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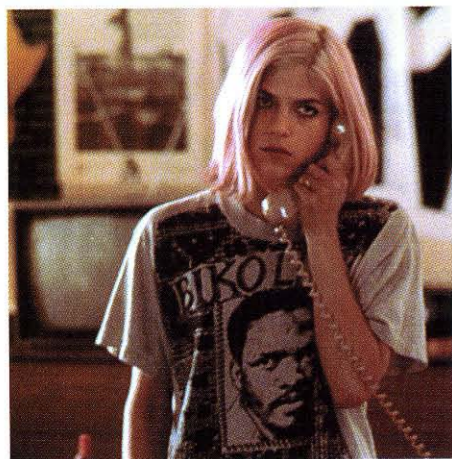
WHOEVER SAID THE BEST REVENGE IS LIVING WELL WAS A SMART PERSON—NOT THAT ENJOYING THE FIVE-STAR NEW YORK LIFESTYLE IS WHAT WE'RE SUPPOSED TO BE DOING NOW. BUT JUST BECAUSE THE NEWS HAS BEEN DISCOURAGING THESE PAST FEW MONTHS DOESN'T MEAN THIS HOLIDAY SEASON SHOULD BE ANY LESS WARM AND FUN. WITH AN EYE ON 2002, *PAPER* ASKED A FEW OF

MESHELL NDEGEOCELLO *Musician*

- Wim Wenders flick at Film Forum. Foreign cinema is happening, 'cuz ideas from another culture can help us grow.
- Browsing at St. Mark's Bookshop. 'Cuz niggas need to read.
- Going to P.S.1, seeing some art, seeing folks express themselves, 'cuz then we can tap into our own shit.
- Going to get a haircut on 135th Street in Harlem. The talc powder. The brush. Oooh.
- Eating at Angelica Kitchen.

JOHN WATERS *Film Director*

- Comme des Garçons is still open.
- They'll be playing Low's *Christmas* album again soon.
- Porn star Jeff Stryker hasn't retired.
- Larry Clark's going to have a new book published.
- Todd Solondz's new movie, *Storytelling* (coming out next year).



MR. MICKEY *PAPER's Fashion Guru/Gallivanting Gay*

- Petula Clark's *Greatest Hits*. How can you be sad listening to "My Love is Higher than the Highest Mountain?"
- A portrait of yourself smiling by Scott Lifshutz



- Point de Vue*. The French royalty weekly has 10-page photo stories on the 90th birthday of the Countess of Paris, the funeral of Queen Giovanna of Bulgaria, and the baptism of the latest little Prince of Greece.
- The men of Rentboy.com. In an effort to keep the economy going in these trying times, how better to stimulate growth than hiring a gorgeous hustler from this Web site.
- Muppets in Space*. In this movie, Gonzo thinks he's an alien. I'm in love with the little King Prawn Muppet.
- Siegfried and Roy
- The first men's collections from Marni and Marc by Marc Jacobs. Maybe now I can stop wearing the women's clothing.

GLENDIA BAILEY *Editor in Chief, Harper's Bazaar*

- Any view as seen through my beloved's eyes.
- I'm on a strict cake-and-champagne diet at the moment, but when I'm not, I love the fish and chips from A Salt and Battery [in the West Village].
- High heels. They immediately elevate you from the mundane.

BETH BUCCINI *Co-Owner, Kirna Zabète*

- Cupcakes from Magnolia Bakery



BENJAMIN CHO *Designer*

- The Morrissey 2002 world tour

DENNIS DERMODY *PAPER's Film Editor*

- The new *13 Ghosts* DVD, a William Castle horror movie
- Crockpot cooking (I do really good Swedish meatballs).
- Pornography
- Vodka

CHEERFUL

OUR FAVORITE PEOPLE TO SHARE SOME OF THEIR FAVORITE THINGS (BESIDES SEX—BUT SOMEHOW THAT BECAME A COMMON DENOMINATOR ANYHOW), AND TELL US WHAT THEY HAVE TO BE HAPPY ABOUT IN THE NEW YEAR. (NOBODY MENTIONED THEIR MAIL, BUT REMEMBER TO TIP YOUR POST-PERSON LIBERALLY.) HERE'S WHAT THEY HAD TO SAY. WE HOPE YOU FIND IT INSPIRING. ★

MICHAEL MUSTO *Village Voice Gossip Columnist*

- Haywire* by Brooke Hayward.
- Judy Garland Speaks!* (on CD) Blathering on for a memoir that never happened, the legend dishes them all and stays all night.
- Dragapella* (Upstairs at Studio 54). The Kinsey Sicks drag quartet is sick all right.



- US Weekly*. Cover stories like "Hollywood Hair" and "Whatever Happened To '80s Stars?" are about as hard-hitting as I can stand right now.

ELIZABETH PEYTON *Artist*

- Love
- Traveling
- Babies
- More paintings
- Spending summer in my new house
- The fifth Harry Potter book



CYNTHIA ROWLEY *Designer*

- Ping-pong on my roof
- There is a new attitude about everything. It seems like people are living more for the moment, concerning themselves with the little things and less with the drive to be mega-successful.

GAVIN BROWN *Gallery Director*

- Empty streets
- Car stereos
- Classics
- Shopping malls
- Conservation
- The elderly
- Sunday

PAOLA ANTONELLI *Curator of Design and Architecture at MoMA*

- My toenails take me to a nice orange, sunny place. I buy the brightest orange or yellow nail polish for my toes. That really works well.
- Being in Japan is another reason to be cheerful. It's like being on the moon. I saw a boutique in the most expensive part of Tokyo that was called Marginal Glamour. How beautiful is that?
- I tell my friends that if they see I'm really depressed, they should put me in a really great convertible, and I'll feel better. The place I like to drive the most is Los Angeles.

TAMA JANOWITZ *Author*

- One thing that really cheers me up is buying totally wacky Japanese stationery. Every page has a picture of a Keane-like child saying things at the top like "Harmony with love," "Today is Lovely White's day," "Your best my friend, Lovely

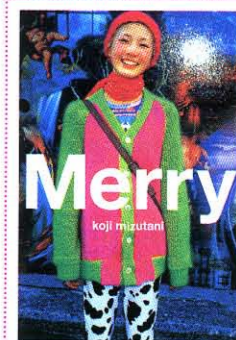
White." Here is an example (all typos and misspellings are verbatim): "DO YOU LOVE . . . ? When a woman loves a man, the sweetest thing in the world is to hear him admit that he treasuries her. I want to make you happy beyacde seeing you smiling make me happy."



- Subscription to *Modern Ferret Magazine*. My goofy ferrets make me real happy and so does my subscription to *Modern Ferret Magazine*, which, apart from *PAPER*, is the best magazine around.

CASEY SPOONER *Musician, Fischerspooner*

- Sex is back and bigger than ever. I'm really psyched. Now that I am a *huge* pop star in Europe I can always get laid. It rocks! I had fucked all my friends and was feeling a little bored. I screwed my way through the art world and was ready for a change. This is going to be a very humpy year! Uh-huh, that's right!



The book *Merry* (Rizzoli Books) shows 500 laughing girls in Tokyo's Harajuku section. Their smiles are cute, but their reasons to be cheerful (Strawberry Bombas, cute grandmas, hamsters, and pet turtles) are even cuter. ★