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Presidential candidates make promises

by Rex Wockner
Outlines News Service

MANCHESTER, N.H.--The four leading candidates for the Democratic presidential nomination would sign a federal gay-rights bill if Congress passed one.

Arkansas Gov. Bill Clinton, former Sen. Paul Tsongas, and Sens. Bob Kerrey and Tom Harkin also would lift the military ban on gays and lesbians.

The candidates made the promises on a Human Rights Campaign Fund questionnaire. The results were released

Feb. 11 in Manchester as HRCF unveiled a TV ad on gay issues that aired prior to the state's Feb. 18 primary election.

Democratic candidate Jerry Brown, who supports gays, and Republicans Pat Buchanan, George Bush and David Duke, who do not, did not return the questionnaire.

HRCF Executive Director Tim McFeeley said the promises "mark an important recognition that lesbian and gay Americans are entitled to the same

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Mel Gibson refuses to apologize to gays

by Rex Wockner
Outlines News Service

Actor Mel Gibson, speaking Jan. 21 on ABC-TV's "Good Morning America," refused to apologize to gay men, who he ridiculed late last year in an interview with the Sunday magazine of Spain's largest newspaper, *El País*.

"I don't think there's an apology necessary, and I'm certainly not giving one," Gibson said. "[Those remarks were a response] to a direct question. If someone wants my opinion, I'll give it. What, am I supposed to lie to them?"

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Thompson granted guardianship of Kowalski

by Rex Wockner
Outlines News Service

Karen Thompson and Sharon Kowalski's eight-year nightmare is over. Now they will live together, thanks to a Dec. 17 ruling by the Minnesota Court of Appeals.

Kowalski was left brain-damaged and paralyzed in 1983 after a car crash. Thompson, her lover, wanted to care for her but Kowalski's parents opposed it, saying she had never told them she was a lesbian. They placed their daughter

in a nursing home with no physical-rehabilitation facilities, and forbade Thompson to visit.

Thompson kept fighting. In 1989, Kowalski was moved to an institution that offered physical therapy, and Thompson was allowed to visit her. Thompson continued her court challenges. By 1990, Kowalski's father, Donald, had grown weary of the battle and resigned as his daughter's guardian, citing his health and unwelcome

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The A B C's

Wine consumption in America follows trends. In the 70's, many people began drinking white wine because they perceived it as a healthful alternative to hard liquor. In the 80's, the popular wine spritzer was sweetened, put in a bottle and became an instant success as the wine cooler. During the past five years consumers have moved away from the generic labels of chablis, burgundy and rhine wine toward varietal wines, the most popular being chardonnay, cabernet and white zinfandel. Sales of these wines boomed forcing many fine, but less trendy wines, off retail shelves and wine lists. Now this trend has run its course and change is coming.

As we look through our crystal ball and sales figures for the last six months, we confidently predict the arrival of A B C's (Anything but Cabernet/Chardonnay). While these wines remain immensely popular, consumers are realizing that there are other, sometimes less expensive, wines that perform beautifully at the dinner table. Producers and consumers are showing tremendous interest in other red wines: pinot noir, merlot, syrah and zinfandel. (Yes, Virginia, real zinfandel is red.) These wines tend to be soft in the mouth, richly flavored and easy to enjoy. Wines made from chenin blanc, riesling, sauvignon blanc and gewurztraminer grapes offer a welcome change of pace for those who prefer whites.

If you would like to explore the A B C trend yourself, here are some fine wines to look for on wine lists and at your favorite wine shop. If you can't find them, don't despair, they're all in stock at our shop.

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Mel Gibson (from page 1)

"The other thing is, it was translated from English to Spanish, back from Spanish to English, then used by [columnist] Liz Smith [who received the story from this reporter] out of context in her article," Gibson said. "It's old news, really old news."

The Spanish-to-English translation was done by this reporter, who speaks Spanish, and by a professional translator who emigrated from Cuba.

The "Good Morning America" interviewer pressed Gibson, "Are you saying to me that you did not make any anti-gay statements at all?"

Gibson responded: "I didn't lie. Put it that way.... Liz Smith seems to be violating my right to have an opinion. I have a right to an opinion."

Robert Bray, spokesman for the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, was livid at Gibson's new statements.

"And I have a right to respond to

Mel Gibson's anti-gay defamation," Bray said. "He can kiss my queer [butt]. He can't defame gays and then try to wiggle out of it by blaming the translation. And he's not even denying he made the statements. He's saying he has a right to his opinion.

"Gay fans of Mel Gibson need to throw away their 'Mad Max' tapes and stop going to his movies until he stops defaming gay people," Bray said.

In the original interview, in the Dec. 1 issue of the *El País* Sunday magazine, Gibson was directly asked his opinion of homosexuals. He responded, "They take it up the [butt]."

According to *El País*, he laughed, got up, bent over, pointed to his butt, and continued, "This is only for taking a s---."

(Original Spanish: "Que les den por el culo." Gibson se ríe, se levanta, pone el trasero en pompa y se lo señala. "Esto es sólo para hacer caca.")

The interviewer recalled that Gibson previously had expressed fear people would think he is gay because he's an actor. He responded: "With this look, who's going to think I'm gay.

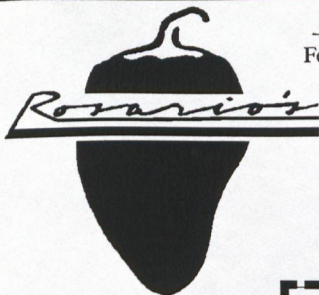
"I don't lend myself to that type of confusion. Do I sound like a homosexual? Do I talk like them? Do I move like them?"

("¿Quién va a pensar que con esta pinta soy gay? Yo no me presto a ese tipo de confusiones. ¿Sueno como un homosexual? ¿Hablo como ellos? ¿Me muevo como ellos?")

Gibson also told *El País* that he quit the Catholic Church because it has become too liberal and that, "God is the only one who knows how many children we should have, and we should be ready to accept that."

("Dios es el único que sabe cuántos hijos debemos tener y debemos estar dispuestos a que vengan.")

Translation assistance: Eduardo Aparicio. ▼



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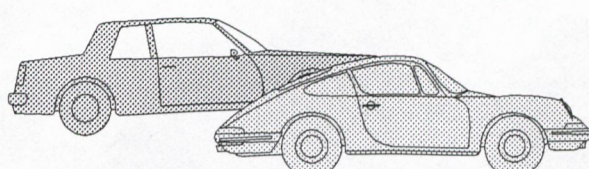
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The genuine meaning of etiquette

by Frank Bara

Etiquette is usually associated with people of importance. Such as brides, diplomats, or someone who has recently been elected to a political office. Undoubtedly there is nothing we do, or think, or say, that does or does not reflect, one of the exactions of tact, ethics, good manners, etiquette.

Superficial as manners may be, none can fail to gain from a proper, courteous, likable approach, or fail to be impeded by an offensive, improper, and unforgettable one.

The main intent of "the rules of etiquette" is not to publicly ridicule those who do not practice them or to make those who do seem important. The rules are nothing but conclusions handed down for reasons of sensible use. This is not to say that the principles of beauty, good taste, or the acknowledgment for the rights, or feelings of others, can ever be ignored. Good taste can be absolutely advantageous! It must be the suitable thing, the comfortable thing, the useful thing for the occasion, the place, and the time, or it is not in good taste.

The code of a gentleman is also known as the code of ethics. A rich man is not of necessity a gentleman, since the quality of a gentleman is fundamentally measured by what he is and what he does--never by what he has.

We all have heard the term nature's nobleman, meaning a man of unblemished exquisite character who, never having heard the code, follows it instinctively.

In other words, the code of a thoroughbred, whenever referring to a man, a woman, or a child, is the code of ethical integrity, instinctive decency, loyalty, and self-respect.

Etiquette, rather than a conscious submission, must be thoroughly ingrained as a matter of instinct.

Subsequent to this initial article, others will follow in later issues dealing with specific topics of Etiquette. ▼



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Shirley MacLaine joins gay protest

by Rex Wockner and Andrew Saxton
Outlines News Service

LONDON--Actress Shirley MacLaine stormed out of the British Film Awards Jan. 27 and joined gay demonstrators on the sidewalk who were protesting the anti-gay and anti-persons-with-AIDS editorial stance of *The London Evening Standard*, which sponsors the awards.

"I left the party to say hi to the protestors," MacLaine told reporters at the swank Savoy Hotel. "I've had a lot of friends die of AIDS both here and in the States. They could do with some support and I was very glad I could be there."

Earlier, MacLaine had greeted "my lesbian friends, my gay friends, my protesting friends" from the stage.

According to reports, MacLaine's

decision to join the protest came after she learned Lady Rothermere, wife of *Standard* owner Lord Rothermere, had barred costume designer Sandy Powell from the awards winners' party to punish her for criticizing the newspaper from the stage.

Powell, accepting awards for her work on three films, called the newspaper "homophobic and AIDSphobic" and spoke at length of filmmaker Derek Jarman's decision to turn down an award this year because he has been personally attacked by the *Standard*. Jarman is gay and has AIDS.

"I would like to think everyone would be horrified by the coverage of people with HIV and AIDS in the newspapers. It is very homophobic," Powell said. "You all have OutRage leaflets.

Please read them and write to the *Standard* to get better representation for lesbians, gays and people with HIV and AIDS."

OutRage, a Queer-Nation-style direct-action group, organized the sidewalk protest.

Earlier in the evening, two smartly dressed OutRage members also commandeered the microphones inside to denounce the newspaper.

"OutRage Special Award for Contribution to Homophobia--*The Evening Standard*," announced Sarah Graham and Aamir Ahmad.

The pair said they, too, had been inspired by Jarman. ▼

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Guardianship (from page 1)

press attention.

A district judge appointed a childhood friend of Sharon Kowalski's as her guardian. Thompson appealed. The Dec. 17 appeals court decision granted Thompson sole guardianship of Kowalski.

"Karen and Sharon are a family of affinity, which ought to be accorded respect," the three-judge panel wrote in a unanimous decision.

Lower courts had ignored the fact that Kowalski had repeatedly communicated that she wanted to live with Thompson, the court said. And Kowalski's doctors all testified that Thompson was the most qualified candidate for guardian.

"It is undisputed that Thompson is the only person willing or able to care for Sharon outside an institution," the court said.

At a press conference Dec. 17, a tearful Thompson said, "There aren't words to express the hell the system has put us through."

Kowalski was "visibly moved" when Thompson told her of the court decision, Thompson said. "Now we have the freedom to build our lives."

Gay/lesbian activists hailed the ruling. The case had become a cause calibre for both gay-rights campaigners and advocates for the disabled.

"It's a landmark decision anytime a lesbian couple is recognized by law as a family," said Paula Ettelbrick, legal director of the Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund in New York. "It's a significant decision that could be used as a guide by courts in other states where similar cases are being litigated." ▼

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rights as other Americans."

"We pay our taxes, support our communities and contribute to the vitality of American life," he said.

In responding to the questionnaire, Clinton wrote, "I believe patriotic Americans should have the right to serve the country as a member of the armed forces without regard to sexual or affectional orientation."

Tsongas said: "Americans should not be denied access to jobs simply because of sexual orientation.... The same basic principles should apply to the military."

HRCF's TV ad is presidential campaigning's first gay-themed commercial, the group said. It aired on several stations, including WMUR in Manchester, the station that rejected an AIDS-related ad from ACT UP, claiming still

shots of same-sex kissers were distressingly explicit.

The HRCF ad opens with photos of bloody bashing victims. A voice-over says: "This is what hate does. Hate hurts. Every day, law-abiding citizens are beaten or even murdered because they are lesbian and gay."

The 30-second spot also focuses on discrimination in employment, medical care and the military, and cites a 1991 poll that found 80 percent of Americans support equal rights for gays. "America, let's be fair," the voice-over urges.

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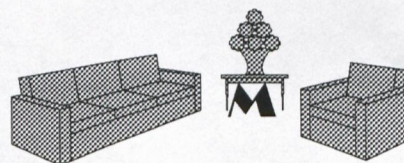
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Russian gay groups registered

Assimilationists denounce radicals

by Rex Wockner
Outlines News Service

Two more Russian gay organizations and two more Russian gay newspapers have been officially registered with the government—marking a turning point in the fight for gay/lesbian freedom in the former Soviet Union, activists say.

At the same time, severe tension between assimilationists and radicals continues to drain energy from leaders at the forefront of the gay/lesbian movement.

The St. Petersburg Association for the Defense of Homosexuals, also known as Wings and formerly known as Banks of the Neva, was registered by the City Magistrate Judicial Department late last year following what group Vice-Chairman Sergey Scherbakov called “a year-long fight with the bureaucratic functionaries of the old city apparatus.”

The path was finally cleared with help from the Infectious Disease Department of the State Advanced Training Institute for Doctors, the city AIDS Prophylaxis Center, Russian Parliament People's Deputies U.M. Nesterov and G.V. Starovoitova, and President Boris Yeltsin's Legislative Advisor, S.M. Shakhrai, Scherbakov said.

St. Petersburg's oldest gay organization, the Tchaikovsky Foundation for the Cultural Initiatives and Defense of Sexual Minorities, headed by Olga Zhuk, was also finally granted legal status, following an even longer battle. And two more Moscow gay magazines, *RISK* and *Ty*, have been registered there, following the 1990 registration of *Tema*.

“All this can be regarded as a turning point in the gay-liberation movement started seven years ago by the Gay Laboratory of Leningrad and continued in 1989 by *Tema*,”

Scherbakov commented.

Yet, the Russian gay movement is very bogged down with in-fighting. A Wings press release, announcing the group's registration, wasted no time launching an attack on Russian gay movement founder and *Tema* publisher Roman Kalinin, and the Tchaikovsky Foundation. Even the Americans who staged the groundbreaking gay conferences and film festivals in Russia last summer seem to have incurred Wings' wrath.

“Unlike the garish extremist ‘leaders’ here and abroad trying to derive personal benefit at the expense of millions of Soviet gays and lesbians, we are always governed by the conservative motto ‘Realism and Responsibility,’” Wings stated.

“The guerrilla actions and scandalous statements might be apt somewhere in the United States but in this country they lead to hindering the process of official acceptance and the formation of the diverse gay movement all over the country. Due to these [unspecified] actions, the registration of the two Leningrad (sic) groups was suspended last December and it took enormous effort for justice to triumph.”

The release said Wings focuses on “the needs of the concrete person.... The decades-long gay and lesbian oppression has led to the spread of stress and crisis situations in their lives, to consciousness-formation and social-adaptation problems, as well as sexual disorders,” the group said.

Wings announced plans to open an “independent, anonymous gay counseling center” that would also offer Russia's first anonymous treatment for sexually transmitted diseases. “Instead of idle talk and declarative statements, we have

also set up an Information Department that includes an acquaintance service and a phone line,” the group said.

A new survey found that *Tema* magazine's “acquaintance services” are “not effective,” Wings said. “Some letters are ignored completely and others are answered only after half a year.” Wings' new “computerized service will provide a two-directional search to find the most fitting partners according to compatibility in 16 groups of parameters—psychological and physiological.”

Wings is seeking international help to start “clubs, discos, libraries, newspapers, magazines, videos, and gay travel agencies.... Due to the economic crisis..., we can't see the life of a civilized gay community,” Scherbakov said.

Kalinin and Zhuk, Russia's resident radical gay leaders, have previously responded to attacks from Wings, *RISK* and the related Association for Gay Equality (AGE). Wings' denunciations likely refer to demonstrations, kiss-ins, Kalinin's run for Russian president and his media visibility, and both Kalinin and Zhuk's work with the radical Libertarian Party, which supports legalized drugs and prostitution.

“We will not beg for our rights,” Kalinin declared at last summer's gay symposium in then Leningrad. “They were taken away from us by force and it's about time we reclaim them.... Given that hundreds of thousands of homosexuals are persecuted across this country, we really need to be concerned about offending heterosexuals!”

AGE's Vladislav Ortanov responded on the spot. “We should be thinking about millions of people,” he said. “If we want to change our lives for the better, we must take into consider-

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New Jersey governor enacts Gay-Rights Law

by Rex Wockner
Outlines News Service

New Jersey became the fifth U.S. state to protect the civil rights of gays and lesbians Jan. 19 when Gov. Jim Florio signed a measure outlawing discrimination based on "affectional or sexual orientation" in the areas of housing, jobs, credit and public accommodations.

Florio said one's personal life should not determine whether he or she is hired or accepted as a tenant. The bill passed the Assembly 46-7 and the Senate 21-0.

Spokespersons for the New Jersey Lesbian and Gay Coalition said there was minimal opposition from conservatives and fundamentalist Christians because the lobbying effort was conducted entirely behind-the-scenes.

"This was not a throw-blood-on-the-Capitol effort," said Coalition President Laura Pople. "It was a very quiet campaign. We encouraged the [gay] organizations we have any control over to keep it quiet. When press called asking questions, we refused any kind of interview."

After the news broke that the legislature passed the measure, 2,150 supporters and 2,509 opponents phoned the governor's office, according to a spokesman.

"We generated those 2,000 [supportive] calls in a day and a half," said Pople.

Eighteen Republicans in the Assembly and Senate voted for the bill—a U.S. record, according to Tim Drake, who recently stepped down as the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force's expert on passing local gay-rights bills.

Pople said the Coalition worked hard for bipartisan support but, at the same time, avoided talking to known homophobes "because we didn't want to inflame them."

Churches and affiliated institutions are exempt from the law. Persons who believe they have been discriminated against based on their sexuality can file suit in civil court or file a complaint with the state Division of Civil Rights.

Asked how New Jersey managed to enact a gay-rights law when states with more pro-gay reputations, such as California and Illinois, have failed, Pople explained: "We're a quiet hotbed [of gay activism]. In the past year we've banned anti-gay discrimination in state employment, protected gay and lesbian couples with a domestic-violence law, passed a hate-crimes law that increases penalties for crimes with an anti-gay component, and Gov. Florio proclaimed June gay-pride month."

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Presidential candidates talk gay issues

by Rex Wockner
Outlines News Service

ORLANDO, Fla.--Florida's leading gay newspaper, *The Weekly News*, garnered quotes on key gay/lesbian issues from four Democratic presidential candidates during the recent state Democratic Convention.

BILL CLINTON: "I would sign an executive order repealing the ban on lesbians and gays serving in the military and in the...foreign service," Arkansas Gov. Bill Clinton told gay delegates during a private meeting.

"Everyone should have the right to serve their country," Clinton said. "When the Pentagon study was recently published, I felt kind of sorry for Secretary of Defense Dick Cheney because if you listen to what he said at the time, it appeared that he wanted to lift the ban but they wouldn't let him. And of course, his P.R. guy [Assistant Secretary of Defense for Public Affairs Pete Williams] was gay."

"I think this has been very hypocritically handled by [President] Bush," Clinton continued. "He had a unique opportunity to lift the ban last year after [Operation] Desert Storm, because they stopped kicking gay people out of the service during the war, but they started up again as soon as it was over."

Clinton said he would have signed the gay-rights bill vetoed by California Gov. Pete Wilson last fall, and described himself as "basically pretty open on" the federal gay-rights bill.

"I think the president can do a good deal of good," he added, "by appointing people who are clearly gay or lesbian to important positions in government, in areas that have nothing to do with sexual orientation, that are totally unrelated, just because they are the most competent and capable people for the job."

Clinton believes, "Most people in America have had gay or lesbian friends, they just did not know it, and this is something that people are trying to come to grips with and learn about."

In a revealing sidebar, *TWN* demonstrated that Clinton has not been openly supportive of gays and lesbians as governor of Arkansas.

"[We] have been quite surprised by the news from around the country that our governor is very supportive of our civil rights," said Arkansas Gay and Lesbian Task Force Chair David Harris. "In this state, he has never publicly said the words 'gay' or 'lesbian,' and every time we have approached the governor's office, we have been rebuffed."

PAUL TSONGAS: Former Sen. Paul Tsongas is the "best" on gay issues, said *The Weekly News*. Tsongas was the original sponsor of the federal gay-rights bill, his staff sought out *TWN*, he visited the gay suite at the convention, and he is the only candidate with position papers on gay and AIDS issues.

"Whenever I speak, I include the issue of lesbian and gay equal rights so that it will become a part of the litany of what a Democrat talks about when he or she says they are liberal," Tsongas said. "I have broken through the previous practice of private assurance with no public expression of it."

"I find it somewhat irritating...that I am viewed as less liberal than some others because I am pro-economic-growth, yet on the issue of lesbian and gay civil rights, which I think is a test of one's views on discrimination, other candidates have decided not to talk about it publicly."

Tsongas pledged to lift the military gay ban and sign the federal rights bill. Florida gay/lesbian activists said, how-

ever, they fear Tsongas is unelectable.

BOB KERREY: Sen. Bob Kerrey reluctantly met for a few minutes with gay/lesbian delegates--forbidding cameras and tape recorders and demanding background information on activists.

After apologizing for his widely reported lesbian joke, Kerrey said of the federal gay-rights bill: "It's possible that I may support it but I really haven't taken a great deal of time to examine it. I supported sexual-orientation legislation on the local level in Lincoln, Nebraska..., but I must say that the question of the federal civil-rights legislation is a new one for me."

"I may not jump on the legislation during the campaign because I am always a little bit afraid of looking like I am trying to support something just to get a group's backing," Kerrey said.

TOM HARKIN: Sen. Tom Harkin refused to meet with gays and lesbians at the convention, *TWN* reported. He was, however, cornered in a hallway.

Regarding the federal rights bill, Harkin said: "There are not going to be any hearings on that bill. I've fought for gay and lesbian rights, my record is good, and your demand for this bill will pit people against each other. I am for assuring gay and lesbian civil rights but if we get caught up in this battle we will forget the bigger picture."

"Do you want to win this [bill] or do you want to win the presidency?" Harkin asked the activists who cornered him. "Don't make an issue out of this. You've got to look at where I'm coming from. You know where my heart is. You know what I've done. Cut me a little slack."

Harkin said he was "in favor" of rescinding the military gay ban, *TWN* reported. ▼

The Happy Foundation - Memo

Route to: ☒ Community

by Gene Wesley Elder

San Antonio Police Committee:

Steve Parker, Kay Ford, Bill Goodman and Gene Elder met with Captain Philippus to discuss sensitivity training. This committee is concerned about many issues regarding the police. One concern is the way the police department is educated about the lesbian and gay community. The other is how gay and lesbian officers are treated within the department. Input by people who have encountered problems of this kind is welcomed.

Military Committee:

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Rape Exhibit:

The Austin Rape Crisis Center is sponsoring an art show in conjunction with Sexual Assault Awareness Month--April, 1992. The show is open to anyone wishing to enter.

February 26th is the deadline for entries to be received. Exhibits will be at Bydee Art Gallery, 412 E. 6th Street in Austin. For an entry form, write to: Austin Rape Crisis Center, 1824 East Oltorf, Austin, Texas 78741.

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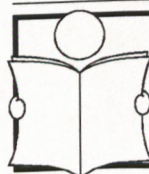
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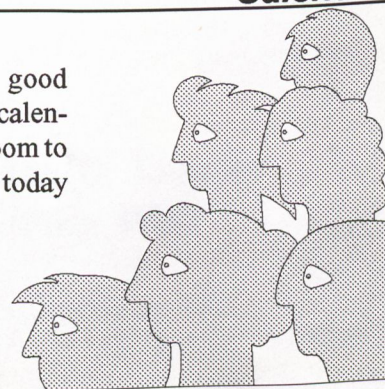
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