



I WANT TO GIVE YOUR TEAM OF WRITERS, EDITORS AND DESIGNERS AN "ATTA BOY" ON THE OCTOBER ISSUE.

MARTA! MARTA! MARTA!

IN HER OCTOBER ARTICLE ("IS MARTA Smarta?"), Jennifer Senator states that the Midtown and Arts Center MARTA rail stations are each over a mile from Piedmont Park. This is incorrect. They are only 2 to 3 blocks away—at most 2,000 feet. I've always traveled to Piedmont Park by MARTA, and it certainly is not as far away or as difficult as she described. If you did walk over a mile from those stations, you'd actually be in the Virginia-Highland area. Furthermore, the article states that MARTA "doesn't go anywhere near Va-Hi right now..." but in reality there are two bus routes that serve the area seven days a week. Route 2 runs the length of Ponce de Leon from the North Avenue rail station with a stop at North Highland Avenue. Route 16 runs from downtown and the Five Points rail station and travels up North Highland Avenue itself. Ms. Senator may have meant to say there is no *rail service* in the Highlands, but there certainly is MARTA service through buses. You can say the buses are slow or late, but you can't say there's no MARTA service in that area at all.

I would also point out that riders can

download train and bus schedules from the MARTA Web site, which help in navigating the system and in timing effective transfers. I carry the schedules of the routes I use on a given day to save lots of waiting time.

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Two Thumbs Up

I WANT TO GIVE YOUR TEAM OF writers, editors and designers (and everyone else) an "atta boy" on the October issue. *Atlanta Magazine* has truly stepped up to the plate when it comes to including the city's blacks in your pages

and covering the things that would be of interest to us. I frequently entertain, and *Atlanta Magazine* is mentioned sometimes—but never in great detail. Your October issue is *totally* different and really gives everybody something to talk about. Keep up the good work!

KEVIN F. ALLEN
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I WANTED TO THANK CHANDRA Thomas for writing such a wonderfully captivating article on super director Bryan Barber ("A New Direction," October). I thought Ms. Thomas' piece showed Mr. Barber for the extremely talented man that he is, and I hope he will start to get the recognition that he truly deserves. I was impressed by her comparison of OutKast's Barber-directed "Hey Ya!" video to the hugely popular *Ed Sullivan Show* of the 1960s. While I'm not sure the youngsters of today have heard of Mr. Sullivan and the wonderful things he has done in the entertainment business (television's first MTV), Ms. Thomas actually made a correlation between the two!

I also thought the article written by Jennifer Senator about MARTA ("Burning Question: Is MARTA Smarta?") was totally on point. Since moving here from

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