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THE NEWS

FROM AROUND THE REGION, THE COUNTRY & THE WORLD

Gays & Lesbians Play Key Role in '92 Election

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Election Year '92, already an unprecedented period for gay and lesbian political visibility, culminated in election results that community leaders say will have a profound effect on gay and lesbian issues in the future.

Gay leaders pointed to several key outcomes as indicators of a surge in gay political progress: the presidential election of Bill Clinton, who supported responsible AIDS policies and gay civil rights measures; the defeat of anti-gay initiatives in Oregon (57-43 percent); the election of pro-gay candidates to the U.S. Congress, such as Carol Moseley Braun of Illinois and Barbara Boxer of California; and the victory of several openly gay candidates, including U.S. Reps. Gerry Studds and Barney Frank, and state legislators Karen Clark and Allen Spear (MN), and Glen Maxey (TX), among others.

At the same time, troublesome losses in this election year and the previous Congress pointed out the long road to acceptance that gay Americans must still travel. In Colorado, an initiative sponsored by the Evangelical Far Right passed 54 to 46 percent, prohibiting protections against anti-gay discrimination. In Tampa, FL, a one-year-old gay rights law was overturned by referendum (58-42 percent). *(For more information on the Colorado initiative,*

see the Ski... Gay! article on page 21.)

A CNN exit poll broadcast election evening showed 71 percent of gay voters chose Clinton, 17 percent picked Bush and 12 percent selected Perot. Gay leaders estimated that some ten million gay and lesbian Americans voted this year, or ten percent of the more than 100 million reported total voters.

On November 4th, the NGLTF released a Transition Document urging Clinton to make good on his promise to overturn the Department of Defense's anti-gay discriminatory policy within his first 100 days in office. It also urges Clinton to appoint an AIDS "Czar," implement the Presidential AIDS commission recommendations on AIDS research, care and education, and provide Presidential leadership in combating the HIV crisis. The transition document also called on Clinton to: implement the Department of Health and Human Services recommendations on gay and lesbian youth suicide; conduct a meeting with representatives of the gay and lesbian community; sign an Executive Order barring discrimination based on sexual orientation in federal employment contracts; support and work for the passage of the Federal Gay and Lesbian Civil Rights Act; and to seek out and appoint qualified openly gay and lesbian personnel in the Administration.

Elsewhere in the election, the gay and Lesbian Victory Fund in Washington, D.C., reported 52 openly gay and lesbian candidates running for office. A

total of 16 won reelection, plus 11 others won for the first time, bringing the total number of elected officials to a record 75 — up from 64.

Meanwhile, the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF) released its voting report cards on members of the 102nd Congress, which revealed an increase in "F" voting record grades as more than 50 percent of House and Senate members failed on gay related votes. However, during the same Congress, 126 members, a record number, cosponsored the Federal Gay and Lesbian Civil Rights Bill in the House and Senate.

Looking back at the election, activists noted that gay and lesbian issues occupied an unprecedented role of prominence in media coverage and political attention. Bill Clinton aggressively courted the gay and lesbian vote. Ross Perot found himself in the political hotseat after stating he would not appoint openly gay persons to his Cabinet. And George Bush, Dan Quayle and a host of speakers at the Republican Convention attacked gays and championed "family values."

"The people of America resoundingly rejected the narrow and exclusive vision offered by the Far Right forces that dominated the GOP," said Urvashi Vaid of the NGLTF. "History will recall this year of change as one in which the lesbian and gay community achieved political victories in mobilization of the gay vote, political respectability and political power."

(For Texas election results, see A Feminist Perspective on page 41.)

Canada & Australia Allow Gays in Military

WASHINGTON, D.C. - The anti-gay and lesbian policies of the Canadian and Australian armed forces have both been overturned.

Canada, Australia, The Netherlands and Denmark are the only countries to rescind their anti-gay military policies so far. The U.S. Armed Forces Directive 1332.14 sec. H1 has resulted in 16,919 gay and lesbian service members being discharged between 1980 and 1990 alone, according to a 1992 GAO study. The GAO study revealed that American taxpayers paid \$493,195,968 to replace those discharged service members. The 50th anniversary of the U.S. policy will be marked in January 1993. President-elect Bill Clinton has promised to repeal the U.S. ban on gays in the military, and a recent court decision forced the Navy to reinstate a service member who had been discharged for being gay.

Get Ready For The 1993 March On Washington

WASHINGTON, D.C. - In 1987, over 650,000 Lesbians, Gays and their friends and relatives, converged on Washington, D.C. for four days of celebrations, protests, remembrance and civil disobedience. It was the largest civil rights demonstration in the history of this country.

On Sunday, April 25, 1993, the second March on Washington for Lesbian, Gay & Bi Equal Rights and Liberation will

descend on Washington, D.C. Events leading up to the March will begin Wednesday, April 21 with the opening of a Historical Exhibit. Other events during the week of the March will include: Various conferences for different groups, including gay and lesbian students, parents and lesbian physicians; a Drag Show Extravaganza; Lesbian Gay Bands of America Concert; Masquerade Ball; a Ceremony of Commitment; and, of course, and after-march Rally.

The March On Washington Committee is asking everyone who plans to attend the march to register. This will allow the Committee to have a more accurate count of those participating and will help with organizing events. A contribution of at least \$15 is requested to help cover costs (more if you can, less if you can't.) Those sending a donation will receive updates and a packet including a calendar of events, maps, info

on the DC metro system, information on accommodations and more.

For more information or to register, send your name, address, phone number and contribution to: March On Washington, P.O. Box 34607, Washington, DC 20043-4607 or call (202) 628-0493 (TDD: (202) 628-0471.) If you do not wish to have your name included on other lesbian/gay mailing lists, please request this when you send in your registration.

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DALLAS - The Turtle Creek Chorus will present their annual **Christmas Concert** on Thursday, Friday and Sunday, December 17, 18 & 20th in the **Stemmons Auditorium** at the **Loew's Anatole Hotel**. The concerts start at 8pm on the 17th & 18th and at 2:30pm on the 20th. Tickets are available by calling (214) 520-ARTS or (214) 526-3214.

FORT WORTH - The Tarrant County Lesbian and Gay Alliance will hold it's annual New Year's Eve Gala, "**The Fort Worth Formal**," at the historic **Texas & Pacific Building**. **Blue Jeans and Black Tie** are the preferred attire. The evening will begin at 8pm with dancing, hors d'oeuvres, set-ups and soft drinks available. Proceeds will go to benefit many Fort Worth Gay & Lesbian service organizations. For more info, call (817) 763-5544. Tickets

are \$20 per person (\$25 after December 15th). Reservations are requested by December 22nd.

HOUSTON - Lesbians In Business (LIB) will hold it's annual **Holiday Party** on Thursday, December 17th at 7:30pm at **Missouri St. Station**. Admission is \$5. There will be dancing, refreshments and a cash bar.

DALLAS - The Cathedral of Hope Metropolitan Community Church will present a **Christmas Concert** including performances by their choir, orchestra and handbells on Sunday, December 13th at 6:30pm. Advance tickets are \$10, \$12 at the door. Call the church at (214) 526-6221 to verify the location of the concert.

HOUSTON - The Gay Men's Chorus of Houston and Heartsong (the women's chorus) will perform their holiday concert, "**A Season For Us All**," on Saturday, December 12th at 7pm at **Hammon Hall** on the **Rice Campus**. Tickets are \$10 and are available at **Lobo And Inklings**. Please bring a gift wrapped/labeled, non-perishable food item for the **Stone Soup Food Pantry** to the concert.

OKLAHOMA CITY - Miss Brown To You (with **Mary Reynolds**), **Peggy Johnson** and **Donna Desalvo** will be in concert on January 2, 1993 in the

Little Theatre at the **Oklahoma City Civic Center** at 8pm. Tickets are \$8 in advance and \$10 at the door and are available at **Herland Sister Resources**.

HOUSTON - Dean Walradt, Mr. Texas Drummer 92/93 and **Margon of the Royal, Sovereign and Imperial Court of the Single Star** will present **An Incredible Christmas of Beauties and Beasts** on Sunday, December 20th at **Gentury's**, 2303 Richmond at 8pm. Proceeds from the party will go to benefit the **Imperial Court General Funds** and **NLA: Houston's Toy Drive**. Call (713) 434-2417 for more info.

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DEAR AGNES

ANSWERS TO YOUR QUESTIONS ABOUT LOVE, RELATIONSHIPS & PERSONAL PROBLEMS

Dear Agnes,

This is probably a stupid problem, but it's driving me crazy. My lover and I have been together for six years and we haven't spent a Christmas together yet. Every year, she goes home to her family in Illinois. Her parents don't know that she is gay, so she won't take me with her. My family is all gone, so I don't have anywhere to go.

I end up sitting at home being depressed for a week. My friends who are also at home and I always get together and have lunch or something on Christmas day, but after that I'm on my own.

I have met my lover's parents — they think I'm just a roommate. I think they would be happy to have me at Christmas just because "Sue" has told them that my family is gone and they feel sorry for me. But Sue won't hear of it. She thinks that if we spent a week in their house, they would figure out that she is gay.

I've asked her to stay home with me every year, and she always says she will — until around the end of October.

Then she always changes her mind and starts making plane reservations.

I know it's dumb, but this always makes me feel like I'm not important to her (or anyone else for that matter). Do you have any suggestions?

**Lonely Santa
Houston, TX**

Dear Lonely,

There are a lot of things you can do. Since she has obviously already made

her plans for this Christmas, you might consider volunteering your time at a homeless shelter, AIDS hospice, food bank, etc. I know it sounds cliché, but helping others who are less fortunate than yourself, really is a good way to help you through tough times like this. For next year, you might think about giving her a trip somewhere as a Christmas present (of course, you would want the trip to take place over Christmas) — the lure of a romantic, snow covered cabin in the woods or a cruise to somewhere warm just might do the trick. After that, you might make a deal to do something together every other year as a compromise.

Try to remember that she's probably feeling a lot of pressure from her folks as well as from you — and it's always hard to break tradition. It isn't that she doesn't love you or think you are important — it's more a question of habit and family pressure.

So, relax, do something that makes you feel good, and try something new and different next year!

Dear Agnes,

Let me start by saying that I am a Christian. I attend church (MCC) every Sunday and occasionally during the week.

Recently, my lover of three years quit going with me. It started when she got into "crystal power", then she started going to meditation classes. Now she's gone completely overboard. She's been going to seminars about out-of-body travel, having her "aura" read and buy-

ing a ton of books on the occult. In the past few weeks she's been doing some serious studying on witchcraft. I'm scared. She's changed completely. I've tried reading to her what the bible says about witchcraft and even asked her to go with me to talk to a counselor at my church. She refused to go with me and told me that I could believe what I wanted, but that she didn't have to believe it too.

Even though she isn't trying to get me to believe the way she does, I don't think I can continue to live with her under these circumstances. I believed she was a good Christian when we met or I would never have gotten involved with her.

What can I do to get her to come around before she goes totally off the deep end?

**Born Again
City Withheld**

Dear Born,

The fact that you would leave a woman

you have lived with for over three years because of her changing religious beliefs tells me that you are the one with problem. Love means tolerance and compromise. Just because you believe something, doesn't mean that you have to cut out of your life all those that believe differently. Your lover is obviously willing to let you have your beliefs without trying to change your mind — you should offer her the same courtesy.

Pray for her if you think it will help, but don't try to threaten her into going to church with you. If you give her that kind of ultimatum, I don't think you'll be the one leaving.



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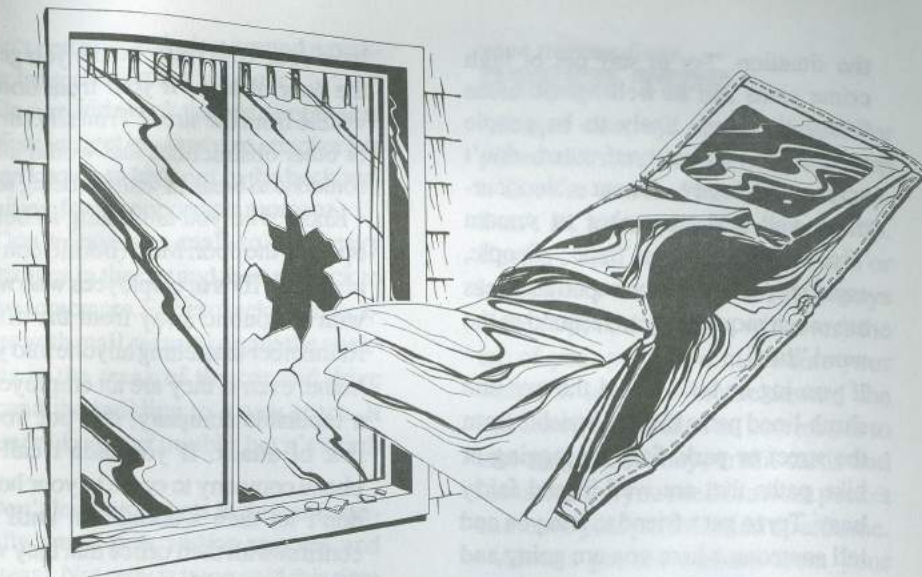
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Don't Be A Statistic

'Tis The Season — for Crime. How To Protect Yourself.

Yes, the holidays are fun — but they can also be dangerous. From domestic violence to burglary, crimes of all kinds increase during the holidays.

More than half of the population of the United States will experience a home or car theft during their lifetime. More than that will be victims of credit card fraud, purse snatchings, forged checks, etc. When it comes to violence, women are particularly vulnerable. A reported rape occurs every six minutes in this country, many more than that go unreported. It is estimated that one in every three women in the U.S. will be raped in her lifetime. More often than that women

are beaten by lovers, fathers and husbands. Lesbians are no exception. Every woman needs to know the skills to protect herself against attack.

ON THE STREET

Protecting yourself from violence begins with common sense. On the street, especially at night, be alert at all times. Daydreaming and inattention make you a better target than the woman who walks purposely and aggressively. Always walk as if you have a specific destination in mind even if you are just out for a stroll. If a threatening situation develops, keep moving as you assess

the situation. Try to stay out of high crime areas and in well lighted areas where there are likely to be people around. If you are confronted, don't scream helplessly - let out a bloodcurdling yell and remember to scream "fire", not "help" or "rape." People, especially in large, metropolitan areas are much more likely to respond to the word "fire".

If you jog or bike, avoid the tree and shrub-lined paths that are invisible from the street or park. Stay on jogging or bike paths that are well-lit and fairly busy. Try to get a friend to join you and tell someone where you are going and when you'll be back.

AT HOME

A home security or alarm system is the best defense against burglary or attack in the home. However, there are some things you can do to reduce your risk of becoming a statistic without installing high-cost, high-tech equipment.

- If you live alone, list only your initials in phone directories and on mail boxes. You might also add names of fake roommates to your mailbox.
- Establish a signal, such as a special whistle, with neighbors and roommates - make sure you use it only when necessary or for practice drills.
- Use deadbolt locks on all outside doors. Install the kind that lock with a key from the inside if there is a window in the door or close enough that you can reach through and turn the lock.
- Keep all windows locked, especially at night. Burglar bars are an option but can be a safety risk in case of fire.
- Keep all entry ways brightly lit and

have your keys ready before you get to the door. It helps if your front door is visible from the street. Trim any shrubs or other obstructions that would allow someone to break in without being seen.

- Know who you are letting in before opening the door. Most (not all) companies issue ID's to employees who work with the public away from the office. Remember that letting anyone into your home, even if they are an employee of a reputable company, can put you at risk of attack. If you didn't call the phone company to come to your home, don't let their workmen in until you confirm with their office that they were sent to your address for a reason.

- When you have to be gone at night, leave on the porch light, a stereo or TV, and an indoor light that can be seen through the curtains.

- A dog that barks — no matter how large or small — is a big help in scaring off intruders.

- Keep your blinds or curtains closed at night and when you are away from home. Try to keep temptation to a minimum by keeping expensive stereos, computers, etc. out of plain sight. During the holidays, don't display gifts in windows or where they are visible from the outside of your home.

IN THE CAR

- Be sure and lock your car when you leave it and have your keys ready before you get to your car. Fumbling around in your purse or searching through your pockets distracts your attention and gives an attacker time to sneak up on you.

- Pay attention to where you park so you

don't end up wandering around a parking lot searching for your car.

- Be sure and check the inside of the car before you get in - many an attacker has been known to hide out in the back seat waiting for an opportune moment.

- Don't leave the mall to put heavy packages in the car and then go back to shop some more. Either check your packages with mall security or put the packages in the *trunk* of the car and drive around the building to a new space. It sounds like a lot of trouble, but it's worth it.

- Don't leave your pets in the car (especially small pets and/or puppies and kittens). Not only is it too cold this time of year, small pets are easily stolen.

- If you are traveling alone on the highways and run into trouble you should stay in the car and place a "call police" banner in the window of your car. Do not try to hitch a ride or accept help from strangers. If someone does stop to help, roll down your window only an inch or two and ask them to call for help at the next available phone. Remember, don't get out of the car!

- "Carjacking" is a recent twist that has been occurring throughout the country. According to the crime prevention unit of the Dallas Police Department, all it takes is common sense to protect yourself. Keep your doors locked at all times — even if you have someone traveling with you. Avoid high crime areas if possible. When at a light or stop sign, try to leave enough room between your car and the car in front of you so that you can pull out and escape if necessary. On multi-lane streets, try to travel in the middle lane. And, as always, the cardinal rule is: *Be aware of*

your surroundings.

OTHER TIPS

- Keep a close eye on your purse. For purses with shoulder straps, always keep it close to and in front of your body. Don't let it hang back over your hip. Keep a clutch purse under your arm or held closely across your chest. Always close (zip, button, snap, whatever) the top of your purse and make sure your wallet is safe and secure toward the bottom of the purse. The best idea is to take only the money, credit cards and identification you need in a front pocket and leave your purse locked up at home.

- Always get the carbons from your credit card receipts. Don't let the cashier tear them up for you, no matter how nice he/she might seem. Make sure you get your credit card back from the cashier and place it securely in your pocket or wallet.

- At ATM machines, make sure that no one is lurking around drive through or stand alone machines. Don't let anyone see you punch in your PIN number (block their view with your body if you have to). It is best to use machines in grocery stores or bank lobbies where other people are around and avoid those lonely parking lot ATM's. And, (I know you already know this) don't ever write down your PIN number on the back of the card or anywhere in your wallet or purse. If you really can't remember your number, disguise it as a phone number under a fictional name in your address book.

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ASPEN GAY & SKI WEEK ASPEN, COLORADO

If you would prefer to stay in the U.S. you might want to check out the Aspen Gay Ski Week. Before we get into the details, let me tell you that although Coloradans voted 53 to 47 percent to pass Amendment 2 (that legalizes discrimination against lesbians and gays and makes gay-protection ordinances in Aspen, Boulder and Denver illegal), Pitkin County (Aspen) defeated the Amendment by a three to one margin.

Less than a week after the election, the Aspen City Council voted unanimously to express their commitment to non-discrimination and to authorize the City Attorney to undertake litigation regarding the validity of Amendment #2. Robin Tyler, a lesbian event organizer out of Los Angeles is urging gays and lesbians to show up in record numbers. Tyler told the *Aspen Daily News* that, "The blacks did not leave Alabama. They marched on Selma. We are not going to the back of the bus. We are not accepting bigotry. We are coming to Aspen."

Aspen Gay Ski Week will be held from January 23-30, 1993 and will include the "First Annual Gay and Lesbian Comedy Festival", a Gay Film Fest, lots of parties, and of course, skiing. In addition to the traditional "fun stuff", this year there will also be protests, fundraisers and lectures. A long list of celebrities and politicians plan on joining in the protests. Popular accommodations for lesbians and gays include the Hotel Jerome (1-800-331-7231), the Hotel Aspen (1-800-5-ASPEN-9), Gant Condos (1-800-321-7025) and the lower-cost Limelight (1-800-433-0832). A free skier bus system and taxis mean that most visitors won't need to rent a car.

For more information contact the Aspen Gay and Lesbian Community at Box 3143, Aspen, CO 81612 or call (303) 925-9249.

For reservations contact your local lesbian/gay travel agent, Advance-Damron Travel (1-800-292-0500) or Aspen Central Reservations (1-800-26-ASPEN). Your travel agent should also be able to help you with ski packages or

from remembering what you should do. The best way to combat panic is with self-confidence. Remember that if you are approached by a thief, car jacker or mugger, your best defense is to give them what they want and get out of the way. Your life is much more important than your wallet or your car. In the event of a physical assault or rape, you should know beforehand how you should respond. Your local police department or rape crisis center should be able to help you learn how to minimize the risk to your body and your life. A self-defense course or even practicing your response with a friend will

give you confidence, as well as lessen the chance that you will panic in a real situation. Practice will increase your chances of escape and your ability to fight back.

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1992 - THE YEAR IN REVIEW

BY NANCY FORD

January

The gay and lesbian community applauds the state of Colorado as a homo-friendly zone when an employer in Denver was ordered to grant sick leave to a lesbian employee to care for her ailing life partner. The landmark decision recognized gay and lesbian relationships as families. This was especially encouraging since at the close of 1991, it was estimated that same-sex households accounted for 2% of all families, with children living in 5% of these households.

February

Robert Mosbacher, chair of the Bush re-election campaign meets with representatives from the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force. Reps. William Dannemeyer (R-CA), Newt Gingrich and other conservative Congressmen respond with a letter stating that "The invitation was a slap in the face to every voter who affirms the traditional family." Pat Buchanan begins first draft of speech to be delivered at Republican National Convention in Houston in August.

March

It's a big month for homos in Hollywood when members of the gay and lesbian community begin to boycott *Basic Instinct* for its anti-woman, anti-lesbian message. Queer Nation responds with bumper stickers pre-warning the thriller's patrons that Catherine did it. *Silence of the Lambs* wins Jody Foster her second Oscar, but it's *Silence of the Lesbians* when she is urged to come out of the Closet. Unfortunately, Jody didn't do it.

April

4000 ballots are collected from America's college campuses by the National Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Student Caucus urging Bush to rescind the ROTC's and the Department of Defense's discriminatory policy against gays, lesbians and bisexuals. Tak-

ing a cue from former boss lady, Nancy Reagan, Bush just says no.

May

Dallas welcomes the 5th annual Texas Lesbian Conference, and stirs controversy by inviting gay men to a round-table discussion so that community gender issues might be addressed. Much to the separatists' chagrin, not only did men make viable contributions to the exchange, but brought a delicious Bundt cake for all to enjoy.

Via a pre-election petition drive, the Oregon Citizen's Alliance registers 115,000 homophobes who want to make it a crime in that state to "promote, encourage or facilitate homosexuality..." Gays and lesbians nationwide heave a sigh of dismay, wondering why all states can't have legislation as sane as that demonstrated earlier this year in Colorado.

Ross Perot tells Barbara Walters he would not hire openly gay or lesbian cabinet members and opposes gays serving in the military.

In L.A., Rodney King wonders why we can't all get along.

June

Gay and lesbian pride week is celebrated nationwide as NGLTF speaks with Ross Perot regarding his conversation with Barbara Walters. He becomes paranoid, fearing a mutiny by caterers, florists, dress designers and hair stylists contracted for his daughter's wedding.

July

Ann Richards becomes the butchiest governor her state has ever seen when she appears leather-clad on the cover of *Texas Monthly*, straddling a Harley. Liz Taylor gets even butcher when she suggests at an AmFAR press conference that just as Dan Quayle is stumped by "potato", President Bush doesn't know how to spell AIDS.

Demonstrating *campagnus interruptus*, Perot pulls out.

August

The Defense Department confirms that since 1980, 16,919 gay and lesbians in the military were dismissed at a cost of more than \$493,195,968 to replace them with confirmed heteros. Crying poor mouth, Bush refuses more AIDS funding, erroneously citing that more money is spent fighting AIDS than cancer.

Pat Buchanan delivers his address to the National Republican Convention, making America wonder if David Duke was such a bad guy after all.

K-Mart airs a commercial showing two men, obviously lifemates, discussing a possible gift for one of the men's father. Neither of them lisped, carried a tasteful clutch purse, nor made so much as one reference to Joan Crawford throughout the entire 30-second ad.

September

Tension continues to escalate in Oregon as a gay man and lesbian are murdered when their home is firebombed by skinheads. Gay Christians fear for their safety when Portland's MCC is ransacked and the membership roster is stolen.

k.d. lang brings her 1992 "Surprise, Surprise, I'm a Lesbian!" tour to Texas. Texas lesbians purchase her *Ingenue* headshot t-shirts by the gross, and shock the fashion world by wearing them inside out and upside down.

October

Bush visits Dallas in a pre-election grasping at straws move, and is met by 200 angry gay and lesbian demonstrators. A visit from Quayle to San Francisco ignites a 4-block riot. Thousand points of light campaign flickers, and is declared in disastrous need of

replacement bulbs.

November

Perot flies back to his office in Dallas, and boy are his ears tired. Bush and Quayle discuss possibility of opening an Amway distributorship. Clinton contemplates renaming the White House's Lincoln Bedroom the Elvis Room. Anti-gay legislation is refused in Kentucky, California, Utah and blessedly, Oregon. In a whirlwind of political schizophrenia, voters in Colorado take a giant step backwards saying it's okay to discriminate on the basis of sexuality.

December

Luggage is unpacked and travel plans to winter resorts are cancelled by AmFAR, Barbara Streisand, and thousands of big-bucks spending gays and lesbians in response to Colorado's recent election. What a long, strange year it's been. Truman Capote was quoted once as saying "The only thing history teaches us is that history teaches us nothing." As we approach 1993, let's hope Truman was wrong.



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Crazy for Loving: A Robin Miller Mystery by Jane Maiman Naiad Press, Inc.

This is the second in the Robin Miller Mystery Series — the first one (*I Left My Heart*) was good, this one is great! Robin is back in New York City and trying to find the *real* murderer of David Ross, an elementary school teacher who was married to a wealthy socialite with an attitude. At the same time, she is trying to find the man who purposely gave a woman AIDS during a weekend in Atlantic City. The plot twists and turns in ways you would never imagine. A great read.

On Lill Street by Lynn Kantner Third Side Press

It's 1976 and the lesbian/feminist movement is gaining power. Margaret is 24 and working for peanuts at a radical women's newspaper. She hadn't spoken to her parents since they walked out on her three years before, upon her announcement that she was a lesbian. When she comes to her new apartment in the old house on Lill Street, Margaret finds a new family — complete with all the love and conflict that implies. This is a wonderful book that captures the spirit of the lesbian/feminist/separatist movement and the evolution of one woman's consciousness.

Introducing Amanda Valentine by Rose Beecham Naiad Press, Inc.

Detective Inspector Amanda Valentine was

once a cop in New York City. Now she is in New Zealand, trying her best to catch the "Garbage Dump Killer". The killer derives his name from the fact that he leaves his victims (cut into pieces) in the garbage dumps around Wellington. Meanwhile, Amanda is being chased by a beautiful TV reporter from a show that is the New Zealand equivalent of our "Hard Copy". Although I enjoyed this novel while I was reading it, it isn't very memorable. It is basically a formula mystery/thriller — well written, but without much to set it apart from dozens of similar books.

Faces of Love by Sharon Gilligan Rising Tide Press

Maggie is the director of Woman Against Violence and Exploitation (WAVE). Her lover of ten years, Karen, is an assistant District Attorney in Madison, Wisconsin. They are stuck in a rut, both in their relationship and in their careers — until Cory comes along. As Maggie and Cory get involved, Karen falls ill, and their ten year accumulation of friends choose sides.

Although not very flashy, this novel certainly captures day to day life in an extraordinary way. It deals honestly with issues that most of us have faced at one time or another — love, commitment and friendship. I wouldn't call it "escapism", but I would certainly recommend it.

Stonehurst by Barbara Johnson Naiad Press, Inc.

When Lady Cassandra sees Alex, a woman in (gasp) men's clothing working in her father's stables, she is at once appalled and intrigued. When Cassandra's father notices her ever increasing trips to the stables, he banishes Alex from the property and arranges a hasty wedding for Cassandra. There is a harrowing escape — a doting, lesbian Aunt — and, of course, an encounter with some mean ol' highwaymen. If you like

Harlequin romances this is a book for you — enough said.

Uncertain Companions by Robbi Sommers Naiad Press, Inc.

Based on experience with Robbi Sommers' two previous books (*Pleasures* and *Kiss and Tell*), I was prepared to dislike this book. I was (very) pleasantly surprised!

Amanda has been experimenting with "dream magic" when she meets the unhappily married Veronica. As they grow closer, Amanda decides to let Veronica accompany her on a dream trip. While in the dream world, Veronica is kidnapped by the moon-goddess Devana. Amanda and Veronica's husband, Jason, must track her down and bring her back to this world.

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___ **1.** I hate sales. I would rather pay full price than fight the crowds.

___ **2.** When I take my car on a trip with friends, I expect them to pay for all the gas to make up for wear and tear on the automobile.

___ **3.** I wait for my out-of-town friends to call me so I don't run up my phone bill.

___ **4.** When I have a party, it is usually BYOB.

___ **5.** Even though I can afford better, I still buy clothes at second hand stores.

___ **6.** I love buying expensive, fancy gifts for my friends, family and lovers.

___ **7.** My friends all come to me when they need a loan.

___ **8.** I never go grocery shopping without coupons.

___ **9.** If I want a beer, I drink it at home. It's silly to pay \$2-3 dollars a bottle in a bar.

___ **10.** My credit card bills are sky high.

___ **11.** I would rather spend money on someone other than myself.

___ **12.** I usually offer to pick up the tab when I'm out with friends.

___ **13.** I try to buy my fall and winter clothes in the spring when they're on sale.

___ **14.** I save more than 20% of my

take home pay.

___ **15.** I always try to pay cash - even for a car.

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You have definite "Scrooge" tendencies. You hang on to every last penny as if it's loss would put you directly in the poor house. You may think that giving gifts is a waste of time. No, you can't buy love, but a nice gift every now and then helps others understand how much they mean to you.

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You have a very reasonable attitude

about money. Yes, you are putting back money for emergencies and retirement, but you also understand that spending on yourself and on your friends is a reward unto itself. You understand that sometimes it's better to spend more to get quality merchandise, but you also love a good sale. You like giving gifts, but you don't go overboard.

45-54 points

You have a tendency to give all your money away or spend it frivolously on yourself. Do you really need new furniture every two years? Do your friends really need you to buy their dinner every time you go out? Most people who are "generous to a fault" have low self-esteem. You may believe, deep down, that if you don't keep up with the Joneses or spend money on your friends, that no one will love you. Before you spend another dollar on your friends or family, examine your motives. If a friend really needs a loan to keep from losing her home, that's one thing. If she wants a loan for a pair of \$400 shoes she just can't live without, keep your money in your pocket.



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January: Your personal life is looking up for 1993, but you'll have to take a serious look at how you handle your finances. A hot new romance could be in the cards. Your social life is exciting and this could be tied in with your new flame!

TAURUS

December: A holiday bonus or raise could lift your spirits, 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: Your career, home and love life are all looking up this month. 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.

GEMINI

December: Money is the main focus in the weeks before Christmas. With a little work and thought, you could hit the jackpot! After the 22nd, your focus switches to family and loved ones. A love relationship that has fallen on hard times could heat up again.

January: Try to control your temper and take some constructive criticism in stride. Overspending on an unneeded item could lead to a financial setback. You may be looking for a romantic commitment right now. It's likely that you will be attracted to someone special toward the end of the month.

CANCER

December: You may be feeling 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. The feeling will pass by the 10th, but then it's you that is picking on everyone else. After the 15th, things smooth out and you're able to get everything back on track at work and at home.

LEO

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

January: You'll have to work hard to keep any New Year's resolutions you've made. Some goals may have been set too high and you'll have to adjust them to more realistic terms. A raise or promotion at work could be just what you need.

VIRGO

December: Your career is in the spotlight and a raise or bonus could be in the works. 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: Conflicting messages from co-workers and friends who say one thing and do another may be making you crazy. Everything straightens out by the 10th. A platonic friendship may heat up. This romance will be so perfect you'll wonder what took you so long!

LIBRA

December: Your finances are looking much better during the first weeks of this month. An avalanche of invitations threatens to overwhelm you toward mid-month. There's no rest for the weary after Christmas when you'll have plans almost every night through New Year's Day.

January: Someone you've helped in the past will come back to help you in an unexpected way this month. Romance is the high

point of this month, whether it is a current relationship, or a brand new one.

SCORPIO

December: All work and no play makes you a very unhappy girl. Everyone is getting into the holiday spirit and you have tied yourself down with work. Try to sneak in some social activities after hours.

January: A temper tantrum early in January could cause you problems throughout the month. Yelling won't help, it's best to shut your mouth. Your career is looking up after the 10th, a raise or promotion may not be in the cards for several months, but the attention you get from higher-ups is definitely working for your benefit.

SAGITTARIUS

December: All that hard work you've been doing lets up for a while 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. Keep a cool head 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. You may have hit a "glass ceiling" in your present company and an alternative plan is called for. Romance is put on the back burner this month as more pressing matters take your attention.

CAPRICORN

December: A new romance could brighten your social life and 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 detail. A little pre-planning goes a long way toward making a happy relationship.

AQUARIUS

December: Social obligations could be getting you down right now. You want some

peace and quiet to work out a personal or family problem that has been bothering you. Don't worry — you'll work it out in time for a great Christmas!

January: Don't give in to the temptation to go off on a wild spending spree. 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.

PISCES

December: You may go overboard on holiday spending if you don't keep a close eye on your pocketbook. 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 Pisceans 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, if it hasn't been up to par, now is the time to get things moving again.



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A FEMINIST PERSPECTIVE

By LAURIE EISERLOH, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE LESBIAN/GAY RIGHTS LOBBY

ELECTION RESULTS

The last election brought both victory and defeat to the Lesbian/Gay community. Probably our greatest victory was the election of President Bill Clinton. His continued support for lifting the military ban on Lesbian and Gay people and his election night speech, in which he discussed the need for a comprehensive national AIDS policy, are both very reassuring signs for our community.

In addition to the Presidential election, the judicial races were also important to the future of our community. Probably the most important victory was Judge Rose Specter's election to the Texas Supreme Court. The Texas Supreme Court will be hearing *Morales et al v. State* in early 1993 and Judge Specter is considered to be a strong advocate for civil rights issues. The Supreme Court races also brought one of the greatest losses for our community. Judge Oscar Mauzy, a long-time civil libertarian and supporter of our community, was beaten in his reelection bid by conservative Craig Enoch.

Another important victory was Judge Morris Overstreet's reelection to the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals, the highest criminal court in our state. Judge Overstreet was the only African-American running for statewide office in this election. Overstreet is very supportive of civil rights issues.

Our community should also celebrate Barbara Rosenberg's victory over Dallas District Judge Jack Hampton. Hampton was a well-known homophobe who became famous for handing down lighter sentences to gay-bashers. Rosenberg, on the other hand, has campaigned in the Lesbian/Gay community and even spoke at the Dallas Lesbian Resource Centre on International Women's Day. Another important victory belonged to Dallas Judge John Creuzot, a Democrat and civil libertarian, who ran a close race in a heavily Republican district. Unfortunately, Jerry Birdwell, the state's first openly gay appointed judge, failed to be elected. Glen Maxey, the state's first openly gay elected official, beat his Republican opponent by garnering over 70% of the vote in Austin's District 51. State Representative Debra Danburg, a Houston Representative who is a long-time supporter of our community, also won her race.

Perhaps some of the best news for us was Senator Ted Lyon's failure to be reelected to the Texas Senate. Lyon was perhaps the most homophobic senator in the state government.

Finally, we must all be aware of what has happened in the Texas Senate. Because of a redistricting plan put forth by a Republican Judge, thirteen Democrats were unseated in this election. The addition of thirteen Republican lawmakers makes it difficult for Lieutenant Governor Bob Bullock, a long-time friend of our community, to control anti-gay legislation. Thus, as a community, we must work harder to preserve our civil rights. I encourage all of you to join the Lesbian/Gay Rights Lobby of Texas. Memberships are \$25, more if you can, less if you can't. Also, some of you have contacted us about marriage certificates personally signed by Representative Glen Maxey and marked with the House of Representatives official seal. These certificates are still available for \$30. For both memberships and certificates, contact LGRL at (512) 474-5475, P.O. Box 2579, Austin, TX 78768.

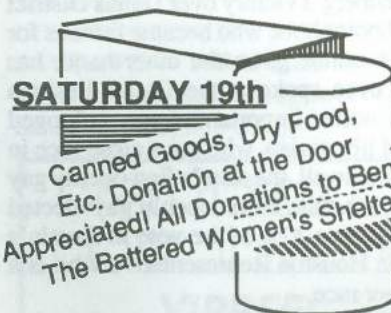


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