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## Rooms with a view

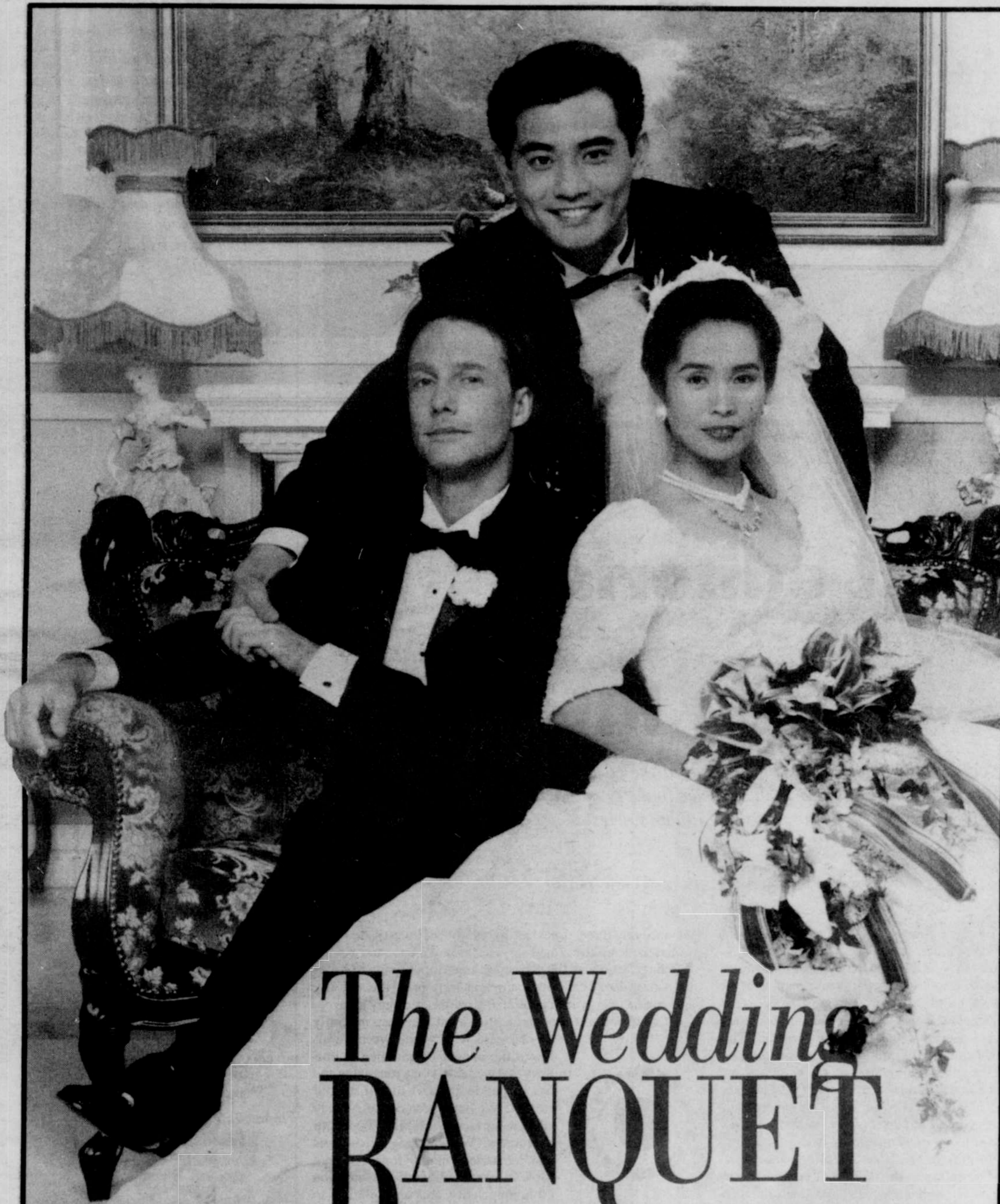
*Karl and Carl are the proprietors of a coastal haven*

By Grant Michael Menzies

August is a peculiar time on the Oregon coast, and today is no exception. While the sun shines down warm and strong, just offshore lies a massed Armada of fog, waiting to launch an assault on the golden afternoon. The miracle is that somehow, just by driving into the parking area of The See Vue, six miles south of Yachats, not only does the sun seem warmer, the breezes fresher, but the amazing calm of a Zen garden seems to envelop you, despite Highway 101 and the hurtling traffic only yards away. It isn't the terrain, which is long, low and sloping down to the sea. There are no huge trees or shrubs to block out the noisier reminders of the world. As the owners, Carl Miller and Karl Christianson welcome me, I can see that it has a lot to do with them. I wonder aloud how people tell them apart.

Karl smiles. "That's an interesting question. People will call up and say, 'Is this C/Karl?' And we'll say, 'Yes,' and they'll be absolutely thrilled that they have this little joke going. Whoever answers the phone is obviously Carl or Karl. They can't even say, 'I want to talk to the one with the beard,' because we both have beards. They love it." People couldn't even ask for 'the one with the beautiful eyes,' for Sagittarius Carl's are a stunning sea-blue and Pisces Karl's are soft hazel. Both seem equal in their kindness and sensitivity.

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## The Wedding BANQUET

The new interracial, gay-themed film, breaking records in Hong Kong and Taiwan, is coming to Portland. page 22