness club for everyone and that everyone is welcome. We especially want to emphasize that Club Body Centre is a co-ed club," said Al Zeller, owner and proprietor of the huge facility located at 549 Amsterdam Avenue, just off Monroe Drive, between Piedmont and 10th. "We have been approved by the City of Atlanta License and Review Board and we are having a preview party on December 11th. Everyone is invited!"

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## Cruising the Stars Continued from Page 4

opportunity involves your own creativity. Don't under-rate yourself. Domestic issues favored on the 13th—mean profit. Financial snags encountered on the 14th are temporary and should be overlooked. Travel plans may absorb most of the 15th. Slow starts can be counted on the 16th. Friends may be a mite disappointing. You may feel all alone in a crowd.

## LIBRA

(Sept. 23 - Oct. 22)

More money can come in this week by maneuvering the moods of others in career matters. Extra hours spent on strategy over the weekend will no doubt payoff. On the 11th favorable conditions exist for domestic issues. Excellent time to entertain. Business deals may just land in your lap on the 12th. On the 13th meeting Mr. Wonderful should be real easy. Travel and friends only enhance the setting. Tedious day can be expected on the 14th. Everyone seems to misunderstand most of what you say all day. Creativity, love and money blend well on the 15th to bring you the most pleasant day all week. On the 16th financial difficulties presented come as no surprise. You're guilty of procrastinating again.

## SCORPIO

(Oct. 23 - Nov. 21)

Others may seek you out this week for both sex and security. You look like the best catch around right now. Appearance should be great. Romance may be everywhere on the 11th. Accept all invitations. On the 12th credit issues bring smiles. Good connections can be successfully made for future business moves. Best money days this week are on the 13th and 14th. Friends hold domestic and financial advantages. Communication on the 15th can be quite satisfying. Relative may figure here. Call mother she may want to give you something. Legalties and sex look terrible on the 16th. Stay out of the tree trails (I'm not kidding).



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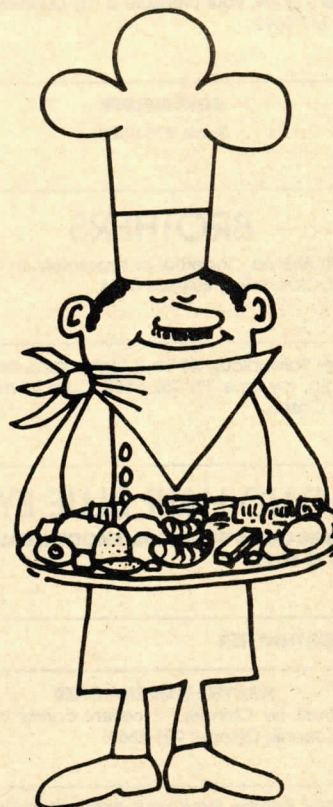
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