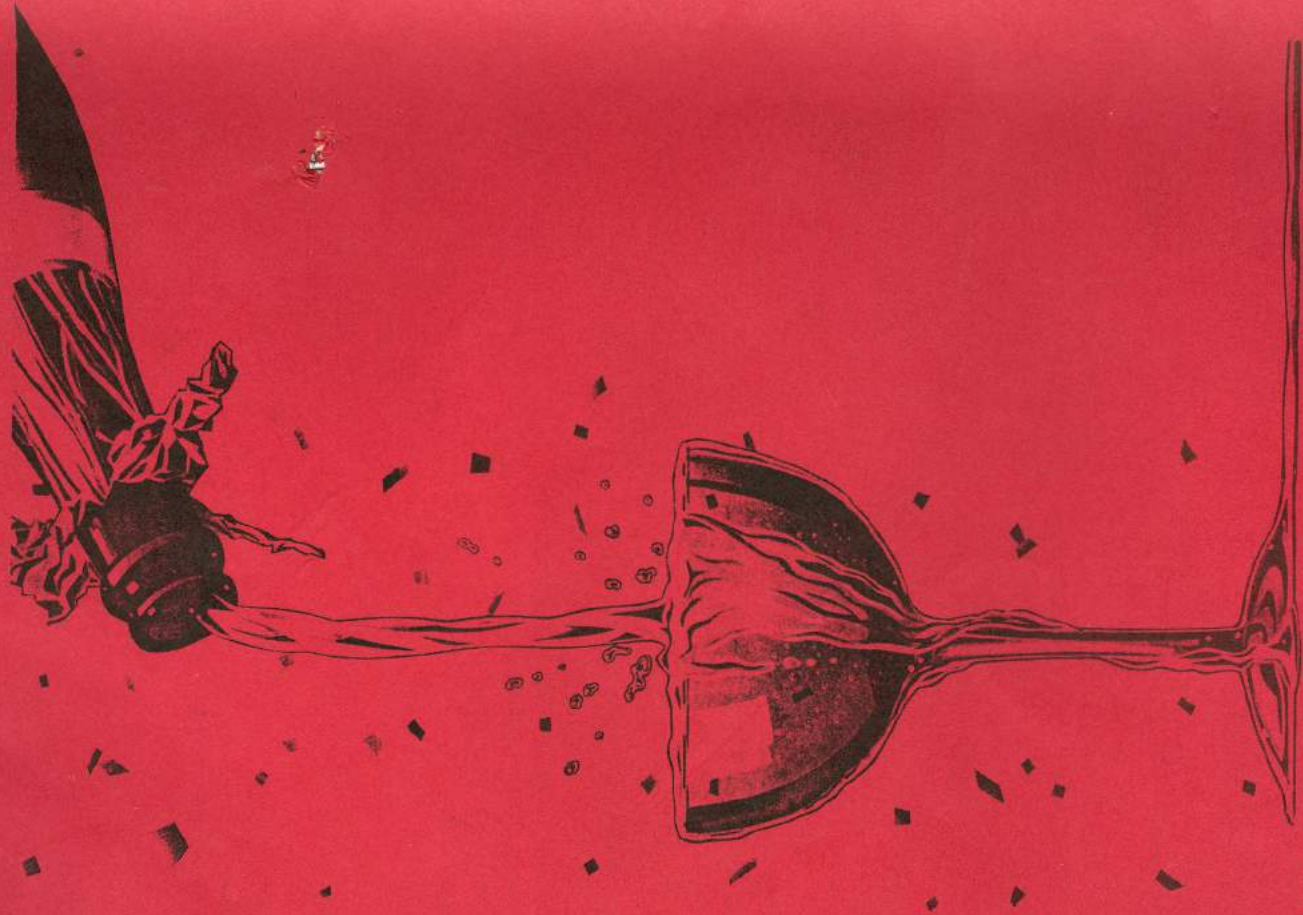




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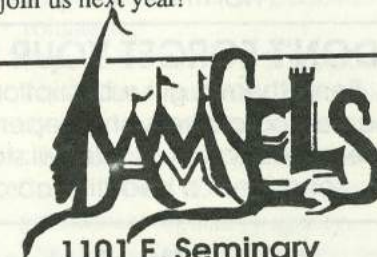
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From the Editor

WOMEN'S GETAWAY WEEKEND GREAT SUCCESS!

The First Annual Women's Getaway Weekend at South Padre Island was a smashing success. Women came from all across Texas and two women came all the way from Northern Oklahoma! Lyle and Don of Lyle's Deck were wonderful hosts and introduced us to many women from the area. There was much fun to be had doing the normal "beach" type things - swimming, hunting for shells, laying in the sun, but the most exciting event by far was our Saturday afternoon shopping excursion to Matamoros, Mexico. Some of us (we won't mention names) got chased by Mexican border guards, got lost and had a heart stopping ride in a Mexican Taxi. We all lived to tell about it and even to shop! Thanks are in order for our personal tour guides, Laurie & Alicia, if not for them we might still be over there. There were guitars and singing, too much alcohol and too much sun - but then that's what vacations are for, right?! And, we can't forget to mention one small, dark headed Houston woman who had the whole place in an uproar over her romantic life (those South Texas women will steal your heart away!). Even the boys staying at Lyle's had a good time and one lovely soul from Dallas even gave us a new name - so girls, (you know who you are), get ready — the 2nd Annual "Fall Ball" will come around and we expect

to see you all there! And, for those of you who didn't make it this time ... keep your eyes open for dates and details and join us next year!



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News

From Around the Region, the Country & the World

Dallas Gay Alliance Forms Credit Union

DALLAS - The Dallas Gay Alliance has formed a credit union to serve its membership and the gay community in Dallas. Believed to be the nation's first credit union serving the gay community, it has a potential membership of 80,000 persons (estimated number of gay men and women living in the Dallas metropolitan area), according to William W. Waybourn, president of the Dallas Gay Alliance and chairman of the new Dallas Gay Alliance Credit Union.

The facility will utilize space inside the DGA's Gay Community Center storefront location at 3920 Cedar Springs, in the heart of Dallas' gay district.

Membership in the Dallas Gay Alliance is a prerequisite for joining the credit union; there is a \$10 fee to become a credit union member, plus a minimum \$5 deposit in a share savings account. After concentrating for the first year on building the deposit base, the credit union hopes to add checking accounts and credit cards, Waybourn said.

DGA officials concluded nine months of paperwork to obtain official approval, which was received from the State of Texas and local, state and national credit union organizations. The charter was signed on October 31, 1988.

Five members of the DGA's 10-mem-

ber board will serve as credit union board for the first year. The credit union will be run by DGA personnel and volunteers.

Deposits are insured to \$100,000 by the Texas Share Guaranty Credit Union, a cooperative depository insurer, and the credit union is chartered by the Texas Credit Union Commission, a state government regulatory agency.

The Dallas Gay Alliance is the newest member of the Texas Credit Union League, a Dallas-based trade association for 1,050 credit unions, which offers training and assistance in numerous areas. "The League's level of expertise will help us grow faster," Waybourn said. League dues also include membership in the Credit Union National Association.

The idea for a credit union for the Dallas Gay Alliance began forming last January, according to Waybourn, who said the purpose is to "offer a financial institution where gay men and lesbian women can feel comfortable and have an element of control by participating in the process themselves."

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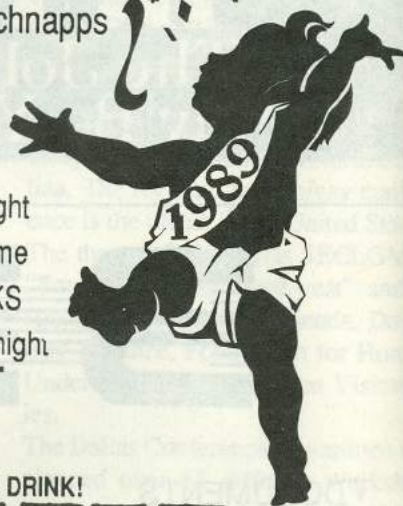
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AUSTIN - Get into to holiday spirit at **NEXUS & PETTICOAT JUNCTION!** On Friday and Saturday, the 9th & 10th of December, it's **Blue Santa Week-end** - Bring a toy with you and get \$1 off your cover charge (all toys will be donated to Blue Santa). The next week-end - the 16th & 17th - bring canned foods, toothpaste, shampoo, deodorant, etc, and receive \$1 off your cover - all items will be donated to **ASA/Project Harvest**. On Saturday, December 17th, it's the **Jingle Bell Ball** - a big Christmas Party to get you into the spirit of things. This will be followed with and **Old Fashioned Christmas Party with Santa Claus** in **PETTI-COAT Junction** on Thursday the 22nd. And, of course, you can start 1989 off on the right foot with the best **New Year's Eve Party** in town at **NEXUS/PJ's** and stick around to feast on **Black-Eyed Peas** and **Cornbread** on **New Year's Day!**

HOUSTON - Where else but the **RANCH** would you find Houston's biggest and best **New Year's Eve Celebration?** There'll be party favors, a **Free Food Buffet** and, of course, **Champagne** at midnight! Check out the new **1989 Special** - Every Sunday you can get \$1 Well Drinks, \$1 Beer, 75¢ Schnapps, \$1.50 Corona and \$2 Call Drinks all day and all night! It's a little late but - **Happy Birthday Ida!** - (the big Three-Oh is a killer) We hope

you've recovered from your hangover by now!

DALLAS - The **Christmas Party and Christmas Cash Giveaway** happens at **JUGS** on December 21st - don't miss it! And, if you need excitement added to your Sunday nights - you can take your pick of **Mud Wrestling** or the **"Tittilators"** (female strippers). Catch your favorite on alternate Sundays at 10pm! One last note: **JUGS** does not have an apostrophe and **Candy** is spelled with a "Y" - I really messed that up last month - Sorry girls!

SAN ANTONIO - 'Tis the Season to spend your nights at **THE CIRCLE!** On Thursday, December 8th join them for the **Christmas Tree Decorating Party** and steak night! Thursday the 22nd polish up your voice and come out for **Christmas Carols** and **Free Hot Buttered Rum** and then on Friday the 23rd it's the **CIRCLE's First Annual Christmas Celebration!** But wait - there's more - the **New Year's Eve Gala** will include a buffet, champagne & party favors and lots of fun and kisses at midnight! Check their ad in the issue for details on the new winter hours, specials and Tuesday Night Discussion topics!

DALLAS - The **Christmas Food Drive Show** starts at 8pm on Dec. 11th at the **NORTH 40** - admission is a non-

perishable food item so come on out! The **NORTH 40 Annual Christmas Party** is scheduled for Dec 18th with **Christmas Cash** to be given away and drink specials all night long! Watch for the return of **Toni Rae and Mischiiff** in January!

FT. WORTH - There's something wild happening at **PARTNERS!** With three professional singers on staff (Barbara, Kathy the new DJ & Linda the new bartender) there's always some craziness happening on stage! **PARTNERS** is holding a **Christmas Eve Costume Ball and Dance Contest** - sounds like a wild time! Also, watch for the annual **Toy Drive** and a **Talent Contest** starring **Kimberly** sometime in December. 1989 gets a great start at **PARTNERS New Year's Eve Celebration!!!** Elegance prevails and Barbara tells me that, among other things, there will be free flowers for the ladies (we discussed it and weren't able to decide whether the term "ladies" means anatomy, conduct or attire). No matter, it'll be decided in time and it'll be fun - so be there!

AUSTIN - There's a new group in town! **JUST FRIENDS**, a gay, casual, social club is an alternative to the same old scene and a new way to meet other's like yourself! For information, call (512) 335-9237, 339-0186 or 440-1563. Be sure and leave a message!

FT. WORTH - There's always something happening at **DAMSELS!** There's **Happy Hour** every day from 4pm-7pm and Drink Specials every night! Plus, on December 22nd a **Christmas Lights Hayride** benefitting the softball team will get you in the holiday spirit! **New Year's Eve** you can ring in 1989 with only a \$1 cover! You'll get champagne, Black-Eyed Peas & the works!

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Dear Agnes

Answers to your questions about love, relationships & personal problems

Dear Agnes,

I know a good number of gay women, most younger than me. I've met some at clubs, others through friends. I've written and answered classified ads. Well, to sum it up, I've been dating, but so far all I've gotten is the same head games we see all too often. I'm sure everyone has had or seen a similar situation. Gay women's dating services, they don't exist (or do they?)....got any other suggestions.

ANYBODY OUT THERE?

Dear Out There,

Head games are the second favorite indoor sport in America, second only to sex! Believe me, the lesbian community is not the only social circle that participates. The sport includes players from both sexes, and the gay and straight communities. If you don't believe me ask Mike Tyson.

Yes, if you have been out for more than fifteen minutes, unfortunately you have probably encountered the head game trauma. Do not feel alone or special! The primary factor that leads most lesbians blindly down the path to this hopeless game is our short sightedness. I, too, have fallen prey, so I speak from experience not self righteousness.

Too often we take things for, what seems to be, face value without looking below the surface. We often fail to

notice the little clues, and other times we just ignore them altogether. We often ignore the dating ritual and rush into a relationship long before we really know what or who we are involving ourselves with.

I do not know of any Gay women's dating services, but be aware that a dating service may help, but it doesn't assure a relationship without head games.

However, this is a great business idea for a daring entrepreneur.

Dear Agnes,

I've been in a relationship for the past two years with a woman I really love. We have lived together for the past year and a half. Our relationship is not the problem. Her best friend is!

She does not have a lover and she spends every weekend at our house—holidays especially. She brings food and beer over. She is not a bad person. I have just had it. I can't remember a weekend alone in months. In fact, the last time we did have a weekend alone is when Sandy went to her mother's. I feel like the maid, cook, and babysitter instead of a lover.

Don't get me wrong, I don't mind her coming over, but every weekend? I wish I could find a woman she would attach herself too, but I have given up hope.

I realize part of this stress attack is because Christmas is coming, and of course, Sandy is staying in town. I really don't want to sound like the bitchy wife, but I'm sick of it.

No, Agnes, I haven't talked to my lover. These two have known each other since high school and they are inseparable. What should I do?

Company Again

Dear Company,

Tell your lover how you feel—emphasize that these are your feelings and that you are not trying to hurt their relationship. Maybe your lover would like to be alone too, but doesn't want to hurt Sandy's feelings. Who knows? She can't read your mind. Talk to each other!

You can always go to your mother's for Christmas, and let them get their own cook and maid.

Dear Agnes,

My lover of four years was in town over Thanksgiving and I just found out. We haven't spoke in a year, but I at least expected her to call me if she was here. How wrong was I?

I do not understand what I did to her, and I still haven't figured out why she packed up and moved to Houston with our best friend.

Wondering Still

Dear Wondering,

You were very wrong. Some people just cannot be out-guessed, no matter how well we think we know them. From what your letter says, you didn't miss much.



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'Tis The Season

(For Stress)

by Kelle Chambers

The approach of the holiday season sends many people into a panic, and understandably so. At no other time during the entire year are we required to socialize so much; with family, with friends, and with co-workers. Even if we don't spend any time with these people all year long, when the holidays roll around we are suddenly suppose to put on our best clothes and have drinks and share gifts and act like it was only yesterday that we were last together. There are two distinct sets of people. We'll call the first one "Santa's Helpers". Oh, you know some of them. They have the tree decorated by Thanksgiving Day at the latest, they buy gifts for everyone they have met since the sixth grade. Their Christmas card list is updated monthly through out the year and is at least 12 pages long. These people usually hold an annual Christmas party that is the event of the season - to miss this party is a social gaffe of the highest degree - who cares if it was important to your career to attend the boss's party instead. The second group are the "Scrooges".

No, they don't faithfully put up a Christmas tree, they hate to shop and if they send out Christmas cards at all, it's only a few and usually around the first of February.

Regardless of which of these two groups you fall into, being a lesbian or gay man only makes the holidays more stressful. We don't have to simply decide which set of in-laws to spend Christmas with - we have to navigate our way through much more sticky problems.

So, to help you get through the holidays, we've compiled a few "handy hints" for gay people - hints to make you, yours and your mother feel alot more holiday cheer.

GOING HOME

This is a tough one. Many of us are lucky to have wonderful, accepting parents - the kind that not only welcome your lover to their home, but make sure she has several gifts under the tree. For

others, it isn't so cut and dried. If you belong in the second group, there are some things to remember. It's their house - if they don't want your lover there, there isn't much you can do. If they say it is alright to bring her but insist you sleep in separate rooms, don't argue, it's better than nothing. Give yourself a break from all the holiday activities - you and your lover can sneak off to a movie or go for a walk in the park. This will help break some of the tension in a household that isn't totally accepting of your lifestyle.

STAYING HOME

If you don't go somewhere for the holidays, make plans with friends or plan a special celebration with your lover. Make your own "traditions" - if you don't like turkey & dressing, have tacos & margaritas, open your gifts at midnight on Christmas Eve instead of Christmas morning.

If you are single, avoid staying home alone, it will only make you depressed. Contact the community organizations in your area and find out if they have scheduled events for the holidays. The bars have dinners and parties - you'll

feel better surrounded by people. You may even meet some interesting new friends.

Try to avoid a "poor me" attitude. The holidays will be fun only if you want them to be. Even if you don't feel like it, put up a tree or buy someone special a gift. Not only will it help your mood and get you into the holiday spirit - you might just find yourself having a great time!

Another thing to consider is giving your time to those less fortunate. Help hand out donated toys, bake cookies for a homeless shelter, or help a PWA by running errands, shopping or providing some special holiday food and company.

THOSE INFAMOUS PARTIES

One good rule of thumb for company Christmas parties is - leave your girlfriend at home! The exceptions to this are if you work for a gay business or in a situation where it would not be harmful to your career. Although we would all like the world to be more tolerant of our lifestyle, losing your job is not

our lifestyle, losing your job is not going to help. Be sure to avoid overindulging in the company's free alcohol. Booze has a way of loosening the tongue, and we all know that "Loose lips sink ships..."

As mentioned at the first of this article, everyone knows that you had better have a damn good reason for missing your best-friend's Christmas party. You could be on the "list" for a long, long time for skipping her/his party just because there is a movie you want to see on TV that night.

COMMON SENSE

➔ Don't let your lover unwrap those sexy, crotchless underwear you bought for her in front of your grandmother.

➔ Avoid showing up for Christmas dinner on your motorcycle in full leather drag. (Yes, my lover's uncle once did just that.)

➔ Don't make eyes at your Aunt's new 25 year old step-daughter over the plum pudding.

➔ A little eggnog goes a long way.

➔ No matter how ugly you think the chartreuse, army green and brown sweater (with one arm two feet longer

than the other) that your grandmother knitted for you is - put it on immediately and gush about how beautiful it is.

➔ Don't drink and drive.

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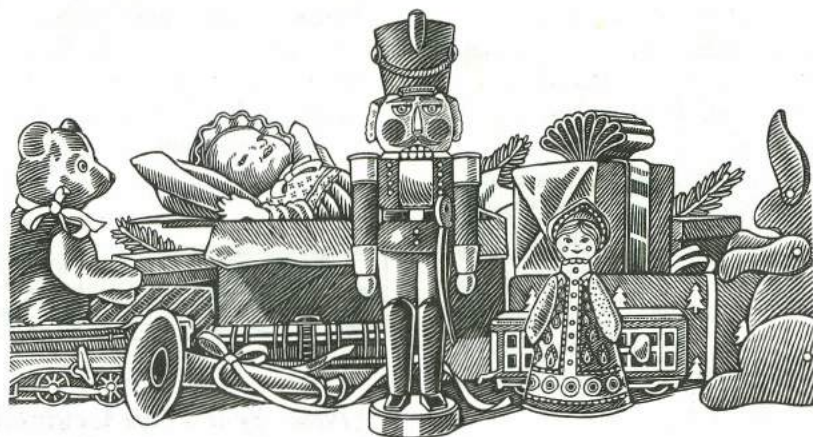


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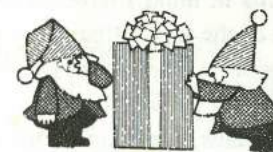
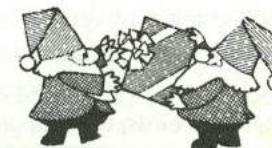
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"A Holiday Shopper's Guide"

by Nancy Ford



What? What do you *mean* 1988 is almost over? Wasn't it just a minute ago that I was weeping over the mailbox that held my 1987 income tax return? Did I sleep through summer? *What gives here?*

Incredible as it may seem, the sounds of the holiday season fill the air once again — the flurry of southern-bound flocks of migratory birds; the whipping of the wind through nearly-naked trees; the ch-ching of cash registers being fine-tuned for retail Armageddon.

Today's market offers us many options as possible gift ideas for loved ones and others. Big this year are Celebrity Fragrances. Elizabeth Taylor's new fragrance is "Passion" — not the first time Elizabeth has indulged in a product that was 90% alcohol. And Cher has her own fragrance — "Unihibited" — for people who want to smell like Cher. What many people seem to forget is that Cher works out a whole lot. Cher sweats a whole lot. Cher, do the world a favor: *hibit* a little. Patty Duke Astin wanted to bottle her own perfume too, but they couldn't figure out what

manic-depressive smelled like. But her memoirs are doing very well in the bookstores.

With the holiday season comes the never-ending enigma of what to get for whom, (and *where, how, and why*, for that matter.) To most efficiently complete holiday shopping it is necessary for the giver to analyze the givee. Is this gift for someone you want to impress or repress?

With this in mind I have compiled a profile of the five different categories of "givees" as a service to Dimensions readers. Study it well before venturing into the malls, clutching credit cards in one hand and a rosary in the other: you just might find this year's holiday shopping experience to be quite unlike any other.

For The Woman Who Has Everything:

Rent a Stealth bomber for an evening, a weekend, or for any special occasion. The chic, stingray-shaped Stealth has the capacity of transporting not only cruise missiles but nuclear warheads as

well, so you know there's plenty of trunk room for your luggage, coolers, and other necessities. The Pentagon plans on purchasing \$64 billion-worth of them. Surely all one hundred thirty-something of these vehicles won't be in use 100% of the time. Seems to me that the government could use the extra revenue generated by renting them out on temporary contractual bases: a Stealth Limo service. Wow, wouldn't your friend make an impression arriving at the weekly pool tournament not only in style, but completely undetected by radar?

For The Woman Who Has Everything But Wants Nothing:

Nothing it is. Don't you just hate those people who perennially whine "Oh, don't get me anything. Really. Just a card and your friendship is gift enough for me."? Sure, sure. But this year, go ahead — take them up on it. Limit your gift to a card. I recommend the 2 of clubs.

For The Woman Who Has Nothing And Needs Everything:

A subscription to any cable-TV system that carries any of the home shopping networks. Within a few short weeks your friend will have more possessions than she could ever possibly need.

For The Woman Who Has Everything But Doesn't Know It:

An endless-loop video cassette of a real family reunion, complete with a cast of thousands of aunts, uncles, and cousins,

all mysteriously linked by a common gene and the desperate need to know why an attractive girl like you never found a husband. Several hours of this degree of sensory deprivation will remind any self-respecting gay woman that she should count her blessings and not her offspring.

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A Discussion of Lesbian/Gay Literature & Arts Both New and Old

This month T. Sumner Reviews the Movie:



Torch Song Trilogy

"There's a certain something to know that you had a dream, you carried out your dream and made it a reality, and that people actually appreciate that you did it. Not only do you feel good about yourself, but you feel good that a few people might go for their dreams because you did." Harvey Fierstein's dream, the long-awaited film adaptation of "Torch Song Trilogy" has finally been realized in classic 'labor of love' tradition. "Torch Song Trilogy" is the funny and poignant story of a gay New Yorker's search for love and respect in a heterosexual world which focuses on the lovers in his life, as well as his strong-willed mother. From its birth off-Broadway to its more than two year successful run on Broadway and two coveted Tony Awards— Best Play and Best Actor, Fierstein was finally able to bring all of the right elements together to produce the screen version.

This combination included the assembly of a dynamo cast — Harvey Fierstein, Anne Bancroft, Matthew Broderick and Brian Kerwin, the producing talents of Howard Gottfried, responsible for such award-winning, thought provoking films as "The Hospital," "Network," and "Altered States," and finally, a studio committed to bankrolling the project, New Line Cinema. Although New Line fell right in stride with the major creative decisions and the casting for the film, the diversified company who have been responsible recently for "A Handful of Dust," John Water's "Hairspray" and the highly successful "Nightmare on Elm Street" series, generally focus their funding on \$4-7 million dollar productions. Ordinarily, stars of this caliber would not have fit into New Line Cinema's budget range. The entire venture was a labor of love.

Anne Bancroft, seen most recently in "Agnes of God," quickly accepted the offer to play the mother in "Torch Song Trilogy." "Harvey opened up the mother's role in the screenplay, bringing in scenes from her earlier life and, remembering the richness of the stage production, I felt drawn into this enormous magnetic force."

"...[it's] more than about being gay, it's about having a family and understanding what a family is...in that sense, it really is an old-fashioned story," says Matthew Broderick.

Broderick received his breakthrough role as David, Arnold Beckoff's teenage, adopted son, in the off-Broadway New York stage production of "Torch Song Trilogy," which earned him an Outer Critics Circle Award and The Villager Award. Neil Simon discovered Broderick in "Torch Song," which led to roles such as his Tony Award-winning performance as Eugene in "Brighton Beach Memoirs," followed by "Biloxi Blues." Broderick was cast in the film version of "Torch Song Trilogy" as Arnold's lover Alan - a role that serves as another turning point for the actor, being his first portrayal of a grown man.

Anne Bancroft feels strongly about the tendency in film and television to steer away from the controversy of gay people and they world the live in... "the world is full of people afraid of what they don't understand or don't know. There is nothing you can do except to try and educate them away from their fears..."

Harvey Fierstein describes "Torch Song Trilogy" as "a story of a man trying to find his place in the world... He builds a world within the world for himself to exist."

"Torch Song Trilogy," opens in New York and Los Angeles on December 14th and across the Southwest in early February.



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How Well Do You Communicate with Your Lover?



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PART I

1. When you're reading the newspaper, the item you are most likely to read to your lover is:

- a. the biggest, most important news story.
- b. an item that is pertinent to *her* work or hobby.
- c. something *you* find interesting.
- d. something amusing.

2. Your lover comes home 3 hours late. You've been worried that something has happened to her. You:

- a. say nothing but that you are glad she's home.
- b. make her promise to call if she's going to be late again.
- c. demand to know where she's been.
- d. tell her how worried you were.

3. While trying to decide where to go on vacation, you get into an argument because you each want to go somewhere different. You:

- a. put off the decision until you both cool off.
- b. push as hard as you can for your suggestion.
- c. agree to her idea even though you don't want to.
- d. explain your reasoning, listen to hers and come up with a compromise.

4. Your lover has been offered a job but isn't sure she wants it. You:

- a. are sympathetic but let her make the decision.
- b. urge her to do what *you* think is best.
- c. help her sort out the pros and cons and let her decide.
- d. tell her what you think about the job offer.

5. You've just received an inheritance from a long lost aunt. Your lover says you need a car, you want to invest it. You:

- a. compromise - half on a car, half in investment.
- b. tell her it's *your* money and you'll do what you want with it.
- c. ask why she thinks you need a new car, your old one is fine.
- d. explain that you would rather invest it now and then you can buy a car later without losing the original money.

6. When you get home from work in the afternoon, you and your lover talk about:

- a. some gossip or something funny that happened to you that day.
- b. what you want to do that evening.
- c. her day.
- d. only about you.

PART II

Rate the following with O for often, S for sometimes and N for never or rarely. In my relationship, I often feel:

- | | |
|-------------------------|-----------------------------|
| a. unsatisfied sexually | h. like she doesn't listen. |
| b. jealous | i. resentful |
| c. bored | j. worried |
| d. used | k. stupid |
| e. unloved | l. unwanted |
| f. helpless | m. envious |
| g. cheated | n. ashamed |

SCORING

PART I - Add up the number of a, b, c & d answers. Read the column of the letter in which you had the highest number of answers. This is your primary communication style, the second highest is your secondary style.

COLUMN A

You tend to keep your feelings to yourself, especially if you think it will be upsetting to your lover. You stay well-mannered even when you feel like screaming. Because you hold your true feelings in, you may be subject to severe temper flare ups. Try to talk about how you feel, even when you know your partner won't like it.

COLUMN B

You have a tendency to want everything your way. You may have a hard time listening to, much less understanding, how your lover feels about most things. You may feel she is not sympathetic to *your* needs. Try being sympathetic to *hers* and learn to listen. You may be surprised how happy everyone is when you don't expect all the attention for yourself.

COLUMN C

You lavish attention on your lover. You are sympathetic to her needs and feelings. You have a great capacity to understand her problems. In theory, this sounds great, but you may be sacrificing your own needs while trying to meet hers. Speak up about your feelings and your relationship will be much more satisfying.

COLUMN D

You are very good at discussing your feelings. Your lover can usually bet that when she asks a question, she can count on an honest answer. You may need to work on paying more attention to her feelings but this probably isn't a big problem. You are in touch with your feelings, your faults and your strengths. This helps you to better understand others.

PART II

This is just a check-up on your current relationship. If you answered more than six with "O", this shows a severe lack of communication. Counseling or a break-up may be necessary for your emotional well-being. If most of your answers are "S" or "N" then your communication with your lover is in good shape!



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Horoscope

What's in the Stars for You this month?

SAGITTARIUS

(Nov 24th - Dec 21st)

December 15th - 31st

Money is the main focus in the weeks before Christmas. With a little work and thought, you could hit the jackpot! A love relationship that has fallen on hard times recently could take on a new glow. Enjoy.

January

Taking criticism personally at work or at home could lead to some anger on your part during the first part of January. Try to control your temper and take this criticism as it was meant—friendly. You may be looking for a romantic commitment right now, but don't count on getting what you want. It could turn out for the best though, since it's likely that you will be attracted to someone special towards the end of the month.

CAPRICORN

(Dec 22nd - Jan 19th)

December 15th - 31st

You may have a tendency to go overboard on holiday spending if you don't keep a close eye on your pocketbook. Small inexpensive gifts will be just as appreciated. Work gets easier in time to allow you to enjoy the holiday social scene and you've never been happier to get out of the house.

January

Most Capricorns will find the first part of January a good time to relax and make plans for the coming year. Some, however will be so busy they won't have time to sit down, much less relax. If your love life has been good for awhile, it can only get better right now.

AQUARIUS

(Jan 20th - Feb 18th)

December 15th - 31st

Social obligations could be getting you down right now. You want some peace and quiet to work out some personal or family problem that has been bothering you. Turn down a few invitations and focus on your problem. Once it is solved, you'll be ready to get back in the holiday party scene and enjoy it more!

January

Don't give in to the temptation to go off on a wild spending spree or extravagant vacation right now. You could wind up in financial trouble for the rest of the year. Take the time to express your feelings to your loved ones, it will keep them happy and make you feel more secure. Say no to all business deals after the 20th, someone may be taking you for a ride you don't want to go on. Spend time at home working on a project you started before the new year.

PISCES

(Feb 19th - Mar 20th)

December 15th - 31st

Travel is on the agenda during the holiday season, it may be a working vacation, but that doesn't mean it won't be fun! A new romance could brighten your social life also, new friends come into the picture that can make your holidays even more fun. You may have to watch your finances but you should have enough to carry you through.

January

Any partnerships that you involve yourself in this month will be around for a long time. Romantic commitments could last for

years, as could business partnerships set up this month. You will want to work these commitments out in writing or sit down and talk about it in detail or you will feel insecure until you do. Co-workers seem easier to get along with right now and your career is looking up because of it.

ARIES

(Mar 21st - Apr 19th)
December 15th - 31st

All that hard work you've been doing lets up right now so you can enjoy a holiday rest. A long trip at Christmas may be just what the doctor ordered to help you relieve some stress. Take along a new friend, romance could blossom. Keep a cool head though when it comes to commitment, it's much too soon.

January

You'll need to set some goals about what you want to do with your career during the first part of January. The perfect job may not be offered but you could find yourself in a position to influence the people who could help you the most. Romance is put on the back burner this month as more pressing matters take your attention.

TAURUS

(Apr 20th - May 20th)
December 15th - 31st

All work and no play makes Taurus a very unhappy girl right now. Everyone is getting into the holiday spirit and you have tied yourself down with work. Try to sneak in some social activities after hours, you may end up tired, but this time of year is short-lived and you don't want to miss out!

January

A temper tantrum early in January could cause you problems throughout the month. Yelling won't solve the problem, it's best to keep your mouth shut and stay out of the limelight, things will solve themselves in time. Your career is looking up after the

10th, attention you get from higher-ups at work is definitely working for your benefit. Take time out for a short, romantic trip towards month end, it could do wonders for a current relationship.

GEMINI

(May 21st - June 21st)
December 15th - 31st

A relationship that has been on the rocks could take an unexpected turn for the better and lift your spirits for the coming holidays. Finances are also on an upswing and you can afford something special for a loved one. Everything is going your way and you couldn't be happier!

January

An argument with a friend or family member could quickly escalate into a major war. Try your best to work out a compromise or you may find yourself in court. Keep a low profile until the 20th and that should help immensely in relieving tensions. Someone you've helped in the past will come back to help you in an unexpected way late in the month. Romance is the high point of this month, don't let it get away.

CANCER

(June 22nd - July 22nd)
December 15th - 31st

Your career is spotlighted right now and a raise or bonus could bring the money you need to make this a special Christmas. You may be in a mood to reminisce during the holiday season and having old friends and family around you is just what the doctor ordered.

January

1989 may start out a bit confusing for Cancer. Conflicting orders from the boss and friends who say one thing and do another may be making you crazy. Everything straightens out by the 10th and you'll feel much better about yourself and those around you. A platonic friendship may be

heating up this month and the romance you find could be just what you've dreamed of. Be very careful when driving this month, your potential for accidents is very high.

LEO

(July 23rd - Aug 22nd)
December 15th - 31st

Focus on your work in the weeks before the holidays and your lifestyle could change for the better after the first of the year. There will be plenty of time for social activities after hours and you will be in the spotlight. Pay holiday bills before the 1st and you can have a relaxing New Year's.

January

If you made any resolutions, you'll have to work hard to keep them this year. Some goals you set for yourself in past years may have been set too high and you'll have to adjust them to more realistic terms now. And, a new romantic interest could be pressuring you for a commitment. Don't be afraid to say "yes", it could be the best decision you've made in years. Get your friends input on your hopes for the future, they could help you make those dreams come true!

VIRGO

(Aug 23rd - Sept 22nd)
December 15th - 31st

You feel short-tempered this holiday season. Social activities could bring back your good will, so take advantage of all those invitations. After Christmas, you feel more relaxed and you are ready for a festive New Year's celebration!

January

You may feel like everyone is picking on you, particularly at work, as the new year gets under way. Try to keep your temper under control, it's better to lose a few battles than to lose friends. After the 15th, things smooth out and you're able to get everything back on track at work and at home.

Your love life will see some improvement during this period.

LIBRA

(Sept 23rd - Oct 23rd)
December 15th - 31st

A holiday bonus or raise could lift your spirits right now, but don't be tempted to spend it all! You may be asked to host a party or assume leadership for an organization that you belong to. Your love life gets a boost around the 20th.

January

The trick this year is to get off to a good start and it looks like you'll have all the right opportunities as January rolls around. Love is looking up this month. Now is a good time to sit down and set some goals for your career and personal lives. If you are currently involved in a relationship, things will certainly be on the right track this month, if you are single, look out for an exciting romantic adventure that's headed your way.

SCORPIO

(Oct 24th - Nov 22nd)
December 15th - 31st

You'll have to keep out of the limelight right before Christmas so that you can finish a project at work before the holidays. Once you're finished, watch out! Going out and having friends over dominate the rest of the month.

January

Your personal life is looking up for 1989 but you'll have to take a serious look at how you handle your personal finances. A hot new romance may come on the scene this month, it may not last, but it will be fun while it does! A raise or promotion early in the month could help you with some of your holiday debt. Your social life is exciting and this could be tied in with your new flame!



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P.O. Box 1021 • Evanston, IL 60204

AIDS Action Council

729 Eighth St. S.E. Suite 200

Washington, DC 20003 • (202) 547-3101

AIDS 800 • 1-800-221-7044

National Gay Alliance for Young Adults

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

Affirmation (Methodist)

P.O. box 56725 • 949-9704

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

Integrity/San Antonio

P.O. Box 150006 78212 • 684-4920

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

P.O. Box 2326 78597 • 761-LYLE

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clubs

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GWF - Attractive, small build, seeking athletic type who is honest and loyal. Please send photo if possible. Reply to Ellen, Box # 151.

AUSTIN/GWF, 25, tall, feminine. Ready to settle down. One child, must love children. No drugs. Photo appreciated. Reply to Box #152.

DALLAS; Single, Attractive, Degreed, Feminine, Sensitive, Affectionate, Mo-

nogamous GWF would like to meet other GWF 30 and up. I enjoy movies, music, books, animals, outdoors, good friends, warm fires and good wine. I don't smoke or go to the bars. Reply to Box # 153.

MID CITIES AREA GWF 27: Likes tennis, bowling, wrestling, loves cats. I believe in faithfulness, sharing, caring, affection, romance. Enjoy nights out and quiet nights at home. Other interests. No smoking, drugs. Photo if possible. Looks are not important - it's what's inside that counts. Reply to Box #154.

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Messages

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