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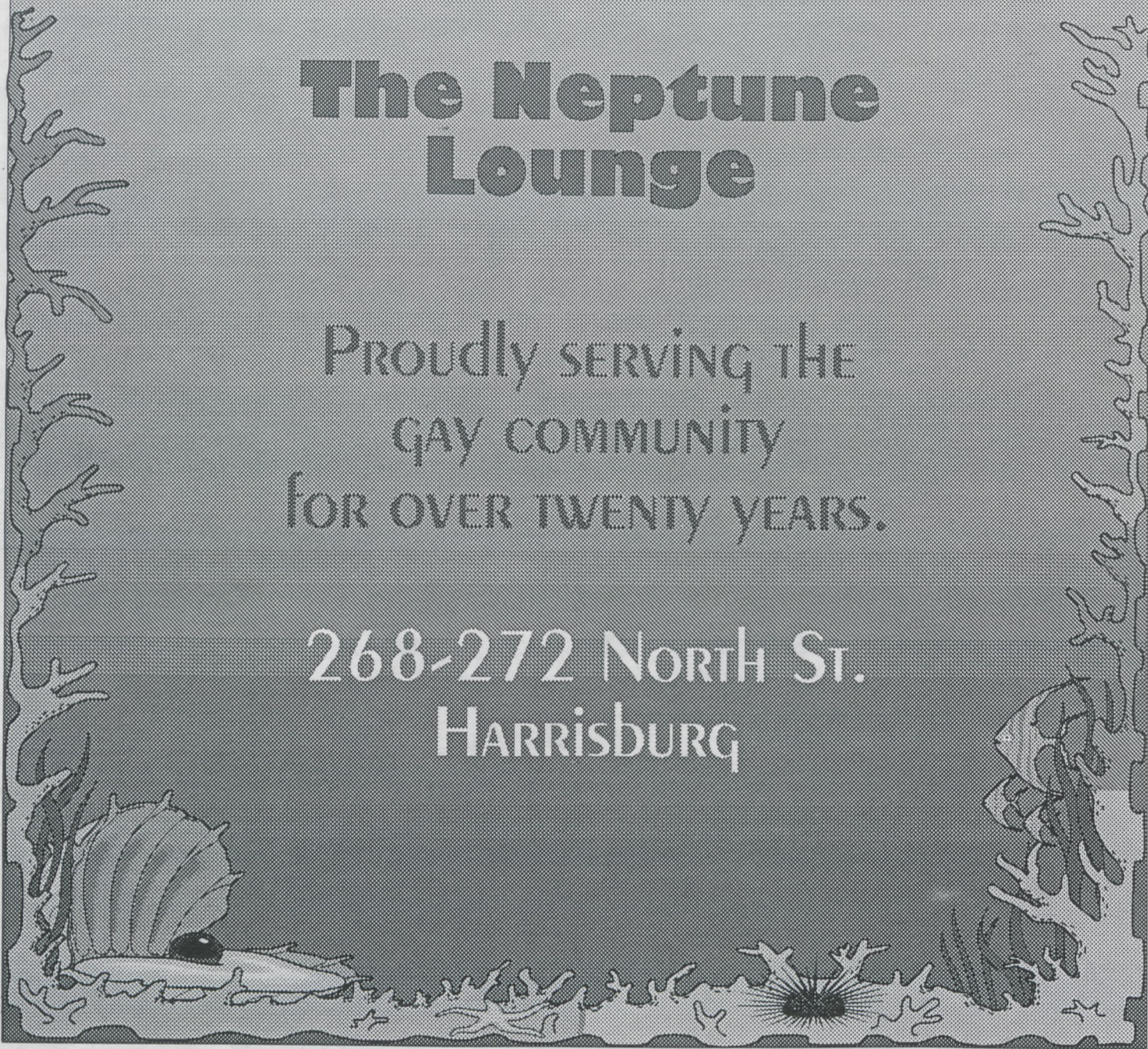


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## Publisher's Note

Two years have passed since I asked Chuck Atwell the burning question: "Why is it that we (in Central Penna.) have the *PGN*, *Au Courant*, the *BGP*, and the *Baltimore Alternative*, and not a newspaper for ourselves?" Chuck, nursing his O'Doul's, answered, "I don't know, but you would think there would be a need for one." What immediately followed was an exchange of mutual inquiries and discussions concerning the advantages the community, and perhaps the community-at-large, would derive by having such a publication. From this exchange, perhaps inspired by my third or fourth rum and Coke, an idea was born, then laid aside, and then reborn.

In your hands is the culmination of seven months of legwork, research, bitchiness, arguments, philosophizing, assumptive reasoning, and down and outright fun: **crossroads**. You're right. It isn't a newspaper, but our very own magazine. This first volume is but a sample of what to expect in October, 1995.

Why "**crossroads**" and why now? Central Pennsylvania is both the geographic and cultural hub for everyone who works and/or resides here. Anyone who's taken a day trip outside of Harrisburg, Lancaster or York knows that within four hours, they can reach Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, D.C., Baltimore, Rehoboth, Atlantic City, and yes, even New York City. It is therefore safe to say that all roads lead to, and through, the Harrisburg Metropolitan Area. So, why can't outsiders be made aware of the treasures that abound due to gays and lesbians via their organizations, businesses, artists, community activists, professionals, and individuals who constitute our progressive gay (a term to collective signify homosexuals) enclave?

It's also evident that our *little gay community*, as it was once called, is burgeoning into its own as a force soon to be reckoned with by people within the overall world of art, business and politics. Gay organizations are making, as they have in the past, a positive impact, within and beyond our community. Our collective voice will soon crescendo to a volume no one can possibly ignore as we, the gay, lesbian, transgendered, transsexual, bisexual (*did I omit anyone?*) persons of Central Pennsylvania make known our needs, dreams and desires. This may sound radical, but the Pride March of 1993 defined the status of gay realities and challenges in the nineties. Whether we choose to ignore them (or readily accept them) the million plus participants girded many to take on breathtaking challenges that can only draw us nearer to the day when we can hold our heads high in the overall community of man (and woman) without losing the unique quality and diversity that have brought us to this point in history.

Respectively, it is the awesome burden of responsible journalism that we at **crossroads** gladly accept. We know we will unintentionally get it wrong at our genesis. This issue's group of contributing writers, through their mutual dedication, sense of commitment and overwhelming love of the community, have cheerfully given of their time and talent to make this project a success.

Our goal at **crossroads**, and at its parent company *Crossroad Publications, Inc.*, is noble if not lofty—to bring the inhabitants of Lancaster, Harrisburg, York and the surrounding environs together in a way not achieved since the inception of the Community Awareness Council of Central Pa. whose efforts must not be forgotten. **Crossroads** will attempt to become a clearinghouse for groups and businesses in order that events do not conflict with each other; so that we, in one city can assist those in another; so that we can attempt to better understand each other. We don't make the illusion that it will be easy, but together with a positive foot forward, we can only succeed.

We ask that you tell us what you like and what you despise; what we should cover and what's not worth the effort; and inform us of impending community events. Together, we can educate the overall public of our prominence in society and, at same time, keep the gay community abreast of what's happening. **crossroads** will be a bi-monthly publication for the first year. Our goal to grow into a monthly depends on your comments, criticisms and, yes, praise of our efforts. We will be controversial and we will make you angry. That's good. It is not our intention to piss you off, but if we do, perhaps it is not us, but your gay compatriots and society as a whole, to whom your ire should be directed. If the blame lays with us, however, then write us and we will respond either in print or personally (*What are we getting ourselves into?*).

It is my pleasure, therefore, to welcome you to **crossroads**; warts and all. May this preview issue be the first of many years of service to our gay community. May you use it to your advantage as we, together, learn more about ourselves and the world beyond the walls that separate us from all things that people enjoy—proper recognition and respect of our efforts and talents to society. ▼

Dr. Eric W. Selvey

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## **Editorial**

Well, here it is in your hot little hands: The first attempt at a publication to serve the gay (a term to be used generically here on out to represent homosexuals) community of Central Pennsylvania. Unfortunately, this edition will fail to meet the expectations of those who feel a community as vast as ours is deserving of a greater, more informative monthly. To those individuals I say, "Give us a chance to improve." We, who display our work in this inaugural issue, are tyros in the world of journalism and sincerely welcome everyone to send their constructive criticism to Crossroad Publications, Inc. *Crossroads* and the community will greatly benefit from your suggestions on how we can best serve you and our community.

The focus of this commentary, however, is not the magazine, but the unfortunate excoriation that we seem to pass on to gay organizations and more importantly, its individual members, that strive to make our community a better place in which to live. Many of these groups are non-profit, all-volunteer orgs that exemplify the exceptional talents of our brothers and sisters in gaydom. Others are groups, such as AIDS service establishments, who rely heavily on gay and lesbian volunteers to meet the ever increasing demands placed upon them by the public.

Lately, an epidemic of castigation has erupted towards individuals and the orgs they represent who, for one reason or another, attempt to improve the quality of life for their community. In addition, there are individuals and groups who, due perhaps to their ignorance of the niche these orgs fill, chastise these individuals and volunteer organizations because they do not seem to fit *their* concept of how the gay community should be reflected in the media and the general public.

This is highly discouraging to volunteers and their affiliated groups whose missions, as a result, undergo periods of self-doubt; potentially detrimental to the spiritual embodiment of both individual and group.

It's human for us who donate our time and effort to get angry at their intolerance, but perhaps we at *crossroads* can help remove the negative perception; clear away the ignorance that has been attributed to their views. As *crossroads* expands to include more features, we also have a commitment to bring you insights reflective of the workings of the gay community—its members, its groups, its problems and hopefully, with your help, their subsequent solutions. The future starts today, and with it a new comprehension of the pieces that make up the puzzle that is the gay community of Central Pennsylvania. ▼

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## Humor

### *Just exactly, who does what???*

by Doug Warner

"Just exactly, who does what?" rolled the words from Uncle Joe's mouth. Aunt Maggie said, "Really, Joey," and she, along with Grandma Frannie leaned eagerly forward and together, we constructed a pyramid that would have made Cheops proud. Somehow, somewhere, someday, the eternal question daring to be asked, will sneak out in the middle of a conversation and you'd be well-prepared to answer. The inevitable inquiry ubiquitously present on the lips of most straights is *who does what* as they attempt to equate our lives with their *traditional gender roles*.

Like most couples, gay or straight, each of us simply does what we do best. Since I'm the better cook, I cook. Each night, like clockwork, the kitchen undergoes a transformation as dinner is prepared. No matter how hard I try, pieces of broccoli scatter themselves; hiding until company comes. I've yet to figure out how our kitchen gets out of control by meal's end (*and where did that army of kitchen utensils come from?*).

***...and where  
did that army  
of kitchen  
utensils come  
from?...***

One thing I detest is doing dishes so, to balance the horrendously burdensome chore of food preparation, Clair, my life partner, cleans up and I could not be happier.

Of course, it helps to display a bit of ineptness in a chore you hate. Recently Clair underwent cataract surgery and asked me to do the yardwork. Well, we've had this ongoing discussion that the trees and rose bushes are taking over the yard; forcing us to remain closer to the house to avoid attack. Clair, a nature lover at heart, allows them total dominion over the yard. However, being brought up by rules and boundaries, I've seemed to have acquired a strict code by which I fit all challenges; applying them to all facets of my life. So out I boldly ventured into the thicket with a pair of shears, a hand saw and a pair of snips. Clair realized, within five minutes, exactly what I was up to and came out to rescue, but in vain, the beloved formerly rooted children of God. I'll miss doing the yardwork.

While doing our laundry, I couldn't understand how our dark clothes picked up a purple hue. It was akin to looking at fabric cross bred by an African Violet and Barney. So when I retrieved Clair's pants from the washer, I thought how long it would take me to run to Boscov's to purchase a replacement before he found out. One should truly be ineffective at tasks that are disliked.

After the chores were divided, to Joey's satisfaction, the next question was "Who's in charge?" I am, of course. Just ask Clair and he'll set the record *straight*.▼

## Lancaster Spotlight

by Ken Oakes

Lancaster, the county seat of Lancaster County, is best known as the heart of Pennsylvania Dutch and Amish Country. However, we are aware of a number of organizations that are working diligently and collectively in making life better for members of its sexual minority as well as individuals living with HIV and AIDS. The following organizations constitute an informational collective known as the Rainbow Network:

*Interweave, MCC-Vision of Hope, Pink Triangles Coalition, Susquehanna Club, Allies (Millersville University), Matrix (Franklin & Marshall College), Lancaster AIDS Project, Red Rose PFLAG, SMYLE (youth support group), Unitarian Church, & Lancaster Men's Potluck.*

According to Mark Stoner of the Pink Triangle Coalition, the following are issues of great concern amongst gays residing in and around the Red Rose city:

▼ The city's daily newspaper prohibits sexual minorities from placing personal ads in its classified section while this forum is used to great advantage by heterosexual men and women. The Pink Triangles Coalition is working along with other groups to affect a change in the discriminatory policy.

▼ Pink Triangles participates in PennDOT's Adopt-a-Highway program by regularly cleaning a portion of Route 283 in Lancaster—denoted by a sign reading *Gays and Lesbians of Lancaster*—which has gained a favorable community response.

▼ The Lancaster Human Relations Commission, formerly a joint body of the city and county, split when the city added sexual minorities to its list of protected classes (the county ran and funded the Commission). The city continues to include protections for the homosexual community, but currently does not have a commission to enforce the ordinance.

More information on Lancaster happenings can be attained by calling the HelpLine at (717) 397-0691. ▼

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## York Spotlight

by Dr. Eric W. Selvey

Who said that the variety show is dead? York's equivalent of *Your Show of Shows* (for those too young to recognize the reference, ask your parents) returns to the White Rose city Friday evening, August 25 beginning at 8:00 p.m. in the Valencia Ballroom located at 142 North George St. courtesy of **York Area Lambda**.

*"I can't believe it. Right here where we live. Right here in York."* - Judy paraphrased

*Judy! Judy!! Judy!!!* is billed as *A Musical and Dramatic Gala Revue* and if last year is any indication, this year's 'FUN'draiser for AIDS & breast cancer should exceed the \$1,100 raised. In fact, this year's goal of three to four thousand dollars is to assist **OPEN—Ordinary People, Extraordinary Needs**—who, affiliated with the York Council of Churches, provide housing for persons living with AIDS and are beginning a buddies program. The **York YWCA's breast cancer education outreach program**, specifically targeting the health concerns of both straight and lesbian women via health fairs, will be the an equal beneficiary of funds.

*J/3*, held last year at Altland's Ranch on the seventy-second anniversary of Judy Garland's birth (June 10, 1922), resulted in a three and a half hour showcase of Central Pennsylvanian talent resulting in YAL's first successful fundraiser. This year's talents are reminiscent of last year's with many of the acts making their *J/3* debut: **The Women's Theatre Guild, The Central PA Womyn's Chorus, Lily White & Co., Inc., The Harrisburg Men's Quartet**, along with instrumental soloists/duets, vocalists, dance interpretators, and, oh yes, clogging. Stormy Scott of Stormcloud Productions returns as Mistress of Ceremonies for the annual event.

YAL's Doug Warner sees *J/3* as an opportunity to bring the straight and gay communities closer: "Bridging communities proves that we, as gays, can look beyond ourselves and our concerns. We are worthwhile individuals who can make a positive effect upon society." Believing that the doors separating the gay and straight communities can be opened via the contributions artists and performers, Warner has already sensed the positive support currently generated by both communities as witnessed by the brisk advance sales of *J/3* tickets (\$15.00 each). "Benefits have, in the past, been viewed as private functions with the potential of excluding ninety percent of the total populace," says Warner. "This is an effort to pull in that ninety percent."

Tickets are available at Her Story Bookstore, Altland's Ranch, the 14 Karat and at the Central Pennsylvania Pride Festival.

If *J/3* lives up to its promise, it will be the standard by which all variety shows will be measured with two support groups benefitting. After all, Judy wouldn't miss it, you shouldn't either.

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# PRIDE ON THE RISE AND COALITION IMAGE ON THE MEND

By Jill Devine

The way Ken Oakes sees it, things can only get better.

The President-Elect of the Pride Coalition of Central Pennsylvania knows that amongst his priorities when he assumes office in October—two months following this year's Pride Festival—is improving the Coalition's image.

The fledgling non-profit organization suffered a setback recently when dismal ticket sales postponed the Community Recognition Banquet from spring until fall, cancelled an April 22 Suede concert altogether and sapped the Coalition's operating funds, which had already been committed as deposits for the entertainment and a banquet hall (One of last year's Pride Festival program advertisers declined to advertise this year, because he had heard the Coalition was "bankrupt").

Then there was the March 1 Coalition Steering Committee meeting when Oakes and President Dr. Elaine Wasilewski haggled over the meeting's agenda. It was eventually determined that they both had essentially the same agenda for the meeting, and that Wasilewski would chair the meeting.

Oakes, also chair of the Festival committee by virtue of his elected position, had to be wondering whether this tiny group could pull off the Pride Festival, the Coalition's *raison d'etre*, and an event expected to draw a crowd of 8,000 this year.

Local legend has it that Central Pennsylvania's tradition of gay and lesbian gatherings began as a private party—albeit of a couple of hundred people—in the mid-1980's. A year later, an alliance of gay and lesbian groups, including The Pennsmen, The Lavender Letter, Metropolitan Community Church, Dignity, and Gay Fathers began holding the gatherings—then called "Open Air Festival"—on the police grounds near Linglestown.

The Open Air Festivals evolved into the "Unity" festivals, which for two years were held at Ski Roundtop in Lewisberry. The first "Pride" festival was held in Reservoir Park in Harrisburg in 1992.

Then, in 1994, the Pride Coalition of Central Pennsylvania was officially formed. According to Doug Warner, the Coalition's first president, and chair of this year's festival's Hospitality committee, one of the group's missions was to "take over the reins" of the annual festival.

This year, Pride groups from across the country will converge again at Reservoir Park on July 30 from 12 noon until 7 p.m.; preceded by an ecumenical service at 11 a.m. ***Pride on the Rise***, this year's festival theme, will be depicted on shirts, flyers and buttons with a logo designed by local artist Mindy Deardorff.

Oakes and Warner will be joined by Dr. Eric Selvey, Emjay Fabiankovitz, Dan Jackson, Stormy Scott, Dee Malesic and Barb Ebright who respectively, chair the festival's Publicity, Resource Development, Vendor, Entertainment, and Operations committees.

Wasilewski says that the Pride Coalition has been getting a bad rap, and says she believes that the Coalition will help the Pride Festival improve from year to year. The Coalition has already made considerable progress: This year, for the first time, local corporations will sponsor the event, and the CAT Trolley will take festival-goers from Third and North streets to Reservoir Park and back, for a dollar fare each way. The trolley is expected to run every half hour.

Thanks to help from the Central Pennsylvania Womyn's Chorus, there will also be more activities for the children, such as face painting, games and prizes. Between pre-festival and festival day fundraising, the Coalition expects to raise \$25,000.

Oakes agrees that the Coalition's recent notoriety is undeserved and commits himself to generating positive publicity. One way to do that, he says, is to have a successful Pride Festival.

He's probably right: ***What better way to earn a good reputation than to throw a great party?▼***

COMMUNITY  
RESOURCE GUIDE

# Community Date Book

(All phone numbers are in the 717 area unless otherwise noted)

## REGULAR MEETINGS

- Dignity/USA North Central PA Lycoming Co.** - Fourth Sunday of each month. 507 W. Fourth St., Williamsport. 7:00 P.M.
- Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Helpline** - Volunteer training and education outreach available to community September through December. Family and Children's Service, 2022 Broad Avenue, Altoona. (814) 944-3583.
- Harrisburg Men's Chorus** - Rehearsals each Monday evening. Second United Church of Christ, Green and Verbeke Sts. 236-SING. 7:00 P.M.
- Lancaster Red Rose PFLAG** - Fourth Sunday of each month. 40 E. Orange St., rear bldg.
- Lily White & Co., Inc.** - Rehearsals each Tuesday and Thursday evening. The Vault, 236 N. Second St., Harrisburg. 233-8074/232-2918. 7:00 P.M.
- Metropolitan Community Church of the Spirit/Harrisburg - Sunday Worship:** Friends Meeting House, 6th & Herr Sts., Harrisburg. 7:00 P.M. **Wednesday Discussion:** MCC Church Office, 1818 Green St., #1, Harrisburg, 236-7387. 7:30 P.M.
- Pink Triangle Coalition** - Fourth Tuesday of each month. Lancaster AIDS Project, 44 N. Queen St., Lancaster. 7:00 P.M.
- Rainbow Network** - Last Sunday of each month. Unitarian Church, 538 W. Chestnut St., Lancaster. 3:00 P.M.
- Vision of Hope Metropolitan Community Church - Sunday Worship:** 10:30 A.M. and 7:30 P.M. 130 E. Main St., Mountville, 285-9070.

## AUGUST

- 1-29 - Unity Center for Spiritual Growth** - Vegetarian Cooking Class. Hands on experience of cooking meatless meals. Participants will leave with a full belly, experience and recipes. Pre-registration fee of \$40.00 required. Every Tuesday, 6 P.M. - 8 P.M.
- 12 - Christiansbrunn Brotherhood** - Fifth Annual Open House. Crafts, food and tours of cloister available. Christiansbrunn Kloster in Pitman. 1:00 - 5:00 P.M.
- 12 - MCC/Harrisburg** - Crab Feast/Potluck. Call Mary at 236-7387 for more information. 4:00 P.M.
- 12 - Unity Center for Spiritual Growth - Birthing the Limitless Life:** Seminar designed for people on all paths of recovery from societal effects. Unity Church of Harrisburg, 4695 Charles Road, Mechanicsburg, 737-8875. Admission free, cost offering preferred. 8 A.M. to 12 Noon.
- 19 - MCC/Harrisburg** - Square Dance. YMCA, 320 E. Market St., York.
- 20 - MCC/Harrisburg** - State Street Ministry. 100-200 blocks of State Street, Harrisburg. Midnight Sunday morning.
- 20 - York Area Lambda** - Pot Luck Picnic. Bring a cover dish. Admission free. Call Frank at 292-1665 for location and more information. 1:00 - 5:00 P.M.
- 25 - York Area Lambda - Judy! Judy!! Judy!!!.** A variety show with proceeds benefitting Ordinary People, Extraordinary Needs (OPEN) and York's YWCA breast cancer education efforts. The Vallencia Ballroom, 142 North George St., York. 8:00 P.M.
- 26 - MCC/Harrisburg** - Card Party. Contact Steve at 564-0258 for location.
- 26 - Renaissance Education Assn., Inc./LSV - Luau '95.** Dinner Party and Drag Show. Sheraton Inn, Union Deposit, Harrisburg. Call 780-1578 for more information. 7:00 P.M.

## SEPTEMBER

- 2 - Unity Center for Spiritual Growth - Metaphysical Bible Interpretation:** Understanding the Bible in new terms rather in fear/judgement. Unity Church of Harrisburg. Cost: \$12.00. 9 A.M. - 2 P.M.
- 8-9 - Unity Center for Spiritual Growth - Transforming Your World Through Work:** Seminar designed for those who desire a career/job they truly love and that employs their talents. Unity Church of Harrisburg. Cost: \$40.00. Sept. 8: 7 A.M. - 10 A.M. & Sept. 9: 10 A.M. - 4 P.M.
- 13 - Lancaster AIDS Project - The Great Lancaster/Lebanon Dine-Out:** Participating restaurants in both counties donate 25% of proceeds to LAP's direct client services. Time: Lunch & Dinner.
- 17 - Pink Triangles Coalition** - Bus trip to the Holocaust Museum in Washington, D.C. Cost \$25.00 includes bus trip, museum admission and juice and bagels. 7:30 A.M. - 4:30 P.M. For reservations, call 1-(800) 331-4359.

## OCTOBER

- 6 - Harrisburg Men's Chorus** - Marilyn Horne in concert with The Hershey Symphony and a 100 Voice Men's Chorus. Concert features Randall Thompson's *Testament of Freedom*, Johannes Brahms' *Alto Rhapsodie* and select presentations by Ms. Horne. The Forum, Walnut and Commonwealth Avenue, Harrisburg. Call 236-7464 for tickets. 8:00 P.M.
- 10 - Berks AIDS Network - Good Time For Life:** 30 Berks County restaurants offer percentage of proceeds to assist in the fight against AIDS. 5:00 P.M. to Close.
- 13 - York House Hospice - An Evening of Remembrance:** The Eaken Trio perform violin, cello and piano pieces composed in memory of AIDS victims. Strand Capitol, York. 7:30 P.M. Call 846-5872 for ticket information.
- 14 - Christiansbrunn Brotherhood - Printing Workshop.** Day-long workshop in letter press printing. Registration fee: \$20.00. 9:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.
- 19 - Unity Center for Spiritual Growth - Unity and the Nine Insights of the *Celestine Prophecy*.** Learning through an in-depth study of 1994's best seller. Runs through November 21. Unity Church of Harrisburg. Cost: \$40 or \$5 per week. 7 P.M. - 9 P.M.
- 26-27 - Unity Center for Spiritual Growth - Co-Creation Meditation.** Learn the process of a co-creation meditation with God. Unity Church of Harrisburg. Cost: \$25.00. 7 P.M. - 9 P.M.
- 29 - Lancaster AIDS Project - The Arts Against AIDS '95:** Auction including original local art sculpture, photography, celebrity items and more! Event catered by AFC Susquehanna Valley Chef's Association. Lancaster Host Resort, Lancaster. 4:00 - 10:00 P.M.

## NOVEMBER

- 20-24 - Berks AIDS Network - Christmas gift wrap booth** located in Center Court of Reading's Fairgrounds Square Mall. Regular Mall Hours.

## DECEMBER

- 1 - AIDS Community Resource Program - Adams County observance of World AIDS Day.** Time: TBA.
- 2 - Renaissance Education Assn., Inc./LSV - Holiday Dinner Party.** Holiday Inn East, Harrisburg. Call 780-1578 for more price and time.
- 3 - Lily White & Co., Inc. - Broadway Angel—A Drag Christmas Carol.** A lipsynch musical to be performed at Harrisburg's Paper Moon Restaurant, 272 North Street at 7:00 & 9:00 P.M. All tips to go to the Lily White Patient Relief Fund helping those living with HIV/AIDS. Admission: \$5.00.

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416 West 4th Street, Williamsport 17701, 322-8448 or 1-(800) 773-AIDS

**AIDS Project of Centre County**  
301 S. Allen St., Suite 102, State College 16801, 1-(800) 233-AIDS

**Berks AIDS Network**  
429 Walnut Street, P.O. Box 8626, Reading 19603-8626, (610) 375-6523

Comprehensive AIDS services and prevention education.

**Bethy Finney House Corporation**  
625 W. Chestnut St., Lancaster 17603, 396-8689

**Community AIDS Network**  
102 Harline Science Center, Bloomsburg University, Bloomsburg 17815-1301

**Franklin Area AIDS Network**  
P.O. Box 356, Chambersburg 17201, 261-1800

**Lancaster AIDS Project (LAP)**  
44 N. Queen St., Lancaster 17603, 394-3380/Hotline: 394-9900

**South Central AIDS Assistance Network (SCAAN)**  
2-A Kline Village, Suite A, 25th & Market Sts., Harrisburg 17104, 238-AIDS

**York Area AIDS Coalition**  
P.O. Box 5001, York 17405, 845-3656

**York Health Extended Social Services (YHESSI)**  
101 E. Market St., 2nd Floor, York 17401, 846-6776

An AIDS social service organization that, as a part of a community health center in York, providing case management services for infected individuals. Support groups, individual and couple counseling and educational outreach also provided.

**York House Hospice**  
145 S. Duke St., York 17403, 846-6872

An in-patient home with three beds and one crib for persons dying from AIDS. Family and patient counseling, palliative medical/nursing care also offered.

## CULTURAL ARTS

**Central Pennsylvania Womyn's Chorus**  
P.O. Box 60426, Harrisburg 17106

**Harrisburg Men's Chorus**  
P.O. Box 3302, Harrisburg 17105, 232-9299

**Lily White & Company, Inc.**  
P.O. Box 5703, Harrisburg 17110-0703, 233-8074/232-2918

An entertainment troupe that produce drag shows, as well as mainstream gay plays, while raising money for HIV/AIDS service organizations and gay and lesbian groups.

**Women's Theater Guild**  
36 Sussex Road, Camp Hill, 17011, 737-7104

## Religious Affiliations

**Christenbrunn Kloster**  
R.D. 1, Box 149, Pitman 17964

The only gay cloister in the U.S.A. whose members are post-Christian Harmonists act as one in the Holy Spirit. Work retreats are offered and visits are welcome to the 63-acre cloister.

**Dignity/Central PA**  
Box 297, Harrisburg 17110-0297

**Dignity/USA North Central PA** - Lycoming County  
94 Kinsey St., Montgomery 17752, 547-1329

A support, worship and social group for gay, nongay & bisexual people and friends. Also providing HIV support.

**Metropolitan Community Church of the Spirit**  
P.O. Box 11543, Harrisburg 17108  
Office: 1818 Green St., #1, 236-7387

**Unitarian Church of Harrisburg, Lesbian & Gay Concerns Committee**  
1280 Clover Lane, Harrisburg 17113, 664-4761

**Unitarian Universalist Church of Lancaster**  
538 W. Chestnut St., Lancaster 17603

**Unity Center for Spiritual Growth**  
Unity Church of Harrisburg  
4695 Charles Rd., Mechanicsburg 17055, 737-8875

A church that honors the diversity of each individual and creates a space for exploring personal spirituality.

**Vision of Hope Metropolitan Community Church of the Spirit**  
130 E. Main St., Mountville 17554, 265-9070

## Social Groups

**Lancaster Men's Cover Dish**  
145 N. Concord St., Lancaster 17603, 295-9093

**Pennsmen**  
P.O. Box 401, Harrisburg 17108

**Susquehanna Club**  
P.O. Box 10122, Lancaster 17605-0122

Camping and Hiking for Gays & Lesbians.

**Volleyball**  
Salvation Army Gym, Penn & Cumberland Sts., Harrisburg 17102

**York Area Single Women's Potluck**  
R.D. 1, Box 13588, Zeigler's Church Rd., Spring Grove 17362, 225-6042

**York Area Women's Potluck**  
825 S. Newberry St., York 17403

## Switchboards

**Gay and Lesbian Switchboard of Harrisburg**  
P.O. Box 872, Harrisburg 17108, 234-0328  
(M-F 6 - 10 P.M.)

**Gay and Lesbian Switchboard of North Central PA**  
Box 2510, Williamsport 17703, 327-1411  
(M-F 6 - 9 P.M.)

**Gay and Lesbian Switchboard of State College**  
P.O. Box 805, State College 16801, (814) 237-1950  
(6 - 9 P.M.)

**Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Helpline**  
c/o Family and Children's Service, 2022 Broad Avenue, Altoona 16601, (814) 944-3583

**Lancaster Gay & Lesbian Helpline**  
20 Toll Gate Station Box 14, Lancaster 17601, 397-0691  
(Su, W, Th 6 - 10 P.M.)

## Youth/Student Organizations

**Allies/Dickinson**  
Dickinson College, Carlisle 17013-2896

**Allies/Millersville**  
P.O. Box 134, Millersville University, Millersville 17551

**Allies/Franklin & Marshall**  
P.O. Box 3220, Lancaster 17604, 399-6192

**BGLASS & SDAC**  
Box 58, Susquehanna University, Selingsgrove 17870, 372-4302

**BI, Gay & Lesbian Youth Association of Harrisburg (BI-GLYAH)**  
c/o GLSH, P.O. Box 872, Harrisburg 17108, 234-0328

**Center for Counseling and Human Development**  
Ben Franklin Hall, Room 17, Bloomsburg University, Bloomsburg 17815, 389-4255

**Free Spirit**  
Keir Union, Box 113, Bloomsburg University, Bloomsburg 17815

**GALA**  
P.O. Box 3220, Lancaster 17604-3220, 399-6192

**Gettysburg College Lambda Alliance**  
Gettysburg College, Gettysburg 17325, 372-4302

**Kutztown Women's Center**  
Room 138, Old Main, Kutztown 19530

**Lesbian/Gay/BI Concerns Office**  
Bucknell University, Box A-252, Lewisburg 17837, 524-1609

**Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Association**  
Wilkes University, Wilkes-Barre 18766

**LGBSL Office of Human and Cultural Diversity**  
Box 213, Wookidge Hall, Lock Haven University, Lock Haven 17445, 893-2154

**Mathx**  
Franklin & Marshall College, C-2373, Box 3003, Lancaster 17604-3220, 399-6192

**Office of the Chaplain**  
Bucknell University, Lewisburg, PA 17837

**Penn State Lesbian/Bisexual/Gay Student Alliance**  
310 Hetzel Union Bldg., University Park 16802, (814) 865-3327

**Pink Triangle of HACC**  
Student Activities Office, HACC, 1 HACC Drive, Harrisburg 17110, 238-6833

**Shippensburg University Counseling Center**  
Wright Hall, Shippensburg University, Shippensburg 17257, 532-1481

**SMYLE (Sexual Minority Youth of Lancaster and Environs)**  
656-4152

## Other Organizations

**As We Are AA (Alcoholics Anonymous)**  
c/o St. Mark's Lutheran Church, 142 Market St., Williamsport 17701

**Berks Gay & Lesbian Alliance**  
P.O. Box 417, Reading 19603, (610) 775-0214

**Business Association of Gays and Lesbians (BAGAL)**  
P.O. Box 135, Harrisburg 17108-0135

**Dialogue**  
P.O. Box 297, Harrisburg 17108-0297, 561-8689

**Gay and Lesbian Community Awareness Council of Central PA**  
200 North St., Harrisburg 17101, 234-2250

**Gay/Lesbian Organization of Reading/Allentown (GLORA)**  
P.O. Box 1952, Allentown 18105

**Interweave**  
c/o Unitarian Universalist Church, 638 W. Chestnut St., Lancaster 17603, 393-1733

**Lambda AA/Harrisburg**  
c/o GLSH, P.O. Box 872, Harrisburg 17108, 234-0328

**Lambda Alive**  
Box 4313, Reading 19606

**Lancaster Lambda**  
Box 8283, Lancaster 17604-8283

**Lancaster Pink Triangle Coalition**  
Box 176, Lancaster 17608-0176, 393-2883/392-2729

**Lavender Letter**  
Box 60184, Harrisburg 17106, 732-8010

**Lehigh Valley Homophile Organization**  
P.O. Box 1633, Allentown 18105

**Parents & Friends of Lesbians & Gays/Harrisburg**  
3641 Brookridge Terrace, Apt. 201, Harrisburg 17109, 657-1712

**Parents & Friends of Lesbians & Gays/Lancaster Red Rose**  
2112-13 Stone Mill Road, Lancaster 17603-7063, 299-7043

**PA Justice Campaign for Lesbian and Gay Rights**  
200 North St., Harrisburg 17101, 234-7273/234-2250

**Pride Coalition of Central PA**  
909 N. 2nd St., Harrisburg 17102, 238-8112

**REACH**  
P.O. Box 1763, Wilkes-Barre 18703

**Renaissance Education Association/LSV**  
Box 2122, Harrisburg 17105-2122, 780-115V

A non-profit support organization for transvestites, transsexuals and others interested in transgender issues.

**Susquehanna Kontakt**  
P.O. Box 286, Montandon 17850

**Susquehanna Lambda**  
P.O. Box 2510, Williamsport 17703, 327-1411

**York Area Lambda**  
P.O. Box 2425, York 17405-2425, 846-9636

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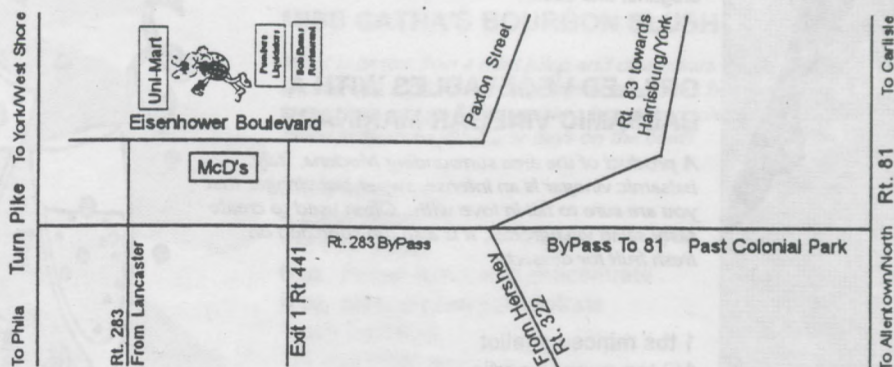
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# The Summer Palate

by the Gay Gourmands

*"...food is, delightfully, an area of licensed sensuality, of physical delight which will, with luck and enduring taste buds, last our life long."*

ANTONIA TILL  
from "Loaves & Wishes"

No season encourages the extravagances of the palate more than summer. With the abundance of fresh produce, the chance to use the grill and the "enduring taste buds" of eager friends and family, one must not miss the opportunities to share this singular indulgence called food. So get out that festive apron and chef's hat, *if you lean toward that extravagance*, and gird your loins for some gay grilling experiences. Here are some favorite seasonal dishes that should assist you with your sizzling summer entertainment.



## SPICY SUSQUEHANNA WINGS

*Since 1964, when the Anchor Bar & Restaurant of Buffalo popularized the luscious chicken wing, Americans have fallen head over heels for these deep-fried morsels of spicy pleasure. Grilling these fiery delicacies will only serve to enhance their flavor.*

12 chicken wings (2 lbs.)  
1/2 cup Louisiana style hot pepper sauce  
1 tsp dried oregano  
1 tsp dried basil  
1/2 tsp garlic powder  
Juice of 1/2 lemon

**C**ut off and discard tips of chicken wings. Cut wings at joints to form 24 pieces. Combine remaining ingredients and marinate the wings for at least one hour. Grill for 5-7 minutes. Brush with marinade throughout the grilling process.

Serving suggestions: Serve with French bread to alleviate the "heat" factor and grilled scallions. Of course, there is always the traditional blue cheese dressing with celery sticks. You might substitute your favorite ranch dressing for the blue cheese. Try creating your own accompaniment with nonfat sour cream and/or yogurt and a few fresh herbs such as cilantro, Italian parsley, garlic chives, oregano, and basil.

## GRILLED VEGETABLES WITH A BALSAMIC VINEGAR MARINADE

*A product of the area surrounding Modena, Italy, balsamic vinegar is an intense, sweet-tart vinegar that you are sure to fall in love with. Often used to create tasty salad vinaigrettes, it is also fun sprinkled on fresh fruit for dessert.*

1 tbs minced shallot  
1/2 tsp minced garlic  
2 tsps minced fresh basil  
1/4 cup balsamic vinegar  
1/4 cup virgin olive oil  
1/4 cup white vermouth

**C**ombine all ingredients and stir. Use a marinade before grilling portabello mushrooms, green onion (trim root ends *only*), zucchini, yellow squash, fennel, leeks, sweet peppers, asparagus, eggplant, and/or new potatoes.

Makes approximately 3/4 cup of marinade.



## ZESTY STEAK SAUCE

*This flavorful sauce is terrific when brushed on your favorite steak while grilling as well as serving it on the side. Use your own judgment on the hot sauce.*

- 2/3 cup catsup
- 1/4 lb. butter
- 2 tbs Worcestershire sauce
- 3/4 tbs Dijon style mustard
- 1 tbs dry sherry
- A few drops of hot sauce

**M**elt butter in double boiler. Add the catsup, Worcestershire sauce, mustard, and hot sauce. Whisk until smooth. Remove from heat and add sherry. Serve warm.

Makes approximately one cup of sauce.

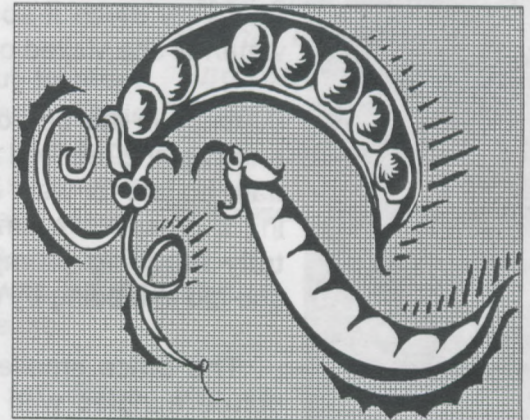
## BASIC PESTO SAUCE

*One of the mainstays of summer is the light and peppery basil. Use this pesto recipe to put over pasta, add to steamed and grilled vegetables, fish or pizza.*

- 1 1/2 cups packed fresh basil
- 3 cloves garlic, peeled
- 3 tbs grated Parmesan cheese
- 1/2 cup extra-virgin olive oil
- 1/4 cup pine nuts
- Salt
- Freshly ground pepper

**U**sing a food processor, combine the basil and garlic till it forms a coarse puree. Blend in the Parmesan. With the motor running, add the olive oil in a thin steady stream. Add the pine nuts and process until smooth. Season with salt and pepper.

Makes 2 cups of pesto.



## MISS CATHA'S BOURBON SLUSH

*What is better than a mint julep and disappears even faster? This fabulous drink is greatly appreciated on a burning summer evening. Packs well in a jug style cooler for those frolicsome picnics or days on the boat!*

- 2 tea bags
- 4 cups water
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 6 oz. frozen lemonade concentrate
- 6 oz. orange juice concentrate
- 1 cup bourbon
- 1/4 cup triple sec

**B**rew tea bags in one cup water. Stir in sugar until dissolved. Add frozen concentrates. Transfer to container. Mix in bourbon, triple sec and remaining water. Freeze to a "slush-like" consistency.

Makes a 1/2 gallon (which won't last very long!). ▼





## STORY

By Stormy Weather

### Part 1

#### Just Another Day at the Grind?

The day began like all the rest, slow and steady. Today, Tekoa knew somehow things would just be different. As steam filled the bathroom, she listened to the falling water of the shower and thought how very much it sounded like the small waterfall she visited once in her travels.

Once in the bedroom, her steps quickened as she realized the time. She did not dare be late for work as she was interviewing a prospective employee; an endeavor truly requiring promptness, believing as she did in leading by example.

The office smelled of freshly brewed coffee mingled with the aromatic cornucopia of a hundred different perfumes; a sure sign that Tekoa loved for it meant that everyone was at work and everything was o.k. As Tekoa settled herself in her habitual daily routine, she found herself in her favorite office pastime—glancing out her ninth floor window to notice the rushing of the people below. The bustle was highly reminiscent of another of her many vacation spots, New York, where everything moves at such a frenetic pace.

Ten-thirty arrived rather quickly and her appointment was due shortly. Tekoa decided she would put her feet up and relax for half an hour. The phone quickly disturbed any plans of an

uninterrupted break. Tekoa's heart raced, however, because she hoped it would be Rane—the call she wanted most of all.

They met at the local hardware store where Rane helped her select locks that would be most appropriate for the doors of her apartment. When she confessed her ignorance of hardware, Rane helped her choose the proper ones and even offered to install them for her; an invitation Tekoa could not and did not refuse. *I don't stand a chance, but I sure would like to try*, Tekoa thought as she admired Rane's adept installation of the hardware that would offer the security and protection she needed.

She answered the phone and the minute she heard Rane's voice, she started feeling those familiar strange vibrations within. Like Wonderland's Alice, strange things began to happen—the surrounding air became hot, thirst became an unwanted companion and the room shrank encapsulating her, the telephone and the sweet voice on the other end. Rane's call was just to say hello and to see how the days had been since their last conversation.

Tekoa, so enthralled by the telephone exchange, failed to notice the arrival of her appointment. Cheryl Johnson stood inside her door frame, clearly annoyed that Tekoa had not noticed her. Tekoa jumped slightly upon noticing the candidate and quickly motioned for her to enter; offering her a seat. Her conversation with Rane ended leaving Tekoa feeling like a new woman ready to take on any challenge the world might throw in her path.

Cheryl was very patient. Sitting with perfect posture, Cheryl wore the appearance of a woman in total control. The interview went well. Tekoa was certain that Cheryl would get the job. They shook

....an invitation Tekoa could not and did not refuse.

*I don't stand a chance, but I sure would like to try,....*

hands before parting, which gave Tekoa an opportunity to notice a particular ring upon the finger of Cheryl's hand; a unique piece of jewelry that she noticed before...

### **How Many Rings Does the Sixth Planet Possess?**

The morning sun unmercifully pierced through the bedroom window ultimately awakening Tekoa around seven-thirty. Her recognition of the time was only heightened by the neighborhood trash collectors who performed their normal routine about this time every Friday; hearing fragments of their conversation outside the window and along the street she called home for the past five years. *Thank God, Tekoa thought, it's Friday and I'm off work.* She planned to have a nice quiet day, but the relative tranquility was soon shattered by the ringing of the phone. "Hello," she spoke hesitatingly just in case it was someone with whom she did not want to speak to the party. "Well that's a nice greeting," said the voice on the other end. Tekoa knew instantly that it was Rane. "What are your plans for today?," Rane asked with that familiar mysterious lilt in her voice. Tekoa was so tickled by the inquiry, that she gladly reported her lack of plans for the day. They agreed to meet for lunch at their favorite spot. Upon hanging up the receiver, Tekoa noticed the clamminess of her hands that accompanied the indescribable thrill of her impending rendezvous with Rane.

Tekoa reached the spot first. She thought the country café was perfect, its surroundings idyllic. The balcony with its quiet cool breezes, which seemed to arrive from the adjacent trees, was ideal. Plenty of private space and time to spend with her favorite lady. *Yes, this is indeed the perfect*

*place.* She gestured to the waiter her preference of table. She glanced down into the courtyard just as Rane was approaching the steps and continued to watch her until she was no longer in sight. Even with that she knew how brown Rane's eyes were, the richness of her hair and the smooth texture of her olive toned skin. Rane, always a natural oil person, emitted a wondrous odor that filled Tekoa with thoughts that made her momentarily blush.

Rane reached out to meet Tekoa's waiting arms. Their embrace made the message clear that they missed each other's company very much. Stuffed Cornish hens, rice pilaf and spinach salad was a lunch that required a short intermezzo.

Tekoa reached for Rane who responded in kind. It was then that recent memory collided with the present. Tekoa noticed it. It was there on a finger of the hand she always loved to caress. Tekoa saw the ring. Her observation could not, however, stop the passion rising between the two of them in their room; both hearts mutually speaking the same language of caring and desire long unfulfilled by their owners.

Tekoa's head was spinning. Should she go with the moment or should her inquisitive nature take over and ask the question burning with the deep recesses of her mind?▼

***Tekoa noticed the clamminess of her hands that accompanied the indescribable thrill of her impending rendezvous with Rane.***

Part 2 coming next issue.

## Poetry Corner

### *Study of a Calla Lily*

(for Rogen)

*Your spirit, the open cup  
waits for the water to bring  
a life. A cusp or moment,  
dimax when you bloom,*

*but I cannot forget that summer  
in 1984 when we rode home in Endora  
and you brushed my cheek, burned  
my skin with passion of white,  
the lily. Here we are, though  
you are dead, and on the rim  
of the casket are the Callas  
I sent to remind you of July  
when we blossomed, hot and young  
in the backseat night. We were  
strangers then, as we are now,  
separated and descimated by  
the world and its time. I am  
not here to condone or condemn,  
I have come for final respects  
and to offer lilies to carry you  
out of my memory and into a life.*

*Sad now, but all I have is flowers.  
I love their honest imperfections  
almost as much as I love that night  
that flares so heavy in this memory.  
The front seat knew my desires  
and you, my new angel, have come  
into my garden to bloom white cups  
and offer the hope I had once forgotten.*

M. S. Viguers

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