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## Homo Dish - Jan 14, 2005



### **THIS WEEK: A Gay Yuletide and a Holiday Twinkle PLUS: some little dickens**

Happy holidays, guys! Did you all have a fabulous and thoroughly gay time? Of course you did! And there's more to come - this New Year's Eve weekend promises to be one of the most fun-filled yet. We're ready to celebrate the end of what was not always a good 2004 for anyone who isn't straight, white, male and Evangelical. In the pages ahead you'll find the HX roundup of all the good, bad and butt-ugly things that hit the homo headlines in '04. But here's a closer view of how we spent our Christmas weekend - when not fending off phone calls from the family.

Last month, gay and gay-friendly politicians and activists had little to celebrate after Election Day. But this month, they could at least celebrate the holidays. The best place to do that was at the annual yuletide party of **Allen Roskoff** (of New York Democratic Senate leader David Paterson's office). The place was jam-packed with queer and supportive activists, media elected officials and two mayoral candidates - Council Speaker **Gifford Miller** and Congressman **Anthony Weiner**. Roskoff gave the Honorable Miller and his wife "Look Better Naked" T-shirts from **David Barton Gym** and asked Miller to drop off another present at Mayor Bloomberg's City Hall office: a pink slip! Seen: Chair of New York State Democratic Party **Denny Farrell**, **Fred Hochberg** of the Clinton administration, **Mark Green**, assembly member **Jonathan Bing**, council member **Bill DeBlazio**, *Queer Eye* guy **Kyan Douglas**, **David Barton**, *The New York Post's* **Richard Johnson**, cable TV hosts **Andy Humm** and **Clover Honey**, **Tom Reilly** from Planet Out, GLID President **Melissa Sklarz**, Marriage Equality chair **Connie Ress**, ESPA Director **Alan Van Chappelle**, **Troy Masters** of *Gay City News*, **Michael Lavers** of *NY Blade*, **Jeff Sorett**, **Howie V** and **Mark Schulte**.

Monday evening, we stopped by **The LGBT Community Center** for a performance of **A Queer Carol**, part of The Center's ongoing **Queer Songbook** series, which showcases the talents of composers, lyricists and songwriters within our community. We thrilled to this hilarious gay take on the

Dickens classic. Stealing the show were Ghost of Christmas Past **Colleen Hawks** (who channeled Marilyn Monroe to perfection) and Ghost of Christmas Present **Flotilla DeBarge** (who simply channeled herself). In our favorite line, Flo asked Scrooge (played by Tony nominee and TV star **Malcolm Gets**), "Bet you've never seen the likes of me before." His reply: "No, I've never been to Cherry Grove." Kudos to writer **Joe Godfrey**, all the actors and to Splash for supplying the audience with plenty of holiday libations.

On Thursday, we accepted an invitation to the lovely home of **Richard Bahl** and **David Raleigh** for a holiday party benefitting the **Ali Forney Center**, an organization that provides emergency shelter to homeless queer youths. This gets our vote as holiday party of the season! The gorgeous apartment was chock full of A- listers munching on superb hors d'oeuvres and drinking cases of wine and liquor served up by hunky xl bartender **Mark**, dressed up as a sexy elf. The party went on for a full four hours longer than scheduled - the hosts finally stripped down to their bed clothes to give folks a hint. Seen partying for a cause: hunky AFC ED **Carl Siciliano**, **Richard Jay Alexander**, **RuPaul Charles**, **James Dale**, **Machine Dazzle**, **Raymond Dragon**, **John Fahey**, **Wil Fisher**, **Heith Gay**, **Ari Gold**, **Chad Hunt**, **Dirk McCall**, **Tony O'Rourke-Quintana**, **Paul Poux**, **Robert W. Richards**, **John Henry Rew**, **Maxson Scott** and **Erik Sniedze**.

The holiday lights were twinkling at **The LGBT Center** on Saturday for the annual visit of Saint legend DJ **Robbie Leslie** at **Dance 208's** holiday bash **Twinkle**, and all the twinkerbell fairies came out. **Joe Fiore** created a special backdrop of blue sky with silver shooting stars, which brought out a lot of old skool Saint-style folks in attendance, some who came all the way from Texas and L.A. specially for the event. HOP executive **Don Harley** and DJ **Kris Kono** both held their birthday parties in the back lounge. Flagger **Michael C.** awed the crowd as he swung his glow sticks in the corner - as one admirer exclaimed, "Now that was special." When Robbie played a discofied Hallelujah Chorus, the roof threatened to come down on us all under all the jubilant fanning, and he ended the night with Love Unlimited Orchestra's "It May Be Winter Outside (But in My Heart It's Spring)" to warm us all up on a cold winter's eve. Seen: DJ **Michael Reveille**, **Rollerina** and **Angelo**, **Joe Mattera**, **David Gosbin** and **Steve**, **George Jagatic**, **Patric** from Texas, **Krishna Stone**, **Barbara Goode**, **Candida Scott Piel**, **Tom** and **Bryan**, **Ted Snowdon** and **Kenneth Cox**.

If we don't see you out on the town, have a fabulous, safe and above all, gay old time! Remember, this is our year-end double issue, so we won't return until January 14. See ya next year!

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