

Vol.1 No.4

Renee Cherry

December 9-December 23

Staff Publisher Out Media Inc. Director Renee LaChance	Advertising Associates Sarah Koehl Sherri Riggs Brett Palm Doug Hiatt Eve Sicular	aybe SW 17th, Ste. B, Portland, OR 97205.	CONTENTS Out in Oregon 2 Out across
Editor Jay Brown Advertising Director Lisa Bouslaugh Production Director Bev LaBelle	Production Bev LaBele Rupert Kinnard Jay Brown Renee LaChance		the nation4Holiday B(I)ooze5BLGU Report7Calendar8Just Entertainment10
Graphic Design Director Rupert Kinnard Sports Ken Vogl	Just Out is published every other Friday. Copyright 1983. No part of Just Out may be		Sports

Phone 503-223-9652.

EDITORIA

reproduced without written permission

The month of December has long been heralded the month of festivities and celebration. From pre-Christian time to today, the two things these festivities shared as a common denominator was the giving of gifts, and tree worship.

Before Christians placed the birth of Christ on December 25, there was a twelve-day feast of Yule which began on December 25, and lasted until January 6. For each day of the festival Yule logs and candles were lighted to protect against evil spirits. At Yule Tide it was believed tht those who approached the sacred fir tree of the Scandinavian gods would receive special gifts that were handed out by the gods themselves. This is believed by some to be the origin of Saint Nicholas, also known as Santa Claus.

Yule was celebrated in parts of Germany, England, and Scandinavia. In southern Europe, a festival called Saturnalia was celebrated. For seven days, masters were made equal to slave in honor of a time known as the *Golden Age of Saturn* when all people were equal because nature provided enough so no one needed to work. During this celebration the masters and slaves exchanged gifts.

From these festivals, Christians incorporated many of their present day holidays. From humble roots, patriarchal white ruling-class Christians have created a means of saturating the media with one massive *sellabration*, from Thanksgiving to New Years' Eve. This massive *sellabration* allows those who profit from it the most to be good and loving to their families and others while allowing themselves to feel no guilt during the other eleven

months for their persecution and oppression of minorities.

To the poor and working class people, Christmas hype drives home the fact that they cannot afford the lavish gifts that are advertised, and cannot partake in the spirit of Christmas. Jewish and other non Christian people are ignored and left feeling more invisible than usual. People who don't live the "straight family lifestyle" experience loneliness, depression and often self-hatred that results in higher numbers of suicides than any other time of the year.

It is difficult not to get caught up in the *sellabration* of Christmas when you are bombarded with it by the media, family and friends. It is difficult for some to stand on their own and try to explain their feelings when they fear ostracism by those who are close to them.

It is important for those who get caught up in the *sellabration* of Christmas to remember other members of the community who are oppressed by this hype and be supportive of their needs and wants. One should remember that it is the giving of oneself and the equality of all people that are the true ideals of Christmas.

Renee LaChance, Director

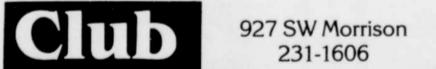
Out there somewhere is a person who *really* likes what we are doing. That person has given us a large measure of positive reinforcement. Unfortunatley, we at **Just Out** do not know who that person is. So, whoever you are, **Just Out** thanks you very much.

Jay Brown. Editor

3

Foxy Lady Review SUNDAY DECEMBER 18th 8:00 PM

\$1.00 cover and one can of food gets you in. Proceeds go to the needy for the holidays.





Just Out December 9-December 23

Portland Town Council announces A Grand Sale

White metal kitchen cabinet \$30.00. Brown metal cabinet with sliding doors, \$50.00. 3 wooden book shelves, \$15.00. Wooden coat stand \$10. 2 metal office (4 drawers) desks \$85.00 ea. Wall ciock \$4.00. Various chairs \$5.00 ea. Sofa \$30. 2 swivel chairs \$20 ea. 2 filing cabinets \$85 ea. Long work table \$40. Misc. office supplies, pens, paper, etc.

Interested? Call Chuck 232-0669 anytime.