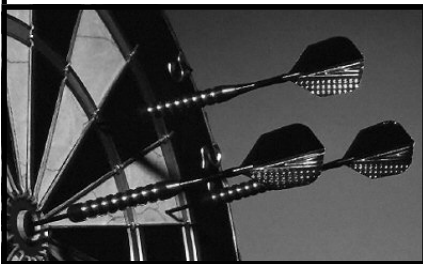


Abduction

Chester-le-Street police are currently investigating the whereabouts of a local family that went missing almost one month ago. Dr. Dominic Muscroft was a local G.P. who was last seen leaving his local, The Fornicating Dog, in the company of two young ladies has joined the ranks of missing persons in the North East. On the same evening his wife and two children also disappeared from their home and the entire family has not been seen since.

According to neighbours the Muscrofts were not scheduled for any long vacations and were normally a very active part of their local community. This makes it even less likely that the family purposely disappeared and more feasible that foul play was involved. Whilst the investigation is ongoing the police have asked anyone with any information to come forwards.



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It's Queer up North!

Newcastle's reputation as a party city is world renowned which, coupled with its recent renaissance as a cultural hotspot, makes it the perfect venue for a Pride Celebration. The area's thriving LGBT community remains a secret to many people outside the region but renewed commitment from Newcastle City Council to LGBT issues ensures that the city will remain a great place for LGBT people to live, work and play!

The gay pride event Northern Pride is sure to be extremely popular and provide the region's LGBT community, and our friends, the perfect opportunity to relax and celebrate the city's great diversity.

The proposals have been well received, with an editorial in the local paper, The Evening Chronicle,

concluding that "if a Newcastle parade gets the go ahead, it should prove a welcome boost to the region's economy. Newcastle already holds events like the Mela and Evolution festivals. A gay pride event would be an added attraction to our cultural calendar." We hope to see you all at Northern Pride in 2008!

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Tis the Season to File Law Suites

Unbelievably this year someone is trying to sue Father Christmas. Thomas Felton has been working as a Santa's Helper in a local department store for the past fifteen years and is currently bringing legal action against the shops Santa for unfair dismissal. Mary Johnston, a local student doing holiday work, replaced him this season and Thomas feels this is ground for sexual discrimination. When interviewed he said, "Being an elf has been a passion of mine every year and no one can doubt that I put my heart and soul into the role. I might be getting on a bit for it now, but replacing me with a pretty young girl just to get the fathers in is just unfair. It seems even traditional practices are starting to use sex as a selling tool and I for one will not stand for it." When asked if his actions were a little against the spirit of the season Thomas refused to answer. The court case goes ahead next month so whatever the verdict it seems Father Christmas will still be able to make his annual rounds.



Mystery Man survives Blaze

Late last night a blaze occurred at an abandoned warehouse down in the docks that took fire fighters six hours to put out. The conflagration is thought to have been caused by kids breaking into the building to smoke and drink out of the constant rain and accidentally setting the building on fire. When the fire was finally brought under control fire fighters were amazed to find not only someone still alive inside, but apparently unharmed. The man,

who is thought to be a local down and out squatting in the building, was completely untouched by the blaze and wandered out of the soaked building soon after the flames went out. However, he refused to stay for medical attention and ran off into the night before anyone was able to stop him. Fire fighters were amazed by the man's survival and the local press are desperate to speak to a man who is already becoming an urban legend.

Driller Killer

It has long been known that the profession with the highest suicide rate is dentistry, but it seems that the job may also be responsible for inducing other psychoses. During the middle of a normal demonstration last Thursday Dr. Evan Bell switched for showing the class a routine filling to attacking the volunteer with his surgical implements. Whilst the young woman in question escaped with only minimal damage, Dr. Bell had to be restrained by security and detained until the police arrived. Several of the students compared the attack to

scenes from recent horror movies but were completely taken by surprise by their instructor's actions.

Dr. Bell is currently taking a leave of absence whilst he undergoes therapy to deal with the route causes of the incident; namely the cocaine addiction he developed to cope with his abusive mother.

The dental school has settled out of court with the injured parties and assures all concerned that this was an isolated incidence.