



The Holiday News



"All The News That Fits"

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Home Sweet Home

by David Patrick

Shortly after their wedding, Joan & Steve contacted a Realtor (who has since given up real estate in order to devote more time to raising Llamas). Their initial intent was to get a feel for what was around, and "just to look, not buy". They came upon Washington Oaks, a development located in Princeton by the tree where George bid farewell to his troops. Caution was thrown to the wind, and sight unseen, going by instinct and blueprints alone, they put a deposit on a new home.

After the usual frustrations and aggravations involved in closing on a new house, the Resnicks finally moved into their new home on March 4, 1993, *a day that will live in infamy!* Not that there are regrets about the new home, but there was a torrential downpour on the day of the move, the movers used a truck which was too small and couldn't move all the belongings, and one of the truck doors was locked shut and unable to be used. Needless to say it was not a good start. But then again, rough starts turning positive is getting to be a pattern. After all, the marriage started off with a honeymoon with a canceled flight, lost baggage, and a knee injury.

Since the move, the Resnicks have been quite happy with many aspects of their new home. For the most part they have unpacked and are settled in, though this fact remains in dispute. Steve appears to be satisfied with a bed, chair and table to eat on (not necessarily in that order). Joan, on the other

hand, feels a sense of incompleteness in the home, wanting it to adequately impress the Queen of England during her frequent visits to the Resnick household. Actually, the Queen hasn't yet visited their Princeton location, most likely still harboring some resentment about the colonies leaving British rule. Even so, Steve maintains that color and style coordination is quite prominent in their house, even though some if it happens to be in the styles of Late Swedish (early IKEA style), or Mid-Contemporary College Dorm motif.

Other positive aspects of the new home include a large family room with cathedral ceilings and skylights, a great backyard with a deck, and birds frequenting the newly established avian bird eatery: *Chez Resnick*. The Resnicks are also quite happy with the neighborhood, as they've met and made friends with many wonderful neighbors.

Health Report

Steve and Joan are making attempts to keep pace with the '90's trend to fitness. Though his appetite still needs to slow down, Steve has been moderately consistent in his jogging about twice a week. Joan has been trying to get into a regular brisk walking routine. In August, they both went to a week long tennis program at Gray Rocks resort near Montreal, Canada. Unfortunately, they haven't kept up with the practice. But at least Joan got a nice new purple racquet (her favorite color).

NAFTA

Following in the footsteps of Clinton, Joan and Steve passed their own NAFTA, the *Newlywed Affiliation Fair Trade Agreement*. What this entails is a lifting of the behaviors which would tax their patience. Long time heated disputes eventually melted away in the spirit of concession and compromise in the establishment of their new home together. Joan received her window treatments. Steve was allowed to set up his bumper pool table (still waiting for challengers to the bumper pool title). He was even allowed to put his large cassette collection in the Billiard Room (with the proviso that the cabinets be painted the same color as the walls). Joan was allowed free reign in the kitchen, and though Steve finds the products of her cooking quite delicious, it makes it difficult for Steve, having a large appetite and being married to a great cook. They have three cars, but may soon have four spare tires.

Joan has a beautiful room with a bay window as her study, Steve also got a nice room for his study-computer-command center (he is now on the AOL computer on line service, with his e-mail name : SteveXR). Steve is in the process of setting up a darkroom in the basement, and so far NAFTA seems to be working out ok, but as for the future, we'll just have to wait *to see how it "develops"*.

RESNICKS PREPARE FOR HEALTH CARE BILL

by Dr RedDog

With the uncertainty of what changes health care reform will bring, the Resnicks decided to get sick now, rather than wait until Clinton's Health Plan comes into effect. It made for one heck of a year: Joan jumped into a hole to severely lacerate her leg. Steve kicked his foot into a chair in order to fracture his toe. Joan took medications so that she could have an adverse reaction causing nausea, bloating, and confining her to bed rest for about two weeks. Lastly, but not leastly, they made an extra effort to drive each other crazy since mental health is expected to have especially poor coverage under Clinton's Health Plan.

BUSINESS REPORT

The Resnick household has gone through some major economic changes this year. Joan, who had been working quarter-time at the Montgomery School district, started working at the West Windsor/Plainsboro High School in the Special Education Department. "It's such a change" she said "Everyone is so nice, and everyone's enthusiastic about the work we're doing. It's a great atmosphere to work in." The High School has been recognized as an exceptional school, being designated as a Blue Ribbon School by the U.S. Department of Education.

Steve, on the other hand, after working at the Carrier Foundation (a large private Psychiatric Hospital) for more than seven years, became dissatisfied with many of the changes occurring there. Along with about 20 out of 25 other Psychiatrists he resigned from Carrier, leaving the end of September. Since that time he has been in private practice in Princeton, and has been exploring several opportunities, including group practice, consulting work, hospital affiliations, public speaking, and free lance writing for such literary icons as the Holiday News.

ANDY WARHOL INFLUENCES NJ PSYCHIATRIST

Andy Warhol once said that each person should get fifteen minutes of fame. Dr. Steven Resnick had already used about 11 minutes when he appeared on the Wonderama children's show, winning Wonderama-A-Go-Go.

This explains his recent appearance on Good Day New York (FOX TV) where he discussed Seasonal Affective Disorder (the Winter Blues), as he had about four more minutes of fame left to use up.

EDITORIAL

In this era of political correctness, the *Holiday News* staff was considering changing the name of this publication. It was felt that since our publication date is usually around Christmas-time, "Holiday" might be construed as referring primarily to Christmas, and could possibly offend some of our Jewish readership. After considerable debate, however, the staff decided to keep our name the same. This was because of two observations:

Firstly, the relocation of Red Dog Productions to Princeton, a town dating back to the American

Revolution, reminds us of the importance of history and a respect for tradition, which meant keeping the original name of this publication. Secondly "politically correctness" is often a superficial substitute for true attitudes. The Editorial Staff reads "Holiday" more generally, referring to a time of year when there are vacations, parties, and transition, to both a new calendar year, and a new season.

This brings us to the true nature of this newsletter. It is not a celebration of Chanukah, Christmas, or New Year. It is a

celebration of the transition and changes we have all gone through in the past year. It is, in a sense, a holiday from the hectic events of our lives. It is also an excuse for us to exercise our creativity, and more importantly, to share the experiences of this past year with our friends. An opportunity as well, to keep in touch with you when the cold winds of winter need to be soothed with the warmth of friendship. It is in this spirit that we send you this Holiday News, wishing you and yours a happy, joyous and warm holiday season.