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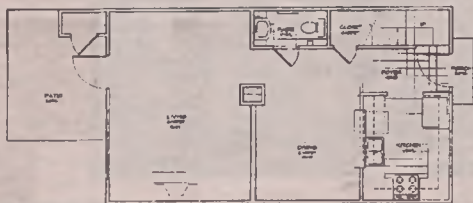
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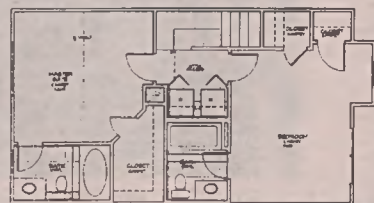
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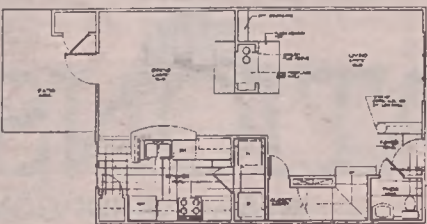


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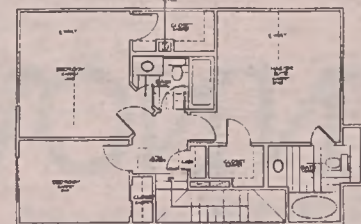


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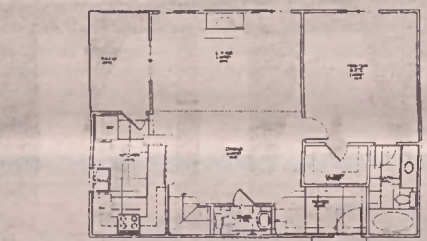


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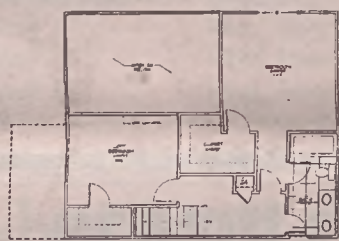


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1 1/2 remaining chances to share in the Commonwealth



A little bit of history, built just for today. The Commonwealth Townhomes have been designed with a touch of yesteryear, only better. With exteriors reminiscent of English tudor cottages you are lifted into a time gone by. The entire community is nestled within an enclosed brick wall, your fortress against the world when it's time to retreat from the battles of the day. Homes feature 2-3 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths with plenty of space for your active style. Conveniently located 2 miles from uptown Charlotte in Historic Midwood, you'll be home before the gas fumes even start to hit the pavement. If you ever wished you could have a little piece of history but don't have the energy or time for repairs, updates and renovations, you must not miss this limited opportunity.

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Legal help for HIV/AIDS patients

CHARLOTTE, NC—Legal Services of Southern Piedmont, Inc. has instituted a new project to assist low-income people with HIV/AIDS who may have civil legal problems. The Project provides free legal advice and representation to clients in Mecklenburg, Gaston, Cabarrus, Stanly and Union counties.

Assistance is available for a variety of non-criminal legal problems such as disability benefits; health care; food stamps; unemployment benefits; child custody and guardianship; wills; powers of attorney; housing evictions, foreclo-

tures or discrimination; bankruptcy; etc.

While The Project cannot handle all types of cases and cannot represent all clients, they try to assist as many eligible clients as possible. Where they cannot agree to represent the client, they often can at least provide a legal assessment, advice and referrals to private attorneys or other agencies.

For more information, call Della Figgures at (704) 376-1600 ext. 139 for housing related matters or Georgia Brown at (704) 376-1600 ext. 123 for all other matters. ▼

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by the Gay & Lesbian Alliance
Against Defamation

No deposit, no return

In 1996, Congress revised US immigration laws making it more difficult to obtain US citizenship. Recent articles in the *New York Times* and the *Los Angeles Times* effectively illustrate the prejudice and bigotry that subjects GLBT immigrants to hostility and skepticism by the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS).

In the March 23 *New York Times*, Andrew Jacobs wrote a poignant and thorough piece on the devastating impact of the discriminatory and anti-gay laws that often force longterm, committed gay relationships between US citizens and immigrants to end as a result of deportation.

Reporters Joseph Trevino and Patrick J. McDonnell wrote in the March 13 *Los Angeles Times* how GLBT Mexican immigrants seeking asylum in the US, based on the violence and oppression they face, often have their claims denied by prejudicial and bigoted US judges.

Thank the *Los Angeles Times* and the *New York Times* for shedding light on the obstacles facing GLBT immigrants. Contact: Michael Parks, Managing Editor, *Los Angeles Times*, Times Mirror Square, Los Angeles, CA 90053; fax: (213) 237-7679; email: letters@latimes.com; Bill Keller, Managing Editor, *New York Times*, 229 West 43rd St., New York, NY 10036-3959; fax: (212) 556-3690; email: letters@nytimes.com.

Over the wall

In the March 26 issue of *New York* magazine, journalist Alan Deutschman explores the entrenched homophobia of the financial industry and the tentative steps it has taken toward inclusion. While the piece points out that firms are beginning to acknowledge the presence of their lesbian and gay employees, and a few have even extended health benefits to domestic partners, the process of educating Wall Street has just begun. Walter Schubert, the only openly-gay member of the New York Stock Exchange and founder of the Gay Financial Network, and the New York Banker's Group, a networking organization for the industry's GLBT employees, have both been leading the charge for this educational effort.

Commend *New York* magazine for training an eye on workplace conditions in the financial sector. Contact: Sarah Jewler, Managing Editor, *New York*, 444 Madison Ave., New York, NY 10022-6903; email: nyletters@aol.com.

Muy bueno!

Latino press coverage of the GLBT community has been bolstered by *El Diario/La Prensa*. Recent coverage has included opinion pieces on the exclusion of gays and lesbians from the St. Patrick's Day Parade; a piece on Pa' Fuera Pa' Lante's 1999 Northeast Conference; an op-ed piece by Rev. Luis Barrio on the church's mission to embrace gays; and an article entitled, "The History of the Latino LGBT Movement in NYC."

Acknowledge the sound editorial judgment of *El Diario/La Prensa* for its ongoing coverage of the Latino/a GLBT community. Contact: Rossana Rosado, Editor in Chief, *El Diario/La Prensa*, 345 Hudson St., 13th Floor, New York, NY 10014; (212) 807-4656.

Out underage

The April issue of *Seventeen* magazine features a piece by Robert Rorke entitled, "Coming Out in America." Senior Features Editor Rorke offers a sensitive treatment of gay teens and the difficulties they often face in coming

out to their families and at their schools, ending with a helpful list of youth resources.

Thank *Seventeen* for this fine story. Contact: Carole Braden, Sr. Features Editor, *Seventeen*, 850 Third Ave., New York, NY 10022.

Screaming Mimi

The storyline of the March 24 episode of *The Drew Carey Show* focused on Drew's crossdressing brother, Steve (John Carroll Lynch), and his romantic interlude with Mimi, Drew's archenemy. At the outset of his date with Mimi, Steve shocks her by wearing a dress. However, they have such great chemistry that Mimi eventually accepts his attire, and the two share a hot night on Drew's kitchen floor. *Drew Carey* is a 1999 GLAAD Media Awards' nominee because of daring storylines such as this. In fact, Steve Carey is the only transgender character on primetime TV today, portrayed as possibly the most stable character on a show with a cast of eccentrics.

Applaud the producers of *Drew Carey* for their daring, original and funny trans-inclusive work. Contact: Deborah Oppenheimer, Executive Producer, *The Drew Carey Show*, c/o Warner Bros. Television, Burbank, CA 91522-0191.

The dating culture

In the February/March issue of *A Magazine: Inside Asian America*, a roundtable discussion on dating features a diverse group of Generation X Asians. Among them are Monty, a Chinese/Hawaiian Wall Street trader; Nina, an Indian-American journalist; Kara, a Filipino photo editor; and Jesse, a Japanese political activist who is gay. "My mom used to set me up with Japanese girls. And now she tries to set me up with Japanese boys!" exults Jesse in a section titled, "What's your Flavor?" This refreshing article addresses issues of race, class, gender and sexuality head-on, while recognizing that Jesse's sexual orientation enriches the discussion.

Thank *A Magazine* for offering its readers this funny and inclusive forum. Contact: Angelo Ragaza, Editor-in-Chief, *A Magazine: Inside Asian America*, 677 5th Ave., 3rd Floor, New York, NY 10022; email: aragaza@amagazine.com.

Gay heartland

In the March 14 *Los Angeles Times*, Julie Cart and Edith Stanley survey rural gay life and how it has evolved over the last few years, noting that while there are more social outlets online and in small towns, being out is still risky. The article references a web site, ruralgay.com, which allows online users to end isolation and build community despite distance.

Let the *Los Angeles Times* staff know that you appreciate its unique perspective on rural life. Contact: Michael Parks, Managing Editor, *Los Angeles Times*, Times Mirror Square, Los Angeles, CA 90053; fax: (213) 237-7679; email: letters@latimes.com.

Sharing the blame

MTV's irreverent couples game show *The Blame Game* pits two ex-lovers against one another. Two recent episodes featured lesbian and gay couples, an encouraging step toward inclusion, especially after the network bumped a lesbian and gay episode of *Singled Out* (in 1996) out of primetime due to "content we felt should air at a later time."

Tell MTV and the producers of *The Blame Game* that treating lesbian and gay relationships the same as all others is a step forward. Contact: Barry Poznick, Exec. Producer, *The Blame Game*, c/o MTV Networks, 2600 Colorado Ave, Santa Monica, CA 90404; e-mail: BlameGame@aol.com; Brian Graden, Exec. VP, Television Programming, MTV Networks, 1515 Broadway Ave., NY, NY 10036. ▼