

The Group Grope

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New Publication to Keep "The Group" Informed

By Christopher Ozdarski

For some time, a few of us have discussed the possibility of starting a newsletter so that information about "Group" events could easily be distributed. This would also give many of our members a vehicle for expressing thoughts and ideas. Well, Ellen Bristol and I have decided to take it upon ourselves to tackle the challenge of publishing a monthly bulletin.



What can you expect?

Well, this pilot issue should give you a clue. But the look will probably change from month-to-month as we adjust to meet the demands of our readers. Ellen and I will be taking turns as editor, so many of you can probably imagine how different each issue will look. The issues I edit (like this one) will usually have a more conservative/anal-retentive look, while Ellen's will likely be a bit more artsy-fartsy.

Looks aside, the following things will stay consistent each month:

- The name is "The Group Grope."
- A calendar/list of events with information about who to contact for more details will be included.
- An element of humor will be included somewhere within each issue. (You'll have to find it for yourself.)

Of course, for this to work, we need your help in the following ways:

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New Year's Eve at Christopher's

Back By Popular Demand
Group Grope news dispatch...

Christopher, the group's New Year's Eve host from 1989 through 1993, will be resuming his annual tradition in response to strong demand from members of "The Group."

No theme has been announced, and there may not be one. "Who needs a theme when we have each other?" says the successful host for ringing in the new year. "But who knows, I may come up with something at the last minute" he added.

Festivities will begin about 8:00ish and, as always, overnights will be welcome. Bring champagne for the midnight toast if you plan to be toast'n and be sure to pass the word to all of your friends.

No flier will be distributed this year, so consider this your invitation. Contact Christopher at 810-██████████ if you need more info.

Bachelor Party Alert - Dimmer Getting Hitched

Group Grope news dispatch...

Calling all guys... Tentatively scheduled for Friday, December 15, this event is a 'must-attend' for all men who are real men. Contact Todd Dressel or Matt Dosmann for final details, but figure on \$20 per person. Entrance fee includes food, booze and primary entertainment. A bargain at twice the price.

Gambling will likely occur with house winnings to go to our guest of honor. Craps and Blackjack are house favorites. Don't forget to bring that extra cash you've got stashed for a special occasion.

Our "bachelor," Ron Dimmer, met his bride to be, Linda Carter, at one of our "Group" functions a few years back. These crazy kids met on December 31, 1993 at Christopher's New Year's Eve Celebration. The rest, as they say, is history. Hopefully this will encourage attendance to this year's New Year's Eve Gala.

Congratulations to Ron & Linda.

Todd: 810-██████████
Matt: 810-██████████

Sixth Annual Tacky Tree

By the gimp

Shakes The Clown, a noted party fiend, officially opened the Christmas Season today with his traditional greeting, "Merry F***N Christmas!" Although he was noticeably slurring his words, and was in mid-exhale from one of the 8 Marlboro's he smoked during the interview, he did share his holiday plans with this reporter. "The only G** D*** thing worth celebrating this year is Morand's Tacky Christmas Ornament Party."

Morand's Christmas party has grown bigger, and reputedly rowdier, every year. This year promises to be no exception says host, John Morand. "Last year some of the guests got a little out of line, but nothing really valuable was lost or stolen. It really

brings a tear to my eye knowing that so many of my friends are really just ***** looking for a chance to get disgusting. Call me a sentimental fool but this s*** chokes me up."

This years bash, December 16, 8:30 p.m., will be the last year it will be held at the Kingston estate. The location of next year's festivities has yet to be determined, but Morand vows that it will take place.

The price of admission to this years bash is the same as last year with one small addition. Bring one tacky, disgusting, weird, etc... ornament for the tree and one gift valued at \$1.00 or less (wrapped) for the gift exchange. For more info call John M. at (810) ██████████.



Justinquery

By Justin Smith

When asked to pen a monthly column that would, or could, serve as a forum for the discussion of issues relating to relationships, humor, decadence, tom-foolery, frivolity and general musings, I was overcome with emotion: a wonderful nexus of positive and negative feelings. Assuming the role of emcee for such an undertaking has rewards and burdens. A marriage between this undertaking and myself posing as an authority on any of the forgoing is about as fitting as bringing grilled cheese sandwiches to a performance by your local symphony orchestra.

Anyway, thanks to "The Grope" for bestowing said honor on me. I can only hope to provide some levity, albeit skewed, to some of your serious and not-so-serious thoughts.

I would be gropeful (sorry, I deserve to be locked in a dark room all day for that one) to y'all if this space would be interactive. So, please send me your inquiries or thoughts. A response to your submission will be laced with a healthy and equal degree of sarcasm and the absurd. With anything that you send my way (preferably no packages that tick), please include an alias or a nom-de-plume of your choice. Inclusion of your actual name assumes all risks inherent in the same (including, most obviously, being judged by your peers).

Knowing that there is a distinct possibility that no one will submit anything to me, I have given myself full license to write about items you'd rather not hear about. For example, I may choose to explain misnamed, yet commonly experienced, digestive maladies. Indeed, I would only take this course of action as a last resort.

In closing, today I had the pleasure of viewing a great feel-good-slice-of-life flick. In "Leaving Las Vegas," a Vegas prostitute falls in love with a nouveau Vegas drunk - a great date movie. Also, I just purchased a wonderful new CD by a cool band called "Ready for the World." Track number three, "Oh Sheila," will certainly be a hit.

Cheers everyone, and remember... Keep your feet on the ground and keep reaching for the stars!

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The Astrological Adventure

By Mary Ann the Mystic

For December 1995

ARIES (March 21 - April 19) Do not succumb to peer pressure unless it feels good. Be your own person unless you can be someone else. Pay particular attention to loved ones in the months end. Best Sex On: 12/4, 13, & 23.

TAURUS (April 20 - May 20) This month you will start to feel accustomed with recent life changes. Toward the middle of the month, stop to smell the roses and take a bath. Please. Best Sex On: Be celibate.

GEMINI (May 21 - June 21) You are torn between two lovers, namely you and your alter-ego. Practice safe social etiquette and don't eat the garnish. Destiny will have you meet your true love toward the end of the month, but you will undoubtedly be in the bathroom. Best Bowel Movements On (Sex is out of the picture for this month): 12/1, 15, & 31.

CANCER (June 22 - July 21) The Grim Reaper of the goddess of love is standing on your front porch. So be aware when opening your door. Unless of course it is girl scouts selling candy. A trip to the east coast is in your future. Remember to bring your good underwear. Best Sex On: Nov. 3, 2001 (No, this is not a typo).

LEO (July 22 - Aug. 22) This is the month to make snow angels while in the nude. Use your influential powers to have friends and neighbors join in. Those who complain that you are unorthodox should be told to call 1-800-WHO-CARES. Best Sex: (Come on. You're a Leo.) Any time. Any place. Any way.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22) Because of your eccentric personality, ditch the plan to guest star in the next Disney movie. Having sexual thoughts about the little Mermaid won't help either. Just when others say you can't go further you'll make them blush with embarrassment. You have a talent for being

tactfully tactless. Best Sex On: 12/9, 20, 28. (Miss Michigan or Mr. Idaho don't count).

LIBRA (Sept. 23 - Oct. 23) Some say you are a flibbertigibbet (Morand would know what it means), but we know you are not. This month try to keep your feet on the ground because when they are in the air people will talk. Best Sex: When your feet are in the air.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 21) Your life is in such turmoil and duress you should immediately write to Justinquery. He may not have the answers but we will all get a laugh about your dilemmas. Best Sex: Ask Justin and he will provide you with a personal consultation.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21) Some say your lovemaking technique would be described as that of an Animaniac. Others have just said "Hello nurse." This will continue for the rest of the year. Beware of a phone call from Warner Brothers and wear clean underwear. Best Sex On: 12/5, 14 & 26.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19) Friends will be adorning you with the most vile things. My advice would be to hang them aside and be festive. Laying dormant this month can be rewarding. Best Sex: On your back. (Let your partner(s) do all the work).

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18) Your hopes for penile or breast implants are deflated. Remember, size only matters to the person in the shower stall next to you (and if that is really the case don't bend over to pick up the soap). Best Sex: In the Shower.

PISCES (Feb. 19 - March 20) Let your creative juices flow in everything that you do this month. Ditch the Bah-humbug attitude and have some holiday fun. Remember, nobody liked Scrooge. Best Sex: On a desk. (Extra points for creativity).

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- Subscribe. (See insert.)
- If you're planning an event, get us details as soon as possible so it can be put on the calendar. (Event info deadline is about the 20th of the month.)
- If you have an article you want published, let us know. Space is limited, so we make no promises other than that we'll do the best we can. (Copy deadline is the 15th of the month.)

Event info, articles, and most questions should generally be directed to me. (If it's Ellen's month to edit - I will forward items to her.) My address and phone number are in here somewhere. Look for them.

I hope you all enjoy and use this new information tool, and I look forward to seeing all of you on December 31 at my New Year's Eve Gala. (Except that piece of s***, Bob S.)



December 1995 Groping Opportunities



Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

					1	2 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Party @ Dave Messina's
3	4	5	6	7	8	9 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Party @ Heidi Hughes
10	11	12	13	14	15 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ron Dimmer Bachelor Party (tentative)	16 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Morand's Tacky Christmas Ornament Party
17 Birthday(1960)- Craig Mitchell	18 Hanukkah	19	20	21	22 Birthday(1965)- Paul Carolyn	23
24	25 Christmas	26	27	28 Birthday(1964)- John P. Morand	29	30 Congratulations Ron & Linda
31 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Christopher's New Year's Eve Gala						

Event Information

Sat., Dec. 2: Dave Messina is hosting a gathering at his pad in Jackson. Contact Dave at 517-~~231-1222~~ for details. Overnighters are welcome.

Sat., Dec. 9: 8:00ish. Cards 'n' such at Heidi Hughes' place. Contact Heidi at 810-~~231-1222~~ for directions 'n' such. Beware of parking issue.

Fri., Dec. 15 (tentatively): Guys Only! Bachelor Party for Ron Dimmer. Contact Todd Dressel (810-~~231-1222~~) or Matt Dosmann (810-~~231-1222~~). See related news item on page 1.

Sat., Dec. 16: John Morand's Tacky Christmas Ornament Party. Don't forget to bring an ornament and a wrapped gift valued at \$1.00 or less. See related article on page 1.

Sun., Dec. 31: New Year's Eve at Christopher Ozdarski's. Be there.

Unscheduled at publishing deadline, but watch for: Opportunities to buy birthday celebrants a drink. Just ask around.

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with news items, possible articles,
advertising questions, or to subscribe.

“Group Grope” Q & A . . .

Q: You mean I have to *pay* to start getting this rag?

A: Yes. Christopher and Ellen can't afford to pick up the cost to print and mail about 100 of these each month. (Do the math for yourself.)

Q: Yeah, but... I have to *pay*?

A: Quit your whining. For the price of about two beers a year (imported) you can stay up to date on many of the group activities and maybe get a good chuckle from time to time.

Q: But I only drink Lite.

A: So it'll cost you 3 beers.

Q: Can my spouse/significant other and I share a subscription?

A: Absolutely. The editors of this fine publication encourage you to “save a tree” when possible. Besides, sharing is what love is all about.

Q: Is there any way I can get a free subscription to “The Grope?”

A: You could probably bribe one of the editors for about \$8.28 a year.

Q: Do I get any cool stuff (like Ginsu knives) with my subscription to “The Grope?”

A: Not for 1996. But for 1997 we may offer an autographed picture of one of the editors writing his name in the snow with urine.

Q: What is “The Group” and how can I become a member?

A: That will be discussed in future issues of “The Grope,” but you pretty much have to know someone. (Which isn't that hard since our members are so friendly.)

Q: How do I know if I'm already considered a member?

A: Ask.



Q: How do I get *out* of “The Group?”

A: Offend all other current members. (Ask Justin about how he is doing it.)

Q: Have you ever known anyone to have an inverted nipple?

A: Umm... No.

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