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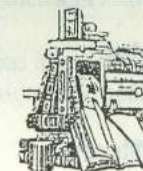


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From the Editor

November 8, 1988 is a turning point for our country and community. Apathy is the best word to describe the feelings of most voters concerning this election, but the long range problems facing our community and this country will slam head-on into the next President as soon as he takes office.

I was told recently by a close friend of mine, "I have never voted with the gay vote. It doesn't matter that much as long as it doesn't affect my job or my life."

Honey, I'm here to tell you, it matters. The next President will select at least two Supreme Court Justices and the long range effect of their decisions will affect our community and civil rights far into the next century. Anyone who believes things will just go on just like they always have is dead wrong.

Although I won't deny that there are other issues to consider, it is my belief that this election has the potential to affect our lives as women and lesbians right where it counts, in the job market.

Below are listed some of the stands each party has made in regard to lesbians and gays right , as published by the Human Rights Campaign Fund headquartered in Washington, D.C.

Republican

No mention of lesbian and gay civil rights. Rejected endorsement of Presidential AIDS Commission. Calls for research, compassion and expedited FDA drug review. Also calls for "protect(ing) those who do not have the disease," AIDS education that emphasizes "abstinence from drug abuse and sexual activity outside of marriage" and confidential testing and contact tracing. Advocates that people "remain on the job or in school as long as they are functional and capable."

Democratic

Calls for lesbian and gay civil rights and the "rebuilding" of the civil rights enforcement machinery. AIDS planks call for "increased support for expedited research on treatments and vaccines, comprehensive education and prevention, compassionate patient care, adoption of public health community consensus on voluntary and confidential testing and counseling, and protection of the civil rights of those suffering from AIDS, AIDS Related Complex or testing positive for the HIV antibody."

Just one more note: the most frightening thing I see happening concerns paid political commercials. People believe everything those damn commercials say. Don't believe all the paid commercials you see on TV. Look beyond the tube for your information on these candidates. One of the best sources for research is a paper published by The League Of Women Voters. It covers the candidates and their stand on the issues. I strongly urge you to pick up a copy and read it. Their number is in the White Pages of most city phone directories. In larger cities, your Gay Alliance or similar organization may also publish a report on the candidates. Check with them, if they don't publish such information, they should be able to direct you on where to find it. - Roxanne Hunter

To the Editor

EXEMPLARY WORK

Dear Dimensions:

First let me say that this is a letter that is much too long overdue. For more than a year I have been enjoying your fine publication. I have been meaning to, as is said, send for a subscription. Good intentions, etc., etc.

I have so enjoyed every issue, and looked forward each month, to reading every word. However, since I am not a "regular" at any of the clubs in town, I do miss some of the monthly issues, and I cannot tell you how that heats me up! I swear to myself each time I miss an edition, that, "This is the day I am going to do it!" Well, today is that day!

I enjoy reading the writings of other amateurs that you so generously print each month. Your magazine provides a valuable source for actually seeing, in print, pieces of personal feelings transcribed onto paper. Of course, I too have enclosed a couple of my own with hopes they will meet with whatever criteria you have for selection. (Surely, you had to feel that coming!)

Seriously, though, I do want to congratulate you and your staff for the exemplary work in publication. At last we women have our very own magazine, in such good taste and treatment. One that keeps us up to date with information that is important to us, but yet without leaving out our counterparts in the male community. That is appreciated. Keep up the fine work, and I do wish Dimensions continued success.

Sincerely,
Sandy Dunn
Dallas, TX

WHAT A WORLD!

Dear Ms. Ford,
I would like to hear about Elvis ... I enjoyed your column! Perhaps we shall see it again? God forbid People mix you up with Leta (Ford). You have more class, of course.

Name Withheld

Ed. Note: A discussion of Elvis can be found in this issue and Ms. Ford's column will appear every month!



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News

From Around the Region, the Country & the World

5th Annual Texas Gay Rodeo

AUSTIN - The Fifth Annual Texas Gay Rodeo will kick-off in Austin on November 18 through 20 at the Texas Heritage Center on Highway 290 in Austin. Top cowgirls and cowboys from across the state will be competing for TGRA titles.

The competition for Mr., Ms. & Miss TGRA will begin Thursday the 17th at Nexus at 8 p.m. and conclude in closed competition Friday the 18th at the Texas Heritage Center. Winners will be announced Friday night at 10 p.m. at Petticoat Junction.

Rodeo contestants will register Friday the 18th from 6 p.m. - 10 p.m. at the Sheraton Crest Hotel at 1st and Congress.

Grand Entry will be at 12 noon on both Saturday and Sunday. The Rodeo Awards Show will be held Sunday Evening at 8pm at the Lonestar Saloon and Dancehall.

Advance tickets are available from TGRA members and at most sponsor bars. The box office will open at 10 a.m. on Saturday and Sunday. Tickets are \$10 per day at the door. Advance Packages are \$21 and include both Rodeo Days and Friday and Saturday dances (\$7 value) at the Lonestar Saloon and Dancehall.

Lubbock Community Outreach Center Opens

LUBBOCK - The Lubbock Lesbian/Gay Alliance Outreach Center, 1938 B Avenue G, has opened its doors. Friday Nights from 7 to 10 p.m., coffee, soft drinks and cookies are served. There will be a library available, games and social activities.

Texas Human Rights Foundation Elects New Officers

AUSTIN - The Texas Human Rights Foundation (THRF) is pleased to announce the election of new officers of its Board of Trustees at its quarterly meeting of October 16. Newly elected are Frank Stenger of Austin, Pres., and B.J. (Barbara) Anderson of Dallas, Vice President for Resource Development and Gene Harrington of Houston was named Vice Pres. for Education and Litigation. Re-elected was John Kellett

of Houston, Secretary and Dick Peeples of Dallas, Treasurer.

Stenger who has served on the THRF board for over three years, is Assistant Attorney General in the Finance Division of the Texas Attorney General's office, where he also serves as chairperson of the Attorney General's AIDS task force. Formerly with the Dallas law firm of Mauzy and Stenger, Stenger is program chairperson for the Austin Lesbian/Gay Political Caucus. B.J. Anderson has served on the board for three years and, prior to that, acted as state fundraising coordinator for the 21.06 Supreme Court challenge. Active in the community for the past three years, she is co-founder of Among Friends, a lesbian organization in Dallas. With Anderson's election comes a renewed commitment on the part of THRF's board and staff to the concerns of the lesbian community.

Eugene Harrington, an attorney from Houston, is a law professor at the Thurgood Marshall School of Law at Texas Southern University and has served on THRF's board for six years. He is a member of the Legislative Task Force on AIDS and past chairman of the Houston Gay and Lesbian Political Caucus.

THRF is a non-profit, tax-exempt organization dedicated to fighting discrimination against lesbians and gay men and against people affected by AIDS through high impact public interest litigation, education and lawyer referrals.



Publication to Donate Proceeds to AIDS Research

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Andrew Miller, a Washington DC poet plans to edit and publish selected works into an anthology and give all proceeds to AIDS research. The City Paper of Washington DC has previewed several of the poems as "provocative, straightforward." Miller says the anthology is determining itself as "often forward-looking, and unusual in its interplay between the poets speaking for the people and the people speaking for themselves."

The poems are being solicited from throughout the United States. To contribute send 1 to 10 pages to:

Andrew Miller, Editor

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Unpublished manuscripts will be returned if a self-addressed, stamped envelope is included. All works must be postmarked by February 1st, 1989.

Oak Lawn Symphonic Band Makes History

DALLAS - The Oak Lawn Symphonic Band of Dallas, directed by Lela Garnett, held a concert on October 1 featuring jazz selections at the Sammons Center for the Arts. The sell-out concert showcased two outstanding jazz

soloists in the group: Kathy Brown on sax, and Jamie Hops on trumpet.

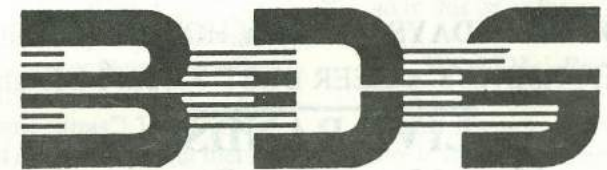
The Band was also to have been the first gay band to have ever been invited to march in the State Fair of Texas Parade on October 7 in Dallas.

In future events the Band will join the Turtle Creek Chorale in its annual "White Christmas" concert which will benefit the food bank of the local MCC Church and the AIDS Resource Center. Admission is either food for the pantry, or a small cash donation. The event will take place the first Saturday of December at 8:00 pm at the Metropolitan Community Church in Dallas and is the highlight of Dallas' holiday activities.

Herland to Sponsor Concert

OKLAHOMA CITY - Heland Sister Resources, in association with Shartel Production will present Alix Dobkin on November 18th at the Oklahoma City Little Theatre. The concert will begin at 8 p.m. and will be interpreted for the hearing impaired. The theatre is also wheelchair accessible.

Tickets are available at Herland, 2312 NW 39th or from any Herland Board Member. Tickets are \$8 in advance and \$10 at the door. Special reserve seating is available for \$20 and includes a special invitation to reception following the concert.



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AUSTIN - NEXUS & PETTICOAT JUNCTION are the places to be for rodeo fun this month! The **5th Annual Texas Gay Rodeo** will be held in Austin from the 18th thru the 20th but NEXUS/PJ will kick-off the festivities on the 17th with the preliminary competition for the titles of **Mr., Ms. & Miss TGRA**. A closed competition will follow and the winners will be announced at NEXUS Fri. the 18th at 10pm. And, don't forget to join the gang at NEXUS for **Thanksgiving Dinner!** Also, check the NEXUS/PJ ad in this issue for other bar activities and drink specials ... Y'all Come, Okey Dokey!

HOUSTON - If your ready to escape from the family on **Thanksgiving Night**, the **RANCH** is the place to be! They will open at 7pm and serve a **turkey and dressing buffet dinner** from 8pm-10pm. There will be no cover and a **Beer Bust** from 7pm-Midnight! **Ida** says you should make your reservations for **New Years Eve** now so you'll be sure and have a table as well as "some extras"! The **RANCH** is now closed on Mondays, but there's plenty of fun the rest of the week to make up!

DALLAS - If draft beer is your favorite then the place to be is **JUGS!** You can get **25¢ Draft Beer** all night Tuesday and Friday and from 4pm-Midnight on Sunday. Plus, you can get **FREE Draft Beer** on Saturday from 9pm-11pm! And, if you like a shot of schnapps with your beer, you can get both for 50¢ on Wednesdays and 75¢ on Thursdays.

SAN ANTONIO - Entertainment and enlightenment are both to be found at **THE CIRCLE** during November. On the 13th, you can catch performer **Lynn Lavner** with her irreverent mix of comedy and music. **Tuesday Night Discussion Session Topics** this month will be: **Coupling and Uncoupling** on the 1st and **Issues of Women's Health** on the 15th. Be sure and look for "**The Bookstore**" (no official name ... yet) coming soon to **THE CIRCLE**.

DALLAS - If you just love the **NORTH 40**, you'll be happy to know that they are now open Tuesday thru Sunday from 5pm to 2am with **Happy Hour** from 5pm-8pm every day! You won't want to miss **Ms. Gay Dallas**, **Lisa Tidwell** and former **Ms. Butch Dallas**, **Dana Riggs** performing every Wednesday night! The **NORTH 40** also has drink specials all week, check out their ad in this issue for more details!

FT. WORTH - **Barbara** at **PARTNERS** tells me that the **Metroplex Talent Show** was great success, she would like to thank Emcees **Ted Lowe & Stormy Fellows**. As for the contestants, **Kimberley** came in first and **Gay** took second. She would also like to congratulate **Tony Eads** on her **Community Service Award**. **Tony** got three (yes, three) standing ovations at the awards ceremonies which were attended by all of the Ft. Worth organizations.

WICHITA FALLS - A Fundraiser for the **AIDS Resource Center** will be

held at ODDS on November 11th. Miss Tessy (TGRA Queen Candidate) will be featured along with Local and Out-of-Town Performers and representatives from the AIDS Resource Center. The show starts at 10:30pm, cover will be \$3 per person and \$5 per couple. Also, on Wednesdays, throughout the month of November, you can get **\$2.50 Pitchers** from open to close!

ABILENE - OK Fan's - **DJ Barnes** will be appearing on November 12th at **JUST FRIENDS**. The show starts at 10pm. There will be a \$3 cover and **50¢ Draft Beer** plus **\$1.50 Whiskey Sours** all night long! **DJ** will also be back at **JUST FRIENDS** on Dec 3rd so get out your boots and get ready!

SAN ANTONIO - For those of you who were unaware, **OUR PLACE** celebrated their **9th Anniversary** at the end of October! **Pat** says everyone had a great time! If you are in the mood for steak, bring your own to **OUR PLACE** on Wednesday Nights for **Steak Night** and they will provide the fixin's! Tuesday nights you can learn the finer points of **Country & Western Dancing** with **Adriana**. And, of course, there's always **Happy Hour with Pat** from 2pm-7pm every day!

DALLAS - There is an all new, All Female Revue in town. The name is **Leather & Lace** and the performers include: **Ms. Razzle Dazzle**, **Kim**, **Ms. Gay Black Dallas**, **Brandi**, **Lady of the Year '87-'88**, **Connie** and **Lady of the year '88-'89**, **Lisa Bryson**. **Lisa** just won the national title in October (she is a former **Ms. Gay Dallas**)! Rumor has it that these women will be doing a **Turnabout Show** at **HIGH COUNTRY** sometime in November (that's where your favorite bartenders, waitresses, etc. do the show and the performers do all the drink mixing and serving), sounds like a good time to me!

AUSTIN - **Live Wire Productions** is bringing folk singer **Cathy Winter** to the **Cactus Cafe** in the **UT Texas Union** on Nov. 9th at 8:30pm. Tickets are \$6. And, that's not all - there's more women's music coming up from **Live Wire**, so keep your eyes and ears open!

LUBBOCK - **Lynn Lavner** will be appearing at the **GOLDEN TORCH** on Friday, November 11th. Tickets are \$12 at the door or \$10 in advance from **LLGA** members or at the bar. The show starts at 10pm. Call (806) 791-4499 for information or tickets! ♀

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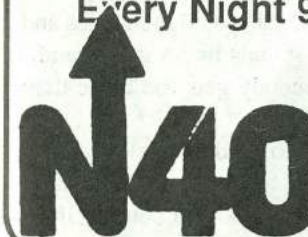
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Dear Agnes,

Here's my problem. There is a girl that I am head over heels in love with. For a long time, I chased after her, but she just played head games with me. I finally got tired of it and left her alone. Then she was after me so I played hard to get for a while. I finally gave in. Then the head games started up again.

After about a year, I called her. We got to be good friends. Two or three months later, I moved in with her - just as friends. We were real good friends for about five months. One night, she came home from the club, I was asleep, and she "attacked me". This was the first time we had ever made love and the best time of my life! The next day, we talked, but nothing was ever mentioned about the night before.

One night after we had been drinking, I got up the nerve to ask her about us. She said, she cared about me alot, but she was scared, confused, and worried about what her family would think. Give her time! Every once in a while, I would ask her about it. Same reply.

Anytime I went anywhere, it was question after question and when I looked at another girl, she would become furious. I knew there had to be something. One night we really got into it, I moved out and we didn't talk for about a month. Now we are friends again. I'm only trying to be friends with her. I thought

that was all she wanted. The other night we went out and were having a good time when a "kind of" old flame came in. (I've never had a lover so I don't really know what to expect.) Anyway I was with her at the bar and about thirty minutes later, my friend is ready to go. I wasn't so we stayed. After the bar closed, she told me to get "my old flame" to drive me home. She had another way. I knew she was very pissed!

We still talk, but I don't know what her thing is! I don't know what to do with her or my life!

CONFUSED!

Dear Confused,

Obviously your friend wants to control your life, tell you who to see and in what capacity to see them. But she does not want to make a commitment, due to fear of her family finding out she's lesbian. It was no coincidence that in the beginning of your relationship, she played head games with you each time you got too close (emotionally). Some people major in head games all their lives and your friend sounds like a good candidate. If somebody gets too close they change the rules.

The best way to handle people that play head games is to stay away from them for you own mental well being. Life is too short to spend playing cat and

mouse. You deserve better. I'm sure you'll find her.

Dear Agnes,

I have a friend whom I have a very difficult time dealing with because of her political views. We have known each other for almost fifteen years, but we have only discussed the issues the last two or three years.

You could say she is right-winged conservative. Our last conversation was over the Presidential election and some of the remarks she made left me with the feeling that she is by no means the caring person I once thought she was.

Everytime I am around her now I feel uncomfortable and angry. I don't want to be so childish, but I don't know how to clear the air.

TWO PARTY

Dear Two,

One sure way to drive a stake through a friends heart is to discuss politics or religion. That is a truth!

You could try talking with her again about your feelings and anger, but try leaving your political views out of it. Fifteen years is a long time to toss out the window over a difference of opinion.



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A LITTLE LEATHER NUMBER: Comedian Lynn Lavner Talks To Nancy Ford



About two weeks ago I played this incredible private party in Washington D.C. for two men who have been together for 28 years. One threw a surprise 60th birthday party for the other. It was black tie, and they rented a historical mansion which houses an art museum. This place had been decorated with blown up snap shots of this fellow's childhood — his teddy bears were all around the room. There was a slide show of "This is me in Europe" and "This is me getting my doctorate". There was a harpist in the entry way during cocktails, and a trio played during dinner. I was the show. After the champagne we adjourned to a gazebo on the front lawn where we watched 15 minutes of individually commissioned fireworks starting with this guy's profile in sparklers. The point of my telling you all this is so that you know that faggot culture is alive and well today.

Thus began my conversation with Lynn Lavner, gay U.S.A.'s foremost leather-clad lesbian singer/songwriter/pianist/comedian/recording magnate. It seems that the aforementioned birthday boy, when asked what he wanted

for his birthday replied "A little leather number." That's Lynn Lavner in a nutshell, you should pardon the expression.

Her audiences are as diverse as the participants in the National Women's Music Festival and International Mr. Leather. And, her appeal is wide enough to take her one-woman show, "An Evening With Lynn Lavner — Is Plenty!" on an extensive autumn tour. Dimensions Texas' readers will have the opportunity to see her in Lubbock at the Golden Torch on November 11th and in San Antonio at the Circle on November 13th. When she returns to her home in New York, she will resume her stint as musical director and women's segment editor of "Gay Morning America," a New York Cable variety show. And then there's Bent Records, her production/management company which has produced all three of her musical/comedy albums. Busy woman.

She was born in Brooklyn, the short, left-handed lesbian daughter of Jewish parentage. Her parents, both lawyers, hoped she would follow in their footsteps, to no avail: she says she was "the

lavender sheep of the family."

Prior to her show in Baltimore, Maryland, Lynn took time to talk with me about comedy, politics, show biz, gay women and lesbians, leather and life in general:

NF: The first Lynn Lavner song I ever heard was "Shelly, You've Gone Nelly On Me." Is most of your material historical?

LL: Did you say historical or hysterical?

NF: We know it's hysterical, but is it based in fact?

LL: If it isn't based in fact or an autobiographical experience then it's certainly historical in the sense that it's connected to my life. The story of that song is, one night I came to work at Blue Skies (cabaret). I was wearing eye make-up—I think I wore it every night—but the bartender decided to notice it that night. Looking up from making martinis for the customers, she said, "Hiya Lynn! What's-a-matter—you gone nelly on us?" It was a song title dropped right at my doorstep.

NF: Now, you are Bent Records, is that right?

LL: Oh, yes. Nobody else would record me. I knew that in my heart the minute I started. When you have your own label, you're in charge. No one can (interfere) with your material, and we wanted complete artistic control.

And with good reason. Lynn has released three albums under Bent, including her most recent "You Are What You Where". Past titles have included "The 1st Dyke on Dynasty" and "The Role-Playing Tango", not exactly the kind of material RCA, Epic or Columbia records are looking for, admittedly. Not long ago, Lynn authored a musical—"Ladies Don't Spit And Holler"—which enjoyed a respectable Off-Broadway run. The original score LP was originally produced through Bent,

but is now considered a collector's item. It was also performed in various clubs and on college campuses throughout the U.S., and in the prison where Jean (diet doctor murder) Harris is incarcerated.

"She knitted all through it. She was the only single woman at the performance. Everyone else was pretty much coupled up."

NF: How did you first know that wearing leather on stage is what you wanted to do?

LL: I think that in looking for a distinctive stage costume—something that nobody else was wearing. Also, it was very politically incorrect at the time I started to do it. Women at festivals and at clubs were not welcomed in leather. And all of it just reeked to me of what homophobic straight people have to say about gays in general. I just felt that I had been told all my life how to walk, what to think, how to dress, who to love. I wasn't about to be told it by a bunch of queers.

But, since those early days the tide has turned. Just five years later, Lynn admits to needing to employ security personnel in her dressing rooms to deter her more ardent admirers. "I don't know. Maybe I'll have to get back into taffeta."

Though she describes her act as being the most "politically incorrect in lesbian show business", that description is as satirical as some of her song lyrics. Lynn has combined the power of music and comedy and uses that power to convey to her audience that idea, political or otherwise, which impassioned her to write the song in the first place.

LL: I've been told by politicians that they envy me. David Scoundras (an openly gay city councilman from Boston, Mass) gets up and people expect a speech. I get up and they don't. There's a term that I don't like to over-use—manipulation—but that's what we

do. That's our stock and trade. Particularly in the cabaret. It's very spiritual, it's very emotional—it takes the audience through a series of rollercoaster rides of joy and laughter and surprise. And, there are people who won't be affected at all; or they have a good time, or they have a good cry—it just all depends on which feeling they want to follow.

Throughout our conversation I found that we were referring interchangeably to ourselves as "gay women one minute, then as "lesbians" the next. I asked her if she had a preference.

LL: I think it's typical that there has to be a conflict over this. There's probably ten million lesbians in the United States, sitting in a circle, fighting. For myself, I call myself a gay woman only because of that feeling of sympathy with gay men—not feeling excluded by the term "gay people". For me, "gay people" means women, as well. For other women who have had different experiences with men or who have not had experience with men or—worse yet—have had experiences only with straight men—I can see how there would be a desire to (engage) this particular female identity. But I'll be a lesbian till the day I die.

She went on.

LL: This is a time when (we) women can't be separatists. Our enemies would love to see us divided, not only by gender, but by political feeling, by status, by color, by what we like to do in bed, and—God forbid—what we like to wear onstage and off. But the truth is, what we saw in Washington last October and again this October is the lesson 'Let's be visible. Let's stay together.' And then we talked about AIDS.

LL: Being a New York woman (where the AIDS death toll leads the US), I felt the effects of the epidemic in 1982. I used to do AIDS benefits where it would be me and six drag queens.

NF: That sounds familiar.

LL: At that time, there were lesbians who would say to me "If AIDS were a lesbian disease, do you think they (gay men) would come to our defense?" To me, that has all the human kindness and decency of "Well, do you think if the Nazis went after the Gentiles the Jews would help? There's just a right thing to do at a right time, and the main thing is to follow your heart. And you can't go wrong."

There's nothing funny about that, is there?

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The KING LIVES!

by Nancy Ford



Let me begin by saying that I am not an Elvis Freak. Admittedly, past experience might categorize me as having been a Beatles Freak (how I loved the Fab Four), a Chocolate Freak (how I hated those pussey little bumps on my forehead), and even a Speed Freak (how I value my radar detector), but never, NEVER an Elvis Freak.

I was raised to believe that Elvis Freaks collect aluminum cans to save money to vacation in Graceland with dozens of cousins, all of whom have "Joe" or "Jo" as a middle name. Elvis Freaks all have hair-do's that emulate Nancy Sinatra's coiffure when she recorded "These Boots Are Made For Walkin'" - and sometimes not just the women. Elvis Freaks live in mobile homes balanced precariously on cinder blocks not because they have to, but because they want to.

I am NOT an Elvis Freak.

But I do believe The King ain't dead. It all started on my birthday which, incidentally is August 7 for those of you who like to complete you shopping early. Among my gifts were a pair of socks that sing "Happy Birthday To You" when you slap the ankle. Perfect for a clogger or an Oktoberfest dancer. Among other assorted loot was a colorfully-wrapped package that piqued my

curiosity to the max in that it had obviously been refrigerated. You know me. I opened the box. Carefully placed inside were individual microwave servings of White Castle hamburgers, Ore-Ida Tater Tots, and a box of bite-sized Baby Ruths. At the bottom of the gift box was a copy of Gail Brewer-Giorgio's best-selling paperback book and cassette entitled "Is Elvis Alive?" The accompanying birthday card read:

"Dear Nancy - Happy Birthday! Now that you're all grown up, it's time we tell you the truth: ELVIS IS ALIVE! We know what you're thinking - we've heard it all before - but the plain facts are that The King lives! We're hoping that you're old enough to understand; with age comes a wisdom and a special peace from within that enables us to believe damn near anything. Some have referred to this as senility; we like to think of it as selective reasoning."

"We've gathered together most of The King's favorite foods; please enjoy a snack while you read this fact-filled handbook and listen to the tape. As your blood sugar rises and your arteries clog the facts will become clearer. Of course, we can't guarantee this, but some followers have actually seen The King while reading this document. Their secret: a loop tape of "Viva Las

Vegas" and four percodans. But go at your own pace - eat, read, listen, eat some more, and call everyone "Sonny Red" if you like - that's the way Elvis would want you to learn the facts. Enjoy!"

Well.

I played the cassette. It sounded like The King, especially if he had been taped while making a long, LONG distance phone call without benefit of fiber optic technology, possibly speaking into the receiver through an empty paper towel tube.

I took a bite of burger, popped a Tot, and breezed through the Babies Ruth. My friend was right. As my glucose level rose, the living room took on an ethereal quality. One more Tater Tot pushed me over the edge. *I believe The King lives.*

There was a knock. I opened my door to find The King standing there.

He came. I saw. He conquered.

I was aghast, to say the least.

Entering the room, but first wiping his feet on the welcome mat, he spoke.

"Nice place you got here, ma'am. Nice ethereal quality."

Just like Elvis - *so polite.*

"Thanks," I replied, still aghast. I felt his eyes bore a hole through me, as though somehow he knew that the LP-engorged orange crate in the corner contained not one Elvis album - not even "Aloha From Hawaii."

"Sorry about the delay, ma'am. I would have been here in thirty minutes or less, but on the way I noticed a stray dog that looked kinda lost and scared, but he had tags on his collar, so I picked him up and took him to the pound. He ain't nothin' but a hound dog, but his family is probably happy to have him back. Anyway, here's that large pepperoni you wanted."

Only then did I notice the flat, white 20" X 20" X 2" box he held horizontally above his head. "If you don't say any-

thing about this, neither will I. Please ma'am, don't be cruel. I need this job." Instinctively he placed the box on the coffee table, picking up a \$10 bill, but leaving the coupon.

"Keep the coupon," he said, winking. "This one's on me."

Yes, I saw his face. Now I'm a believer. Shaken, I collapsed on the couch. As I often do when in need of spiritual guidance, I flipped through my Bible to a passage that was hopefully Divinely intended to calm me. The pages randomly opened to the Book of Revelation, chapter 17, verse 8:

"And the people of earth... will be dumbfounded at his reappearance after being dead."

You figure it out.

Editor's Note: Nancy Ford will be appearing at Houston's Comedy Workshop (713-524-7333) November 16-20, and throughout the winter at the Laff Stops in Austin and Houston (713-524-2333), Tuesday through Thursday.



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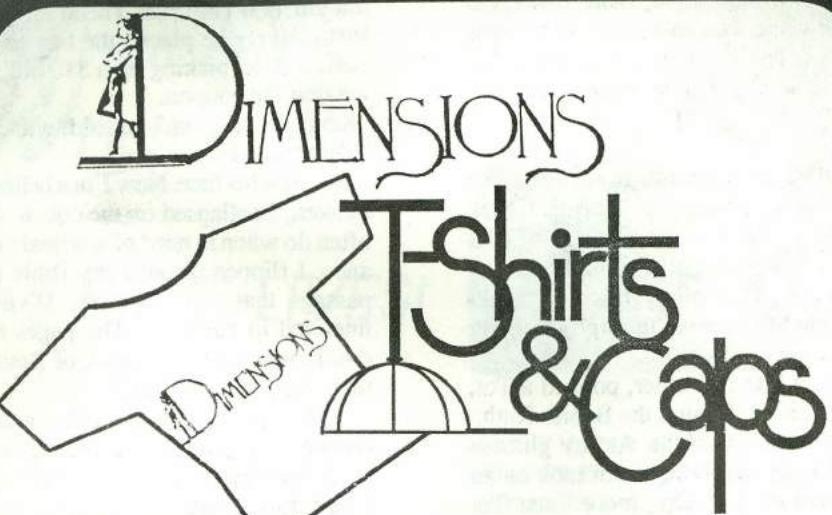
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A Discussion of Lesbian Literature Both New and Old

This month T. Sumner Reviews:

CRUSH

by Jane Futchner

The Finer Grain

by Denise Ohio

Coming into the busy holiday season, it is often hard to find time for yourself. This month, I've got two books that are wonderful for when you can finally get away and relax.

The first is *Crush* by Jane Futchner (Alyson Publications, \$6.95). *Crush* was first published in 1981 to rave reviews.

The story revolves around Jinx, a student at an exclusive girl's boarding school in the early sixties. Jinx had had a hard time fitting in ever since she arrived there, but in her senior year, she finally feels she belongs. The beautiful and popular Lexie has chosen her for a friend.

Jinx develops a crush on Lexie and is trying her best to get over it, but Lexie has plans of her own. And...Lexie always gets what she wants.

Carol Seajay of the *Feminist Bookstore News* says of *Crush*, "A wonderful high school lesbian romance, rich with developing sexuality and attraction with the ins and outs, true pain and joys of adolescent love. I wish I had read it in high school."

I am in total agreement with Ms. Seajay. This book gives the young lesbian affirmation of her feelings but also a taste of the reality of this lifestyle.

Jinx faces prejudice, discrimination and more than her share of hostility

during the course of her relationship with Lexie. All the things that most of us have had to face.

I would recommend Crush to all younger women as well as the mothers of those girls. Crush is available for \$6.95 plus \$1 postage and handling from Alyson Publications, Dept. P-15, 40 Plympton St., Boston, Mass 02118. Catalogs are available upon request.

Next we have The Finer Grain by Denise Ohio (Naiad Press, Inc., \$8.95). Amory Walker was brought up by a devoutly religious woman named Jessie. Amory is tormented by a recurring nightmare as well as haunted by the memory of the mother she never knew. When Jessie dies, Amory decides to try her hand at college where she ends up in a Women's Studies class. While in the class, she makes friends with a group of women notorious on campus for being lesbians.

While Amory is grappling with the issues of lesbianism and feminism, she must also deal with her feelings about Jessie, her nightmares, and the riddle of her past.

The Finer Grain marks the debut of Denise Ohio, a 25 year old who makes her homes in Minneapolis and London. This, her first novel, is not only very well written but is impressive in its scope and understanding of the world of the lesbian/feminist.

Many issues are covered in a sensitive and entertaining way. You will come to care greatly for Amory Walker as well as all her friends.

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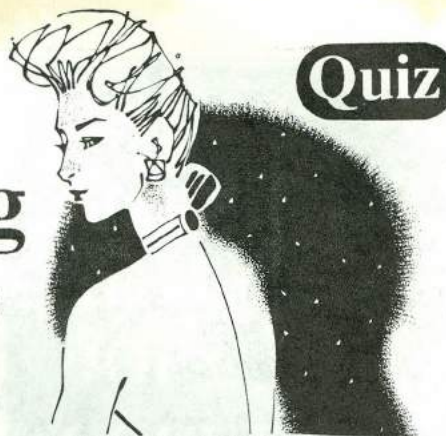
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1. You give compliments to others:
 - a. to make them feel good.
 - b. to make them grateful to you.
 - c. only when they are really worth of your praise.
2. When it comes to sending Christmas, birthday or Valentine's cards, you:
 - a. always remember everyone, even people you aren't particularly fond of.
 - b. send cards only to those who are close to you.
 - c. never send anybody anything, if they don't know that you care about them, a card won't make any difference.
3. Do you friends and co-workers come to you for advice and sympathy?
 - a. Yes, someone is always coming to you with their problems.
 - b. Sometimes, your advice is valued among those close to you.

c. Never, you believe that private affairs should be kept that way.

4. When it comes to remembering names, faces, etc., you are:
 - a. great. You remember everything about everyone, from their occupation to their sun sign.
 - b. pretty good. You remember people that interest you.
 - c. lousy. You have to meet someone several times before you can remember their name.

5. During conversation, you:
 - a. listen.
 - b. listen half the time, talk the other half.
 - c. dominate, you know how to please an audience.

6. You hear that someone you know has been "bad-mouthing" you. You:
 - a. confront her, demand to know why she's mad and try to work past it.
 - b. spread some equally bad stories about her.
 - c. completely strike her from your list of friends.

7. Your new lover is not very good in bed. You:
 - a. show her through actions instead of words and never complain out loud.
 - b. keep telling her how good she is until her confidence improves and she can take some subtle direction without embarrassment.
 - c. explain in explicit terms what she is doing wrong and how she can improve.

8. Your lover has been depressed lately, to cheer her up you:
 - a. throw a surprise party and invite all her favorite people.
 - b. find out what is wrong and try to fix it.
 - c. ignore the fact that she's having problems and let her work it out in her own time.

SCORING

Give yourself:
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if you scored: 22-32

Everyone loves you, women flock to you, and you can charm almost anyone. How do you do it? You have a great desire to please others and don't mind telling a little white lie when necessary. You make other people feel special and, as a result, they love you. All this can get a little overwhelming when you want time alone or feel compelled to be nice to someone you don't like. Take some time for yourself when this happens and don't worry about what others think of you.

11-21

You are well thought of within your own group but may have a hard time meeting and making new friends. Although you may have fewer friends than the total charmer, this gives you time to devote to those that are truly close to you. Your warmth and loyalty are unsurpassed!

0-10

You are the type that prefers honesty above all else. You have a hard time being pleasant to people you don't like and you would never gloss over the truth to spare someone else's feelings. You may have problems making friends and may sometimes offend the friends you have with your bluntness. Try keeping you opinions to yourself and remember, "If you don't have

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Horoscope

What's in the Stars for You this month?

LIBRA

(Sept. 23rd - Oct. 23rd)

You may have to revise your plans in order to start on a new course in your career during the **first week of November**. Do it! It could mean a major advance on the job as well as around the house! From the **9th thru the 16th**, you will have a tendency to overdo things at work, your over-enthusiasm may not be appreciated by your co-workers. You may have gotten in over your head at work from the **17th thru the 23rd** and it will take all your time to catch up. Don't make any new commitments or you may have to break them in order to keep on schedule. From the **24th thru the 30th** you should listen to the advice and opinions of your friends and family, although this advice may seem inconsequential now, it will come in handy in the very near future.

SCORPIO

(Oct. 24th - Nov. 22nd)

The **first week of November** finds you living it up on the social scene. Take advantage of it now because work will have you tied up for the rest of the month. From the **9th thru the 16th**, you may find yourself loaning money to a friend in order to help with a crisis. Don't preach about how it's spent, they know better than you where it's needed. From the **17th thru the 23rd**, you will need to set a goal and work towards it slowly but efficiently. You may have a tendency to leave things undone if you go too fast. From the **24th thru the 30th** you should be careful when choosing someone to share a secret with. Someone who seems

to be a friend may turn out to be shallow and superficial and you will regret having shared your confidence.

SAGITTARIUS

(Nov. 23 - Dec. 21)

Although you may feel a romantic attachment to a new person during the **first week of November**, it is best not to act on it right away, you may do or say something you regret later. The best way to stay out of trouble from the **9th thru the 16th** is to concentrate on your work; otherwise, you may be tempted to spend too much money or get yourself involved in a sticky social situation. Take care with your words from the **17th thru the 23rd**, a slip of the mouth could give someone you don't care for ammunition against you. From the **24th thru the 30th**, you may be experiencing some distress or gossip that is currently circulating, don't try to stop it. Someone who cares for you will come to your defense later in the week.

CAPRICORN

(Dec. 22nd - Jan. 20th)

November starts off with a bang for Capricorn! Romance, travel and excitement may all be part of the agenda. Try not to get in over your head in financial matters. From the **9th thru the 16th**, you'll have to work to keep your spirits up, no matter what you do, you don't feel good about things right now. From the **17th thru the 23rd**, listen to the advice of your friends. They have an unbiased opinion on something very impor-

tant to you. You may be involved in a crisis this week, keep a cool head and don't let your emotions get involved. From the **24th thru the 30th**, you will be happiest working on small projects at home. This could include training a new pet, minor repairs or spring cleaning. Make the most of it, next week you're ready to party again.

AQUARIUS

(Jan. 21st - Feb. 18th)

Keep your opinion about an old friend to yourself during the **first week of November**. She could go overboard on your suggestions and hurt both of you. You could profit from a mistake you make on the job from the **9th thru the 16th**. There may also be a new friendship in the making this week, take care of it and it will last you a lifetime. The **17th thru the 23rd** may find you down in the dumps over a squabble at home. Try not to be selfish about how you want things done around the house and things will go alot easier. Romance may be in the cards for Aquarius from the **23rd thru the 30th**, but you'll have to keep a cool head and stay out of trouble or this relationship could have problems right from the start. You may also run into an old friend, keep in contact, she can help you with a current project!

PISCES

(Feb. 19th - Mar. 20th)

You may be feeling out-of-sorts during the **first week of November**. You are on cloud-nine one minute and angry the next. Try to keep outward appearances on an even keel or you will wind up in trouble. From the **9th thru the 16th**, you should try to concentrate on social activities even if you don't feel like it. You might even take a day of vacation from work to accommodate a social affair. From the **17th thru the 23rd** a career that you may have been thinking about entering opens up to you in a big way. This could involve a temporary change of residence. Don't let friends or family get in the

way of your dreams. From the **24th thru month's end**, you will finally take some time for yourself and really live-it-up! This could also involve a short trip and possibly some enjoyable work around the house.

ARIES

(Mar 21st - April 19)

A relationship that started off on poor footing turns into an ever-growing friendship during the **first week of November**. You may have to be away from home alot this week on job-related matters, but your sacrifices will be noted and applied towards later career advancement. From the **9th thru the 16th**, a major repair on your home may be needed, shop carefully for materials or you may need more than just this repair! From the **17th thru the 23rd**, you should try to stay out of the limelight as much as possible, at work and in social situations. Home is where Your heart is right now this could distract you from matters at hand on the job. From the **23rd thru month's end**, you will enjoy a festive party in your home. Go all out and invite friends, business associates and family!

TAURUS

(April 20th - May 20th)

Keep your mind on practical matters and hold onto your money during the **first week of November**. Stay close to home and this will be a good week for Taurus. The **9th thru the 16th** brings renewed interest in an old romance. Treat this special person with something different and unique, the rewards are well worth the effort. From the **17th thru the 23rd**, you may feel like you've got too much time on your hands, put it to good use with home or lawn projects. Money matters improve towards the end of the week although this may involve some late hours on the job. From the **24th thru the 30th**, you will have to work hard to

earn the good luck that is coming your way. Be generous with your time and material possessions, or you may find the sources of your luck drying up.

GEMINI

(May 21st - June 21st)

You may finally join an organization you have been thinking about for a while during the **first week of November**. Many invitations will be extended to you during this period - accept them all and you can't help but have a good time! From the **9th thru the 16th**, some unusual travel plans may be in the works. Surround yourself with friends and family and you will feel unusually happy. You may find you have taken on too many responsibilities from the **17th thru the 23rd**, don't hesitate to let friends and family help you out. Your romantic life is on an upswing now, but it could just be a passing fancy. The **24th thru month's end** finds you struggling to meet a deadline at work, keep your pace and stay with it. You may have to fight for your ideas, don't forget to use your irresistible charm!

CANCER

(June 22nd - July 22nd)

The **first week of November** is a great time to catch up on your letter writing and plan for the future. You may find cause to say farewell to an old friend. From the **9th thru the 16th**, you may be feeling a bit depressed and tired. A raise could be coming your way, but you'll have to drag yourself out of bed and go to work or you may miss out. The **17th thru the 23rd** brings your energy level back up with a dose of romance. Keep a close watch on your money though, or you may regret how much you've spent. From the **24th thru the 30th**, you'll need to get down to business and take care of responsibilities you may have been avoiding. You could be planning a social event in your

home, invite only old friends and everything will go as planned.

LEO

(July 23rd - August 22nd)

You may find yourself with some extra cash on hand during the **first week of November** and it's a great time to redecorate your home, change your hairstyle or buy new clothes. From the **9th thru the 16th**, a promotion may seem imminent at work, but you'll have to work hard and be aggressive. The **17th thru the 23rd** you may feel restless and need an outlet, an old friend who is back in the picture now may be just the person to help you find something to do with your time. Don't carry alot of cash with you right now. The **24th thru the 30th** may find you taking a test that figures in your future career. Keep calm and all will go well. This is also a good week to throw a big party!

VIRGO

(August 23rd - Sept. 22nd)

Luck in financial matters makes the **first week in November** a happy one for Virgo, but you may be having some problems at home that need your attention. Watch what you say to your loved ones right now and all will go smoothly. From the **9th thru the 16th**, you may find it necessary to sacrifice some material comforts to take care of a crisis at home. Don't hesitate to do so, things will turn out much better. From the **17th thru the 23rd** a new romance could wreak havoc on your entire life. Don't get caught in the web, keep your mind on your responsibilities and work. The **23rd thru the 30th** you should avoid all things new, stick with your old friends and stay on course at work. A party with all your friends present could be just what the doctor ordered to keep your spirits up.



Directory

A Listing of Service Organizations, Businesses & Clubs

ARLINGTON, TX (area code 817)

organizations

Gay/Lesbian Association of UTA
P.O. Box 19348-77, UTA St. 76019
794-5140

AUSTIN, TX (area code 512)

businesses

Bookwoman

324 E. 6th • 472-2785

clubs

Nexus/Petticoat Junction

401 & 401-B E. 2nd • 495-9553

organizations

Austin Lambda

P.O. Box 5455 78763

Gay/Lesbian Student

Association at UT Austin

Box 275 Texas Union 78712-7338
458-3971

Lesbian/Gay Rights Lobby

P.O. Box 2505 78768

Metropolitan Community Church

1100 Springdale Rd. • 929-3660

Oasis Ministry

5555 N. Lamar Blvd. #L101 • 441-9191

Waterloo Counseling Center

507 Powell 78703 • 322-9654

Texas Human Rights Foundation

2201 N. Lamar # 203 78705 • 479-8473

AIDS Legal Assistance 1-800-828-6417

DALLAS, TX (area code 214)

businesses

Business Delivery Systems

14902 Preston Rd. 75240 • 733-1108

Crossroads Market

3930 Cedar Springs

521-8919 or 1-800-992-6404

Curious Times Resource Center

4008-D Cedar Springs 75219 • 528-4087

clubs

Jugs

3412 Kings Rd. • 521-3474

North 40

6316 Denton Dr. • 350-6327

Rumors

5039 Willis Ave. • 828-4471

organizations

AIDS Resource Center

3920 Cedar Springs 75219

Among Friends

P.O. Box 710135 75371

Dallas Gay Alliance

P.O. Box 190712 75219 • 528-4233

Dallas Gay/Lesbian Historic Archives

3930 Cedar Springs • 821-1653

Dallas Gay Youth Group

300 Turtle Creek Plaza #116 • 307-7203

Dallas Outdoors

P.O. Box 35474 75235 • 276-5270

Dallas Tavern Guild

3900 Lemmon Ave. #220 • 526-5292

Foundation for Human Understanding

528-4233

Gay Community Center

3920 Cedar Springs • 528-4233

Gay/Lesbian Young Adults

528-4233

Grace Fellowship in Christ Jesus

2727 Oak Lawn 75219 • 528-2811

Lesbian Information Line (LIL)

528-2426

Lesbian/Gay Rights Advocates

528-4233

Lesbian Visionaries

P.O. Box 710185 75371

Oak Lawn Counseling Center

3000 Turtle Creek Plaza, Suite 116 75219-

5311 • 520-8108

Oak Lawn Symphonic Band

P.O. Box 190973 75219 • 986-1751

Womyn Together

3920 Cedar Springs • 528-4233

FT. WORTH (area code 817)

businesses

Kim & Kay's Painting

735-9641

clubs

Partners

1612 Park Place • 924-2519

HOUSTON, TX (area code 713)

businesses

Lobo Bookstore

1424-C Westheimer • 522-5156

clubs

Kindred Spirits

4902-C Westheimer • 623-6135

Ranch

9125 S. Main • 666-3464

organizations

AIDS Foundation

3400 Montrose #700 • 524-AIDS

AIDS HOTLINE

c/o Switchboard • 529-3211

Gay/Lesbian Students

University of Houston

4800 Calhoun • 529-3211

Gay & Lesbian Switchboard

P.O. Box 66591 77266 • 529-3211

Houston Gay Political Caucus

P.O. Box 66664 77266 • 521-1000

Houston Thursday Nite Mixers

Bowling League

Steve: 699-3732 or Phil: 688-6970

Kingdom Community Church

614 E. 19th • 862-7533

Lambda ALANON

Lambda Center for Alcoholics

1214 Joanne • 521-9772

Lesbian/Gay Students

University of Houston - Clear Lake

2700 Bay Area 77058

Lesbian Mothers

Mothers Group

864-3098

Montrose Pool League/Billiards

PJ 863-8482

PWA Coalition - Houston

3327 Essex Lane, Suite #16 77027

623-4436

Women's Lobby Alliance

4 Chelsea • 521-0439

Women's Softball League

6431 Pineshade • 868-6256

LUBBOCK, TX (area code 806)

organizations

Lubbock Lesbian/Gay Alliance

P.O. Box 64746 79464 • 796-2403

West Texas Aids Foundation, Inc.

P.O. Box 93120 • 794-1757

NATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

AIDS Action Council

729 Eighth St. S.E. Suite 200

Washington, D.C. 20003

(202) 547-3101

AIDS 800

1-800-221-7044

National Gay Alliance Young Adults, Inc.

P.O. Box 190426

Dallas, TX 75219-0426

(214) 307-7203

National Gay/Lesbian Clearinghouse

666 Broadway 4th Floor

NY, NY 10012

National Gay/Lesbian Crisisline

1-800-221-7044

The Fund for Human Dignity

666 Broadway 4th Floor

NY, NY 10012

NORMAN, OK (area code 405)

organizations

Women's Resource Center

P.O. Box 5089 73070

OKLAHOMA CITY, OK

(area code 405)

organizations

Oasis the Community Center

2135 NW 39th 73112 • 525-AIDS

Herland Sister Resources, Inc.

2312 NW 39th 73112 • 794-7464

SAN ANTONIO, TX (area code 512)

clubs

The Circle

8021 Pinebrook • 341-2818

Noo Zoo

10127 Coachlight • 341-4778

organizations

Dignity /San Antonio

202 N. St. Mary's • 349-3632

LISA (Lesbian Information SA)

828-LISA (5472)

San Antonio AIDS Foundation

P.O. Box 120113 78212-9313

San Antonio Tavern Guild

822-2823

SOUTH PADRE ISLAND, TX

(area code 512)

accomodations

Lyle's Deck

120 E. Atol St.

P.O. Box 2326 78597 • 761-LYLE

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RONDA, The first time ever I saw your face I thought the sun rose in your eyes and the moon and stars were the gifts you gave to a dark and endless night. Loving you, Mary M.

Messages

Thank you to Women's Cycle Club Dallas for 14 years of friendships and love given me. You're the best - Sandy.

CURLY, I miss you and think of you often. No one could love you more. Have a meaningful Thanksgiving. Shorty.

MARIAN - You are so cute! You take my breath away. What more can I say? Love You Forever Sweetheart, BO.

MESSAGE TO FT. WORTH: I just wanted to thank all the fine people and good friends for that special plaque and your kind words you gave to me Oct. 14, 1988 at Partners. Thank You, Tony Eads.

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