

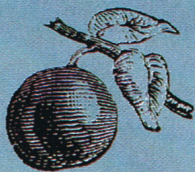
enjoying the exhilarating feeling of tackling a worthy challenge. Jena's working on an ingenious piece—a photo of herself that's a nod to Close's first self-portrait, complete with dark-framed glasses and dangling cigarette—using precise ink hatching. The room crackles with creative energy.

**Week 5:** I've gained new respect for Close's deceptively random-looking shapes and colors, and I feel stretched and supple, like I've been through an intense yoga session. I tackle an oil painting and discover that I'm capable of more confident brushwork. It turns out that creativity is a muscle that needs exercise and that faith in myself is a verb. It's all about taking the next step.

Art classes are also available through Chastain Arts Center ([bcaatlanta.com](http://bcaatlanta.com)), Callanwolde Fine Arts Center ([callanwolde.org](http://callanwolde.org)) and Spruill Center for the Arts ([spruillarts.org](http://spruillarts.org)). ★

#### POP QUIZ

### Peachy Keen



August is National Peach Month, y'all! According to the BellSouth White Pages, how many Atlanta businesses and organizations are named after the tree that grows our delectable state fruit?

- (a) 278
- (b) 447
- (c) 623

ANSWER: (B)

# OUR★TOWN

BIG NIGHT OUT

## WELL DONE

Is it hot in here? Celebs turn out in droves to roast

**JANE FONDA** at

the Georgia Aquarium.

By Chandra R. Thomas

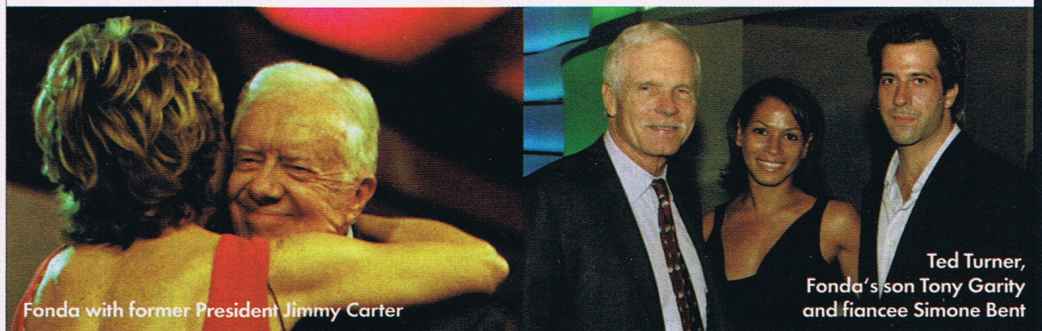
"BURN, BABY, BURN!" was the unofficial and oh-so-fitting theme of the roast of Atlanta's own Jane Fonda. Hundreds of guests, including former President Jimmy Carter, former Mayor Andrew Young, WSB-TV's Monica Kaufmann, Lieutenant Governor Mark Taylor and attorney Rutherford Seydel, turned out to support Fonda's charity, the Georgia Campaign for Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention. The eclectic list of presenters included Big Boi of OutKast (filling in for producer Dallas Austin, who was purportedly stuck in Dubai); Fonda's ex,



Jane Fonda, Rosie O'Donnell and Debbie Reynolds

Ted Turner; Carrie Fisher and her mother, Debbie Reynolds; and comedians Chris Tucker and Rosie O'Donnell. David Letterman and Fonda's *Monster-in-Law* co-star Wanda Sykes also joined in the jabs, providing hilarious taped messages for Fonda, who was introduced by CNN's Larry King as "America's best-looking grandmother." ("She should look good, she's had

more reconstruction than Fallujah," he quipped.) Fonda's brother, Peter, surprised his sibling with a wayward tribute that prompted King to call it "the world's strangest roast." After off-color jokes about everything from Fonda's days as Barbarella (a montage of clips set to Marvin Gaye's "Sexual Healing") to her stint with *The Vagina Monologues* (Reynolds pro-

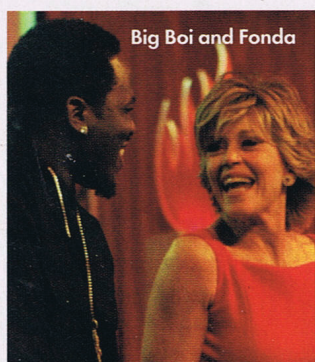


Fonda with former President Jimmy Carter

Ted Turner, Fonda's son Tony Garity and fiancée Simone Bent



claimed her the “Vagina Whisperer”), Fonda got the last laugh, closing the affair with potshots at King (“We gotta wrap up promptly at 10 p.m. Larry’s wife has bedtime!”) and Turner (“Ted and I have a lot in common. We both love nature, we both love traveling, and we both love Ted!”). ★



Big Boi and Fonda



## DEAL ESTATE

# Marthasville

SHE’S DESIGNED YOUR SHEETS, YOUR PLATES, YOUR GARDEN, MAYBE EVEN YOUR WEDDING.

Now you can live in a Martha Stewart–designed home. She’s partnered with KB Home to build about 800 homes in South Fulton. The community, called Hampton Oaks, opened last month in Fairburn. At press time, more than 1,000 people were on the “interest list.”

Like walking into the idyllic life she’s portrayed on her TV shows and in her magazine, the homes are based on Stewart’s own estates and are available in three styles: Lily Pond (“a vintage-inspired country retreat,” similar to her beach cottage on Long Island), Skylands (“Craftsman-style contemporary elegance,” like her stone house off the coast of Maine) and Katonah (“a fresh take on classic Colonial,” inspired by renovations to her homes in Westport, Connecticut, and Katonah, New York). Buyers can also purchase landscaping packages designed by Stewart’s personal gardener.

The homes, which range from 1,800 to 4,600 square feet and from the low \$200s to the low \$400s, include Stewart-inspired details like wainscoting, built-in bookcases and specialized flooring and fixtures. By 2007, homeowners will be able to completely “Marthatize” their homes with Martha-designed products available exclusively from KB Home Studio.

—JENNIFER SENATOR

The “Lily Pond”



COURTESY OF KB HOME

## DULY NOTED

# Icy Skin, Pricy Clothes

Ever wonder why, in the heat of summer, you still have to bring your jacket to the mall? *The New York Times* suggested that high-end shops tend to blast the AC, while lower-end retailers maintain a balmy climate. One likely reason for this trend is that luxury retailers can afford high energy bills, but a suspicious shopper might conclude that they’re priming customers to buy fall-line sweaters in August. Armed with a digital thermometer, we embarked on a shopping trip to see if the *NYT* theory proves true in Atlanta . . . —ELIZABETH WESTBY

### STORE

Barneys New York  
CO-OP at Phipps  
Plaza

70.7°

### FOR SALE

The hip couture selection includes designs by **Marc Jacobs**, **Rebecca Taylor** and **Diane von Furstenberg**. Two-figure price tags are rare.

### COMFORT FACTOR

Pale skin looks bad enough in dressing room mirrors without adding goose bumps to the mix.

Abercrombie & Fitch  
at Perimeter Mall

72.3°

At this mecca for **suburban teens**, the rule seems to be: The less fabric, the higher the cost—one more reason for parents to enforce that spending budget.

Cool and comfortable—though we did feel somewhat flushed after flipping through the catalog full of nude and semi-nude models.

Neiman Marcus  
at Lenox Square

72.9°

Designers like **Chanel**, **Armani** and **Escada** sell their wares in this upscale department store for three or four figures. Hand lotion is available for two.

Perfectly mild, though we suspect that the heat may have risen to our third-floor dressing room.

Target Greatland  
on North Druid Hills  
Road

75.5°

Even Neiman Marcus shoppers have picked up a lawn chair or kitchen appliance from this affordable superstore known for **chic design**.

Do a lap of the store while pushing a cart and feel the beads of sweat form.

Old Navy  
at Atlantic Station

76.6°

The least expensive brand on the Gap Inc. clothing pyramid can fill a large shopping bag for **under \$100**.

Great . . . if you’re trying on swimsuits.