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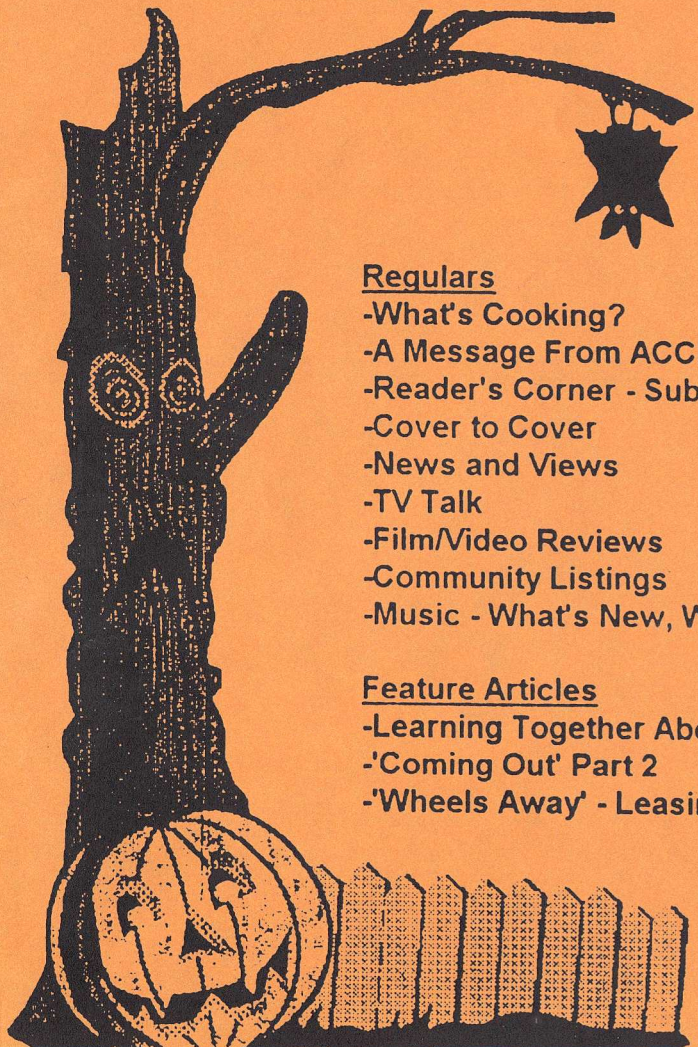
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Renaissance

It's a Smorgasbord , and it's All You Can Eat

Previous to the release of her new disc October 11, k.d. lang was busy pushing what was on the menu. Her seventh album, 'All You Can Eat' is a collection of sexy, funky songs. lang and producer/collaborator Ben Mink put together the collection "while being less in control and just having more fun."

The singer says she has amalgamated her fiery '80s cow punk persona with the high brow flamboyance of her early '90s work, resulting in a confident, upfront 'All You Can Eat.' "Because 'Ingenué' was my biggest record," the three time Grammy winner says "people think I'm really serious. The controversy over coming out as a lesbian, and the fact that the record was so dark and serious. Don't forget I did country punk for seven or eight years, and that wasn't serious at all.

"I'm not an international superstar," she shrugs. I don't sell that many records. I'm more famous for being a lesbian and a vegetarian and doing the cover of Vanity Fair than I am for my music, which is a total drag." She laughs, "I'm a star in terms of public image. It's kind of a strange career."

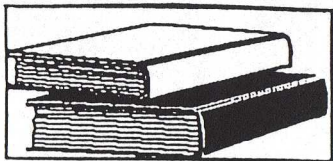
When she's not turning heads or penetrating eardrums, lang enjoys a very 'uninteresting' life at her home in Vancouver, B.C. Among her hobbies are cooking, walking, riding her beloved motorcycles and swinging a bat at the local softball cage. She always has enjoyed playing softball and she was even considered briefly for a part in 'A League of Their Own.'

Her days on the road may be numbered. She no longer lives regularly in Los Angeles, and although she's going on tour in January, lang is growing tired of the limelight. In fact, she says, "I wish my retirement were coming tomorrow, but I don't think Warner Bros. would be too happy about that."

But, when the music sounds right, not much gets her down, not even people's opinions of her. "It's OK with me, because that's the whole basis of everything, people's point of view, people's interpretation of life or lovers of food." Come and get it girls! It's a smorgasbord and it's 'All You Can Eat.'

D.B.Waldon
K. Grant





Cover to Cover

Books of Interest

The Weekend Peter Cameron

On a midsummer weekend, in a country house in upstate New York, three friends gather on the anniversary of the death of a man who was related either by blood or love. Their idyll is disturbed by the presence of two outsiders; a faux Italian dinner guest and a young gay man who is now involved with the dead man's lover. And so, a swim in the river, a dinner *al fresco* and a walk in the woods at night all become charged with the tension of trying to recapture something lost.

--An exquisitely crafted novel about the fiction of romance and the dangers we invite when crossing new thresholds, *The Weekend* is a work of quiet beauty and tender lyricism that confirms Peter Cameron's reputation as a writer who is adept at cutting straight to the heart of the matter.

-Newsweek

Other works by Peter Cameron include *Leap Year*, *One Way or Another* and *Far Flung*. All these books are available at the Kitchener Public Library. (Main Branch)

Paris was a Woman Andrea Weiss

From the author of 'Vampires and Violets', this collective biography of lesbian and bisexual Modernists, such as Collette and Gertrude Stein, offers a rare portrait of the female literati in Paris at the turn of the century. (Harper-Collins)

A Lesbian Pillow Book Harper-Collins

Traditionally exchanged between lovers, these pillow books contain gorgeous art and poetry celebrating Sapphic and homoerotic love, making them the perfect little erotic gift

Fairy Tales: Traditional Stories Retold For Gay Men by Peter Cashomli (HarperSanFrancisco, \$18.00 U.S., October).

Just when you thought you knew Rumpelstiltskin, one of our own has gone and transformed traditionally homophobic fairy tales into playful, seductive bedtime stories for adults. Witty and terrific.

I Am My Own Woman by Charlotte von Mahlsdorf (Cleis, \$12.95 U.S., September). A first-person account of patricide in wartime Germany by a man who's lived his entire adult life as a woman. After braining his abusive Nazi father, young von Mahlsdorf donned a dress and became part of Berlin history. Now he tells all.

Nice Work If You Can Get It: My Life In Rhythm And Rhyme by Michael Feinstein (Hyperion, \$24.95 U.S., October). The sold-out singing star croons about working with Ira Gershwin and the perils of the professional closet. The only book out this season with jacket notes by Rosemary Clooney.

Oral Tradition by Jewelle Gomez (Firebrand, \$20.95 U.S., October).

Forceful and revealing poems by the Lambda Literary Award-winning writer tell tales of regret, love, and death. "Sonnet Blue" alone is worth the cover price.

Tomboys! Tales Of Dyke Derring-Do edited by Lyne Yamaguchi and Karen Barber (Alyson, \$9.95 U.S., October).

Stories, essays, and photography prove once and for all that there's no such thing as a butch heterosexual gal. Linda Bourke's "Button Nose" is a scream.

Another Mother by Ruthann Robson (St. Martin's, \$21.95 U.S., November). Defending a lesbian mother accused of killing her child, a lesbian attorney hits crisis overload when she herself is accused of same-sex harassment. Smart first novel by author and law professor Robson.

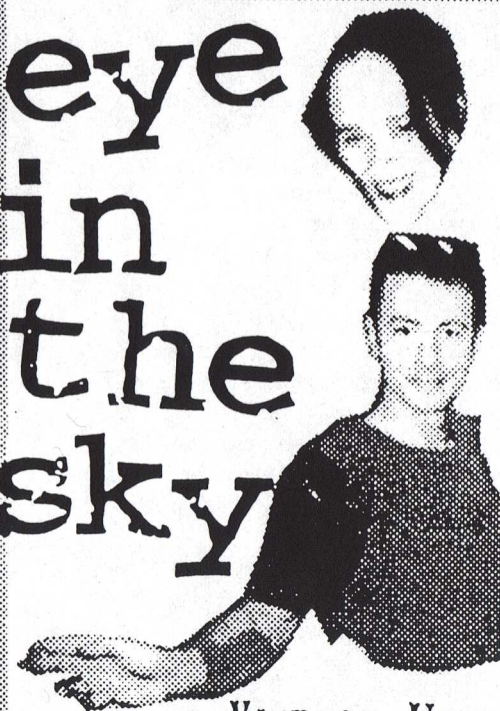
TV TALK

Doug Savant continues his role as the forever victimized Matt on Fox's *Melrose Place*. Mondays @ 8PM. Martin Mull and Sandra Bernhard return in their recurring gay roles on ABC's *Rosanne*. Tuesdays @ 8PM. Gay actor Dan Butler continues as sportscaster Bulldog Briscoe and gay novelist Joe Keenan still writes television's wittiest lines for *Frazier*. Tuesdays @ 9PM. ABC, Tuesdays @ 10PM is home to NYPD Blues' Bill Brochtrup as John Irvin, the endearingly fey precinct

secretary. Kids in the Hall's Scott Thompson plays the new gay assistant to Hank (Jeffery Tambor) on *The Larry Sanders Show*. Fans of Fox's *Party of Five* will be pleased to know Mitchell Anderson returns as the gay teacher who adopted a daughter last season in this surprisingly good drama. *The Crew*, Fox's new gay produced comedy is about a crew of flight attendants with winning David Burke as the heterosexually challenged Paul.



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In the early 80's, when David Lebovitz was 24, he arrived in San Francisco clutching a degree in film from Ithica College in upstate New York, hoping to become an advertising executive and ended up taking a job making salads. But these were no ordinary salads: They were the exquisite creations served at Chez Panisse in Berkeley that legendary shrine of fine dining that was single-handedly responsible for making *California cuisine* a part of the American lexicon. Twelve years later, Lebovitz, who lives with his partner of seven years, is now a pastry cook at the restaurant, having learned the art on the job, and is regarded as one of the finest dessert makers in the country.

Ginger and Butterscotch Custard

David's original custard recipe gained instant approval from restaurant co-owners who often feature the dish on the menu of the lively cafe upstairs from the formal dining room at Chez Panisse.

4 oz. ginger, freshly sliced
 2 cups heavy cream
 1/8 tsp. salt
 1 cup brown sugar
 6 egg yolks, lightly beaten
 1/2 tsp. vanilla extract

1. In a saucepan, cover ginger with water and bring to a boil, cooking for 30 to 60 seconds. Drain.
2. Place cream in a second saucepan, then add the warm ginger and salt. Steep for 2 hours or until the ginger taste is to your liking. Remove ginger with a slotted spoon.
3. Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Add brown sugar to the gingered cream and heat. When sugar is dissolved, slowly add the mixture to the egg yolks, stirring constantly. Pour through a fine-mesh strainer; add vanilla.
4. Pour the mixture into six custard cups and place them in a pan of hot water. Cover the pan with foil and bake for 40 minutes, until the custards are just set. Do not overbake: The custards should jiggle slightly in the center when shaken. Serve warm or at room temperature.

-OIT Magazine

what's cooking?

by Chef Lance Extraordinaire

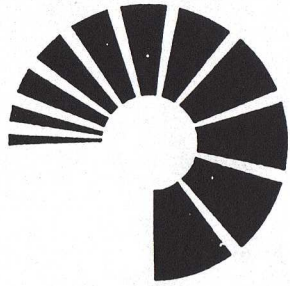
Chicken with Lemon Sauce

8 boneless, skinless chicken breasts
 1 egg
 2 tbsp. milk
 1/2 cup toasted ground almonds
 1/2 cup dry bread crumbs
 1/2 tsp. white pepper
 - all purpose flour
 3 tbsp. vegetable oil
 2 tbsp. butter

Lemon Sauce

1 tbsp. butter
 4 tsp. all purpose flour
 1 cup chicken stock
 2 egg yolks
 1 tbsp. lemon juice
 1 tsp. grated lemon rind
 - salt and pepper

1. Pat chicken dry. Beat egg with milk. Mix almonds with bread crumbs and pepper. Lightly dust chicken with flour; dip into egg mixture, letting excess drip off. Dip into almond mixture to coat completely. Place on rack and cover with a tea towel; refrigerate for at least one hour.
2. On a 15x10 inch cookie sheet, heat oil and butter in 375 degree oven for 5 minutes. Place chicken in a single layer on pan; bake for 20-25 minutes or until no longer pink inside, turning halfway through. Remove to serving platter.
3. **Lemon Sauce**
 In saucepan, melt butter over medium high heat; whisk in flour, stirring for 30 seconds. Gradually whisk in stock; cook, stirring constantly, for 4-5 minutes or until boiling and thickened slightly. Reduce heat to low.
4. Whisk egg with lemon juice; whisk into sauce and cook, stirring constantly, for 2-3 minutes or until sauce lightly coats a wooden spoon (Do not boil). Stir in lemon rind; season with salt and pepper to taste. Pour over chicken. Makes 8 servings.



A MESSAGE FROM

ACCKWA

ACCKWA announces the beginning of:

Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Youth Discussion Groups

Beginning September 1995, The Education Program of the AIDS Committee of Cambridge, Kitchener, Waterloo & Area will offer discussion groups for lesbian, gay and bisexual youth, up to 25 years old. There will be a group for gay and bisexual men, and one for lesbian and bisexual women. The session will run for 10 weeks, and a second session will begin in January. The groups will be facilitated by community professionals using the *Pride & Prejudice* model of Central Toronto Youth Services. Issues to be discussed include coming out, coping with hostile environments, finding a support system, relationships, AIDS and safer sex, and others. There is no charge for participation in the groups, and transportation subsidies are available.

Confidentiality is assured.

For more information, contact Rob Gascho, Education Coordinator at ACCKWA.

HIV+ Support Group - This group is open to anyone who is HIV+. It provides a space to discuss issues of relevance to members, such as disclosure, treatment information sharing, anger, and loss. This group meets every second Monday evening for two hours.

ACCKWA wish list ...

- vitamins and nutritional supplements
- cans of Ensure and Nutren (especially vanilla and strawberry!)
- a walkman (to be lent to those receiving long - and quiet - therapies and treatments)

ARTISTS

Call for Submissions

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Chairs
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Sit on a masterpiece!

Artists are asked to create and donate original works of art using a chair as their canvas. Materials may include any media, such as: paint, upholstery, wood, metal or clay. Chairs will be part of a non-juried art exhibit on: November 21st through to December 2, 1995
Rotunda Gallery, City Hall

Chairs will be auctioned with all proceeds to benefit ACCKWA: The AIDS Committee of Cambridge, Kitchener, Waterloo & Area the evening of December 2nd, at Rotunda Gallery, Kitchener City Hall.

To register as a participant, call ACCKWA at 519-570-3687 now.

News and Views

Quilt Goes High Tech

Sick of using your home computer to talk trash in chat rooms? Soon, that hunk of hardware will enable you to view panels from the NAMES Project Foundation's AIDS Memorial Quilt. Foundation officials announced that the quilt's 31,000 panels will be photographed and the images transferred to CD-ROM disks. The project, sponsored by corporations, foundations and individual contributions, will take three years to complete. The quilt weighs 36 tons and covers 13 acres, making it the world's largest piece of folk art.

(The Advocate)

Rainbow VISA Card

Martina Navritilova will be spokesperson for the all new Rainbow VISA card. Sponsored by Subaru, the card use is hoped to raise upwards of \$20 million for gay and lesbian causes by the year 2000.

Guelph Dance

Friday, October 27 will be the date for this month's Guelph Dance. Dig up those old costumes and come see us for an amazingly spooktacular event. As always we're at the 'Old Schoolhouse' and doors open at 9PM.

Are you a deaf gay or lesbian? There is an organization for the deaf gay or lesbian. It's called Toronto Rainbow Alliance of the Deaf. We always have a meeting at the 519 Church Street Community Centre once a month on the first Saturday from 1-4pm. You are most welcome to join us!

Accomodations Available

Country Home For Rent

On July 29, 1994, my brother died of AIDS. The legacy that he left is a beautiful home with loft set in the country surrounded by trees. This home sits on a one acre lot and is ten minutes from antique shops and twenty minutes from the ski slopes and beaches of Georgian Bay. My brother started building this house in 1993. He died prior to completion. I cannot afford to keep this house without renting it. The house has all the amenities, sleeps up to six people, and is completely winterized. Monthly, weekly, and weekend rentals available. A PORTION OF EACH RENTAL FEE WILL BE DONATED TO THE AIDS CHARITY OF YOUR CHOICE, IN YOUR NAME. Photographs available upon request. Please telephone: 1-905- [REDACTED]



NEWS! NEWS! NEWS!

Canada: Vancouver gynecologist Gerald Korn was fined \$2,480 August 9 for refusing to provide artificial insemination to a lesbian couple. The fine was levied by the British Columbia Council of Human Rights.

Zambia: The government said August 8 that it freed 100 HIV-positive prisoners to limit the spread of AIDS behind bars.

Alabama: Montgomery insurance company supervisor Ford W. Prescott—who claimed his male boss grabbed his crotch and kissed him on the neck—won a sexual harassment suit against his supervisor and former employer August 9.

Denver: If you can hold the pickle and the lettuce, than you can hold the f word too. That's the message police had for two employees of a Burger King who allegedly called two customers "faggots" and refused to serve them August 6. Police cited the two employees for disturbing the peace. Managers at the restaurant apologized and gave the men a corporate complaint number to call, cops said.

Alabama: William Hillyer was sentenced to 99 years in prison for beating his three housemates to death with a hammer in Fairbanks, because he erroneously believed they were gay. ---The Advocate

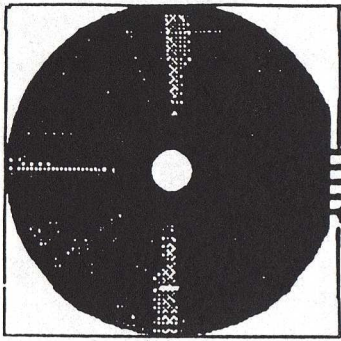
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music

Music From the Motion Picture To Wong Foo, Thanks for Everything! Julie Newmar (MCA)
Reviewed by Barry Walters

They want our pink money, and they've got the divas to prove it. The sound track to *Hollywood Priscilla* offers one screaming sister and hip-hop mama after the other. With new tracks, remixes, and old favorites by Salt-N-Pepa, Chaka Kahn, Crystal Waters, Cyndi Lauper, Tom Jones, the Commodores, Patti LaBelle, and (gasp!) the reunion of the group LaBelle, the folks behind this collection prove they know which side their melba toast is buttered.

Although pop soundtracks are notorious dumping grounds for substandard tracks, most of these new cuts and remixes kick major padded butt. Those rappin' queens of AIDS awareness, Salt-N-Pepa, get the party started with the kind of hip-hop us homos can safely be "down with." "I Am the Body Beautiful" must be the first rap track in history to flaunt Divine references: They actually say the words "cha-cha heels." On "Free Yourself," Chaka wails her chakras into alignment. This pounding house anthem is the most dance-a-rific

number girlfriend's turned out since this Khan-artist popularized the rap break with "I Feel for You." "Who Taught You How" ain't no Crystal Light: This is the same sassy stuff Ethel Waters' niece has brought directly from underground gay discos to Top 40 radio.

"Hey Now (Girls Just Want to Have Fun)" offers an Ace of Base/Real McCoy slant on Cyndi's biggest hit, while the Commodores' funk chestnut "Brick House" has been digitally dusted off. Miss Patti screeches her way through "Over the Rainbow" like only Miss Thing can, and the debut cuts by Monifah and Charissse Arrington are fairly "fly" as well. And what can we say about a remix of "She's a Lady" that remixes Tom Jones into a pleasingly cheesy dance track that would make Right Said Fred proud? You go, Tom, that's what.

But the real deal is the reunion of Patti LaBelle with Nona Hendryx and Sarah Dash. Like nearly every track here, "Turn It Out" has a drag-queen subtext too fierce to ignore. The house beats thump, the girls pump, and the result makes you want to jump-back into your Larry LeGaspi silver spacesuit with feather trim, circa 1973.

-The Advocate



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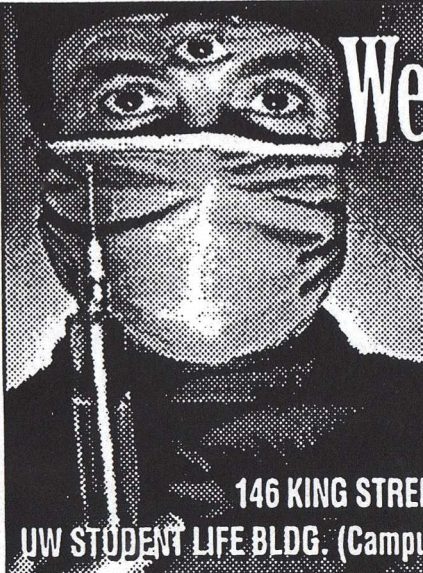
Erasure, Erasure (Elektra, October). We love the hits, but we want more. The clock is ticking for Andy Bell and Vince Clarke to push their well-established synth-pop boundaries.

Indigo Girls, 1,200 Curfews (Epic, October). The Indigo Dykes offer up two CDs' worth of live tracks, new and old, with cover tunes, guest appearances, and the concert intensity they've yet to capture in the studio.

The Magnetic Fields, Get Lost (Merge, October). More sad and cranky tunes, with classic pop melodies and disturbing instrumentation from the gay boy behind the 6ths.

Velvet Underground, Peel Slowly and See five-CD boxed set (Polydor/Atlas, September). Now that Nico has become the Judy Garland of the art-fag set, this is the time to investigate the roots of spooky queer rockdom, lovingly remastered for the '90s.

Melissa Etheridge, Your Little Secret (Island, November). The homo world waits with crossed fingers to see which way rock's most accomplished bionic lesbian will go after her mega-mainstream breakthrough--into uncharted queer territory or snooty VH1-ness.



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Reader's Corner



Discrimination? Yes!

It has many different faces. As many faces as the targets it is aimed at. It has been aimed at me a few too many times in my life.

I am a thirty-five year old gay man. Growing up, I chose to grow my hair long while every other boy in school sported a crew cut. I was called a lot of names during that time but one I remember clearly was 'Suzie.' It may sound funny to some, but not to a young boy growing up and struggling with his identity.

I remember sitting in class and the teacher, a substitute, was calling on students to answer questions. When she came to me, I remember she said, "The girl behind so and so." I was that girl. I can remember being really embarrassed and was made fun of after class. 'Suzie' was born.

Later on in life, I was often teased about being a 'homo' even though I had not come out to anyone. I dated quite a few girls back then, hoping this would stop the verbal attacks. I even got married at 22 and divorced two and a half years later.

Everything was fine for a while; I held down a good paying job, had my own apartment and had money in the bank. Even though I had come out to close friends and family, I was still struggling with it internally.

My co-workers knew I was gay and it didn't appear to be a problem. Boy, was I wrong! I decided to move away from the area for awhile and try to sort out my feelings and come to terms with my life and how I lived it. I moved to Hamilton for about 6 or 7 months, but found the new city didn't change a thing; only the scenery had changed.

I finally realized there was nothing for me to be ashamed of. I

was a good person and proud of who I was. If other people had a problem with my lifestyle it was just that; their problem.

I returned to Cambridge and called my former employer; the one I had left to move to Hamilton, and asked for my job back. To my surprise, my former boss said I was more than welcome to return and I'd be placed at my original job position with no pay change. I went out and bought new safety boots and readied myself for work the next morning. Little did I know, while I was out buying new boots, a co-worker had circulated a petition stating that I was gay and "would you want to work beside him or drink out of the same water fountain and maybe get AIDS?"

I received a phone call from my boss stating that he had made a mistake rehiring me. Apparently, it was against company policy to hire back former employees. I found out the boss was lying by means of a friend/co-worker who had told me about the petition. I was encouraged to file a complaint against the company, but never did. Now I wonder why. This was ten years ago and I didn't feel confident enough to follow through with this although it bothered me terribly.

More recently I've been discriminated against for another reason. No, not because I have long hair, not even because I'm gay, but now, because I'm HIV positive.

A routine trip to the dentist turned into a nightmare when I was refused treatment. The dentist I went to see was not my regular dentist. He was in the neighbourhood and the sooner I could get my tooth fixed, the better. I was in pain!

As a new patient, I was requested to fill out the routine medical form; Do you have any drug allergies? etc.

Everything was fine until I came to two questions that made me stop and think. 1) Have you been tested for the Human Immunodeficiency Virus? and 2) Did you test positive? Should I answer truthfully or slide right by these questions? Since honesty seems to be the best policy, I decided to tell the truth. Remind me to lie next time!

I completed the form and was asked to follow the dental assistant into an examination room, where I waited for the dentist. After a couple of minutes he arrived and looked into my mouth but was interrupted by his assistant. He excused himself and left the room to consult with her. Soon, he reappeared, took a seat across the room from me, and said something I'll soon not forget. "I'm sorry, but we seem to have a problem here. I can't help you if you are HIV+ as my staff is not trained for this and I don't have the proper sterilization equipment to do a sweep of the room after you leave. However I will give you the name of someone who can help you." I remember he referred me to someone who was experienced in treating "people like me."

I don't have to state how upset this whole incident made me; I'm sure you can imagine. I remember going home, still in pain, thinking I would rather go through the pain of my tooth, than the pain the dentist made me feel, just by saying and doing what he did. I had a few drinks and called every support system available, including ACCKWA, the local AIDS organization.

Between my partner and the Positive Approaches Coordinator at ACCKWA I was told something should be done about this. I was advised to put in a complaint. This time I would. I called, then wrote the Royal College of Dental Surgeons of Ontario and told them about the problem. I also sent the Ontario Human Rights Commission a copy of the letter I had sent to Toronto and kept one myself.

Between June 20, 1994 and the present, I have corresponded with the College of Dental Surgeons on an ongoing basis. They have sent me letters from the dentist, who is denying most of what I reported. It is still ongoing.

However, I did receive treatment from a local dentist. Within a day or two of the incident, I was treated by a Dr. Michael Kalbfleish, who was appalled by what I had told him about my experience with this other dentist. He stated, what I had already felt; that universal precautions should be taken with every patient. I must commend Dr. Kalbfleish on his professional, personable and caring approach. He is a good doctor!

So, you see, appearance, sexual orientation and HIV status are only a few of the many faces discrimination attacks. I have learned not to let it go by unnoticed. I will have a voice against discrimination and this time, my voice just may be heard.

Rick Lethbridge
Kitchener



Brand's

Coming Out: Part 2
The Stages of Acceptance

We all come to terms with significant changes at our own pace. Just as we take varying lengths of time to come out ourselves, so parents go through their own process of absorbing this news. As much as we'd like them to appreciate our willingness to reveal such an intimate part of ourselves, it's unlikely that they'll be able to skip ahead to acceptance without going through some of the following stages first.

Disbelief

It's amazing how strong some parents denial is, even when it's pretty obvious we're not meeting the usual time line for heterosexual involvements. Many parents don't think of their children as being sexual at all, much less homosexual. Even if they suspected it in the back of their minds, most parents are shocked to find out we're gay.

Tell Me It Isn't So

They may think you're rebelling, you're going through a phase, or you were seduced by your lover. The possibility that you're simply in touch with your own feelings may be beyond their comprehension. They may plead with you to tell them you're not really gay. It's beginning to sink in; their sorrow and childlike wishful thinking are a natural part of their process of grieving for the loss of who they thought you were.

Rejection

Many parents see our disclosure as a personal affront. They think we choose to be gay or to come out purposefully to hurt them, rather than seeing that we're actually trying to be closer to them by telling them who we really are. They finally see that you're quite serious about this "madness". Feeling overwhelmed, they may attempt to counter your disclosure by demanding that you forsake being gay. What you feel is not important; They claim you owe it to your family not to throw your life

away and humiliate them. Because of their own feeling of being out of control, they may try to overpower you with threats to withdraw financial or emotional support.

Let's Pretend

You refuse to go back into the closet, but you also don't escalate the conflict with your own ultimatums that they accept you or forget you. You reach an uneasy coexistence- they'll tolerate your being around, but they really don't want to hear about your sexual orientation. You're not sure whether to keep trying to get through to them, or if you should edit half of your existence from conversation, just so they won't get upset. You may not get much support from telling them about your life anyway, so after awhile you stop trying. Your family acts as though you've never said anything, and you begin to wonder if you are invisible.

A Shift Occurs

Something changes- you get a lover or lose one; you have a child or there's an illness in the family. A new stress on the system causes a shift in your family's dynamics. Suddenly you or your parents see each other differently- your father cherishes your baby; your mother gets to know your lover; your sister reaches out to you when her husband dies. A new perspective about what's really important allows you to come together again.

Acceptance

Some families are able to accommodate your disclosure without needing a crisis to remind them of your importance to one another. After an initial negative reaction, many families are able to affirm their continuing love and support- they see that you're still you, even if they have concerns about how your life will be affected. Some parents move beyond merely accepting the fact that you're gay; they genuinely appreciate the caring behind your disclosure and your desire to include them.

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COLIN JAMES

Colin James - Live at Lulu's

I arrived home from work in a hurry in anticipation of another excellent concert night, unfortunately, it was going to be at Lulu's again. Don't get me wrong, it's a great venue but only if you don't mind standing like a sardine in front of the stage, surrounded and being bumped and trampled by rednecks and would be cowboys, non-stop. Giddy-up!

After I changed and ate supper with my babe, we hosted a little pre-concert get together in the living room of our new pad with four girlfriends (2 couples). There was to be three live acts tonight and I thought that eleven o'clock would be early enough so we could catch Colin's complete show, and I could still keep my sanity. Sounds like a plan!

Upon turning into the old K-Mart parking lot to enter Lulu's, our eyes widened. Cars for days! All those cars, right to the road told me that all those people were inside and by now on their way to delerium.

We breezed through the ticket wicket, (as everyone else was already inside!), and proceeded directly to the big bar and got a jug. I've got to applaud Lulu's ingenuity. They basically serve draft, draft, and more draft to a couple thousand patrons, while liquor, shooters, and bottled beer take second place at smaller bars which surround the perimeter.

Beer in hand, we lead the girls to the action area - in front of the stage. Doing this little manoeuvre proved harder than the previous time we were here. Way busy!

Finally, after squeezing, sliding, and excusing, we were there. The crowd was electric with anticipation!

The soundman was feverishly inspecting the stacks of amps, equalizers and assorted electronic equipment to make sure everything was kosher.

At the same time, another stage hand was busy tuning guitars, and yet another was racing back and forth across the stage with a large silver flashlight making the final checks of mikes, instruments, etc. The crowd was growing impatient. All at once the stagehands cleared to the side and, in the near darkness, Colin James and his band crept out to their places on stage and a sudden hush spread over the audience like a calm before the storm. Now loud chanting, yelling, screaming, and whistling took over the couple thousand people from almost every mouth and table.

Boom! A tube of white light placed MR. JAMES out front, centre stage and speaking into the amplified microphone. The show started on a major upbeat number that I didn't recognize, but thoroughly enjoyed! Colin and his talented band continued non-stop with many favorites including "Just Came Back" and a new version of "The Other Side".

I must admit I wasn't overly familiar with all of his material, but he certainly produced! A special mention has to go out to Colin's right hand girl on guitar. What a great voice and a great talent! The sax player was also worth notice!

Anytime you get a chance to catch Colin and his band - do it!!! Given the fact that Kitchener was the 38th stop of their current tour, Colin lead a powerful show jammed with rhythm and blues spiced rock and roll.

After this night's show, the band was heading to the U. S., so it may be a while before the next gig with Colin James!



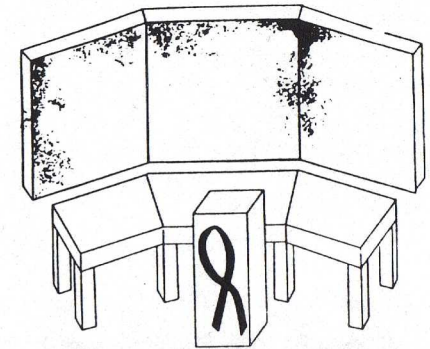
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MISSION STATEMENT

The Waterloo Region AIDS Memorial Committee is a group of local concerned citizens interested in constructing a permanent AIDS Memorial to remember the loved ones we have lost to AIDS. The memorial will also serve to promote an awareness of the reality the impact HIV/AIDS has had, and will unfortunately continue to have on our local communities. The AIDS Memorial will be located in a distinctive spot specifically set aside as a place of remembrance and to pay tribute to all of those we have lost to this disease. It is our hope, that the Waterloo Region AIDS memorial will be a lasting reminder and tribute to the heroes and heroines of AIDS and as a dedicated place to celebrate their lives. Persons directly affected through the loss of a loved one to HIV/AIDS are encouraged to participate fully and will be consulted on a regular basis regarding this project. Names will not be added to the memorial without prior consent.

The Waterloo Region AIDS Memorial Committee is a non-profit, volunteer undertaking. Committee membership is open to anyone with an interest in assisting this project, and strives to be inclusive of all segments of our communities affected by HIV/AIDS.



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Learning Together About HIV



Here at Outlook we intend to educate, promote, and advocate safer sex practices. Starting with this issue we will include a monthly installment entitled "Learning Together About HIV." It will cover such topics as HIV testing and counselling, Immune System Basics, AIDS-related illnesses, Health Interventions, HIV Infection in women and children, and the Psychosocial Impact of HIV Infection. We will also keep you up to date with what's going on at ACCKWA, The Aids Committee of Cambridge, Kitchener, Waterloo, and Area, the services they provide and any upcoming events and/or fundraisers.

A Brief Overview of HIV Infection -HIV Infection World Wide-

The history of HIV infection and AIDS in North America is a relatively recent one. In June of 1981, the Centre for Disease Control (CDC) in Atlanta, Georgia, first described what was soon to be referred to as AIDS in its Morbidity and Mortality Weekly.

They described clusters of young, apparently healthy gay men in San Francisco, Los Angeles and New York who were developing a rare form of skin cancer, known as Kaposi's sarcoma (KS), that, until then, had only been seen in elderly men of black, Italian or Jewish origin.

Also identified in the young gay men was a relatively uncommon form of protozoal pneumonia, *Pneumocystis carinii* pneumonia (PCP) that previously had been seen almost exclusively in severely immunosuppressed individuals (people with weakened immune systems).

Although no specific cause could be found at the time, it became clear to the physicians and researchers investigating the phenomena that an underlying immune system failure was the common factor. In 1982, the name Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome, or AIDS, was given to the cohort of symptoms that typified the disease - weight loss, fatigue, PCP, KS and premature death. The cause was as yet unknown.


Initially, studies in the U.S. indicated that the risk of acquiring the syndrome appeared to be linked to having numerous sexual partners. In 1982, however, as the complex became more widely recognized by the medical community at large, cases were reported in heterosexual intravenous drug users, hemophiliacs, spouses and sexual partners of persons with AIDS, and children.

Numerous sexual contacts were no longer the common denominator, nor was homosexual contact. What was emerging was a pattern of infection by a pathogen transmitted through the

exchange of body fluids, especially blood and semen. In 1984, The Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) was definitively isolated, and its identification enabled the development of a test for antibodies in the blood. The antibody test made it possible to identify individuals who had been infected by HIV, and to screen donated blood and blood products to prevent transmission to transfusion recipients.

Although male homosexual and bisexual infection rates remained high in both Canada and the United States, male and female infection rates in Africa were equal, with widespread infection in the heterosexual population. Retrospective serological (blood/blood products) testing revealed that the epidemic could be traced back to the late 1950's in eastern Africa.

Although no one is sure exactly where or when HIV originated, it has been generally accepted that the human virus is related to the Simian (Green) Monkey virus. The virus first affected humans in central Africa, where the monkeys are hunted for food and often skinned and eaten raw. The monkeys also bite, increasing the potential for infection even higher. Although initial efforts to determine the cause and the mode of transmission advanced rapidly, the Subsequent search for treatments and cures has progressed slowly. The only effective defense against HIV disease continues to be the public health effort to prevent its transmission






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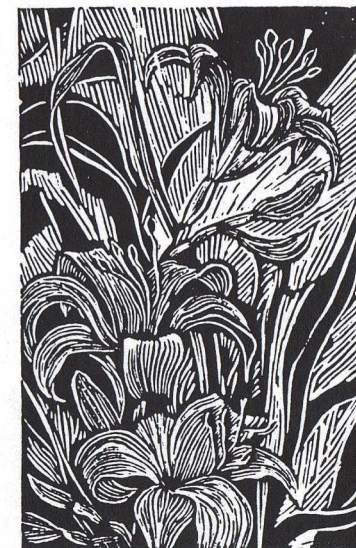
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