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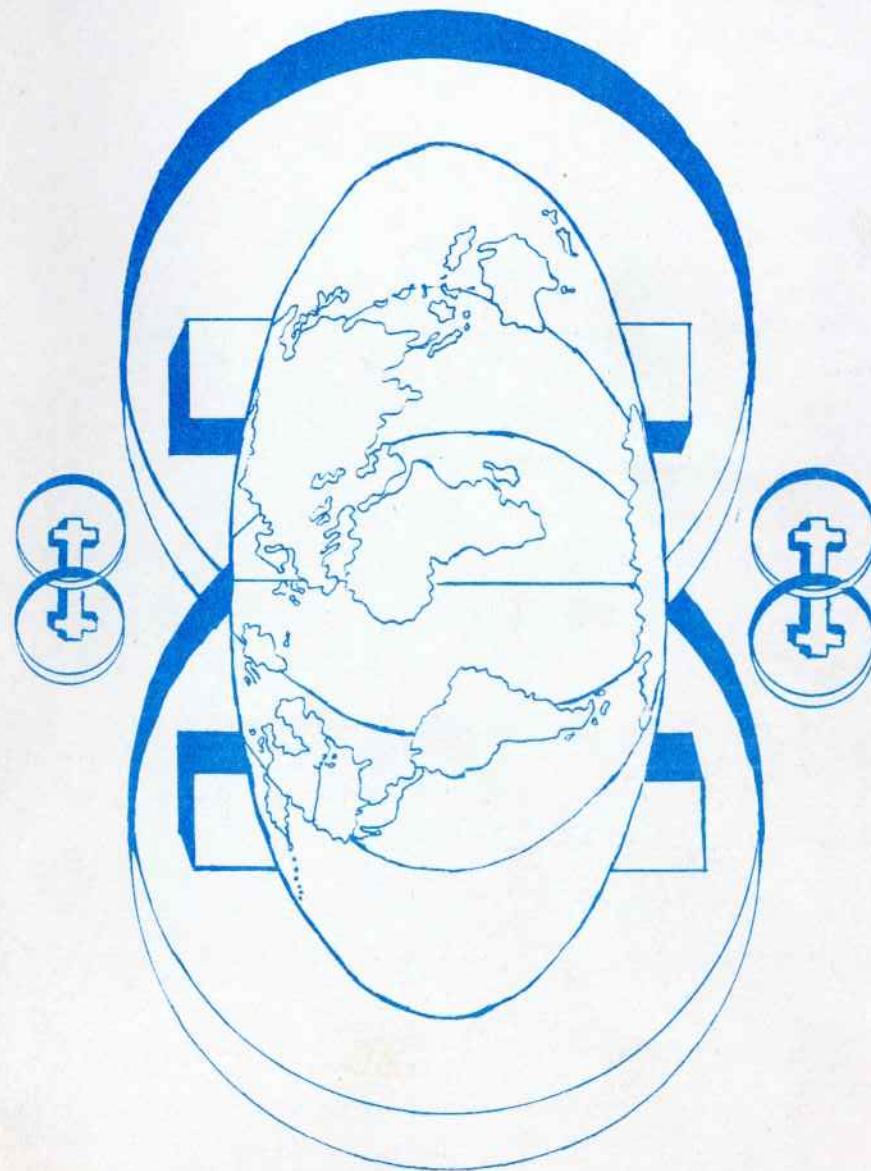
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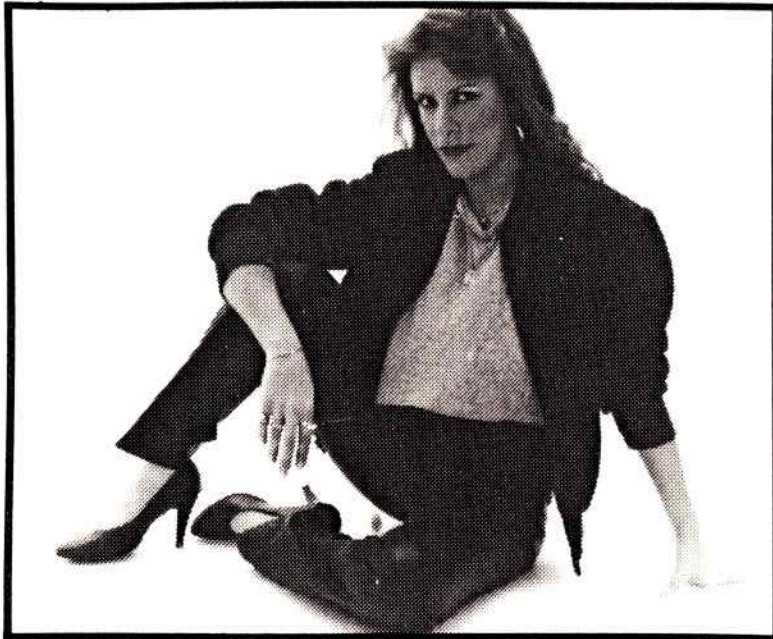
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This is a wimmins community magazine. The spelling of "wimmin" or "womyn" does not indicate an anti-male attitude. Our intention is to claim our identity; independent of, not as a subgroup of, our male dominated society. Anyone submitting material for use in this magazine may request the use of the traditional spelling in their article, if printed. ALL MATERIALS SUBMITTED ARE KEPT ON FILE FOR USE AS NEEDED. This magazine is created and made possible by the donation of time, labor, and love by the members of AZULAO. Our intention is:

1. To promote networking within the wimmins community.
2. To give recognition to those outstanding wimmin who give so generously in helping to create a better community.
3. To offer support and love to the wimmin in our community.
4. To help wimmin who are experiencing crisis situations.
5. To encourage an attitude of non-discrimination.

We publish an average of once every six weeks. We encourage wimmin to join our volunteer corps, the more volunteers we have the more editions we can publish. For our sisters who must still live in the closet, we offer wimmin the option of being recognized with a logo instead of their name. Inclusion of wimmins names within this publication does not reflect the affectional preference of those mentioned. Opinions expressed here do not necessarily reflect the opinions or policies of this organization. No one is associated with this magazine who is not listed in the credits column. If any questions arise about this, please call the editor. Mail all articles, photographs, cartoons, ads, and other materials to our address.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

My introduction to Azulao was during the renaming contest. I began dropping by to chat with the wimmin at the house. Through these visits I began to understand what this organization was trying to do in the community. I believe this organization will have far reaching effects in our community. I know that it has given me a sense of enthusiasm for life, that I had been missing for awhile. I'm very excited about being able to help. Carol is a very special person, helping you feel the involvement with the wimmin, and has truly helped me in my self awareness. Understanding ideals and desires I had

shut out many years ago. My love for writing and my desire to be involved with our community and life.

God gave me something special in my life. I thought it was lost, but with prayer and the help of my friends I know where it is, I've found it again!

I've also found
It. Karri, I
love you!

GA.

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OUR DREAM

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LEAPING LESBIANS

THE TWO PEOPLE I ADMIRE MOST

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JUST FOR CHUCKLES

GAY PRIDE WEEK

Walk for Unity

Gay Pride Kick Off



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HISTORICAL MARK FOR WIMMIN **FLASH**

The selection of Rep. Geraldine Ferraro by Walter Mondale, as his Vice Presidential running mate, will no doubt make the history books as a marker of change for politics as well as for wimmin.

Ferraro is a graduate of Fordham Law School, served as a prosecutor, and has had three successful races for congress. She is the mother of three children and hails from New York.

I personally choose candidates on the basis of their issues in regard to my own personal issues; and upon their qualifications, irregardless of their possible prominent standing, race, religion, sex, etc., and I daresay the selec-

tion of Ferraro does not change this viewpoint for me. I'm elated that our country has finally selected a womyn to run on a major political party. I think it is long overdue. I also feel Ferraro has many outstanding qualifications, but any vote will depend upon Ferraro's stand on a lot of issues; as well as Mondale's. This also applies for Reagan and Bush.

We wimmin have "come a long way"; and to finally have broken into, what was up to now - male territory exclusively, deserves recognition and much support. Whether Ferraro actually becomes our first womyn Vice-President is still yet to be seen, but hallelujah, let's not lose sight of the fact-

SHE IS A FIRST!

Kathy "Freddy" Greives

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We found this disclaimer in a small publication and thought it was so cute we had to share it with our readers. We did a little improvising just for chuckles. Read on and chuckle with us.

This magazine is written and published monthly. (Thereabouts.) We were going to say, "More if we can, less if we can't," however, another well known publication used that already. So, we can't. Our staff is inexperienced, uneducated and disorganized. We are in fact, a totally irresponsible publication. To contribute to this publication you need not be an authority on anything. The only

skills you need are:

1. Be a member of our community. (Most of the time.)

2. Be willing to work under chaotic and disoriented conditions.

All complaints regarding this publication should be written out in longhand in the space provided below. "Gosh, we need to find someone that can read longhand! We'll keep them in file 13 till we do." Mail all complaints to:

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P.S. We're going to be a high class mag when we grow up - and - get organized.

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Far-Away-Friends

Sisters, we are excited to announce through our diligent effort and correspondence, Azulao is expanding nationally. We have a sister/branch publication in Brewton, Alabama. We've begun networking with many different organizations and publications. Telewoman, Tea For Two Shirts, and The Wishing Well in California, Paz Press in Arkansas, Just Us in Georgia, Cross Press in New York, and Far-Away-Friends in Albuquerque, New Mexico; Chris and Trish (505)293-7194 for those of you interested there's a LEAP (Lesbians for Empowerment, Action, and Politics) conference in Gainesville, Florida on Oct. 19-21-84. See article on page 12. Thanks to John Hubert, founder, publisher, and editor of Paz Liberation (international newsletter and networking system). We have been able to start our own international networking with GASA (Gay Association of South Africa). The following articles give further details.

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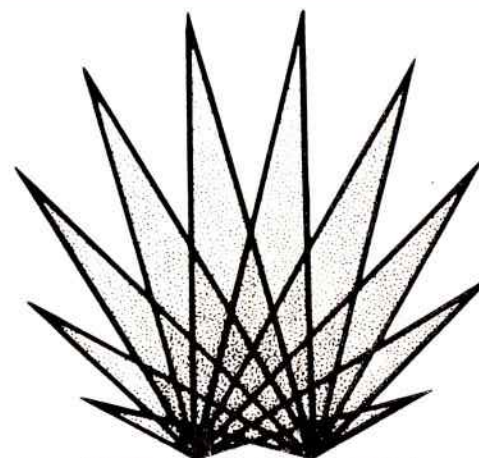
Like many of us, the first Southern Lesbian Conference, which will happen in October of this year, has been renamed - we say "no" once again to the semantics of the patriarchy. Now we delightedly call our future gathering LEAP, short for lesbians for Empowerment, Action and Politics. And the associations are wonderful - think of LEAP year, LEAPing lesbians, LEAPing forward, LEAPing ahead, LEAPing around, LEAPing for joy.

We want to create an active lesbian town for a fall southern weekend. A conscious space. A space to learn, feel our pain, express our joy - experience the reality of living what we

value - see each other, love each other, see each other loving, connect our communities.

And we want to create an environment that will give us energy and power in our work of transforming the effects of the white man's Patriarchy on this aching beautiful planet.

Lesbians from southern Florida to northern Georgia have been coming together monthly now to plan this gathering, and we're into it!! Hoping more lesbians, diverse lesbians, will join us in the planning process. We could panic about how to organize the workshops to reflect our way of learning from each other non-hierarchically, or who in the world will agree to co-ordinate child care, or how will we get enough lesbians fluent in continued on page 14.



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LEAP cont.

ASL to interpret. In this community the value is for everything to be signed - Everything to be accessible to all lesbians. How will we do it?

But we're not pan-icking. We're working, step by step, seeing it begin to gel, knowing more and more lesbians will choose to channel energy and creativity into LEAP, a gathering in the south, land of extremes, a gathering of womyn-loving-womyn.

The First Southern LEAP is and will be a political action - a strong and clear statement that we recognize each other, acknowledge our power, our spirituality, and are learning to put this all together, to integrate what we know with how we feel.

We want and need your support, help, and attendance at

LEAP. If you want to work with us now, ask questions, obtain registration information, or send monetary contributions, contact:

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COURAGED TO ATTEND.
PLEASE SEND US YOUR
GOOD ENERGY, YOUR
POWER AND YOUR
DREAMS. JOIN US AS
WE LEAP TOWARD A
BETTER WORLD.

AZULÃO Has New

Sister Publication



Judy Harrison accepted the hospitality offered by our open house. During her stay in Houston, she became involved in the activities of our household. When she returned to Brewton, Alabama she carried with her, "Light of our Light", and has now started her own organization and womins publication. We've talked to Judy about her new endeavors and have agreed to network with her. This will give our magazine more scope, for our readers. We are extremely excited about having a new sister publication. We would like to extend to Judy congratulations and wish her the best of luck. The following is the dedication Judy placed in her first publication. For our readers benefit, let me explain that during Judy's stay with us we were operating under the name of Choices Unlimited. Judy was unaware of our name change.

THE ALBATROSS is
dedicated to:

My beloved Sylvia Figueroa, my soul inspiration; and to Carol Beverage and the Staff of Choices Newsletter.

Repression: The Cost?
("Speak out and be heard")

The Albatross was inspired during my brief stay in Houston, Texas. At which time I was involved with another publication, their persistence and progress, although disorganized, impressed me. The feminist attitude of the staff (and volunteers), changed my outlook on my inner-confusion. The unity among the lesbian population, gave me a good feeling.

Upon returning to rural Alabama, I found myself (alone, of course), unable to make social contact, with other lesbian women, due to the locale and size of our town. Also, being a mother, the time was not available to spend commuting to larger towns to socialize.

My friends were unable to accept the open and honest person I had become and tried to shove me back into the closet to, "protect me from myself". As talk of the Albatross spread, I started receiving a great deal of feedback, some good, some bad...mostly bad. I was accused of being a radical feminist and exploiting gays, because I wanted to create a means of communication that would bring us together (a sisterhood) to keep us in touch with one another and with what is going on around us.

Our first issue is for our sisters living in the country, so we can try to overcome the hardships of rural living. The need to hover in the shadow, is gone. Free to be and live as we choose. UNITE!

LET OUR ADVERTISERS
KNOW YOU APPRECIATE
THEIR SUPPORT.

1984 WALKATHON

WALK FOR UNITY

By:



Azulao was represented at the Walk for Unity by Georgeanne Greene, Susan Clements, L. Kelly, Karri Nanni, Potto, and Carol Beverage. The owner of Kindred Spirits, Marion Coleman, sponsored the organization in the walk. Approximately 150 members of our community showed up to support this event. State Senator Craig Washington, John Whitmire and State Rep. Debra Danburg gave short speeches with councilman George Greanias cutting the ribbon to begin the walk. The walkers didn't have to worry about dying of thirst as liquid refreshments were provided at one mile intervals along the route. Various bars along the way invited the walkers to drop in. Mary's had a car wash going, offering to hose the walkers down as they passed. A lot of support and encouragement was shown by on-

lookers enroute. The officers that escorted the affair were very friendly and courteous. Congratulations to the Members of Azulao, they all completed the 5 mile walk. Congratulations are due to everyone that supported this successful event. Azulao received a t-shirt at the end of the walk. Everyone signed the shirt, it will be hung in our Hall of Fame. We were proud to help represent the wimmin in our community and hope to see even more wimmin participating in this event next year!

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Debra Danburg wants to swim
next year? We'll be there!

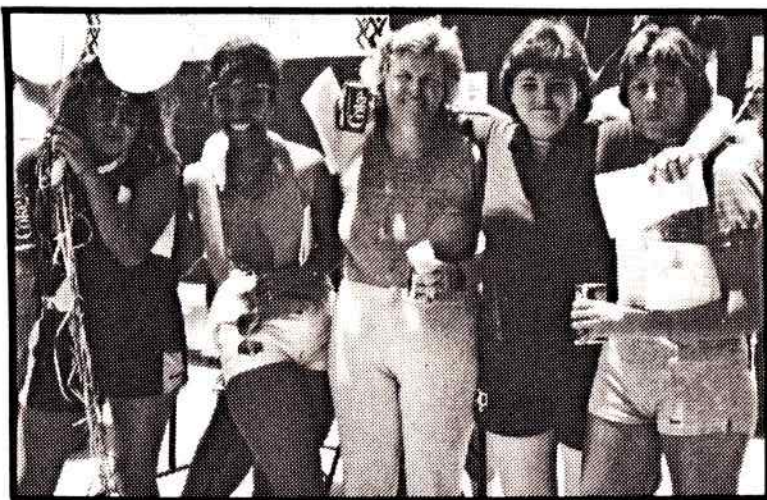


We didn't lose any weight.
We made too many pit stops.

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Carol signing AZULAO team up for the Walk For Unity.



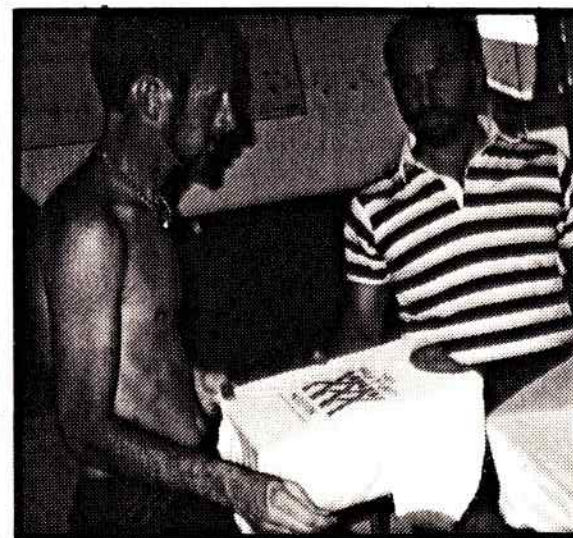
AZULAO STAFF - from left to right. Linda Kelly, Candice Jones, Carol Beverage, Georgéanne Greene and Karri Nanni.

This was Mary's car wash. It was also a Carol wash!



Here's Alice!

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Shirts were made for the 5-milers.

Gay Pride Kickoff Party

"Mayor Whitmire has again sent the proclamation to Gay Pride Week." This was announced at the Gay Pride kick off celebration party by Marion Coleman at Kindred Spirits on Sunday the 24th, 1984.

Indeed our hearts were filled with Pride, and Kindreds was filled with Gays enthusiastically celebrating Gay Pride Week. Power to the people, power of the people weren't just words, but an emotion that vibrated throughout the building. The entertainment was great. John Day sang the new Gay Pride Song. "Charlie" a female impersonator gave us a very nice show. The Rock-a-Holics, an all wimmins band, bid the crowd to dance and celebrate! Susan Chesser played lead guitar, Shannon McQuire, bass and Linda Aum Rhyme was on the drums. The crowd

wouldn't let the band quit playing, making them come back three times for "one more song." Food was donated for this occasion by the Briar Patch. Donations for G.P.C. were accepted. Marion Coleman presented a gold medal to "the best D.J." The winner was Debbie Squire who works at Kindred Spirits. Debbie was one surprised and proud womyn!

As for me, the highlight of the whole affair was when I personally handed Marion Coleman a copy of the June issue of our magazine. This edition contained an interview I had with her. She asked me to autograph it. I was overwhelmed with the excitement and fun of being able to work with the people in the community through our organization. I truly experienced Gay Pride!



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Charles Gillis (owner of Wilde and Stein) watches as Rita Mae Brown signs autographs for her audience. Her recent appearance in Houston was courtesy of Dignity.

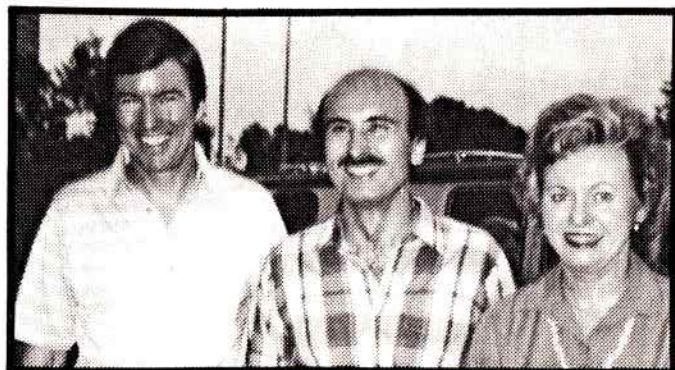


GAY PRIDE PARADE 1984



UNIDENTIFIED MALE, HANNAH CHOW, CAROLYN DAY HOBSON, UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE, JIM GREENWOOD, MRS. KLEVENHAGEN, JOHNNY KLEVENHAGEN, AND RAY HILL.

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JIM GREENWOOD,
GEORGE GREANIAS,
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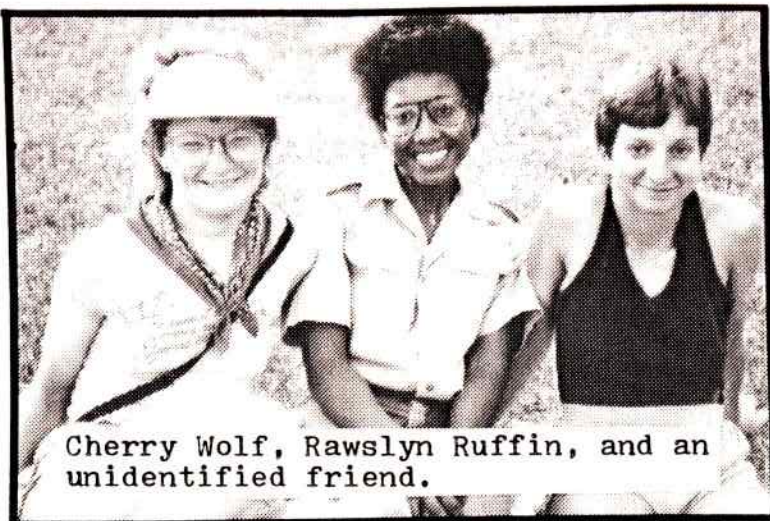
Billie Duncan
entertains at
Spotts Park.
This active
womyn acts,
sings, plays
guitar, and was
recently pro-
moted to Editor
of the Montrose
Voice.



Nikki Van Hightower



Carolyn Day Hobson

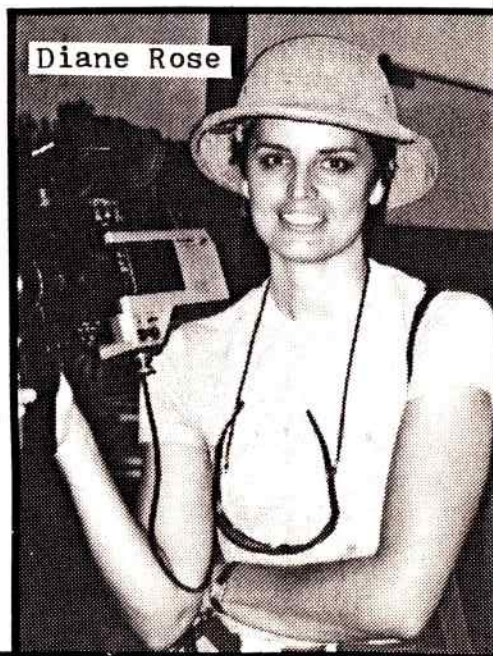


Cherry Wolf, Rawslyn Ruffin, and an unidentified friend.

AZULAO photographer SUSAN CLEMENTS shot everything that stood in front of her camera!



Susan even caught the womyn behind the camera. We're glad she did!

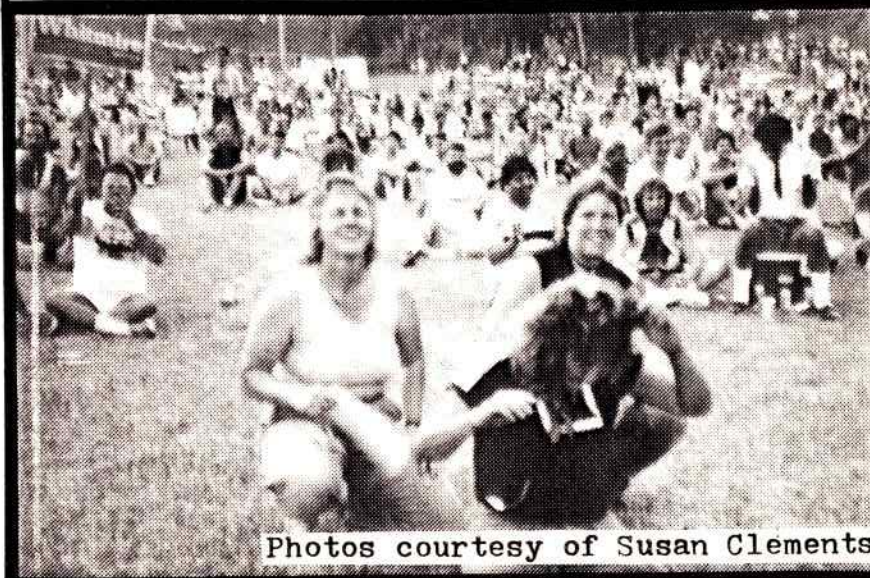


Diane Rose

Tony Vega, Ray Hill, and Marion Coleman.



Carol, Nancy, and Kelly from Azulao, Playing Red Light - Green Light - STOP? At Spotts Park.



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Sapphist

Images
race through
my mind
lifes truth
turned to
illusion
one
more
time
life
one big
continual
lie
tooth fairy
Santa Clause
you and love
I should
have known
it was just
another
fairy tale
but
you
told it
so well



Raindrops
fall
as I wait
for this
night
to pass
I'm caught
again
with that
hollow
feeling
in my soul
that vacuum
deep
and black
as night
Raindrops
that I
never
let show
Raindrops
the
echo
of my
soul

Man strives for glory, honor, fame,
that all the world may know his name.
Amasses wealth by brain and hand,
becomes a power in the land.
When he nears the end of life
and looks back over the years of strife.
He finds that happiness depends
on none of these, but love of friends.

B.G.

Sapphist

You made me love you
only to deny my rights.
You dropped in my arms,
never to hold the person inside.
Bringing me to my knees.
You left me out on the
cold city streets...
for other men...
coming back
just so, everyone will know
you've been here before.
Last night
love fell from your face, so easy
you would think I'd learn!

Paula Beverage



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but, it seems
as thou I try not to feel the way I do,
I still dream of dreams

You have an air about you,
your not as blue as you once were
time has shown that you feel, but-
I still dream of dreams

I'd like to take you in my arms
give you all the love I have like a swarm
and hope that you would feel the way I do, but-
I still dream of dreams

I can't help the way I feel,
nor the way I'd like to show you
I know you'll let me go so far
and then it will be the end, but-
I still dream of dreams

I may have got the short end of the stick
or raw end of the deal,
but I still deserve a chance to win your love and-
I still dream of dreams

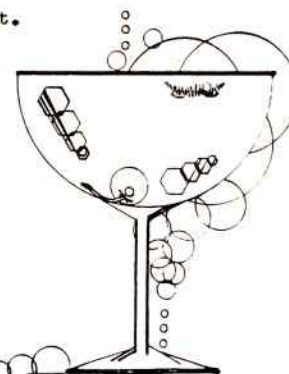
When I can't think about you, or have no desire to be around you,
Then and only then will I let you go,
it will have been-
a dream of dreams

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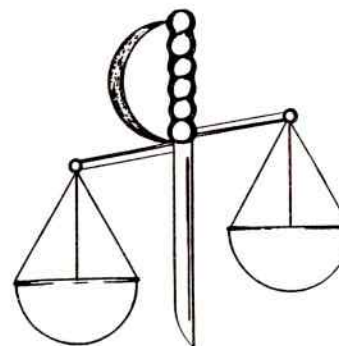
I exist in a metal, lifeless forest.
Which blossomed children, who
were groomed to look as society wished.
I have conquered high mountain
altitudes or attitudes?
Seeking answers out of my own
stoned, dizzy brain.
But it's socially accepted
and the dreamy, blue eyed clouds
drift over rocky hearted peaks - to melt.
The sun shines and the
moon glows down to make
one of those days.
All night I can't get
his face and his touch
out of my mind.
My finger tips still trace
his body in the darkness.
To remember his taste.
I'm hungry for another's lips now.
The fog will lift to
leave dewy tear drops on the pebbles of
plans.
The trend never ends.
All must die!
Today like every other day
excluding days off.
I'll take the 7:00 a.m. rainbow
headed for the black
salted down, seasoned seas,
causing high blood pressure
and old age.
I come home to my
own little xerox copy
of me and him,
full of giggles and smiles
and six new teeth.

Paula Beverage

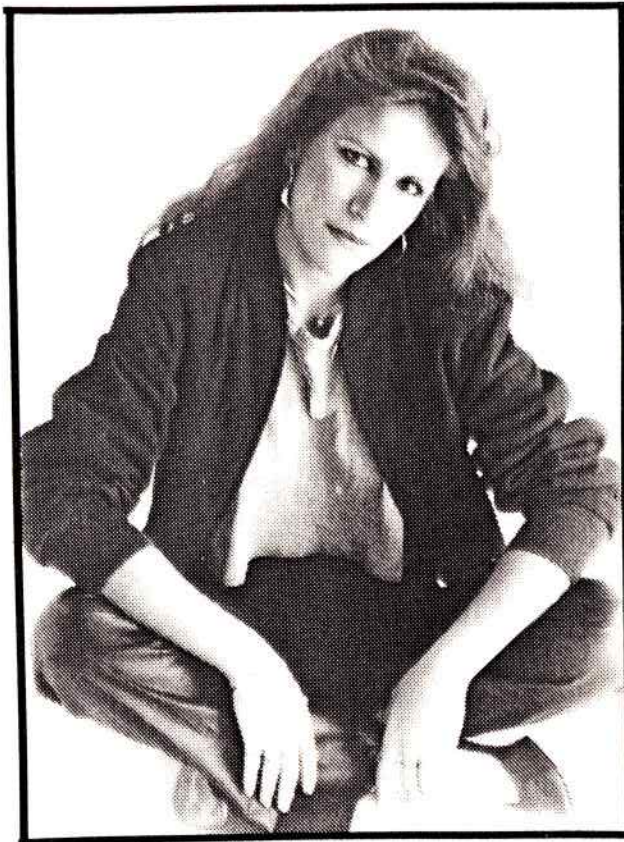


Alone I stand
against them all.
Sometimes I'm angry
against this wall
I need you now
my special friend
Lovers from the start
and thru the end
Apart are we
but for a short time
They claim our love
to be a crime
We all know
true love will last
These times will be
but memories past
Let us not ever
dare to forget
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from trials we've met
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Island, and the kid
from the sticks who
actually has inten-
tions of spending a
summer in the Pines
and not getting cor-
rupted."

Director Mike Kel-
ley has a fine cast
that includes Tim
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DISEASE CAN BE USEFUL

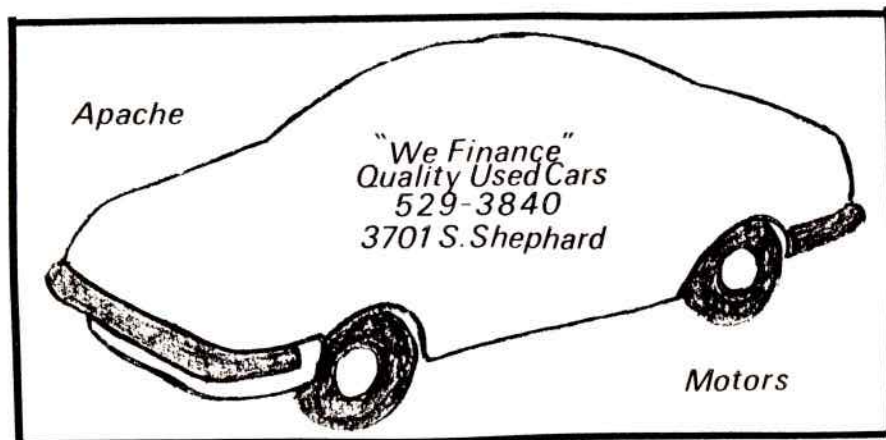
The primary cause of disease is not the bacteria or virus, but the weakened resistance brought about by health-destroying living habits and physical and emotional stresses. The bacteria enter the picture only in its final stage as the UNDERTAKER.

If our body did not show signs of specific diseases, how then would we know when nature's balance has been broken or if we did not experience pain, how would we know there is a problem starting. And if we were not given a cold, how would we then rid ourselves of built up mucus? Think about it, during a cold doesn't your nose get stuffy causing you to blow and relieve the condition, and if the cold is more severe, isn't there a lot of congestion in the lungs forcing you to cough up the mucus?

Now we come to the basic cause of disease. These are: prolonged physical and mental stress, faulty nutritional patterns, constant overeating, over-indulgence of proteins and the body's inability to digest them, nutritional deficiencies, sluggish metabolism, which can cause retention of toxic wastes, toxic drugs, tobacco and alcohol, lack of sufficient exercise, rest and relaxation, etc. . . . These causes create the biochemical imbalance in the tissues, the chronic undersupply of oxygen to the cells, poor digestion and ineffective assimilation of nutrients . . . and gradually lowered resistance to disease.

So, wemmin remember, it takes many years to create this imbalance, starting from childhood. It doesn't mean you can't choose TODAY to help your body resist the threat of nature's self-defense effort to restore impaired health, known as disease.

AUDREY LIPPEL



Review

"Alive"

On June 20th at Rockerfellers, a band performed from San Francisco called ALIVE. It's hard to believe that a five piece wimmin band could stay together for seven years. That's no easy task! I could not get an interview from the band, but I did get to talk to the drummer, Barbara Borden. She told me that they had been on the road for an eight week tour and were really tired.

The opening band for ALIVE was named TRAFFIC JAM. Their group consisted of four wimmin, three vocalist, a key board player, and a male bass player. Their music was based on the 40's and 50's style.

ALIVE opened their show with a song written by Janet Small, who plays the piano and key boards.

They opened with slow jazz. Then Rhiannon stepped in to make it a little jazzier. Barbara introduced the band members. Other than those already mentioned there was Susanne Vincenza on bass, and Stacy Rolls, who played the trumpet. Some of their songs were rehearsed but the majority were improvised. They have a new album titled "City Life". They sold and autographed the album after the first set. They did two performances inviting those who were there for the first show to stay for the second. The audience, of around two hundred, became intensely involved with their music and wouldn't let them off stage. Everyone went crazy! Barbara gave me her card and told me to call her in July or August. I'm hoping to get an interview at that time. When they come back to Houston, don't miss them. You'll enjoy their show as much as I did.

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(See article on page 40.)

Our Dream ★

We have a dream. Our dream is to unite our community through this publication. The womyn working on this project had no formal training. It might have been a hopeless task if it had not been for "Freddy" Greives. This womyn saw the vision! She was working at a printing company so she had the training that we so desperately needed. Freddy took this crew under her wing and began the process of teaching us what we needed to know to make the dream possible. Now Azulao has taken another big step towards turning the dream into reality. As you know we plan to eventually have a two story building where our board of directors can live dormitory style upstairs, and maintain the building and projects open to the public on the lower floor. In order to do this we must find womyn who are willing to give of their time,

energy, and income to pay the cost of maintaining the building. We have found three womyn willing to do this. We welcome Georgeanne Greene, Karri Nanni, and Paula Beverage. Georgeanne has been on our board of directors for quite some time and has given unselfishly many, many hours writing, typing, and generally helping to keep this organization operating. Karri is a newcomer who has enthusiastically joined our ranks and has taken a good hunk of the work load off of our overworked staff. Paula Beverage is Carol Beverage's baby sister who has been living in Roswell, New Mexico. Carol always sends the publication to her family. Paula got fired up while living in New Mexico and decided to move to Houston just so she could get involved! Azulao would like to welcome the newcomers to our ranks, and express our appreciation for the long hours and dedication shown by those members that have stood by us for so long. All three of

the wimmin just mentioned have moved into 615 Fargo to combine their talent and income, so our two story building can become a reality. As always we

will operate our open house here, and invite wimmin in our community to drop by and get acquainted with what is happening with your organization.

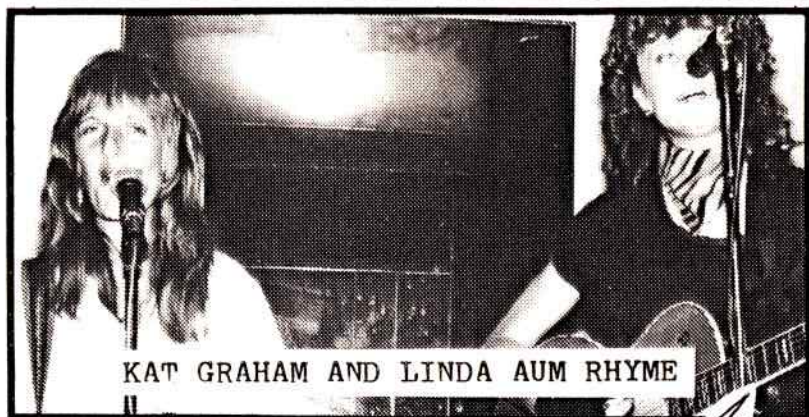


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All work and no play, makes life dull. We at AZULAO definitely wouldn't want life dull! On a recent outing at Kindreds (June 27th), our staff had the opportunity to catch a performance by LYRA. This dynamic duo performed regularly at Kindred Spirits almost a year ago, breaking up when Kat Graham moved to Nashville, Tennessee. Kat was the special guest of Linda Aum Rhyne, who still plays at Kindred Spirits.

For those of you who have not had the opportunity to see Kat perform, her style is similiar to Stevie Nicks. While living in Houston, Kat performed with several bands; Justine, Dancer, and Destiny to name a few. Kat has an appealing voice and gives a unique performance. When she returns to Houston, catch her if you can!



ANNA ELLA CARROLL:
Military Genius
1815-1893

Author

"The Unofficial member of Lincoln's Cabinet"

Ulysses S. Grant was the alleged mastermind behind the Tennessee Plan (the strategy that won the Civil War), for which he gained much glory and prestige. In actuality, crediting Grant was a set up sustained by the War Dept., because they were afraid the public would lose confidence if proper credit was given; because a "mere" womyn had evolved the strategy. The womyn was Anna Carroll of Maryland. At the age of 18, she was able to earn her way as a political confidante and legal consultant to some of the more powerful political figures in her state. She did espionage for the Union and was the author of numerous books, pamphlets, and articles on the state of American politics. She also acted as a press agent for the

"Know Nothing Movement". In her espionage for the Union she collected several documents (primarily letters), proving conclusively that Jefferson Davis and others conspired to create a Southern United States as early as 1849. Her activities impressed Lincoln, who commissioned her to write a brief, detailing his war powers. He then sent her on a mission to the west to ascertain and investigate the loyalty of various generals, and asked her to evaluate the Union plan of attack (down the Mississippi River). She created the "Tennessee Plan" during this trip. Both foreign and domestic press, hailed this as the plan which won the war. She never received recognition for her monumental achievement, except for a pension which she would not accept because it did not recognize her contributions to the war in anything but a peripheral way.

REVIEW

New Orleans

To go or not to go? That seems to be the question now-a-days. I'm sure we have all heard about the financial difficulties the 1984 World's Fair, in New Orleans, is having. Let me say, don't let that stop you. "Gott Gott" It's well worth the trip.

I went to New Orleans on my vacation this past month. There is alot to see in that city, not counting the World's Fair, which is indescribably delightful. Our first night we went to a few wimmins bars. The first bar we visited was called, "The Cuckcoos Nest." It was a small quiet bar with a cozy atmosphere. The next bar was "Pinos." This one seemed

to be the more festive of the two. Both were nicely decorated and very clean.

The next day we went walking through the French Quarter. I was in awe of the architecture of the houses and buildings. We went into several shops and stopped long enough to down a margarita, and listen to a Jazz band. Later we watched some break dancing in the park.

On our third day, we went to Bourbon Street; which is an entire story in itself. (Ask me sometime.) We also checked out some Plantation. Houses right outside New Orleans. That is just a brief run down of one third of what there is to do in New Orleans.

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Good Luck

From

The Briar Patch

went to a C&W bar called, "The Soiled Dove," which was a fancy version of our R&R Saloon.

Even if you don't make it to the 1984 World's Fair, make it to New Orleans, and make it soon!

Nancy L. Harty

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AZULÃO

Sub Group Forming

Being married to a husband and having kids can be a trying experience. But, being married and having kids, PLUS being gay and wanting to "come out" can be overwhelming. If you are like me, it would be nice to be able to share your feelings of anxiety, and your undecidedness about not only your life, but that of your children and spouse.

Through Azulao, and with the help of Carol Beverage, I would like to form a support group. I don't pretend to know the answers to all the questions you have; but just knowing there are more wimmin like us and a place where we can get together and talk, will I hope, be of some help.

Please do not fear being "found out" by anyone. All wimmin who wish to join this group, will remain anonymous. The only people in this group will be people in the same situation. Please call Carol at 529-4975. She will tell you the place and time of our meetings. Please don't hesitate to call. I trust Carol and Azulao to help us get this group going, and to support us in all of our decisions. Maybe what we can learn together, we can later share with others.

A Backstage Look At Body Building

By: DD

Recently Houston and Galveston had two body building meets. In each meet, about seven men and wimmin showed up for each pre-trial that morning. For each weight class, five out of seven made it to the evening finals. Plaques and places were awarded to the individuals that evening. Each participant had their own routine with music, to perform by. These people have spent from eight weeks to a year in preparation for a body building meet. There are two stages of basic body building. In the first stage you build up and increase your intake of food, vitamins, and protein powders, etc.. That combined with daily doses of Amino Acids, will build muscle tissue. This includes daily workouts with weights of high poundage.

This helps promote mass muscle growth. Some men and a few wimmin also take steps to add to the affect. While in this stage many will indulge in lots of sports activities such as running, swimming, or tennis. The last stage is the pre-contest diet, in which the contestants dehydrate and use diuretics to lose water weight, and make their muscles and veins more visible. This procedure is termed Cutting Up. If the participant has taken it to the extremes, every little vein and muscle will show causing striations which gives them a better chance of winning. One lady body builder had dieted and dehydrated so much she fainted on stage during the pre-trials at the Southbelt. Lots of the contestants are shakey due to the lack of potassium. On the actual day of the meet many indulge in small glasses of wine and eat raisins to make their veins more vascular. It

BODY BUILDING

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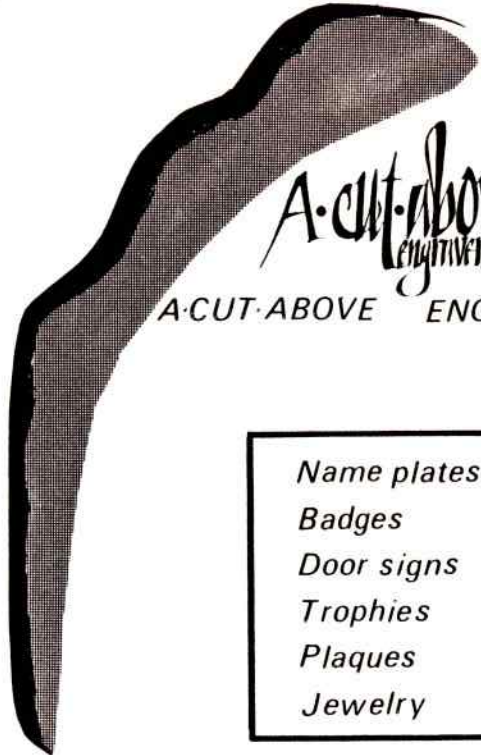
also helps relieve tension. The excitement behind stage is intense as the contestants wait their turns to pose. In the weight room you'll find them pumping weights, and practicing their routines and poses in anticipation. I found the attitudes of the contestants in the backstage weight room to be full of good will towards fellow participants. The judges in both events had some hard choices to make, but they were fair. I feel that body building is growing in popularity in the USA, however, it is still far behind compared to other countries. I would like to see more wimmin involved in body building, it is great for the spirits and health. Keep up the great work ladies.

K.G.
MOUSE IS ALIVE!
C.B.

SISTERS FROM SOUTH AFRICA cont.

No, this type of change takes time, growth of social awareness, and political power. To discriminate on the grounds of discrimination is the epitome of hypocrisy! Azulao is accepting the challenge of helping to change this. Azulao and GASA will establish a networking system. A bond between the continents and our cultures. Ann has agreed to write for our magazine. We will be sharing this empowerment from our sisters with you in future issues.

We did not get the bus for the Michigan Womyns Festival August 9-12th. However we have a very small group interested in car pooling to the festival. If your interested call:
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I was 19 and pregnant. I went to Wilde N' Stein's regularly until I got very ill and was forced to spend the remaining months of my pregnancy in Jefferson Davis Hospital.

In the hospital I was forced to come to the realization that I might lose my child. Seeking help I called Charles looking for a minister of some sort. (Preferably Gay and female.) A minister I could relate to. Let me assure

you I was not religious, in a Godly sense. I drank and did drugs with a religious fervor, but had no desire for the Church and what it represented. One day after I called Charles, a woman came to see me. Her name was Reverend Jeanne Leggett. She listened to me and never passed judgement by telling me I was wrong. Not once did she try to shove Christianity down my throat. She just listened to me and calmed some of my fears. She assured me that I could do nothing to lose the love of God.

I believed her, which was strange, considering the fact that I rarely trusted anyone.

After that day many people from her church came to visit me. I became stronger and happier than I had ever been. I delivered

a 7 lb. 1 oz. baby girl in perfect condition. For the first time in my life, I felt good about myself. I did go visit the Church and Rev. Leggett. In fact, I've been going and studying under Rev. Leggett for 2 1/2 years now.

For the past 2 1/2 years I have heard stories about how she overcame alcohol & drug addictions. How she dropped from 200 pounds to the small framed body she adorns now, and how she raised 2 kids alone. I've watched her overcome new obstacles. I have seen her filled with joy, enthusiasm and pride, as well as sadness, anger & frustration. All of these things she has honestly shared with myself and the other members of the "Church of Christian Faith." She never puts up a front by pretending to be Super Pastor, "Perfect in

every way." She is a person. A good person who does the best she can do to teach the Gospel as she perceives it. Also, to follow a legacy left to her and to all of us.

Over the years, I have grown to respect her as my friend, Pastor & mentor. She has always been here for me. I love and admire her most of all. I would like to invite anyone who will take the time to come meet her and my family of God at the Church of Christian Faith, at 217 Fairview at Taft. Hope to see you there!

Nancy Harty

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AZULAO starting wimmins weight lifting. We need your unwanted equipment! WANTED A BENCH ETC... WE WANT YOU TO COME JOIN US! Call: 529-4975

Sat. June 22, 1984

I was puttering down Studewood when I saw Carol's car loaded with furniture headed towards me. I'd clean forgot we were supposed to have a garage sale at my apartment! So I turned around thinking it might be fun, and they might get too hot. Before any of the furniture was taken off the car, it was sold. I stayed to watch what was left while they went back for another load. We had lots of buyers. Our customers seemed to enjoy the sale as much as we did. One man came over with a six pack and a guitar, and sang spanish songs for us. We got so hot that Carol took pity on us and bought a bottle of wine. I sure was glad we didn't have to load anything back! We did so well we've decided to do it every Sunday if the sun is shining. The address is 730 Studewood, and the time will be around noon. We invite every one to support your community magazine. The money raised will keep us operating for you.

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CAROL BEVERAGE AND JO CRANE



LINDA -
CONVINCING
A CUSTOMER
IT'S JUST
WHAT HE
NEEDS.

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SOME OF OUR CUSTOMERS

Sarra

For the purpose of this article let me introduce myself as Sarra, a name I derived from the initials of five little people who, because of their age have no right to protest injustice. And who, because of my sexual preference, have been (at least temporarily) taken from me. All but one.

I can only thank God that my oldest child refused to spend the night with "DADDY" at grandma's that terrible weekend. It seems as though centuries have passed. It's been only months.

Soon after "DADDY" left to move in at his parent's home, they, dad's g-ma & g-pa, asked for all of the kids to spend the night. Against my better judgment I agreed. When I went to pick them (the younger ones) up, the world was beautiful. All

of my dreams were becoming reality. A beautiful large family, college, on my own once more.. On that sultry day my world darkened. My dreams became a nightmare from which I have not yet awakened.

They (Ft. Knox) hired a former judge as their attorney. Divorce papers were filed, charging that my "repeated lesbian affair had worsened causing the defendant to completely shirk her parental responsibility" placing the children in "obviously a dangerous situation of irreparable harm." Hog wash! Indiscretion was not even close to my closeted affair.

They hired a private investigator, who cut my screens, tapped my phone, taped private "conversations" through open windows, stalked me both day and night. He is today a very prominent part of my life. He is my shadow.

I have fought battles I never dreamed would be mine to fight. I have been angry, and I have screamed. I have been disheartened, and I have cried. I have been outnumbered, and I have given in. But, I have learned to be strong, and I am fighting to regain what God himself gave to me. My life, my love, my Kids.

I won't give up my fight. I have the right to raise my own children. I have never/would never do anything to harm them. I've been a good mother. Even THEY weren't able to deny that.

I have a good case. I've been told so by ten different attorneys. None of which would take my case. I have no money. THEY are wealthy. I have borrowed from friends, sold my belongings, found a

job, applied for state aid. I still have nothing.

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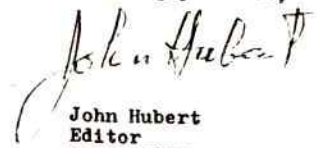
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