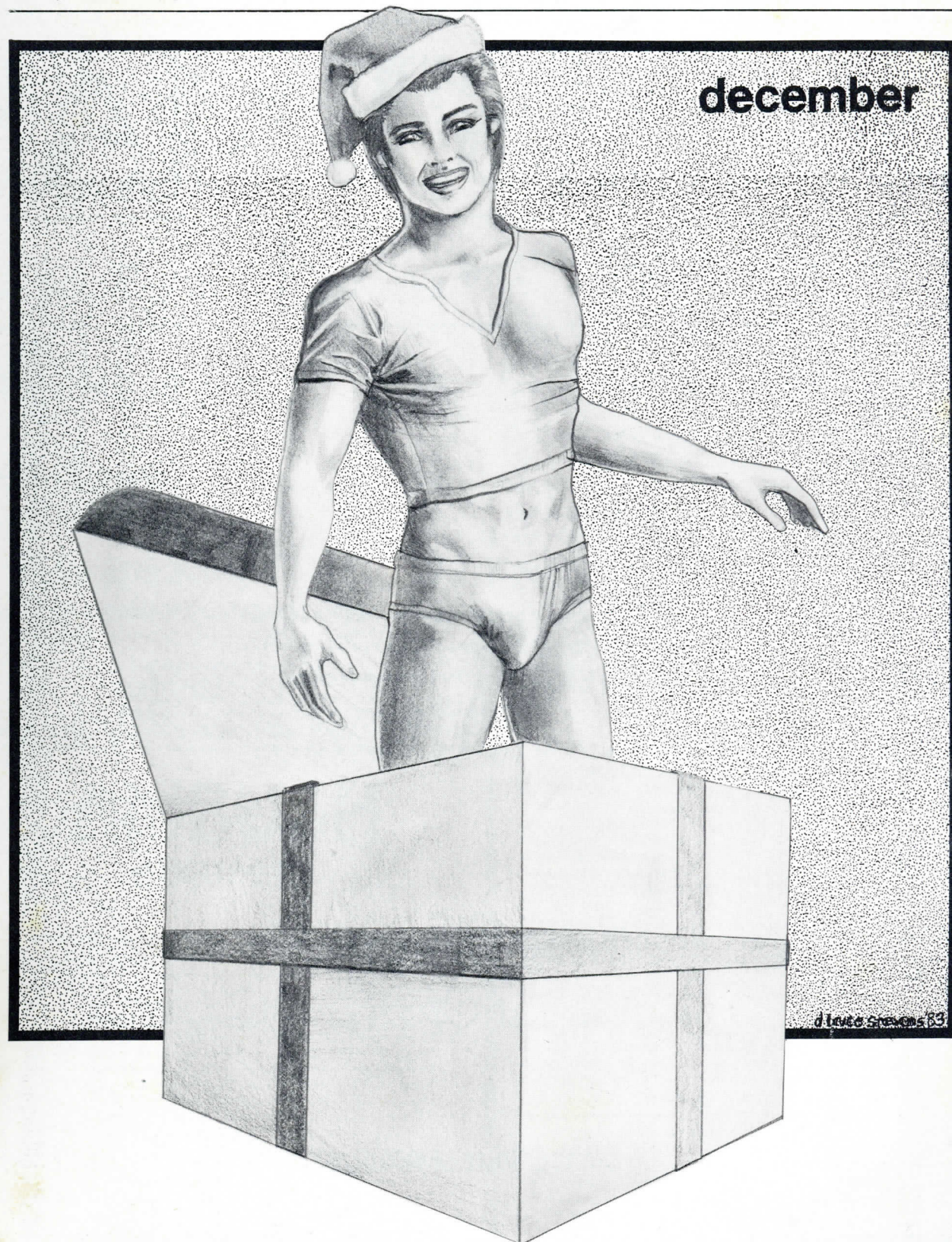


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What's Hot?!?

THE BATON ROUGE DESK

Baton Rouge Area Gay Political Action Caucus(BRAGPAC) was formed to work for the rights of all Louisianians, and in particular, the area residents. Join now. Face the Challenge! Send a self-addressed, stamped envelope for applications and information to P.O. Box 19098, Baton Rouge, LA 70893.

DOING LAFAYETTE

By: Jamie Hays, Lafayette Editor

O.K. Girls-MS. CHESNUT has taught this town the real meaning of the word redecorate. The Social Alternative is bigger and better than ever. If you haven't been to FANTASY, check it out. Three level cruisin, new game room, patio(with soon to come three level decking) and hopefully to be completed before the Toys for Tots Campaign, a new front bar. Many thanks to BABS, KENT-well, the list is endless—who helped get it all done. And thanks, DAVE and gang from Baton Rouge, who told me that the bar came highly recommended.

Of course! COCO has had some flawless shows—if you girls haven't been to see all of them, get yourselves in gear!

And my apologies, Ms. Briscoe, for misspelling your name. I promised

your cover charge from MS. CHESNUT.

At C'EST LA GUERRE, my sincere apologies to JOHN, who feels like I am biased in my reporting. That really blew my _____ away. I print everything that happens, to bars and to people. Since I am not welcome in there, all I know is happening is Thursday Shows. Business appears to be on the upswing at C'EST LA GUERRE. As far as major happenings, I am not aware of any.

At CELEBRITY'S, there is no cover between 9-10. And on Fridays, from 9-12, ROD and crew are offering free drinks. There is a trick to cruisin' the place—Go early, sit down near the bathrooms, and check the new glory holes CHARLENE has installed. Did you ever notice that CHARLENE and RANDY look alike. That means that since AL is a younger version of CHARLENE, as time passes, he will look like MS. CHESNUT.

On a recent trip to N'Awlins, our entourage bumped into PAUL, COCO, E.J., DALE and a slew of Lafayette queens all engaged in some husband hunting at the PARADE.

And Wed. nites at THE EMPORIUM are hot, as a lot of Cajuns take advantage or Lar's and Wes's \$6 DROWN NITE. (Randy, when do we get one?)

And congratulations, members of MCCA on getting your new church home. I saw Pastor Jon on T.V., as it appears some Southern Baptists are upset about MCCA. Well, let us all hang in there and tell 'em where they can get off.

Don't forget RANDY'S TOYS FOR TOTS show with GLENN ELLIOT. Plan now to attend, and bring that toy-with RANDY'S guidance, our presence will be known the way our presence really is.

THE LAKE CHARLES DESK

WOMAN TO WOMAN, P.O. Box 6755, Lake Charles, LA 70606, is a publication for women with political and civic trends and works for lesbians in prison. Contact Dr. Linda M. Parks, Ph.D., Editor, for information on other lesbian organizations, papers, psychological issues, judicial issues, self-help—\$1.00 Sample Issue.

THE NEW ORLEANS DESK

The Quarter Scene, 900 Dumaine, maintains an excellent New Orleans tradition with its fine cuisine and friendly service. While there we had The Rex, the King of Salads, with abundant greens, egg, tomato, shrimp, bacon, artichoke heart, cheddar cheese and fresh mushrooms—great. Sam, our waiter, also recommends the changing specials served daily. We understand Bob Bernissant, proprietor of The Quarter Scene is undertaking a new endeavor, Harlow's, 534 St. Philip across from Andy Boudreaux's Mississippi River Bottom Saloon. This art nouveau(black, white, silver color scheme) restaurant is scheduled to open this month or in January. Harlow's will feature intimate dining seating approximately 30 patrons adjacent to an outdoor courtyard. Scheduled hours are 5 P.M. til 11 P.M. with a daily changing dinner menu. For more info. call 504/524-JEAN.

Speaking of Andy Boudreaux's Mississippi River Bottom Saloon, 515 St. Philip St., Halloween was the time to be there. The River Bottom, we were told had the largest costume contest in New Orleans with 60 contestants—WOW!?! First Place received \$100 cash, second place \$50 cash and \$25 bar tab, and third received \$25 bar tab. Check out the friendly staff—Andy & Frank, Randy, Jim, Dan, Eddie, Bill, Gene, Don & Mike.

Play It Again Sam's, 740 Burgundy, features an array of productions changing weekly. Past productions included South Pacific, Side by Side and Barnum. Coming in Dec. are Cats and special Christmas Productions. Call bar for details. Donnie Jay, Terri Lavell, Stacey Leigh, Felicia Ellan, Neil Bordelon and David L. are the stars of this Burgundy St. show place. Wed. nites features "Catching a Rising Star Talent Contest" with \$15 first prize while Thurs. nites boast the "Two for the Road" show. Regular show nites are Fri. and Sat. 11 & 1 and Sun. nite at 9. Pitty Pat, we understand from the clientele, is one of the campiest bartenders in the Quarter.

Partners Saloon/Leather And..., 718 N. Rampart, was the setting Thanksgiving weekend for the Lancers M. C. Sixth Anniversary Celebration. Other establishments participating during this celebration weekend were The Filling Station, Louisiana Purchase and Play It Again Sam's. The Celebration Banquet was held at the Maison Dupuy, where Bob & Jerry, proprietors of Partners Saloon/Leather And..., were made honorary members of the Lancers. Look for more info and pictures in the January Issue of AMBUSH.

The Mystic Krewe of Tragoidia, P.O. Box 70734, New Orleans, LA 70172, has Merce Canedo as President. Tragoidia is a service Mardi Gras organization and on Dec. 2nd staged an AIDS benefit on the S.S. President(more details in the next issue of Ambush). It also was the first krewe to work with other groups including Leather clubs in serving the community. More info at 505/523-5239.

The Corner Pocket, 940 St. Louis at Burgundy, is a 24 hour establishment owned by Mike Mayo and Lee Fetherston. The Pocket held a Thanksgiving Feast on the 24th while Marcy and the Marcells

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TIRED OF YOUR ORGANIZATION OR BUSINESS NOT BEING REPRESENTED IN PRINT? THEN SIT DOWN, TAKE A FEW MINUTES AND FILL OUT THIS QUESTIONNAIRE.

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I wouldn't say anything about AL in this issue, so I won't. But girl—when you finish the Leatherman's Handbook, I would like to read it. Um um um um.

By now everyone is aware that TERRY is a N.A.W.W. Actually, despite all, TERRY has a unique way of cruisin the rest stops between here and Baton Rouge.

Speaking of female impersonators, wasn't the Apollo in Revue and Lindsey Love shows at FANTASY I Nov. 5th and 14th flawless. So you want to know who the three musketeers are, eh? Well, that is the name given to three of us who work at FANTASY I. DEBBIE, who works the new front bar is 'butch', an Aquarian, very selective and available. Then there is MIKE—Mike is younger than AL, a Capricorn, and follow you anywhere for a puppy dog. And then there is me—the mouth of Lafayette and no, JOE, that isn't my phone number on the glory hole at Wharton Hall, Good Evening.

And if you are wondering who the bartender is who brings you two shots of Bourbon instead of Schnapps, that is dear ole HOWARD. If we aren't working together, or partying at the club, you can find us at FRANK'S. If you miss the Bouree' game at RANDY'S on Thursdays, a game is always goin' on at FRANK'S on Sundays, so come win back

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in "Steppin Out" on Nov. 26th. Check out male strippers in "Boys Dancin" every Thur. and Sat nite 9-12.

Travis' Showbar, 834 N. Rampart, 4 P.M. til, Proprietor's are Paul Barber & Tom. The Super Week of October was definitely a success with activities including Miss Travis', Mr. T.T.'s, Talent Nite, Male Strip Off, Regular Cast Show and ending with Turnabout. Approximately 14 participants showed to make it a laughing success. Wish to thank all bar owners, members and everyone who supported the Super Week. To top things off, the "Bearded Lady" was held at the **Showbar** on Oct. 18th, which has been in existence for 8 yrs. There were 8 male contestants with beards to show off their evening wear, sportswear and talent. The three winners were 1st Dale of **Travis'**, 2nd Charlie of T.T.'s and 3rd Jim, which if it weren't for him, we could not have made it thru the nite. We wish to send thanks out to Jim Johnson, who sponsored it and to the owners which allowed us to hold the contest at the **Showbar**. Again, we thank all attendants and everyone for showing up in their best of humor and made us a laughing success! THANKS! Watch for the Christmas Show this month with an all cast show featuring Rowena, "Fastest Tits in the West", Terry Winston as "Diana Ross", Boobie as the "Striper and Comedian" and a special welcome back to our floor hostess Ginger Snap.

For your every need, there is a **Wood Enterprise** for you, such as voyages in video, **Cafe Lafitte in Exile**, 901 Bourbon St.; live piano music, **The Refuge**, 1041 Royal; "Above **Lafitte's**-Above Everything Else", **The Corral**; the best in cards, albums, etc., **Van Gogh's Ear**, 907 Bourbon; and "Your Neighborhood Hardware Store", **Mary's True Value Hardware**, 908 Bourbon.

Brompton's, 1431 Royal St., has been open two months featuring a rustic bar, D.J. & Lasers. Proprietor's include Ronnie V. Taravella, M.D. and Ronald W. Dillard.

The **Rain Tree Cafe & Bar**, 437 Esplanade, was the setting for A Get Acquainted Wine and Cheese Celebration introducing the **Foundation For Health Education/New Orleans, Inc.** Approximately 150 were in attendance to enjoy the fine hors d'oeuvres prepared and donated by the **Rain Tree** along with complimentary wine. The **Rain Tree** is to be commended for hosting such a worthy function. Joe Nigliazzo, President of **FHENO**, informed those in attendance that the **Foundation's** purpose was to promote unprejudiced, supportive and well informed medical care for the Gay and Lesbian Community.

BATON ROUGE EXTRA—The Metropolitan Community Church of Baton Rouge, LA, had its first congregational meeting Dec. 1st, 1724 Laurel St. All subsequent meetings will be held at the same address, 8 P.M. every Sunday. Any individual, regardless of denominational background is welcome to attend.



OFF THE PRESSES



**PCL GUARANTEES \$1,000 TO
COCO, WINNER OF MISS DREAMSTATE '83**

BATON ROUGE—The **People's Court of Louisiana** guarantees a total of \$1,000 worth of personal appearances to the winner of the **Official Miss Dreamstate '83(Female Impersonators) Pageant**, according to R. Rip Naquin, PCL Chairman of the Board.

Coco, Lafayette, sponsored by **Fantasy I**, is granted 6 appearances at \$100 per appearance and her final appearance at \$400 for the **Dreamstate '84 Pageant**.

Coco as Miss Dreamstate '83 is allowed to enter any regional, national or international pageant with the approval of the PCL Board. The only other stipulation to receive the total sum is to return to the **'84 Pageant** with the traveling trophy.

Most preliminaries to the **Official Miss Dreamstate '84 Pageant** are currently available. Contact R. Rip Naquin, 504/383-2535, P.O. Box 64822, Baton Rouge, LA 70896.

GINNY APPUZZO TO KENOTE CELEBRATION '84!

Ginny Appuzzo, Executive Director of The National Gay Task Force, has agreed to be one of the keynote speakers and guest workshop facilitators for Celebration '84!, which will be held June 15-17, 1984. Letters have also been sent to other nationally known gay leaders inquiring as to their availability.

The Celebration '84! planning committee meeting was held Nov. 22nd, at 1308 Esplanade. All organizations and individuals are encouraged and invited to participate. Further information is available from Stewart Butler 504/523-3922.

TRAVEL PARTNERS UNITE/ASSOCIATION IS FORMED TO SERVE GAY TRAVEL MARKET

"A NETWORK FOR SHRINKING THE GAY GLOBE" was the theme of a recent travel convention held in Hollywood, Florida. A group of travel agents, hoteliers and other travel suppliers specializing in the gay travel market met to form a professional partnership to promote and encourage gay travel and to facilitate information networking worldwide.

The three day meeting at the Riviera Resort Hotel attended by delegates representing the United States, Puerto Rico, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, Japan, The Dominican Republic and Great Britain, resulted in the formation of THE INTERNATIONAL GAY

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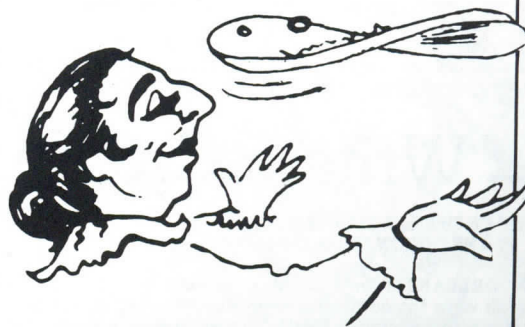
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TRAVEL ASSOCIATION(IGTA).

The delegates elected as their first president Craig Seybold, President of MARK TOURS AND TRAVEL INTERNATIONAL, INC. At a press conference following his election Seybold said "We've joined together in strength in order to better serve the travel needs of gays and lesbians and to build bridges with what we call gay/friendly suppliers. Delegates from around the world have gathered here with a common goal, and from our diverse group we have formed what I see as a very strong organization that will seek to professionalize and monitor our segment of the industry, and to share information about gay resorts and gay tour packages organized and operated on all continents.

In addition to Seybold, the association named a board of six directors. George Hernandez, Manager of the Continental Hotel in San Francisco, will serve as Vice President for Membership. Secretary is Marty Gerrards, President of ME Consultants, operators of The New Lost World Resort in Palm Springs, CA. Serving as treasurer will be Chuck Werner, Marketing Director for Windjammer Barefoot Cruises, Ltd. Miami, FL. Dee Farrell, President of Going Places Travel Club of Denver, CO was appointed Director of Communications. Directors at large include Isabel Smyth, President of CHAT Travel, Inc., Toronto, Canada, and Herb Harris, President, Top Flight Travel, Hollywood, FL. Harris organized the IGTA conclave.

IGTA expects to accept memberships from several hundred travel agencies, tour operators, hotels, resorts, travel clubs, airlines and other related service providers from around the world by the time of the call to order at its first annual convention slated for April 27-29, 1984, in San Francisco.

Membership application requests and inquiries may be directed to George Hernandez, IGTA Membership Director, 1450 Sutter St., San Francisco, CA 94109.

For further information contact: Dee Farrell, IGTA Director of Communications at 303/832-5259 or Craig Seybold, IGTA President at 1/800/227-3040 (USA only), 1/800/652-1880 (California only).

Writers Cramp

NEWEST KREWE ELECTS OFFICERS; PLANS CORONATION ON MARDI GRAS!!!

NEW ORLEANS—A gay Mardi Gras will be officially proclaimed March 6th when the newest krewe in New Orleans, the Lords of Leather, entertains with a glittering Royal Coronation Before Parliament.

The midnight unmasking and crowning of Lord King I and his consort will be preceded by two hours of festivities, ushering in Fat Tuesday.

On behalf of the first leather krewe in New Orleans, the House of

Lords, as the body of officers are known, will issue individual, non-transferable invitations to the House of Commons, composed of other krewe and leather/levi club members, other residents and out-of-town guests.

In charge of the ceremonies beginning at 10 o'clock the evening before Mardi Gras are the Lord of Misrule, Wally Sherwood; and the Lord Temporal, Don Eagle.

Other officers of the organization, which describes itself officially as "A Mistik Mardi Gras Krewe", are the Lord Chancellor, Bob Brown; the Lord Mayor, Bob Keese; the Lord Privy, John Freese; and the Lord Exchequer, Jerry Radtke.

A former King of Carnival on the Mississippi Gulf Coast, Sherwood is special lieutenant of Tragoidia and was formerly associated with Amon-Ra. He served as charter vice president of de Sade & Men and secretary of the Knights d'Orleans.

An active member of both the Lancers Motorcycle Club and the Krewe of Petronius, Eagle also holds associate membership in de Sade & Men as well as the Lanyards of Toronto and the Selectmen of Detroit.

Brown was organizer and served as charter president of the Circle Leather Club of Indianapolis and Freese is a past active member of the Cheaters M.C. of San Francisco. Both were formerly members of the Krewe of Vesta, with Bob holding the office of function lieutenant.

Keese and Radtke, co-owners of Partners Saloon and Leather And..., are newcomers to carnival but not to the leather scene. They hold associate memberships in the American Leathermen of Houston, the Selectmen of Detroit and the Vanguard M.C. of Philadelphia.

Mailing address of the new krewe is: Lords of Leather, P.O. Box 71205, New Orleans, LA. 70172.

HAVE A HAPPY 1984!

By: Loretta Mims, New Orleans

At this time of the year our thoughts are of Thanksgiving turkey, cranberry sauce and mom's apple pie.

Then our thoughts drift to Christmas trees, misletoe, presents and Santa Claus.

You think it's over—WRONG!

Next we come to 1984!

What's happening then, well the Annual New Year's Eve Dance—Again, it's being held at the St. Bernard Grand Ball Room, 8245 West Judge Perez Drive, Chalmette, LA.

The dance is from 10 P.M. til 2 A.M. However, the doors will be open at 9 P.M.

It's B.Y.O.L. (set ups provided). Also, tables are set up with noise makers and hats. There will also be Free Champagne at Midnight.

This year will feature The Original Spades. For \$13.00 per person in advance and \$15.00 at the door, come and join your old friends and

new friends for a festive evening.

This is a private enterprise sponsored by Loretta Mims and Mickey Brocato, and we welcome the community to join us.

For further information, look for posters in your favorite bars and publications.

The dress code is to wear whatever you feel comfortable in.

SANTA'S DILEMMA/OR MRS. KRINGLE WINS OUT

By: Linda M. Parks, WTW Editor

THE awkward stillness that gripped toyland had everyone in a state of anticipation, as the strike involving Santa and the crew of elves went into its second month, and Christmas was just around the corner. This particular afternoon found Mrs. Santa Claus, often affectionately referred to as "Bubbles" standing in front of the giant toy factory, waving her sign and leading a group of female elves in another protest. A crowd of Toylanders had gathered and some were hurling insults at the little female elves who had turned the usually quiet town into a turmoil of anxiety and problems.

"Why don't you go home and tend to your knitting," called one male heckler.

One elf protester, carrying not only a sign but a small elfkin, yelled back in an angry but firm voice, "That's the problem, I want to be paid for my knitting."

Several other sign carriers joined in a chant then, "We want equal pay for equal work with the male elves!"

"Bubbles" spoke then and the crowd grew very still, as they had great admiration and respect for her, because after all, she was the wife of the town's greatest hero, ol' Kriss Kringle himself.

"Please," she began. "Let's all keep calm. We all must face the changes that are coming even here in Toyland. For centuries, we women have had the task of sewing on the arms and legs and eyes of the dolls. We have painstakingly knitted and sewn and made the lace and frills too. We have worked deep into the night making sure that all the toy soldiers were properly outfitted and painted, and we have assembled all the puzzles until our eyes grew dim from the tedious work. Nothing has ever come out of the toy factory that we female elves had not had a part in, and yet, no mention is ever made of us in the books that are printed about Santa and "His Elves", and every picture ever drawn has been of the male elves. We have been underpaid and ignored and have never had a hand in the actual delivery of any of the toys. We want our rights. We earned them. We need them!"

"Ho, ho, ho," came the thundering voice of ol' Kriss Kringle, and the people parted a path for him as he came galloping up on a beautiful

reindeer.

"Mrs. Kringle," he called. "What are you doing here again? I told you not to join this throng again. Come home IMMEDIATELY!"

Everyone stood breathlessly waiting to see what was going to happen as Santa confronted his wife publicly and ordered her to not only retreat but to do so in humiliation and submission.

"Bubbles" stood tall in the icy street, beared herself against the bitter northern wind and against Santa's chilling attitude, and with her blue eyes sparkling, much as Santa's were, she said in a firm voice for all to hear, "I will NOT go home until you promise to see that there are changes in your toy factory. I will NOT cook. I will NOT mend. I will NOT do anything until I see some justice done in Toyland."

Santa's face grew crimson and his eyes threw out sparks. "You just don't understand that the female elves can't do the equal work of the male elves. They can't operate the big presses or the drills. They can't use all the electrical equipment involving making the toy trains, cars and airplanes for the childrens' pleasure. I have never known a female elf who could pick up the large pieces of equipment that must be moved. If you think a woman can do this work, you will have to prove it to me."

Mrs. Claus's eyes widened. "Ah! I have you," she laughed. "If I can, show you that women CAN do all the work—in fact, if I can prove that they can do it all as well, if not better than it has been done, will you reconsider your pay schedules and picture books and all the other things that are not fair to the female elves?"

Santa realized he had put his big, booted foot into his mouth. He could not back down now, so he had to agree to the deal that his wife had put to him in front of the town's people.

A general meeting was called for later that week in the toy factory and the entire town joined in to see the "showdown" between Mrs. Claus and Santa.

"Bubbles" stood up in her overalls and work gloves, and made the announcement. "Today ONLY women will be working this plant; only women elves will be doing all the work usually done by men. We will not only produce as many toys as are usually produced in one day, we will produce more and better ones. There are only two more working days until Christmas Eve and this factory is two month's behind in production. In spite of the seemingly impossibility of it, we WILL catch up. We will see to it that there are enough toys for all the children of the world."

The crowd could be heard in its mumblings and several of the little male elves called out, "You'll never last an hour."

Santa knew his wife well, and her determination and he suddenly realized that if she set out to do something, chances were that it would



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get done. He wanted somehow to change his stand on the whole affair, but it had gone too far for that. He looked at the row upon row of set jaws, clear, bright eyes, and smiling lips of the females and they all had that smug look of having won already: Somehow Santa knew they would complete the chore as they had promised.

Mrs. Claus continued, "Now Santa we want your word that if we do show you once and for all that we women can work and do the job as well as men, you will finally give in and create an equal pay scale, benefits and equal retirement for the women elves. We must have your promise before we begin this task."

Santa could do nothing else, but he kept his stubborn attitude to the end, as he said, "This is one promise I will not have to keep, my dear, as without men helping you, you can't possibly do all the heavy work or the other "special" jobs that require a male elf's attention." With that, he laughed a big "HO, HO, HO". But then he continued, "I will tell you that if somehow you CAN produce the toys for all the children and save this Christmas for them and for me, I will gladly give you all that you have asked for, plus I will let you ride in the sleigh with me Christmas Eve." He was going all the way with his bluff.

With that, the female elves became like busy bees in a hive. Soon the assembly line was moving along filled with completed toys of every description: baby dolls, red tops, funny games and cowboy hats. And out came: bright toy soldiers, doll cradles, colorful jumping jacks and toy horses. At the end of this line other women were busy packing, wrapping and stacking the toys as they moved along. Sack upon sack were filled and put on Santa's sleigh. It was almost filled with all the toys Santa needed for his Christmas deliveries.

As the 5 o'clock whistle blew, almost two months of backorders had been completed. Santa and the crowd of onlookers had to admit that the tiny female elves had done the job they said they could do. A cheer went up in Toyland for the little female elves. The very ones who had been hecklers now cheered for the women.

Santa spoke. "I have an announcement to make. From now on, all workers in Toyland will be on an equal basis. These stubborn elves—and my wife—have proven that they can do whatever they say they can. Nothing else needs to be said." He smiled a silly grin at his wife and she smiled back.

Just then, one little male elf came up to Santa and on tip-toes pulled at Santa's sleeve. "Does this mean that any of us can do what we REALLY want to do and can do best?" Several other male workers spoke up too. "Yes, Santa, why should we have to run the heavy power presses just because we are male elves?"

So it was finally agreed that the work assignments would be given on the basis of who wanted to do what and who could do it the best. No more distinctions were to be made between male and female on the working level. The male elves could work in the lace department or the art department with the colorful paints if they wanted to.

So, on Christmas Eve, Santa and his sleigh filled with toys were ready to leave and Toyland was again at peace or so it seemed. There was a heavy snowfall, which made the take-off very good for Santa and his sleigh in spite of the fact that "Bubbles" was sitting beside him. Santa could not wiggle out of his promise to take her. "After all," she had said, with finality, "Just because I'm a woman doesn't mean I can't handle these big reindeer."

Santa could only grimace as he sat in silence and puffed on his pipe, clenched between his teeth, as he heard his wife shouting out in her high pitched voice. "On Dancer, Up Prancer. Come on there, Blitzen." Then he was startled to hear her shouting, "Up Patricia. Come on, Gloria. Let's go, girls!" He looked and there leading his sleigh were two lovely female reindeer.

"Oh, NO!" he cried, and he knew then that nothing would ever be the same in Toyland again. But, he just leaned back in his sleigh and watched as "Bubbles" waved the whip and popped it with a loud, cracking sound in the crisp night air. He smiled and had to admit, she did it with a certain flair.

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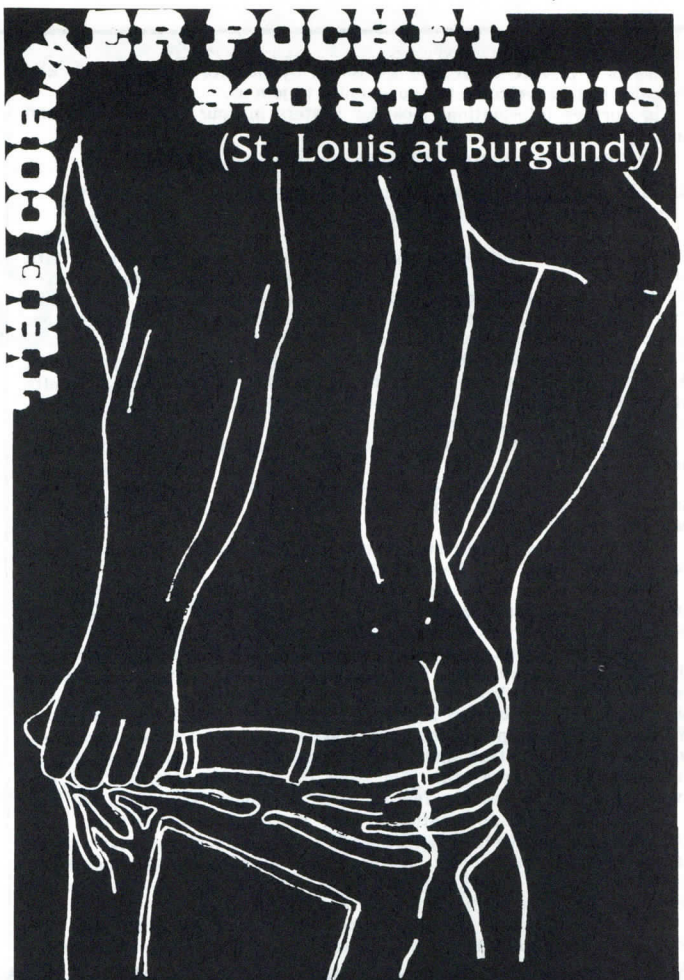
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A WOMAN WHO "INVENTED"

WOMEN'S LIBERATION—BETTY FRIEDAN

By: Linda M. Parks, WTW EDITOR

In 1963, Betty Friedan's controversial best-seller, THE FEMININE MYSTIQUE, was published. This book condemned the image of the happy housewife. It seemed that suddenly thousands of women all over America realized they were not alone in their dissatisfaction with servitude to a husband and children. And television and the press soon made the topic big news. Women realized they could unite in their discontentment.

Betty went on to found the National Organization for Women(NOW) in 1966, inspired by the women's attention to her book and realizing she had the potential for organization. The awakening of women to the fact that they were in a sense slaves and sex-objects brought out their renewed passion to fight for equality. The women civil rights workers of the earlier century would have been proud of women demanding their full recognition as human beings and their respectfull acceptance in virtually every field of endeavor. From this group came the label "women's liberation". This was a time when all avenues were being explored and all values being questioned, and the liberation movement caught the imagination of women—and men—from every walk of society.

Liberation calls for many things. A Presidential Task Force reported, "So widespread and pervasive are discriminatory practices against women, they have come to be regarded more often than not, as normal." This was in 1970.

Some of the changes called for by those in the front lines of the battleground against sexually based discrimination: 1) Equal pay for equal work. 2) Equal opportunity for on-the-job training and promotion. 3) Unrestricted abortion and freedom from unwanted children.(This is a highly controversial area.) 4) Maternity leave from jobs without loss of seniority. 5) The right for women to obtain credit and borrow money on their own merit, without co-signatures of husbands or fathers. 6) Ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment by States that have not yet done so. 7) Better acknowledgement in history books of the role that women have played in shaping the world. 8) A new image in the media; taking women out of the kitchen and home. 9) Revisions of children's books to show women and girls in roles other than mother and wife. 10) Elimination of quota's that limit the number of women accepted into colleges and universities.

Today more than ever, members of the liberation movement are working to press for equal rights. More and more women are seeking lifetime careers, as opposed to short-term jobs that serve only as preludes to marriage. These women see no incompatibility between marriage and a career, nor between motherhood and a career.

I believe that one of the more important areas women are going into, is seeking public office. Changing laws, as well as changing attitudes is the goal.

Betty Friedan's book opened the door again for women to realize that they can escape the drudgery of housework and devote their lives to whatever career they feel is best for their individual needs. The NOW has given many women the opportunity to seek sisterhood with other women with like ideas and goals. The new generation, of these women, as well as men is not likely to bring up daughters conditioned from the beginning to think they are inferior to boys, and boys will not be conditioned to think they are superior to girls. That in itself will be a real beginning for equality; and something new for humanity!



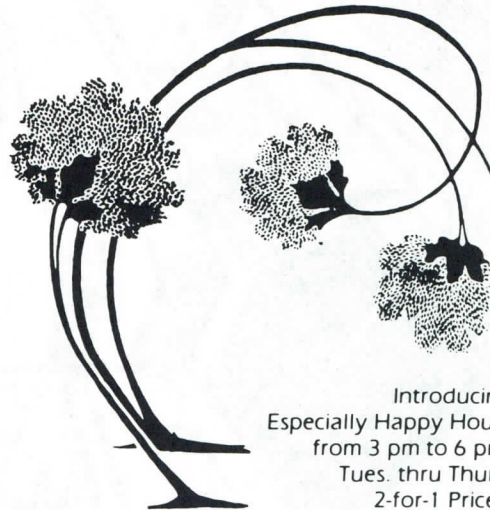
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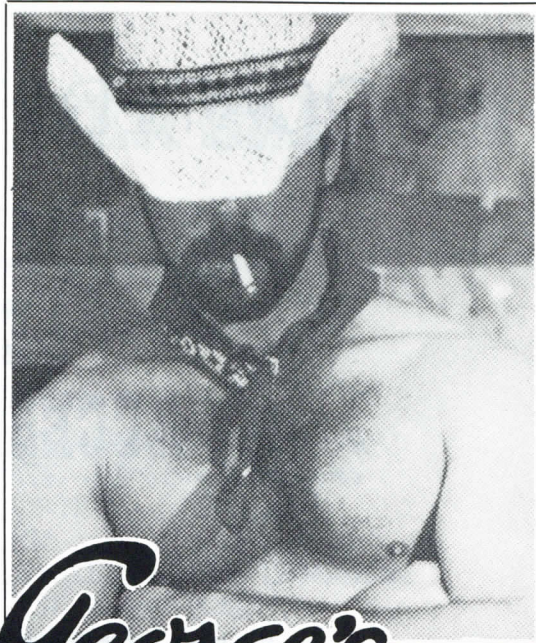
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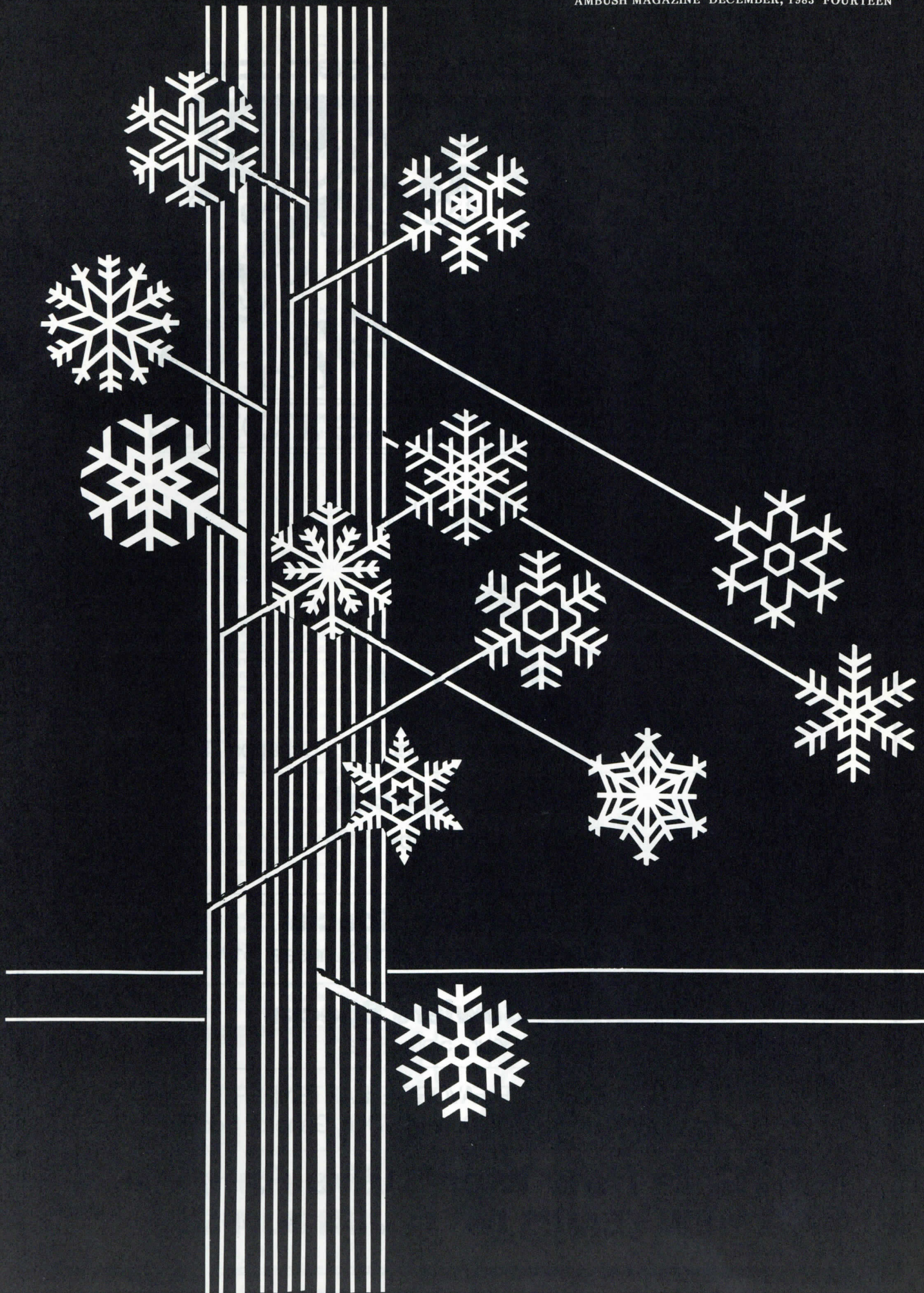
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NEW ORLEANS-A Get Acquainted Wine and Cheese Celebration held at the popular Rain Tree Cafe & Bar, 437 Esplanade, announced the formation of the FOUNDATION FOR HEALTH EDUCATION/NEW ORLEANS, INC.

The Foundation is a non-profit corporation formed for the purpose of promoting unprejudiced, supportive, and well informed medical care for the Gay and Lesbian Community of the greater New Orleans area.

Growing concern over Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome(AIDS), a local and national health crisis, prompted the formation of this group of professionals to address AIDS and other health related problems on a local basis.

The groups goals include: To develop an information network providing the latest, most accurate and relevant information as it pertains to Gay and Lesbian health issues; To encourage, coordinate, and provide education for the community related to health care needs of the Gay and Lesbian populace; and To assess existing health care services available to our Gay and Lesbian Community and facilitate development of additional services.

The Board of Directors consists of Joe Nigliazzo-President, Gene Adams, Ron Bennett, Lucille Hartman, Donna Mayer, Alan Robinson and David Zumalt.

For more information on this most worthy group write FHENO, P.O. Box 2556, New Orleans, LA 70176 or phone 504/244-6900.

CALL FOR PAPERS: FIRST INTERNATIONAL LESBIAN/GAY HEALTH CONFERENCE

The National Gay Health Education Foundation announces the first International Lesbian/Gay Health Conference, "Toward Diversity", to be held in New York City June 16-19, 1984.

The theme, "Toward Diversity", reflects the meeting's multi-focus purpose with special emphasis on Third World, international, and lesbian health concerns. The conference will be held in conjunction with the Third AIDS Forum, sponsored by the FEDERATION OF AIDS RELATED ORGANIZATIONS(FARO).

The Foundation and FARO welcome participation by those wishing to share their contributions to the field of lesbian or gay health care.

Papers: A formal, written presentation followed by discussion from the floor.

Panels: A topic presented from several points of view. Speaker remarks should be brief to encourage discussion among panelists and audience.

Workshops: Discussion of a topic facilitated by the person(s) who submit the idea. Participation by all is encouraged.

We also invite suggestions for alternative formats. Feel free to submit ideas along these lines. Be creative, but specific.

Some topics have already been identified. Proposals may include or relate to such areas as: Gay Male Health, Care, Gerontology, Holistic Health, Substance Abuse, Mental Health, Lesbian/Gay Families, Physically-Challenged Lesbians and Gays.

People who wish to participate should submit a narrative abstract and/or topic outline of one page (maximum) by December 15, 1983. Language requirements and other specifics will be provided upon receipt of each proposal. Notification of acceptance will be mailed by January 30.

Send to: International Lesbian/Gay Health Conference, National Gay Health Education Foundation, Suite 1305, 80 Eighth Avenue, New York City, NY 10011 USA.

For information call: Fern Schwaber, Esq. or Michael Shernoff ACSW, Conference Co-chairs 01/212/206-100

Dear Diana,

By: Diana L. Hall

Long, long ago, in a World very much, yet nothing at all like the World we live in today;

There were no 3-D electronic nuclear war games, no Gloria Vanderbilt designer jeans in sizes 3 to super thick;

Children's stockings were filled with walnuts and oranges, not with imported swiss chocolates and Mr. T triple double bubble gum;

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And families sat around the dinner table, not the TV set, and they were still there talking, laughing and enjoying each others company long after the food was gone;

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Whether you celebrate Christmas or Chanukah, whether you're
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the birth of Christ;

None of what you believe in or don't believe in matters;

But please celebrate the spirit of this season and capture the joy
and peace inside your heart that lived in that world so long ago;

It's the most precious gift you could ever give or receive.

JOY TO YOU ALL, DIANA

Dear Diana,

I'm in love with my first cousin and he is also in love with me. Both
families are close.

My questions are do you feel that there is anything wrong with us
having a relationship? Second, how do you feel these two close families
will handle this?

KISSING COUSINS

Dear Cousin Kisser,

Let's not beat around the family tree. Yes, I think it is wrong.

As far as how your families would handle it, I suppose that depends
on how really close they really are.

Like for instance, if your lover's your mother's brother, your Dad.

Dear Readers,

I would like to personally apologize to some readers who wrote to
me and whom I did indeed answer (because I answer all letters either
personally or in this column) but because of editorial problems, were
not published as they should have been. This was through no fault of
mine; as I said before E.D.I.T.O.R.I.A.L. problems. I just want to make
it clear that this is a real column that deals with real problems, no
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So please keep writing & so will I.

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By: Councilmen Giarrusso (by request) and Babovich

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WOMEN AND THE CALL TO DUTY

By: Linda M. Parks, WTW Editor

In 1941, when the United States entered the war against Japan,
women were called upon to fill many roles. No one stopped to ask
whether or not a woman could do the job required and women did not
hesitate to answer their call to duty. It was a time when the people
of the America's grew closer together and petty quarrels were quickly
forgotten.

Women went into active duty in all branches of the service. Nearly
100,000 women served in the WACS—Women's Auxiliary Army Corps.
This branch was organized on May 14, 1942, and commanded by Colonel

(Mrs.) Oveta Culp Hobby. Later, the WAC was incorporated into the regular army and about 15,000 women served in overseas duty. And they served well.

The United States Navy had its women members too—WAVES—Women Accepted for Voluntary Emergency Service. More than 85,000 women volunteered for the WAVES, which organized on July 30, 1942. Over 4,000 served in overseas duty. They were commanded by Captain Mildred H. McAfee.

The Marine Corps would not be left out, and on February 13, 1943, under the command of Colonel Ruth Cheney Streeter, a women's unit was organized. These women proudly called themselves Marines and more than 18,000 of them were full members of the corps.

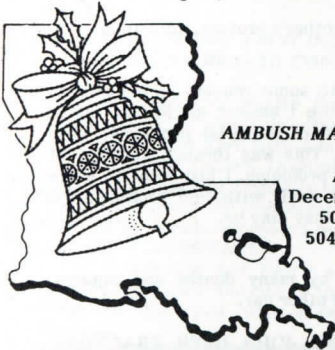
And the U.S. Coast Guard was the third service to enroll women as regular members. It began organization on November 23, 1942. The women members were known as SPARS. They numbered about 10,000 and were commanded by Lt. Commander Dorothy C. Stratton.

The Red Cross recruited over 60,000 women to serve in the Army and Navy nurse corps. These women served in all branches of the fighting forces—often under fire. Many were decorated for valorous service "beyond the call of duty".

And perhaps the largest army of all, was the group of war factory workers. They served just as proudly at home, as they helped make the materials necessary to win the war. Without them, nothing could have been done that was done.

Add to all of this the women who volunteered for the USO tours, and who entertained in the war zones. Women handled many other jobs through the USO, operating canteens and service centers for the armies.

Through it all, women heard and met their call to duty: And they are ready to do it again, when and if it becomes necessary!



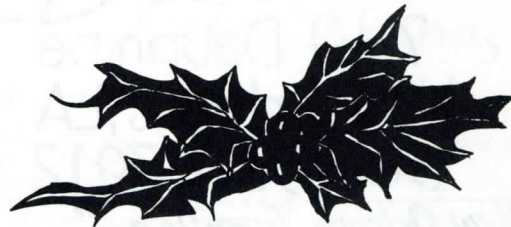
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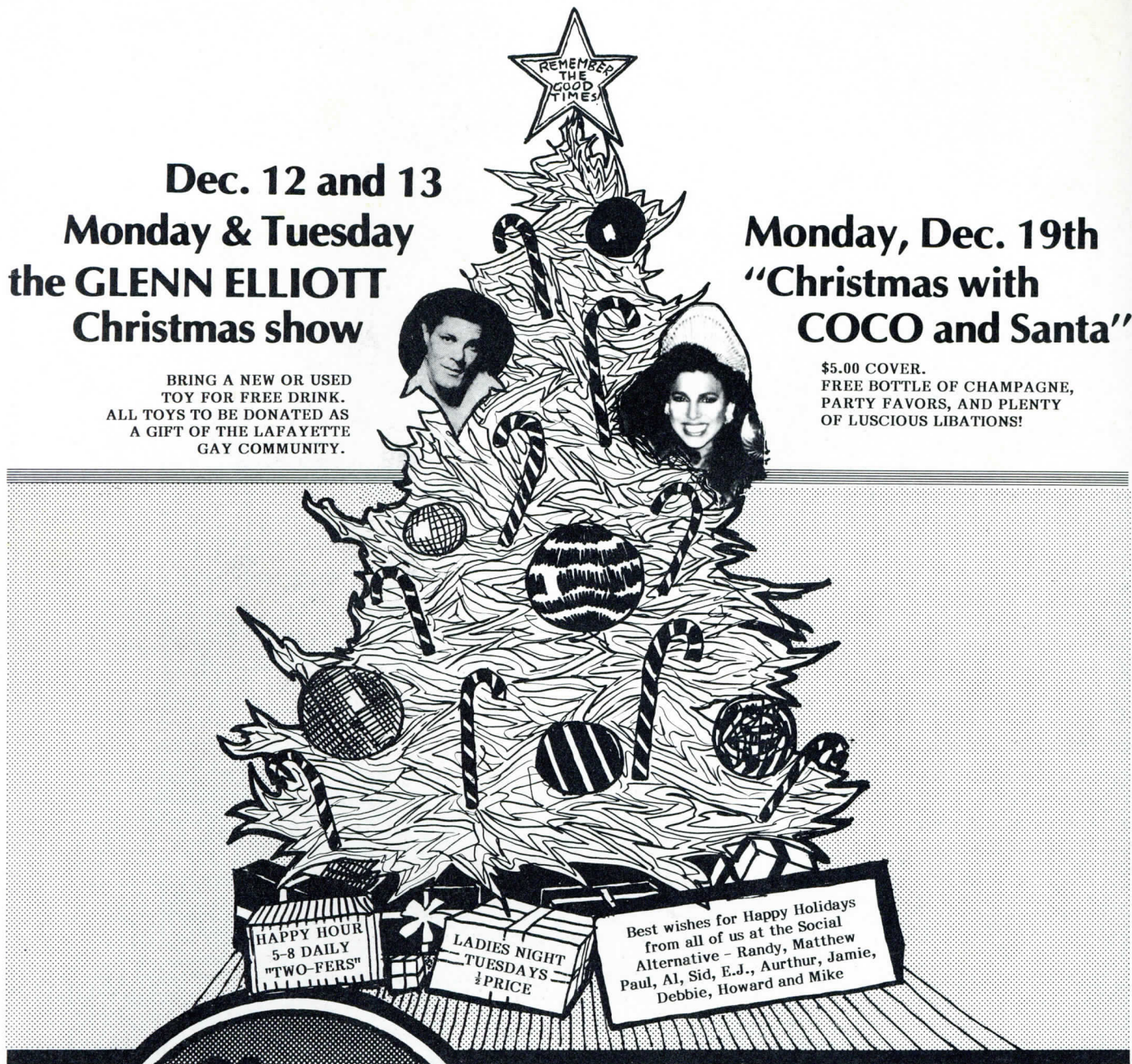
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