

State University of New York College at Buffalo - Buffalo State University

## Digital Commons at Buffalo State

---

Fifth Freedom

Madeline Davis Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual,  
Transgender Archives of Western New York

---

7-1-1980

### Fifth Freedom, 1980-07-01

The Mattachine Society of the Niagara Frontier

Follow this and additional works at: <https://digitalcommons.buffalostate.edu/fifthfreedom>



Part of the [Feminist, Gender, and Sexuality Studies Commons](#), [History Commons](#), and the [Museum Studies Commons](#)

---

#### Recommended Citation

"Fifth Freedom, 1980-07-01." The Mattachine Society of the Niagara Frontier. The Dr. Madeline Davis LGBTQ Archive of Western New York. Archives & Special Collections Department, E. H. Butler Library, SUNY Buffalo State.

<https://digitalcommons.buffalostate.edu/fifthfreedom/58>

This Book is brought to you for free and open access by the Madeline Davis Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender Archives of Western New York at Digital Commons at Buffalo State. It has been accepted for inclusion in Fifth Freedom by an authorized administrator of Digital Commons at Buffalo State. For more information, please contact [digitalcommons@buffalostate.edu](mailto:digitalcommons@buffalostate.edu).

## POLITICS

### CONTEST?

The 5th Freedom will be celebrating it's 10th anniversary this year.

For this special occasion we would like you, our readers, to design a new masthead for us. We are asking you to submit your original ideas for our consideration. Although we have no prizes for this contest, we will credit the artist, if he or she so desires. The rules are simple. The finished artwork must be 10 3/8" X 2", be clearly readable, read FIFTH FREEDOM or 5th FREEDOM, include the words 'publication of the Buffalo gay community', indicate it's FREE price, and have space to show the month of publication.

Also we would like a matching artwork for Mattachine. This would read Mattachine Society Of The Niagara Frontier, with the emphasis on Mattachine or Mattachine Society.

The winning artist's work will be used starting with the October anniversary issue. The deadline for entries is September 1st, 1980. Remember there is no prize for this contest other than the proud feeling you'll get by seeing your original design used for the covers of Buffalo's only gay newspaper, THE 5th FREEDOM.

### SElections by SAM

#### TWO ENCOUNTERS

Studies on psycho-social adjustments to being Gay have tended to emphasize negative aspects, whereas there are also positive components which seem to me to be too often ignored. Quickly the two ideas of self acceptance and what might be termed "exuberance" come to mind.

Con't. pg. 7

#### A CANDIDATE FOR THE PEOPLE BY HOPE HOETZER

In an election year, when many voters are asking themselves why they should go to the polls, Congresswoman Liz Holtzman, candidate for the U.S. Senate, is one good reason. As the youngest woman ever elected to the House of Representatives, she has compiled an impressive record as a reform Democrat committed to tackling such volatile issues as sex discrimination, women's rights, the draft, and the CIA.

Most people are aware of the ERA extension bill that gave new life to the push for equal rights, but most people are unaware that Liz Holtzman acted as a catalyst for its passage. When NOW approached her with the concept for this bill, she thoroughly researched its constitutionality, and building upon the base of the Congresswomen's Caucus, she was able to garner support from such diverse groups as the AFL-CIO, Common Cause, The American Assn. of University Women,

#### We Won't Cry For Thee, Dear Anita!

Recently Anita Bryant announced that she was filing for divorce from Bob Green, Do to an invasion of conscience. She also stated That she was resigning as head of the Anita Bryant Ministries.

The greatest lesson that all of us have to learn from Ms. Bryant's ministry is this:

Whatever beliefs we have, we must first apply these to our own lives.

We must refrain from castigating or condemning others for violations of our personal code of conduct.

She said that her husband and associates had used her to make money for themselves. Whatever her original motives were does she not feel that she did the same with the Gays?

Con't. pg. 5

and the UAW, amongst others. "The incredible thing about getting the ERA extension through is that it's not a special interest bill, it won't cost the government any money, (and) it has to do with essential human rights..."

Holtzman also successfully sponsored a bill protecting the privacy of rape victims in federal trials, setting strict limits on the cross-examination of victims concerning their prior sexual conduct. As a lawyer, she was aware that, too often, women preferred not to prosecute their attackers rather than bear public humiliation in the courts. "The rules of evidence assumed that a woman who had consented once to sexual relations would never again refuse them. Accordingly, rape trials became inquisitions into the victim's morality, not trials of the defendant's innocence or guilt." Her legislation reformed procedure in at least twenty states where no privacy protection measures had existed.

The Congresswoman's advocacy is not confined to the area of women's rights alone. She is co-sponsor of House Bill 2074, cited as the "Civil Rights Amendments Act of 1979," to prohibit the "Discrimination on the basis of affectional or sexual orientation" in public facilities, federally assisted programs and employment, and housing sale, rental, financing and brokerage services. The act clearly defines "affectional or sexual orientation" to mean male or female homosexuality, heterosexuality and "bisexuality by orientation or practice." (House Bill 2074 includes safeguards protecting gays from exposure while guaranteeing individual rights.)

A bill of this type could easily lead to invasions of privacy by being construed to allow or require that discrimination be proven on the basis of determining what percentage of the total population is gay, in direct relation to the percentage of gays in a federal job arena, or utilizing a particular program or service. Such an interpretation could result not only in attempts to monitor what segment of the population is gay or bisexual, but could

also lead to a demand for this information as an employment requirement, or the necessity of divulging this information as a way to retain a federal position. Section 12 of HB 2074 prevents such potential abuse by clarifying that no statistical ratios shall be permitted or required in determining discrimination, and no remedy initiating a quota system may be employed. Each case would be treated as a separate entity, protecting both the rights and privacy of the gay community as a whole.

Holtzman's voting record speaks for itself: against decontrol of oil prices, against the reinstatement of mandatory draft registration, against the reduction of anti-recession aid to cities. Although the House of Representatives approved her amendment requiring better training and standards for nuclear plant operators, she asserts "much more needs to be done to ensure the public's safety from nuclear hazards." She not only voted to prevent issuance of nuclear plant construction permits for six months, but she is also working to get a study on the cost feasibility of phasing out the Indian Point nuclear plants located 25 miles from New York City.

Holtzman states "Although people who could be exposed to deadly radiation from an Indian Point accident are entitled to the facts about shutting down the plants."

Even more important is what Liz Holtzman is for: limiting profits on diesel fuel and home heating oil, requiring the Energy Dept. is to obtain and publicize accurate information on oil company practices, and authorizing funds for researching and developing wind power. She has worked hard to cut unnecessary military expenditures, eliminate waste in federal programs, and has proposed that the "unobligated balances" in all Federal departments and agencies receive a 10% cut, potentially saving billions in taxpayers' money.

Holtzman recommendations that were incorporated into new laws and regulations governing New York's federally funded summer free food program for children resulted in improved service and program participation while reducing

Con't. pg. 5

# 5<sup>TH</sup> FREEDOM

PUBLICATION OF  
THE MATTACHINE SOCIETY  
OF THE NIAGARA FRONTIER

The Fifth Freedom is published by and for the Gay Community through the support of the Mattachine Society of the Niagara Frontier, Inc. The Fifth Freedom is a monthly publication, distributed free of charge through any establishment or organization permitting such distribution. Our monthly circulation is 2500 copies.

The presence of the name, picture, or other representation of a business, organization, or person(s) in this newspaper is not an indication of the sexual preference of such person, organization, or business.

We welcome any contribution of news items, written articles, letters, artwork, photography, or poetry from members of the Gay Community. We cannot guarantee publication of any materials submitted, nor can we guarantee the return of any materials submitted unless they are accompanied by a stamped self-addressed envelope. All materials submitted are subject to editorial revision. We also welcome announcements from other Gay organizations. Our deadlines are the 20th of the month preceding publication.

Subscriptions are available at a rate of \$5.00 per year. This charge is to cover only the cost of postage and handling. Mattachine Society members receive the paper free of charge. All mailings are sent in a PLAIN, SEALED envelope.

Mail subscription requests, copy, address changes, contributions, and all other correspondence to:

FIFTH FREEDOM  
POBox 155, ELLICOTT STA.  
BUFFALO, NY 14203

*staff*

JOHN GOOD                      JOHN F.  
JOHN CEGLIA                      SAM  
JIM HAYNES                      HOPE HOETZER  
LANNY

## Vol. 10 No. 6

All Fifth Freedom staff members are volunteers. Anyone interested in working on the paper should call the Gay Hotline at (716) 884-7398, or write to the address above.

Permission is required for the reprinting of any materials appearing in the Fifth Freedom.

Advertising rates will be sent on request.

# editorial

During the past few weeks it has come to our attention that Buffalo police have been stepping up their efforts to stop cruising in alot of the local favorite spots.

These include the usual places: LaSalle and Front Parks, the Allentown area in general, North Street, the adult bookstores and theatres, and the department store and restaurant johns that have been known for this type of activity.

It has also been noted that due to some changes in the city court system, those that are arrested are not being able to plead to lesser charges or to plea bargain. In short, if you are caught it will probably follow you for a long time.

Is it really worth it?

The charges that are being placed are vague and hard to find out just what is being charged.

One of the main problems in LaSalle Park is that people are not aware of the 10PM-6AM curfew that is being enforced now. There is a sign, small though it may be, posted on the fence located on DAR Drive at the entrance to the park. Please be aware that this law is a start of what can be alot more problems if you are picked up on it.

We at the Fifth Freedom want to remind our readers that it is an election year and with the elections being held this fall, it is a time for the powers that be to try and make a name for themselves and pick up some votes in the process.

Let's do our part to keep this to a minimum.

The bars and baths are private places to be able to meet other Gays. Let's use them.

But here again we must say that stories of plain clothes and undercover cops are abounding. They have been reported in and around all the local bars.

So if you find someone that you like take our advice and go with them somewhere where you can be alone. Privacy is the keyword at this time.

### ERRATUM - JUNE 1980

We would like to appologize for the following errors that appeared in the June 1980 issue of the Fifth Freedom:

Disco no page one was authored by John Ceglia and was continued on page 7.

Selections by Sam was continued on page 4, and at the top of page 4 where it was continued, it was not marked as such.

In Mean Alice's advertisement on page 6, Tuesday should read, "Closed at 4 pm"

# TOP 15+

DANCE MUSIC BY JOHN CEGLIA

1. Lover's Holiday / Searching  
by Change  
Warner/RFC (LP/12")
2. Heart to Break The Heart / Feel Like Dancing  
by France Joli  
Prelude (LP/12")
3. In The Forest  
by Baby O'  
Baby O' Records (12")
4. Rhythym of the World/ S. Beat/ I Wanna Take You There  
by Gino Soccio  
Warner RFC (LP/12")
5. Behind the Groove/ You're All the Boogie I Need  
by Teena Marie  
Gordie Records (LP/12")
6. Back Together Again / God Don't Like Ugly  
by Roberta Flack & Donny Hathaway  
Atlantic (LP)
7. I'm Ready  
by Kano  
Emergency (12")
8. Watson Beasley  
by Watson Beasley  
Warner (LP/12")
9. I Love You Dancer  
by Voyage  
Marlin (LP)
10. Take Your Time, Do It Right  
by S.O.S. Band  
Tabu (12")
11. I'm OK, You're OK  
by American-Gypsey  
Import/12 (12")
12. Kumano  
by Kumano  
Prelude (LP)
13. Two Tons O' Fun  
by Two Tons O' Fun  
Fantasy (LP/12")
14. Funkytown  
by Lipps Inc.  
Casablanca (LP/12")
15. The End/It's A Girl's Affair  
by Change  
Warner/RFC (LP)

### HOT PICKS

Shake It Up (Do The Boogaloo)  
by Rod  
Prelude (12")

Diana  
by Diana Ross  
Motown (LP) All Cuts

I Like  
by Young and Company  
Brunswick (12")

Just How Sweet Is Your Love  
by Rhyze  
SAM (12")

MATTACHINE SOCIETY OF THE NIAGARA FRONTIER, INC.

PO BOX 155, ELLICOTT STA.

BUFFALO, NY 14203

ONE YEAR MEMBERSHIP.....\$10.00

LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP.....\$100.00

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

# MEAN ALICE'S

729 Main Street  
Buffalo, New York 14203  
716/856-3298

## buffalo's best disco bar

Luncheons Served Daily 11am to 3pm  
Join Us For Our Daily Cocktail Hour 11am to 7pm  
Saturday 6pm to 10

**SUN. COCKTAIL HOUR** 5 - 10 pm  
**SPECIAL \$2.79 DINNER** served in  
The GALLERY from 5:30 to 8:30 pm  
( Please use Rear Entrance )

**MON. ROCK NIGHT - NEW WAVE, PUNK, & OLDIES**  
cocktail prices all night

**TUES. Closed at 4 pm**

**WED. 1/2 PRICE DRINKS**

**THURS. COCKTAIL PRICES + DISCO DANCING**  
till CLOSING

**FRI. & SAT. "Summer Inflation - Fighter"**  
**1/2 Price Drinks 9 - 11 pm**

THE GALLERY OPENS AT 10 PM (NOW AIR CONDITIONED) SERVING SNACK MENU TIL 3:30AM

### come attractions

#### DISCO TRAIN TO NEW YORK CITY

\* DISCO TRAIN WITH BAR  
\* TWO NIGHTS IN NEW YORK

AUGUST 15 & 16

\* HOTEL ACCOMODATIONS  
\* FREE TRIP GIVEN TO ONE PURCHASER

\* FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT THE BARTENDERS OR A-1 TRAVEL

**NEW YORK PARTY NIGHT SUN JULY 13**

SPECIAL  
TICKET  
SALE NIGHT

**\$167**

#### "RED HOT" NIGHT

WEAR SOMETHING "RED" HOT

SUNDAY JULY 6

Please Join Us for the BEST Disco & New Wave Music + Summer Fun!

**NO COVER CHARGE : We Appreciate Your Patronage**

# REVIEW

BY JIM HAYNES

## CAN'T STOP THE MUSIC

Sometimes, one goes to a movie with very low expectations, but is agreeably surprised when he leaves feeling happy and exhilarated. Such was the case with Can't Stop the Music!

For those of us with fond memories of the old Judy Garland and Mickey Rooney movies, in which they would "put on a show" in the back yard or barn, there was a sense of deja vu when Valerie Perrine suggested that in order to get into show business, she and her live in friend, Steve Guttenberg, should stage a show in the back yard using his music and some singers she acquired in a walk around Greenwich Village. These singers, of course, turn out to be the Village People.

The story line is silly and dull. The space between the production numbers is filled with emptiness; but oh! those production numbers. When Steve Guttenberg quits his job selling records to get a session as a d.j., where he expects to break into show business, he does a number on roller skates, while listening to a transistor radio, and traveling through the streets of New York, I found it quite exciting, because of its understated sensuality in the swaying of his body and the cut of his jeans. And this, just during the opening credits.

The rest of the show really belongs to the Village People. They are a sexy lot and they use it to full advantage.

The Construction Worker is featured in a number that mixes very mild S&M with Macho Male in what, I suppose, is expected to be a very straight number. (He is the only mail surrounded by a group of very stark females dressed in peek-a-boo flaming red.) The effect is stimulating, and reinforced what I have sometimes fantasized about construction workers.

And fantasy is the effectiveness in this movie! Although there is nothing overtly Gay, the Gay male can, with very little effort, project himself into a mental state that lets him review much of his fantasy life while watching it be enacted right up there on the silver screen.

When the group does a milk commercial, one

fantasizes about what could happen if he went right out and bought a milkshake. Things like that don't happen, but wouldn't it be great if he got all those extras instead of the usual chocolate, strawberry, or vanilla?

Then there is what they do with Y.M.C.A.! Admittedly, I have a certain fond bias for that noted venerable institution of Christian brotherhood, for I spent many pleasurable hours worshipping there during my formative years as a Gay male.

When one has gotten all "pruney" from standing in the Y.M.C.A. showers from New York to San Francisco, and many places in between, he is inclined to buy the song by the Village People, which allows him to lie (lay?) back, close his eyes, and remember things past!

When he sees it sung and danced by some of the most beautiful males this side of the Atlantic, the fantasy trip is about as complete as it is likely to get. I am likely to see the movie again, because of this number alone! Indulge yourself, but keep your eyes open because some of the best glimpses are almost subliminal.

Although most of the dialogue that occurs between the numbers (dance, that is) is vapid, a couple of lines do deserve some attention.

One of the funnier double-entendres occurs when, through a series of thoroughly unbelievable events, Valerie Perrine finds herself on her knees in front of Bruce Jenner, who is clad in his shirt and undershorts. She looks up, presumably into his eyes, and says, "My, you get up quickly!"

Another occurs just before the finale, when the Leatherman, about to face a huge audience for the first time, is seen in the dressing room, beating his head against the wall repeating, "Leathermen don't get scared." I must remember to check that one out.

The major criticism for this movie is that there is nothing overtly Gay, although there is the very evident covertly Gay fantasy trip that many Gay males will enjoy.

Even the production number, "Liberation", which almost made me want to grab a banner and picket, did not include any words specifically about Gay liber-

ation, or to be fair, about any other type of liberation either. But it seems to me that a movie built around a group that has so much appeal to Gay males, and that, indeed, owes much of its success to the Gay male population, could include just the tiniest bit of a Gay liberation message. I kept looking for it, but was unsuccessful.

Anyway, see it. It is fun, fantasy, and frivolous. It is relaxing, and perhaps because it has no message (except for "Liberation"), one does not have to think very much. That in itself is a fantastic escape from reality for a couple of hours.

CAN'T STOP THE MUSIC playing at the Amherst Theatre, across from UB.



## THE BARRACKS

56 Widmer Street  
Toronto, Canada



Open Monday-Thursday  
6 pm - 10 am  
Weekends - 24 hours  
(416) 366-1292

## HEADQUARTERS

152 ALLEN

882-2403

## CUTS FOR MEN AND WOMEN

RUSH  
CUM  
DISCO  
NEW FOR YOU



Holtzman, Con't from pg. 1  
 costs from \$60 to \$19 million. In addition, she has fought for funds to aid low income families with heating bills, increased appropriations for urban mass transit, and continued aid for higher education. The undeniable theme that emerges is her concern for the rights and quality of life of the individual, and a translation of this theme into the kind of positive action the citizens deserve.

The past few years have seen a growth in the kind of conservative politics that denies the alternative life styles of large segments of the population. Laws that ban pipes, close liquor stores at 9:00 PM, and permit individuals to be kidnapped and brainwashed are all indicative of a trend in government that threatens the basic rights of all groups and individuals. It is a trend that can exist only for as long as the voters allow it to occur.

A Senatorial candidate like Liz Holtzman has an excellent chance to bring her style of government to the Senate only

if the people speak. Unfortunately, the majority of potential voters do not vote, half of the people eligible to vote are not even registered.

If you are not registered, there is still time to do so to be eligible to vote in the primary.

Forms are available at Marrakesh, 140 Allen St., or at the Board of Elections, 134 West Eagle Street.

A large voter turnout has the potential to make the difference: JFK won by less than one vote per election district.

Congresswoman Liz Holtzman deserves the chance to represent us in the Senate in Washington. If we want the kind of candidate who supports us, it is essential that we support those candidates.

If you wish further information contact:  
 Marrakesh or  
 Erie-Niagara Friends  
 of Liz Holtzman  
 117 Parkside Ave.  
 Buffalo, N.Y. 14214

Anita, Con't. from pg. 1

She should have been secure and happy enough with her own beliefs that she did not have to attack others who have different views. This was as long as they did not try to forcibly try to get her to change her views or stop her from exercising her beliefs.

The most important thing for all of us to learn from her campaign is that all of us should look within ourselves and see if the one that most often, and most cruelly, assaults our conscience is...US.

For the Gay Community we must decide what is going to be done with the leftover anti-Anita energy and money.

We do have to admit that she and her views were a rallying point for a lot of the Gay groups that have not worked as closely together as they should have.

Do we now take this as a battle won and forget the rest of the war? Or do we

keep this force moving in more constructive areas?

Of course there will be others taking up her cry, but we have the advantage of being one step ahead of them in organization and, hopefully, numbers.

This does not mean that all of us need to become activists, just active in trying to show the masses that we are really not any different from them.

The Fifth Freedom invites those who wish to help with contributions, subscriptions, articles, reviews or any other positive energy that you may have to offer.

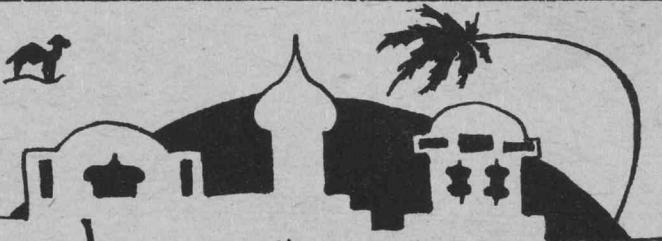
If you desire privacy, you need not use your full name on anything that you submit. Just do your part.

It's better to light one candle than to curse the darkness.

If you are interested please contact us at the address on the front cover or plan to attend one of our meetings.

John F.

"Like a Phoenix From the Ashes"



Marrakesh

antiqua, recycled & new garb jewelry and gifts

140 Allen St. Mon.-Sat. 12 to 6 882-8200

Korner Florist  
 100 Elmwood Ave.

"Special Flowers for Special People"  
 Fresh Cut Flowers Houseplants  
 Silk Flowers Cacti

July/August Special "Hanging Baskets" 882-6878

DJ NIGHTLY



Allen Restaurant 881-0586

16 Allen Street

All The Old 'Goodies' + MUCH MORE!

Hours for Regular Menu

MON. 11-2pm TUES, WED, THURS 11-8pm  
 FRI. 11-10pm SAT. 6-10pm

Late Menu ONLY Fri. and Sat.  
 9:30 to Midnight

CHEESEBOARDS DESSERTS  
 WINE, BEER, COFFEE



Go A-1 Travel  
 228 Delaware Ave.  
 2 Blocks North of STATLER

Buffalo 852-1000  
 Our Services Are  
**FREE**

~ Just A Few Of Our Services ~

- All Domestic and International Airlines
- Steamship
- Amtrak
- Hotel Reservations
- Car Rentals
- Tours Worldwide
- Charters
- Honeymoon
- Vacation

MON. ~ FRI. 9am ~ 5pm

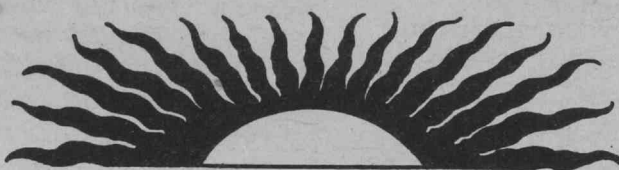


# GAY PICNICS

## GAY PRIDE WEEK JUNE 29



DELAWARE PARK- LINCOLN PARKWAY & RUMSEY ROAD  
11 AM 'TIL ?  
BRING YOUR OWN FOOD AND DRINKS AND GAMES.  
REMEMBER: NO ALCOHOL ALLOWED IN CITY PARKS.



## 4TH JULY WEEKEND JULY 6



CHESTNUT RIDGE PARK- WATCH FOR GP SIGNS  
12 NOON - 'TIL ?  
BRING YOUR OWN FOOD AND DRINKS AND GAMES  
ONLY BEER IN CANS IS ALLOWED IN COUNTY PARKS.  
NO OTHER ALCOHOL IS ALLOWED AT ALL.



ALL GAYS, GROUPS OR SINGLES, ARE INVITED TO ATTEND  
BOTH PICNICS. LET'S SHOW OUR STRENGTH AND UNITY.

### UNIQUE NEWS

1907 MAIN ST. NIAGARA FALLS NY  
14305  
282-9282

ADULT BOOKS & NOVELS FILMS  
ALL OCCASION CARDS  
NOVELTIES RUBBER GOODS  
LINGERIE  
46 PRIVATE VIEWING BOOTHS

### Allentown Studios, Ltd

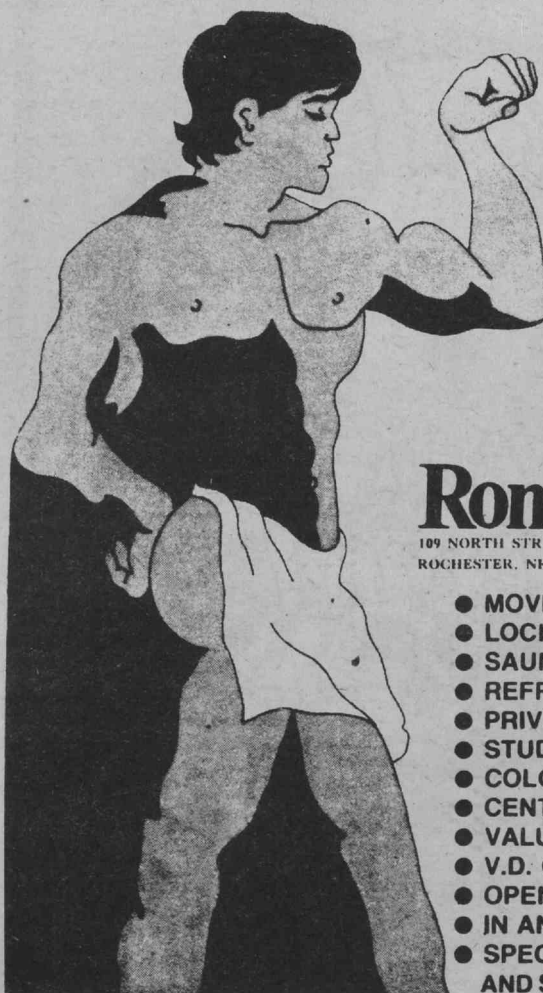
#### HAIRSTYLES

FOR MEN AND WOMEN  
(children half price)



CUSTOM HAND  
ENGRAVED GLASSWARE  
DRIED FLORAL ARRANGEMENTS  
POTTERY & other HANDCRAFTS

105 Elmwood Ave.  
Buffalo, NY 14201  
885-2021



"TRIP"  
ON IN

YOU WON'T  
"RUSH"  
OUT

### the Roman Sauna

109 NORTH STREET  
ROCHESTER, NEW YORK 14604 (716) 454-1074

- MOVIES (Wed.-Sun.)
- LOCKERS
- SAUNA BATH
- REFRESHMENTS
- PRIVATE ROOMS
- STUDENT RATES — ALL TIMES
- COLOR T.V. THEATRE
- CENTERS OF ACTION
- VALUABLES CHECKED
- V.D. CLINIC EACH MONTH
- OPEN 24 HOURS 7 DAYS A WEEK
- IN AND OUT PRIVILEGES
- SPECIAL LUNCH HOUR RATES AND SPECIAL RATES (SUN.-WED.)

SElections, Con't. from pg. 1

I suppose it might depend on what specific day you'd ask me that would determine how I answer whether my sexual orientation and choice of affectional partner is anyone else's business. Some days I am sure it is a private matter and other times I am just as convinced it makes some kind of sense to shout it from rooftops. Actually, I suppose, I'm leaning toward the latter approach as it seems to fit in with our culture which is labeled as sex oriented. And as long as "non-gay" is regularly depicted by media, I'm going to try to give "Gay" as much publicity as I can. Two personal encounters one day last week gave me such opportunities.

The concluding luncheon of a statewide education meeting found me seated across the table from a rather amiable woman. Conversation drifted back to the morning's panel discussions. One of the sessions had briefly touched on homosexual rights in respect to the issue of sexual harassment, and now my lunch companion was launching into an explanation which we politely call "homo-phobic". She indicated that she has nothing to do with that sort of person and can, in fact, "spot them a mile away."

What an opportunity! I couldn't let the possibility of some consciousness raising slip by so I asked her, "If one sat down next to you at this table, does that mean you leave?" She replied, "Well, of course, that would never happen because as I said, 'I can spot them a mile away'". (Another man at the table who knows I am gay was just about bursting with amusement, anticipating my reply.) I only said, "Well, I'm gay and it's not so bad having lunch with one, is it?"

Silence. She ate the rest of her sandwich and fries. Table conversation continued around her. And then as dessert was served

she added, "I guess it's not bad at all!" More chatting before breaking up and bidding each other farewell until another meeting or conference. I wonder if my luncheon companion looks forward to seeing me as much as I'm anticipating seeing her again. I think she just might!

My meeting was held just a few miles from an old friend I had taught senior high school with, more than 15 years ago. I hadn't seen him and his family since a few months before my coming out four years ago. Through other persons they have learned about me and of some of the changes in my life-style.

I really wanted to visit them and renew our contact with each other, but I briefly questioned how I would be received. Would I be accepted in their home, and could we pick up from where we'd left off several years ago? Whatever the answers to these questions and others, I felt I had to see this couple. To avoid an encounter "because of.." or "what if they.." (it seemed to me) would be the same as my saying, "Yes, I understand why you don't want to see me since you know I'm gay. I'm sorry I won't bother you again." Well that is decidedly not how I feel, and I quickly drove the six miles to their home.

Our short visit was wonderful from the warm hugs from my friend's wife and his eager handshake, to catching each other up on our respective professional lives and goings-on of our seven kids collectively. I am still the same person to them, and I am glad they know more about me than they did in our earlier years together.

Two encounters; both entered into voluntarily and with anticipation. There was exuberance in each which would not have been possible without my acceptance of self.

Two good encounters!!

EVERY NIGHT IS LADIES NIGHT AT  
**BETSY'S**  
 454 Pearl  855-8902  
 DJ WED, FRI,  SAT, AND SUN.  
**WED. 1/2 PRICE**  
 OPEN NOON TO 4am.  
 CLOSED MON.  
 COME AND GET-DOWN, WITH BETSY

HITCH-HIKER

SAUNA



Sunday thru Thursday  
 Lockers \$1.50  
 Rooms \$3.25  
 Weekends & Holidays  
 Lockers \$2.95  
 Rooms \$3.95  
 Special  
 7 a.m. until 3 p.m.  
 Rooms \$1.50

92 North Street (716) 325-4235  
 Rochester, New York 14604

custom designs  
 window hangings  
 buy and sell old windows  
 gifts - classes

CLASS  
 ROOTS

STAINED GLASS

95 allen street, buffalo, n.y. 14202  
 716/ 884-1908

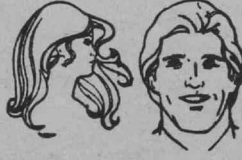
Jane Jacobson

Tops in  
 Toronto

The Club  toronto  
 231 Mutual Street, Toronto

**EC** A member of The Club Bath Chain





Philip S. Girods

HIS & HERS HAIRCUTS  
 132 DELAWARE AVE.  
 BUFFALO, NY 14202

PHONE (716) 855-9404



# Gay Directory

## Mattachine Society of the Niagara Frontier

Temporarily without offices.

Mailing address:

P.O.Box 155  
Ellicott Station  
Buffalo NY 14203

Summer meetings held July 20 & August 3, at 7:30 at the Unitarian-Universalist Church, Elmwood at West Ferry. Pot Luck suppers at 6:30. All are welcome.

## Fifth Freedom

Offices as above. Meetings will be announced. Call the Gay Hotline for information. Paper is being produced temporarily in the staff members homes.

## Gay Hotline \*\*\* 881-5335

Staffed part-time by volunteer peer counselors. Anyone interested in staffing should apply to Mattachine. Training programs offered periodically.

## Gay Rights for Older Women (GROW)

Call Emma Bookstore for details at 836-8970.

## Leather/Levi Club

Write P.O.Box 897, Ellicott Station, Buffalo, NY 14205 for more information.

## Gay Professionals

An organization to provide support for Gay people in the professions. Call Tom Hammond at 842-2750 for more information.

## Student Association for Gay Expression (SAGE)

Buffalo State College (SUC Buffalo)  
1300 Elmwood Ave. Office Hours:  
12:30 to 3:00 Monday thru Friday.  
Phone 878-6316.

## Gay Liberation Front (GLF)

On summer recess. Friday night coffee houses returning September 5 at 8PM. 107 Townsend Hall SUNYAB

## Dignity

Dignity/Buffalo for Gay Catholics and Interested Christians. Call 874-4139 for more information.

## Bookstores

### Emma Feminist Bookstore

2474 Main St. at Greenfield.  
836-8970

Marrakesh, 140 Allen St. 882-8200  
Gay Periodicals

Talking Leaves, 3102 Main St. 837-8554  
Gay Periodicals Books

## Bars and Restaurants

Villa Capri, 926 Main St. 886-9469  
Mean Alice's, 729 Main St. 856-3298  
Dominique's, 20 Allen St. 886-8694  
Allen Restaurant, 16 Allen 881-0586  
The Betsy, 454 Pearl St. 855-8902

## Baths

Club Amherst, 44 Almeda Street  
835-6711  
Morgan Turkish Baths, 655 Main St.

## Niagara Falls

Twenty-two-twenty-eight Club  
2228 Falls, 282-9185  
Itsy-Bitsy Lounge, 1149 Michigan  
Unique News, 1907 Main St.

## Fredonia

## Gay Awareness Organization

SUNY Fredonia, Fredonia NY 14063  
Meetings Wed. at 7:00PM in S-123  
Campus Center.

JULY / AUG.  
1980

**5th FREEDOM**

PUBLICATION OF THE BUFFALO GAY COMMUNITY

FREE