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Greenville, NC

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Welcoming Message

Welcome to Greenville for the first annual Down East Pride Festival. This year's festival is historic in that it is the first-ever regional celebration of gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender pride to take place in eastern North Carolina. "Coming Together With Pride" is the theme for this year's festival. The members of Down East Pride hope that this celebration will help nurture a sense of community and a feeling of pride for all of us here in eastern North Carolina.



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Mission Statement

It is the mission of Down East Pride to educate, network and promote understanding and acceptance of the concerns and needs of the gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender community within and among all diverse communities across eastern North Carolina.

Organizational Goals

1. To create a network that will link-up the lesbigay community throughout eastern North Carolina.
2. To constructively and effectively combat the bigotry and discriminatory practices directed at our community.
3. To serve as an educational resource for the Down East lesbigay community and the community-at-large.
4. To donate resources to local charities.
5. To sponsor special events throughout the year.
6. To sponsor an annual pride festival.



*Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
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*Eva M. Clayton
North Carolina*

September 22-24, 1995

**GREETINGS ON THE OCCASION OF THE
FIRST ANNUAL DOWN EAST PRIDE FESTIVAL**

Dear Participants:

Please accept my warm Welcome to North Carolina and my heartfelt greetings to each of you on the occasion of your First Annual Down East Pride Festival.

This occasion, at this time in our Nation's history, reminds us of the rewards of coming together and organizing for a common cause. This first Festival marks yet another step in your commitment to build a strong and solid foundation. The state of North Carolina and the citizens of the United States will benefit from the ambitious agenda of service you have planned. And, the forgotten man and woman at the bottom will find a place because of your endeavors.

It should be our challenge and our charge to make sure that government includes and works for all of us --- not just those at the top, and particularly those least able to help themselves, the poor, the frail, the young, the old.

We face difficult and uncertain times as many are challenging the very foundations that have made this Nation strong. It is important, now more than ever, that you stand together and assert your rightful role. Ecclesiastes 4:12, is instructive, "And though a man might prevail against one who is alone, two will withstand him. A threefold cord is not quickly broken." This Festival should be a time for kindling the spirit, igniting the energy and establishing the unity that will make your organization a pillar of strength.

Please know that as a member of the North Carolina Congressional Delegation, I am proud to be of service to such distinguished citizens. May you be richly blessed as you strive to perfect that which God has bestowed upon you.

Sincerely,

Eva M. Clayton
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August 17, 1995

Greetings:

Welcome to Greenville for the Down East Pride Festival. I extend warm greetings to each of you and best wishes for a successful meeting.

During your stay we hope that you will have an opportunity to explore and enjoy what Greenville has to offer. The East Carolina University campus, Industrial Park, Museum of Art, Medical School facility, River Park North, and many other interesting sites are available. Greenville is the commercial, educational, medical and cultural hub of Eastern North Carolina. It offers a small-town atmosphere, with a caliber of accommodations, arts, entertainment, restaurants and shopping facilities found in much larger cities.

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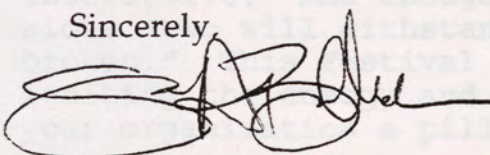
Congratulations! And it's about time! As a true advocate of cultural and human diversity, I applaud all of your efforts in instituting the first-ever gay pride celebration in Greenville, NC. And, I can't thank you enough for your recent letter inviting me to speak at the festival. I'm flattered and honored by the request.

One of the distinct drawbacks to the career I have chosen is my unavailability for such worthy celebrations as the ground-breaking festival you have planned for September 22-24, 1995. On that particular weekend, I will be in Mississippi filming "A Time To Kill" and unfortunately will be unable to attend your event.

Despite my unavailability, I want to acknowledge you for your commitment and for all your hard work in organizing an event that promises to provide a place where all individuals are free to express themselves, free from prejudice, and free to be human.

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Sincerely,



Sandra Bullock
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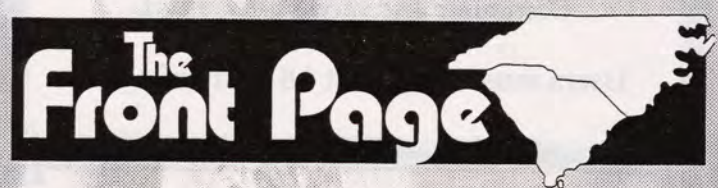
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Friday, September 22

- 9:00 PM** The musical talents of Crew will be featured in a **concert** at the Percolator Coffeehouse, located at 104 W. Fifth Street.

Saturday, September 23

- 10:00 AM** A **workshops seminar** will be held at ECU's Willis Building, located at the corner of Reade Street and First Street. Scheduled workshops are as follows:

- 10:00 AM "Growing Up Gay"
facilitated by Elaine Penn
- 11:00 AM "Lesbian and Gay Self-Esteem"
facilitated by Wanda Lancaster
- 12 NOON "Relationships Between HIV+ and HIV- Gay Men"
facilitated by Carolina PWA Coalition
- 1:00 PM "How Domestic Violence Affects Us All"
facilitated by Yvonne Smith

- 12 Noon** The **Outdoor Festival** will take place at the Town Common until 5:00 PM. Outdoor activities, food, vendors, booths and nonstop entertainment will be featured. At the Town Common amphitheater, performers will include vocalist Elaine Penn, Alan Arnette and the ECU School of Dance, alternative rock band Axis, the East Carolina Native American Dancers, Miss Greenville 1995 Poochie Pinetops, Purina Chow, Brandy Alexander, Gina Reed, Courtney Cox, Ebony Summers and vocalist Christy Snow. Guest speakers will be Franklin Fry, Mandy Carter, Don Davis and MK Cullen.

- 9:30 PM** The **one-act play** "A Portrait of Iowa," directed by Gary Faircloth, will be performed at the Percolator Coffeehouse, located at 104 W. Fifth Street.

Franklin Fry

Franklin Fry was Co-Chair of Stonewall 25, the international march which brought over one million people from 72 countries and all 50 states to New York City in June of 1994. He has also worked with the International Association of Lesbian and Gay Pride Coordinators (IAL/GPC) and New York City's Heritage of Pride (HOP).

Mandy Carter

Mandy Carter is the director of the Black Gay and Lesbian Leadership Forum in Washington, DC and is affiliated with the Human Rights Campaign Fund (HRCF). She will soon be moving to North Carolina to work on Mobilization '96 and its effort to unseat Senator Jesse Helms next year.

Don Davis

Don Davis has been a grassroots activist in North Carolina and Virginia for the past 15 years and recently has been appointed to the Board of Directors of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF). With his board position, he hopes to represent the interests of lesbian and gay people in the Carolinas and Virginia.

M K Cullen

M K Cullen is the new Executive Director of North Carolina Pride PAC for Lesbian and Gay Equality (NC Pride PAC). During the upcoming year, she and teams of Pride PAC volunteers will be working to register voters all across the state in preparation for the 1996 elections.

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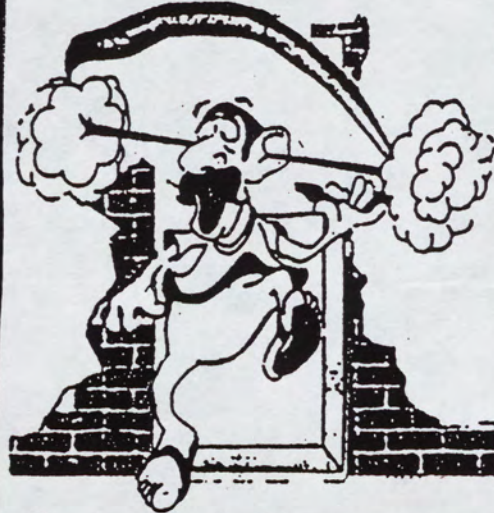
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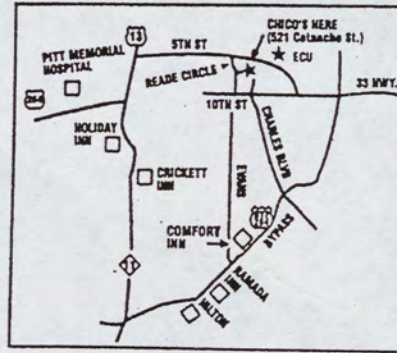
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