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INSIDE GCN FEATURE

By Diane Easter

With this issue of the *GCN Guide* we welcome Tom Zickgraf as our new editor. In upcoming issues, you will see changes that reflect Tom's input.

Our immediate change is a column about featured segments on the local show "*Between The Lines*."

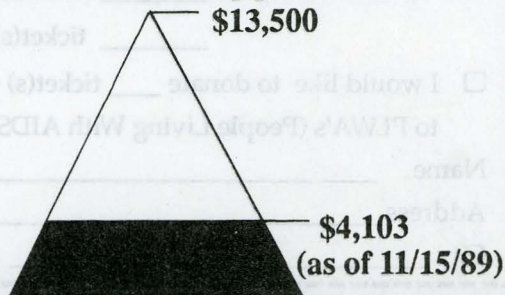
Although 1989 is coming to a close our fundraising campaign is going full force. Our holiday concert "*The Gayest Event of the Season*" is this month at the War Memorial Auditorium (see the advertisement in this issue for more information).

Also, this month we will hear the outcome of a grant proposal that was submitted earlier this year. Krzysztof and Matt prepared two grant requests and if approved, funds will be used to set up GCN's office and hire a part-time administrator.

The changes in the Guide and our fundraising campaign are just some of the ways we are striving to serve you better. If you'd like to volunteer to help there is always a variety of things you could do; just give us a call.

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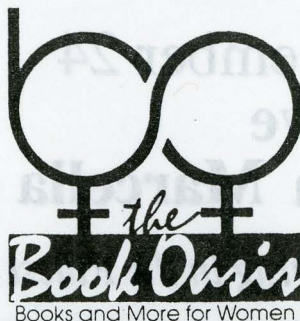
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DEAR DAVID:

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I'm not sure I'm willing to promise not to have a child, as right now, that's a pretty big thing to rule out. But my lover has already raised one child and doesn't want to raise another - in fact, she's adamant.

This has not threatened our relationship, but it is one of the few things we have disagreed on. I realize that there is a possibility that our relationship won't last forever, but I certainly expect it to, and I suspect my lover does, too.

I know this is something that I could just ignore and hope won't come up again, but realistically, it probably will come up again. There's no middle ground here; sooner or later someone will have to win out or change their mind. Do you have any ideas on how this might be resolved?

Signed - biological timebomb

Dear B.T.

This is a situation which will take time to process in terms of making a decision. Communicate openly and honestly with your lover. The best way is to keep your ultimate criteria always in your mind -- the relationship is permanent. Based on this, talk it out. Express your concerns and feelings. Listen to your lover's concerns and feelings. And you're right - someone will have to compromise. But, if your love is strong and the desire to maintain the relationship is the ultimate goal, then the relationship should turn out stronger because it was a relational decision and not a unilateral decision. Many relationships reach a breaking point when one partner makes a decision that

impacts too heavily on the other and without the other's input. If you approach it like this, you'll be in the best position to make things better. You can also supplement your talks by having third parties, who know you both well, give you feedback. This will provide objective input which should give you added insights to decide.



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327-1085

Minority AIDS Outreach
391-3737
Beverly Brown, Chairperson

Nashville CARES
385-1510
Julie Jones or Len-Stanley Yesh, Social Workers

Plus Program of Metro Health Department
340-5676
Dan McEachern or Mark Arey, Counselors

Project C.O.P.E.
(Meharry Community Mental Health Center)
327-1220
Larry Benton, Program Director
Dr. Kwabena Poku

Tennessee AIDS Hotline
1-800-525-AIDS (1-800-525-2437)

Vanderbilt AIDS Project
322-AIDS (322-2437)
Jill Hersh, Counseling Coordinator ▼

FIGHT BACK

FEATURE

The September issue of the Rev. Donald Wildmon's *American Family Association Journal* (*AFA Journal*) urged its readers to send complaints to Eastman Kodak. The *AFA* was outraged that the camera company sponsored a rerun of the NBC comedy *Dear John* in which Cleavon Little played (albeit, stereotypically) a gay man who joins John's support group for single adults. John (Judd Hirsch) also learns that the football coach at the school where he teaches is gay.

To counter the *AFA*'s latest campaign against any representation of gays on TV, write:

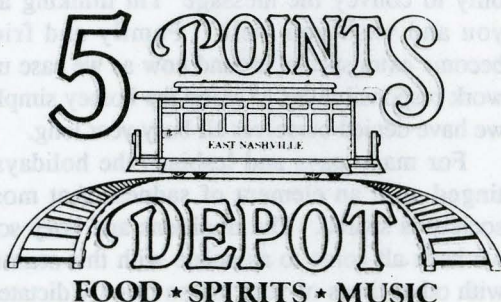
Colby H. Chandler, Chief Executive Officer
Eastman Kodak Company
 343 State Street
 Rochester, NY 14650

Some good news! ABC's *thirtysomething* is now filming episodes dealing with a gay character ("Russell," played by David Marshall Grant) who appeared in some episodes last season.

Of course, it's only logical that the trendy characters in the show would have at least one gay friend. But that's not going to stop anti-gay groups from barraging the networks (and sponsors) with protest mail, especially since a September issue of *USA Today* ran a story under the sensationalist headline "Thirtysomething To Deal With Gay Sex." We urge that letters be sent in support of gay characters on *thirtysomething* (and other shows) to:

Robert Iger, President, ABC Entertainment,
ABC Television Center
 4151 Prospect Avenue
 Los Angeles, CA 90027

Also send words of support to:
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BY IRA ROGERS

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The holiday season is upon us again, as they say. This is a time for merry-making and gift-giving, but also a time for reflecting upon the past year and contemplating the possibilities for the year ahead. Old friendships and ties are revitalized, if only to convey the message "I'm thinking about you and wish you well." Family and friends become extra special around now as we ease up on work responsibilities to enjoy the homey simplicity we have denied ourselves all busy year long.

For many gays and lesbians the holidays are tinged with an element of sadness that most of society is spared. The traditions and cozy scenes we have all come to associate with this season, as with other times of year, are so heavily dictated by heterosexual sensibilities (please, no jokes about oxy-morons).

As children excitedly open presents on Christmas morn to the delight of their parents, gay "Aunt" Sue or "Uncle" Jim fondly watch from their ambivalent perches, at once feeling involved in the moment and yet alienated from its immediacy. If ever we lament the absence of children in our lives, it is surely during these times.

Then there's the company Christmas gala: posh hotel ballroom, plenty to gorge upon and imbibe, dancing until two, everyone meeting and greeting each other's spouses, fiancé's and sweeties. Well, er, *almost* everyone. What a bold statement of self to show up with one's lover! Picture this scene:

"Mr. Bentley, this is my lover, Bob Miller. Bob, this is my boss, John Bentley."

"Oh, uh, hello Bob, uh, g-good to meet you."

"You too, Mr. Bentley. Ira speaks very highly of you."

"Oh Bob, I love that song they're playing...let's dance. Excuse us, Mr. Bentley."

Since this is *not* the suggested way up the corporate ladder, most of us either attend these functions alone or much worse, bring a "date" of the opposite sex for the sake of appearances. In the past I have been more tolerant of the latter option, which I now find totally self-negating. Better to stay home with one's lover.

Family functions are a different matter. "Gay and proud" is fine for the most part, yet vast numbers regress into the closet rather than cause Mama to fuss and Daddy to cuss, especially during the holidays which are supposed to be *happy* times. I dare not pass judgment on this; family relations are a delicate, personal involvement around which each individual must act according to her/his own instincts. It pains me, however, to witness loving, established gay couples I know "split up" and separately visit their respective families. How sad when you cannot bring the one you sleep with every night home for Christmas.

Adding insult to injury is the inevitable scene where one's brothers and sisters are comfortably gathered with spouses, and the perennial questions start flying: "Are you romantically involved? How's your *roommate* doing?" Though it rarely feels good to lie, the truth could easily turn an otherwise quaint and charming Noel into a nightmare. Donning our "straight" apparel then, is for many of us the safest route to ensure the holiday spirit will prevail, and prevail it must.

My family lives far from here and I am without lover. For me, the holidays are filled with cheer thanks to my friends. In many ways they are "family" to me, and then some. With friends I can share my dreams, secrets,

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fears, fantasies, joys and hurts. I would like to think I fulfill the same needs for them, and they for each other. Their acceptance and love are two of the finest holiday gifts I could want. I am the fortunate recipient and the giver as well.

This year, surround yourself with the gift of unconditional love from your family...whoever they may be. ▼



Vanderbilt AIDS Vaccine Evaluation Center is currently seeking healthy persons who are at low risk for exposure to the AIDS virus to participate in research trials which evaluate potential AIDS vaccines. **There is absolutely no risk of acquiring AIDS from these vaccines.** Persons interested in volunteering for AIDS vaccine research must meet the following criteria:

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In addition to these general guidelines, volunteers for the present study must have never had a smallpox vaccine. For more information about the current study, or future studies, **please contact:**

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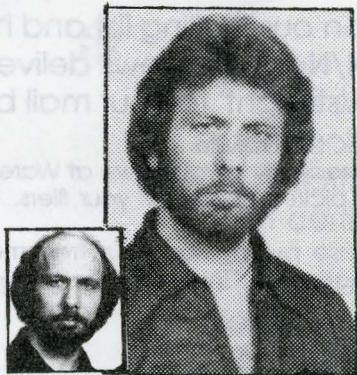
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Enqueerying Minds Want to Know

By Frank Ashe

By now everyone has heard about my taste for the sleazy and bizarre. I freely admit I love not only heterosexuals, but their chief mode of expression — supermarket tabloids and horror flicks.

Not quite all horror is het, I admit. Check out your video store soon for "Curse of the Queerwolf" — I am not making this up! A recent release by Pirromount Films. Unfortunately, I know of nothing similar in the tabloid field, despite the apparent efforts of _____. (Fill in the blank with the name of the gay mag you consider sleaziest — you may wish to finish this article before making your selection.)

Really, though, think what you'd find in the press if the whole world were queer. The historic events of the past year would take on quite a lavender hue...

• Gabor Trial Opens

Sporting her trademark crewcut and flannel shirt, actress Zsa Zsa Gabor arrived at the Los



Angeles courthouse today for the opening of her trial on charges of punching out a police officer. "She deserved it," claimed Ms. Gabor, who was stopped by the officer for having no license plates on her 4 x 4 and having an open Budweiser tall boy in the cab. Asked about reports

that she is afraid to go to jail because she fears heterosexuals, Gabor responded, "Bullshit. I'll bust their asses."

• Aliens land in USSR

Soviet publications have reported numerous landings of space creatures recently. Most reports say the aliens are tremendously tall, red or green in color, and speak Russian perfectly. Witnesses report the visitors claim they have come to bring perfect

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that the reproduction part is a fabrication.

peace and harmony on earth and that their race reproduces by union of the two sexes. Western scientists, however, are skeptical, and suggest

• Peek-A-Boo!

WE ISSUE OUR RANDOMLY SELECTED LIST OF NAMES FROM WHICH NOTHING IS TO BE DEDUCED.:

Zsa Zsa Gabor

Dan Quayle

Her Holiness the Pope

• Evangelist in the End Zone!

Sources have told this paper that renowned television evangelist Tommy Fay Baker was actually killed fifteen years ago and buried in full makeup under a major football field. His place was assumed by a former labor leader and noted drag king Jeanine Hoffa, who reportedly underwent a facedrop to aid the deception. Hoffa maintained her place at the side of spouse Jim Baker until early this year, when the latter was convicted of overdecorating and sentenced to prison. At one point in the proceedings, Baker collapsed and was said to be suffering hallucinations of encountering Zsa Zsa Gabor.

• Would-be First Person Hospitalized

Kitty Dukakis, husband of former Presidential nominee Michaela Dukakis, was hospitalized

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at 726-2716 for more information.
- December 4 **T-GALA Meeting**
7:00 p.m., at It's A Scream
168 2nd Ave. North.
Call 244-7346 for more info.
- December 4/18 **MAGNET meeting** 7 p.m.
MCC, call 320-0288 for info.
- December 9 **The Lockeland Springs**
Neighborhood Association's
11th annual historic candlelight
tour of homes. For more info.
contact Rhett Frye at 226-0537.
- December 10 **Feminist Book Circle**
5:00-7:00 p.m.
1808 Woodmont Blvd.
- December 16 **Atlanta Gay Men's Chorus**
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Tickets are \$10 - \$25.
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There will be no Nashville Women's Alliance meetings this month.

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recently after taking a swig of a Budweiser tall boy. Michaela, on learning of the tragedy, reacted emotionally, collapsed, and was said to be suffering hallucinations of encountering Georgia "Poppy" Bush. Said a friend of the family sympathetically, "Kitty was always the butch one."

• Peek-A-Boo II!

WE ISSUE OUR OTHER RANDOMLY SELECTED LIST OF NAMES FROM WHICH NOTHING IS TO BE DEDUCED:

Poppy Bush
Marilyn Quayle
Father Teresa

• Hardwick vs. Roe Decision Announced

In a surprise move today, the Supreme Court ruled against decriminalization of circumcision. Debate was reportedly centered on the point at which the foreskin becomes viable. The recent appointment of a man to the court was thought to be decisive by some, but at least one activist was doubtful. "If women could have them, it wouldn't even be an issue," he claimed.

• Massachusetts Congressman Admits Liaison with Callgirl!

Listen, I'm tired, and besides, I think you can write this one for yourself. ▼

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