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5TH FREEDOM

A PUBLICATION FOR THE BUFFALO GAY COMMUNITY

JULY - AUGUST 1983

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"The Freedom to love whomever and however we want"

GLCC MOVES, Begins Major Fund Drive

The Gay and Lesbian Community Center has moved to new space which will be better able to meet the needs of the community of Western New York. Located at 647 West Delavan Avenue between Delaware and Elmwood avenues, the new center's first advantage is greater accessibility to more of the Gay and Lesbian community. A number of factors led to this decision to move.

The first and foremost consideration was that of space. A new center was opened in April 1982 at 97 Rhode Island as the result of discussions occurring during Gay Pride Fest '81. This storefront location, while a good start was not adequate to meet the needs of a community as large and diverse as Buffalo's.

When the coordinating committee of the Gay and Lesbian Community Center was given the opportunity to move into the space on West Delavan, its sheer size was viewed as the perfect ideal. The new building is a house, complete with living room, dining room, three upstairs bedrooms for use as offices and yard space for use as a place to hold barbecues or whatever. Already, The Fifth Freedom and the newly formed Buffalo Aids Task Force (see story elsewhere in this issue) have begun arranging for permanent headquarters at the Center. Furthermore, Metropolitan Community Church will continue its Thursday Rap Sessions and Religious Counseling. And a Gay Men's Support Group will meet there every Wednesday in September at 7:30 PM. For more information on space availability and which groups are already using the Center, call The GLCC at 886-1274.

OPEN HOUSE AUGUST SEVENTH

A Grand Opening was held Sunday August seventh at the new Center. Nearly one hundred interested persons from the Gay and Lesbian Community, as well as interested persons from the larger community came to the event. As they toured the Center and munched on hors d'oeuvres and sipped wine and other libations, saw the great potential for service as well as what had already been done there to make sure an adequate space was being provided for. The atmosphere was one of hope for the future and Gay Pride. Many were surprised that the Center had come so far in its short lifespan thus far. According to members of The Gay And Lesbian Community Center's Coordinating Committee, many new faces were seen, and the opinion was expressed that they would be seen again.

THE FOUNDERS DRIVE

Coincident with the open house, a Founders Drive, "One Hundred People One Hundred Dollars" was begun. The Center is looking for 100 people, groups and businesses to help purchase the new Center. They are asking anyone who can find a way to donate \$100 to the drive. In order to secure purchase of the Center \$10,850 needs to be raised by January 2, 1984.

This will ensure that the extremely favorable funding made available to the Center by the present owner may be taken advantage of. The Founder's Fund Committee has made

information about location, costs and financial aspects of the center so that prospective founders can be assured of the feasibility of the venture. Also, an escrow account has been established at the Bank of New York to guarantee that all donations are correctly earmarked and all finances properly handled.

Each one of the Founding One Hundred or Founding Groups will be recognized on a large permanent plaque which will be located in the Center's front foyer. If you have any questions, or merely wish to tour the new Center, call 886-1274 for answers or an appointment.

OTHER FUNDRAISING EVENTS

In addition to the "one Hundred People One Hundred Dollars" effort, several other fundraisers have already been scheduled.

The second annual Labor Day Cruise on the Ms. Buffalo will be held Monday September 5th. Departure from the Buffalo Naval And Servicemen's Park will be promptly at 8PM.

Tapes of the latest in dance music will be played and the onboard bar will serve up your favorite alcoholic and non-alcoholic libations. Tickets are on sale now at M.C. Compton's, Jimmy at City Lights, Rhinopotamus, Emma, GLCC and Center Members and others for \$7. This ride is always a sellout, so get your tickets fast.

The Crossroads, located at the corner of Allen Street and Delaware Avenue will hold a champagne buffet on Saturday September 24th from 7 to 11 PM. The buffet will feature a champagne fountain, coldcuts, vegetables, salads and desserts. Tickets are \$6 or \$5 in advance and are available at Crossroads and at GLCC from September 1st on.

A Halloween Trick And Treat Party will be held at the Gay And Lesbian Community Center on Friday October 29th. Prizes will be awarded for the best male and female costumes. Alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages will be available. Plenty of Camp Fun is promised, and tickets will be \$3 general admission with a fifty cent discount for active GLCC members. Call The Center at 886-1274 for times and more details.

MORE SPECIAL GLCC EVENTS

In addition to the fundraising efforts listed above, more events for the Gay and Lesbian Community have been planned by The Center.

The GLCC Camping Weekend is coming up August 26th through 28th. There will be lodges as well as acres for tent camping, workshops and general outdoor fun. Tickets are \$12, or you can arrange for carpooling by calling The Center. The price includes four meals and children under age twelve are free. Parents will be responsible for them as no childcare is planned. Tickets are available at M. C. Compton's, Jimmy at City Lights, Rhinopotamus, Emma, GLCC and Center Members. They must be purchased in advance, so don't delay.

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Editorial

Meeting Our Own Needs

As the gay community of Western New York becomes more visible in its presence to health professionals, social service professionals and to the general community at large, the realization strikes all of us that gay people have special health and service needs that are not being met or addressed.

The challenge to us as a gay community then becomes: can we respond to these needs ourselves?

Over the past year and a half, we, the gay community, have been responding.

The FIFTH FREEDOM was printed as a photocopied piece of paper for one issue in December, 1982, but we responded, and since January, it has come out on a regular basis.

The Gay & Lesbian Community Center in that period has grown to the point of having the largest gay mailing list in many years, of organizing several educational and social events, and of providing desperately needed space to other organizations in the city. The fact that it has grown to the point of attempting to purchase its own permanent space is quite an accomplishment.

Gay Professionals has organized the facilitation of its gatherings in such a way that the quality of interaction has improved, and the group is gradually establishing a more definitive role in our community.

The Buffalo AIDS Task Force is now organizing to educate our community and the straight community at large about AIDS, involving many people that were not active in our community in an organization before.

A dedicated group of individuals is organizing Gay Youth of Buffalo to meet the needs of young people coming out that are just not served by the mainstream mechanisms.

The Metropolitan Community Church is responding to the general basic needs of poverty and hunger through its newly established Emergency Services Program.

All of these activities represent our capacity and willingness to respond to our own needs. Indeed, there is strength in numbers.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:

I am writing in response to the article, "AIDS Study in Buffalo," by Ross Hewitt, M.D. which appeared in your June issue. I am one of the participants in the research project, conducted by Dr. Michael Tronolone, which, supposedly, was the subject of this article.

The article, as reportage, is both misleading and slanderous. I read it the evening after returning from Dr. Hewitt's excellent and moving presentation, "AIDS: What You Need To Know," a part of Gay Pride Fest. I had found that evening to be generally positive, although somewhat marred by the confusion and grandstanding that characterized several principal respondents during the question-and-answer period. The article, unwittingly, appears to continue the paranoia, and to cast the AIDS debate in an us-and-them mode.

Dr. Hewitt's article contains a number of inaccuracies and numerous editorial remarks which, together, amount to an attack on Dr. Tronolone's integrity along with advice to the gay community to boycott his research project. I, and a number of men I know who are participating in this project were offended and hurt by Dr. Hewitt's statements which by implication, are those of the FIFTH FREEDOM.

Let me, first, correct Dr. Hewitt's information: (1) The volunteers were not "recruited by word of mouth." We were solicited by a notice in the bulletin of Gay Professionals of Buffalo, to which I belong. This notice followed a presentation given to G.P. by a colleague of Dr. Tronolone's, Dr. Madeline Lilley, of the County Department of Immunology. (2) There was no "reward" of a physical examination. (3) The questionnaire used in the project contained no requests for information on the participant's sexual practices. It asked only for approximate numbers of sexual partners per year, information that has been gathered in every inquiry an AIDS victims I know about, including the earliest in L.A. (1979-80). (4) There were perhaps no "announced" gay advisors to the project. It was, however, Tom Hammond, a recognized leader in the gay community who introduced Drs. Lilley and Tronolone to Gay Professionals, which then served as a principal source of volunteers.

Further, I would like to point out one particularly unpleasant example of the article's editorializing:

Dr. Tronolone is straight, and not very concerned about the gay community. "I just want their blood," he said. "I wouldn't be surprised if the first case of AIDS in the Buffalo area occurs in someone who is not gay."

This is pure yellow journalism, and I am surprised that the FIFTH FREEDOM would print it. I believe that the members of the gay community have been the victims of stigmatizing labels often enough to know better than to brand persons in print by sexuality. Worse, the content and his project, are not to be trusted. This is exactly the kind of "reasoning" to which so many of us have been subjected in the past.

In addition, the quotation from Dr. Tronolone is taken out of context. It makes him sound callous, almost vampirish. In my contact with him during the project, I found him to be, to the contrary, quite sensitive and concerned. His research may not lead to a cure for AIDS; it doesn't intend to. It might lead to a necessary clarification of alleged T-cell abnormalities found in

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THE FIFTH FREEDOM welcomes the submission of news items, articles, letters, drawings, photographs, poetry and short fiction from the gay community. Announcements and releases from gay organizations are placed free of charge. Materials submitted should be typewritten and doubled-spaced. We cannot return any materials submitted unless accompanied by a stamped, self-addressed envelope, and all materials are subject to editorial revision.

Deadline for the submission of all materials and advertising copy is the 20th of each month. THE FIFTH FREEDOM reserves the right to reject any materials or copy judged to be in poor taste.

Staff members of the FIFTH FREEDOM are unsalaried volunteers and additional volunteers are welcome. Advertising rates are available upon request.

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Valerie Eastman, Editor

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FOUNDING MEMBER

supposedly healthy gay men. His study has nothing to do with supporting or spreading any negative stereotypes about gay men.

Dr. Hewitt's article, in its editorializing, appears to support, however, the Mattachine Society's vote, which it quotes: "not to endorse the participation of Western new York gays in such research." This vote, and Dr. Hewitt's apparent compliance with it, seem to me precipitous and ridiculous.

My question about all of this is: why are we not here, in the midst of this thing, with our hands joined? Why, on the eve of organizing to meet anticipated AIDS problems in the Buffalo area, do we launch uninformed and inflammatory attacks on the only medical group here, so far, to come forward with an honorably conducted research project on AIDS?

I am not from this community. In California, my permanent home, persons close to me are dead and seriously ill from this mysterious disease syndrome. I have felt so helpless. During my few months here in Buffalo, I thought that I could be of some use to this crisis by participating in Dr. Tronolone's research. (I already support financially the efforts of AIDS crisis work in Santa Barbara.)

I am sorry that your paper's article makes me feel that I have wasted my time, and played on the wrong team. I don't want Dr. Tronolone to take out an ad in your paper to thank me and the others, as Dr. Hewitt has requested. I feel "thanked" already, and I find that suggestion on the level of emotional blackmail.

What I would like to see in the FIFTH FREEDOM is a notice of formal apology to Dr. Tronolone, for the abuses and attacks of Dr. Hewitt's article. I would like to see, also, a recommitment to responsible journalism.

Like other "family" crises, the AIDS crisis reminds us of our vulnerability, and of our need to be close and united to get through it. We need to be competent and calm, so that the entire community will trust and rely on us. And if a critique of sexual mores continues as a part of our dialogue over AIDS, we need to clean that critique of the moralizing that presently contaminates it.

Dr. Hewitt is a valuable asset to your community. An "out," politically sensitive and committed physician is a rarity, especially in Buffalo. I was so alarmed that I have been trying to reach him by phone. When I finally succeeded, I felt that he respected my comments, as I hope you will, by printing them.

Sincerely,
Lawton "Larry" Smith

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Gay Voter Registration Drive

Buffalo's Gay Voter Registration Drive was launched during the Ms. Buffalo Cruise on June 3rd, when 38 gay men and women were registered to vote. The drive continued through the rest of Gay Pride Fest '83, with voter registration forms available at most events. By the end of June, at least 64 people have been registered.

The Drive was inspired by the comments made by Virginia Apuzzo, Executive Director of the National Gay Task Force, when she spoke in Buffalo during Gay Pride Fest '83. Ginny spoke about a national gay voter registration drive presently in progress which will help give gays a voice and further clout in local, state and national politics. Ginny stated that "the voting booth is the country's biggest closet." While the names of individual gay voters are not being retained on any list, a tally of the numbers of voters registered through the drive is being kept. Even anonymously, gay voters can make a difference in furthering gay interests in such issues as funding for AIDS research, anti-discrimination ordinances, and repeal of sodomy laws. Undoubtedly, the results of the 1984 presidential election will have an enormous impact on gays.

If you have never registered to vote before, if you have moved within the past year, if you have not voted for two years, or you would like to change your party affiliation, you must register or re-register. It is advisable to register for a major political party so that you will be able to vote in primaries as well as general and special elections. Often, an election is determined by a primary, since the candidate winning the primary will run unopposed or with only token opposition in the general election.

Voter registration forms will be available at the Gay and Lesbian Community Center events. Also, forms may be obtained by calling the GLCC at 886-1274 or Tom Hammond at 842-2750 (weekdays) or 885-0267 (evenings and weekends). Please register through the Gay Voter Registration Drive rather than on your own so that your registration will be counted as a potential gay vote.

Westminster Designated "More Light"

Westminster Presbyterian Church is the first mainstream Christian church in Buffalo to welcome self-affirming gays into their denomination and to participate in holding offices.

Voting 25 to 1 on June 15, the 26-member Session voted for a "More Light" designation, adopted at many other Presbyterian churches across the nation. This allows gays to hold positions as deacons, teaching elders (ministers) and/or trustees.

"We do well when we move beyond prejudice and unexamined assumptions to seek more adequate information -- about ourselves as well as others," implored Pastor Thomas P. Stewart at this sermon, "The Inclusive and Accepting Church," given on June 12.

In effect, the Session's vote countered the 1978 ruling of the 190th General Assembly, UPUSA, which excluded open gays from active roles in church life and policy-making.

Dorothy Brown, More Light Committee Chairperson, authored the resolution approved by the Westminster Session. It reads as follows:

The Session of Westminster Church, Buffalo, believes that the sole criterion for full participation in the life of the church is an individual's acceptance of Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. The Session further believes that the policy of the Presbyterian Church (USA) barring homosexual persons from ordained positions is morally wrong. It is our belief that we are called to accept all persons as brothers and sisters in Christ. The definitive guidance of the 190th General Assembly, UPUSA (1978) encourages exclusion and discrimination rather than inclusion and acceptance and is thus in direct opposition to our calling.

The Session therefore declares this congregation to be a More Light congregation, extending to all of its members the opportunity for leadership. This includes the rights of homosexual persons to be ordained as elder and deacon. It is our belief that sexual orientation has no bearing on one's ability to benefit from and contribute to the life of the church. Rather, we are bound together by God's love in ways that transcend differences.

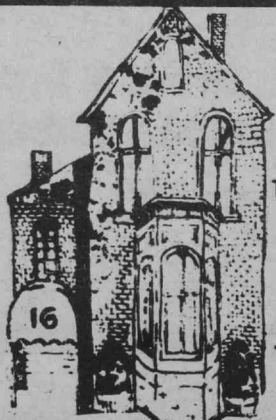
Ms. Brown and the More Light Committee have been supportive of the local Presbyterians for Lesbian & Gay Concerns (PLGC) Chapter, which was formed last fall by Hamburg native Robert Scharf, North Presbyterian Church Pastor David MacFarland, West Seneca resident Burt Eble and Pastoral Counselor Lew Bigler.

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Affirmation Participates

Toronto, Ontario -- The New York/Ontario Chapter of Affirmation: Gay & Lesbian Mormons participated in Toronto's Lesbian & Gay Pride Day June 26

-- the only Buffalo Gay Rights group in attendance at this year's Toronto celebration.

Joining about 40 other Gay Rights groups from Toronto, Affirmation staffed an information booth at King's College Circle on the University of Toronto campus during Sunday's activities.

"We were pleased with the amount of literature dispersed, questions asked and support expressed," said Ken Rasmussen, Co-Director with Hanford Searl Jr. of Affirmation. "The important thing was visibility and education," Searl said.

Geody Frazier, Rasmussen's lover, accompanied and assisted in setting up Affirmation's display, which included several large posters, along with printed material and pamphlets.

Among the many other groups represented at the information fair were Dignity/Toronto, Metropolitan Community Church of Toronto, THE BODY POLITIC, Out & Out, The Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence, Gay Community Appeal of Toronto and the Right to Privacy Committee.

Saturday Night included a dance at Toronto's Masonic Temple. A parade followed Sunday's information fair and entertainment was provided by various groups during the afternoon's educational festivities.

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SElections

by Samuel E. Loliger

JOYS OF REINFORCEMENT

To the closeted reader and a number of persons I know quite well my monthly writings and some of my verbal utterings probably carry the message, "Come out, come out, wherever you are!" At least seven out of ten days I would protest and say that it is not my message. I will accept the charge for the other three. For you see, exhorting my brothers and sisters to come out is based upon the many positive experiences of acceptance and support I have received in an overwhelming majority of cases. And, of course, they reinforce my additional comings out and cajoling readers of this column along with acquaintances, and friends.

For the first time in my gay career I telephoned the infamous John Otto radio show over a month ago. I was one of the lucky (?) few who got on the air, although I never had any illusions that I "got through" the homophobic shell of the show's host. More recently I was talking to a young woman who is still a stranger to me, although we know each other's names. She told me she "had listened to that awful program and heard the most wonderfully funny (yet logical) way to stop homosexuality" as offered by a gay caller. It was my comment she had liked, appreciated, and remembered! Reinforcement of an apparently good line. I must use it again!

At a state-wide church meeting held recently in Syracuse I was pulled aside by an elderly gentleman who told me he had seen me under similar circumstances a year ago, staffing our denomination's lesbian and gay display table. He told me he had very consciously avoided me and, in the meantime, had many bad dreams and daylight thoughts about what his church was coming to. Then this spring he saw me again at a church meeting here in Buffalo, where I was acting in an official capacity. Hearing a friend of his make derogatory remarks in my direction, he realized how stupid he too must have sounded in being so negative to members of our lesbian/gay group. He decided on the spot that the next time he saw me he would "confess" his error to me directly. And that is what he did in Syracuse! As we concluded our conversation he reported how much better he felt already. "Disliking somebody for no good reason pulls yourself down," he said. Reinforcement of the fact that "we are everywhere." I must continue to show members of the religious community that we are among them.

Work on another front has come to fruition. While attending a meeting of State University of New York personnel held recently in Buffalo, one of the administrators in the "tower of power" (SUNY Central

Administration headquarters) told me that the Trustees would soon be specifically prohibiting sexual orientation as a criterion for employment within the University. While I hadn't been quite as involved as I might have (distance and costs between Buffalo and Albany have become nearly prohibitive for me), two committee assignments and serving on a Chancellor-appointed task force have put me in touch with top administrators. Through these contacts I have been able to provide input as a gay person acquainted with subtle and not-so-subtle forms of discrimination in the work place. Reinforcement of the fact that gay persons are responsible on the job and are willing to take a chance letting the "boss" know a significant part of themselves.

During the afternoon of one of the hot days this past week I was eldersitting with an 83 year old man I have known for five or six years. I spent the time listening to some of the same stories, and answering the same questions between short naps the elder took. What I appreciated each time, however, was when he asked, "How is your lover? He is a good man." What special reinforcement that was -- unanticipated and wonderful to the point of his using absolutely the right word to describe the relationship between two men!

And just this morning there was another example.

While usually our haircutting occurs within our different schedules, a few weeks ago my lover and I rode our bikes the few blocks to a neighborhood barber shop to get the excess weight removed at the same time. Today with a "knowing smile" the barber asked how my "buddy" was since he hadn't been feeling up to par the last time he was in the barber's chair. Considering that the barber's usual patter to other customers consists of heterosexual commentary and jokes, I took his remarks to be something special. Reinforcement that "gay money is green too," and that a neighborhood barber stays in business because of all of his customers. Surely we are not his only gay ones!

From time to time when an enterprise of some sort is successful the comment is heard that "we must be doing something right." The line strikes me with the sense that the speaker does not know just what it is that is being handled correctly, but rather it is an unclear, nebulous "something." In the vignettes I have SElected this month, I know what has been done right. I have been living authentically gay. Consequently I am able to enjoy varied examples of positive reinforcement.



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AIDS News Briefs

BUFFALO AIDS TASK FORCE FORMS

So that the Buffalo Gay community is not found unprepared should the Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS) epidemic strike here, the Buffalo AIDS Task Force (BATF) is being organized by Dr. Ross Hewitt. The BATF will operate out of the Gay and Lesbian Community Center. Its immediate short range goals include educating the gay and straight community about AIDS, and to provide medical referrals. More long range concerns include: counseling services and a "buddy" system to assist AIDS victims.

Although the BATF will seek funding from New York State (see below), Dr. Hewitt sees direct community support as imperative for the BATF's success. "What is needed is donations of money and, more importantly, of people's time and energy."

Your support may be sent to: BATF, PO Box 38, Bidwell Station, Buffalo, NY 14222, or call the GLCC for the time and date of the next meeting.

AIDS GETS LOCAL MEDIA COVERAGE

The news of three cases of AIDS being diagnosed at Erie County Medical Center and the Veterans Administration Hospital here in Buffalo sparked local media coverage of the disease. All major local television news broadcasts highlighted the story as the top local story of the day. Coverage featured a press conference held by Erie County Commissioner of Health, Dr. Donald Thomas. The conference was designed to help allay public panic of the fear of the spread of AIDS in Western New York.

The BUFFALO NEWS also featured three recent articles on the topic. On Sunday, June 26, an article addressed our gay community's response to the AIDS crisis. Much of the article focused on the Buffalo AIDS Task Force. On Sunday, July 3rd, another article looked at the local American Red Cross effort to study the blood donor population of the Western New York area as a control since no "local" cases of AIDS have been diagnosed here. And finally, on Sunday, July 17th, the "Viewpoints" Section featured three articles, one focusing on the medical aspects, and two others looking at the impact of the disease in human terms. Copies of all of these are available from the NEWS by calling or writing for them.

DISABILITY AVAILABLE TO AIDS VICTIMS

The Social Security Administration recently announced a special procedure to simplify applications for Disability Benefits for victims of AIDS, according to Walter Lewchuk, Manager of the Social Security Office in Buffalo.

The special procedure, using telephones, was set up to both reduce the risk of further infection to AIDS victims, and to implement the Administration's policy decision that the disease has been designated as meeting the definition of disability under the Social Security Disability program.

"Under the procedure, AIDS victims will be able to call special Social Security telephone numbers. Trained interviewers will complete the required forms over the phone and send the forms to the applicant for signature," Lewchuk said.

AIDS victims or people who wish to help them with the process should call a special number for this AIDS effort. In Erie County, call 846-4705. Residents of Niagara County should call 297-2924.

AIDS INFORMATION SOURCES

Gay Men's Health Crisis, Inc., the volunteer organization located in New York City, recently named an "Outstanding Organization" by the New York Chapter of the American Society for Public Administration, has an informational brochure that lists the symptoms of AIDS. It is available free, by writing to: G.M.H.C., Box 274, 132 West 24th St, New York, NY 10011. They also publish a free newsletter (not mailed in a concealed fashion), and you may request to be placed on the mailing list. Or you may call their 24-hour hotline at (212) 685-4952. The hotline is available to answer any questions and to provide counseling.

The Public Health Service branch of the Department of Health and Human Services also has a free brochure called, FACTS ON AIDS. It is available by writing the Public Health Service, Office of Public Affairs, Room 7211-H, 200 Independence Ave SW, Washington, DC 20201. They also publish the AIDS INFORMATION BULLETIN, and you can request to be put on the mailing list. The Public Health Service also now operates an AIDS Hotline: 1-800-342-AIDS. It is toll-free, and it operates from 8:30 AM to 5:30 PM.

The National Gay Task Force (NGTF) also operates two AIDS Hotlines: the first is toll free, 1-800-221-7044; the second is in New York City, (212) 807-6016.

STATE PASSES AIDS LEGISLATION

In June, Governor Cuomo signed legislation that called for \$4.5 million for AIDS research, \$600,000 for community-based AIDS assistance programs, and \$150,000 for a public information service. According to Richard Gottlieb of the New York State Lesbian and Gay Lobby, the final legislation differed from the original bill proposed by State Senator Roy Goodman (R) of Manhattan. It allocated \$5 million for research and only \$250,000 for community based assistance programs.

The bill calls for the establishment of an AIDS Institute within the State Department of Health. Two advisory panels, to consist of 13 members each, will be created: the first to be research-oriented, and the second to be community and service oriented. The New York State Lesbian and Gay Lobby will be submitting its recommendations for potential members of both panels. At least three Buffalonians are being recommended to the second panel: Dr. Ross Hewitt, Dr. James Haynes, and Mr. Tom Hammond.

FEDERAL AIDS LEGISLATION SUBMITTED

The Gay Rights National Lobby, currently the only organization lobbying Congress on behalf of the estimated 25 million lesbian and gay people in America -- with AIDS as its top priority -- reports that the Congress has unanimously passed a bill authorizing a \$30 million "Interagency Public Health Emergency Fund." Such a fund could be used for emergencies like AIDS, Toxic Shock Syndrome or Legionnaire's Disease. The bill was sent to President Reagan on July 5th; he has not indicated whether he will sign the bill.

Representative Mario Biaggi (D-NY) recently introduced two bills which call for \$60 million in federal AIDS research for fiscal year 1984. HR-3247 calls for \$20 million for AIDS research by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), while HR-3248 call for \$40 million for AIDS research by the National Institutes of Health. The Reagan Administration currently estimates it will spend \$13 million on AIDS research in fiscal year 1983. Congress has passed an additional \$12 million AIDS research appropriation, but President Reagan has threatened to veto this measure. Biaggi's bills would more than double federal research expenditures on AIDS.

AIDS MEDICAL FOUNDATION ESTABLISHED

A new foundation has been established to find a solution to the problem of AIDS. The AIDS Medical Foundation, a not-for-profit organization, will support selected outstanding scientists in their research efforts to determine definitively the cause(s), and means of treatment and prevention of AIDS. This foundation is one of the first private efforts to address the national health crisis through basic scientific research. To donate, or for further information, contact: David B. Heaps, Administrative Director, 10 East 13th Street, Suite LD, New York, NY 10003, (212) 242-4029.

SECOND NATIONAL FORUM ON AIDS OCCURS

The Second National Forum on AIDS occurred in Denver, Colorado, in June as part of the Fifth National Lesbian/Gay Health Conference. A flurry of activity resulted from the Forum. The Women's AIDS Network was formed, with the goals of education, support and political action, including education about AIDS to the lesbian and feminist communities. The Women's AIDS Network can be contacted by writing in care of the Cascade AIDS Project, 2702 N.E. Clackamas, Portland, OR 97232.

Thirty-eight separate organizations joined together to form a national federation of AIDS groups. The two top priorities of the new group are to establish a lobbying project and to develop a resource and information network, according to the founding guidelines developed at the conference. The federation was founded, in part, to better share information, avoid duplicative efforts and to unify efforts at carrying out actions throughout the country.

Other workshops featured the controversial blood donor issue, speaking appearances by Dr. James Curran, Director of the AIDS Task Force of the CDC, and Ms. Virginia Apuzzo, Executive Director of the NGTF, the continuing problem of Hepatitis B -- why gay men are not taking the vaccine, positive AIDS policy versus homophobia, and the personal impact of being a "person with AIDS."



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BITS AND PIECES

John was surprised at the success of his ploy as he followed Ralph's car to his apartment. They sat and talked forever, frequently about old lovers, while constantly researching each other's eyes. Ralph said how he'd hate to see a good friendship go to hell over having sex with the wrong attitude. Their mutual embarrassment peaked when they finally got to bed and missed by a mile. The relief of coffee, a shower and the morning sun's warmth lasted only until early afternoon. John's hasty check-in call to Ralph did little to slow the pulsebeats that would throb for the next few days, troubling over the possibilities of the start of another relationship.

Hello and welcome to another journey in the senses. As many things have been popping (or not popping as the case may be), I thought this month's column should take on the reporter's notebook format. Herewith my impressions of things that have occurred around Buffalo during the past several weeks.

THE BAR SCENE

Memorial Day Weekend was for parties. M.C. Compton's second annual Fire Island Day was a great success, with red and white balloons and lights setting the mood. The ten hour long party found people moving to Marilyn J. Rodgers' philosophy as expressed in music mixing. After the blinding special effects, the analytical sound system was taken over for a sleaze set by special guest DJ, Joey the D of City Lights. Richard DiSarno, "Tambourine Man," and company brought the party to a flagwaving head as only they can.

Thereafter, the City Lights Uniform Party found platoons of official looking types dancing and hanging on through the last call.

City Lights parties did not stop there, however. Buffalo's John Ceglia blew us all away with his lights and music on June 15th. There is no other way to describe his style than hypnotic. At several points in the evening, the entire crowd turned towards the booth and broke into spontaneous applause while Ceglia made love to people with his music.

The City Lights management and we were less well served on July 3rd when New York DJ, Richard Vegliione, was aurally impressive but not visually attentive to one of the best light systems in this area.

Finally, the Aural Columnist would like to wish John Little a Happy Birthday. We were there on June 6th when Jeff poured several Night Train Expresses, whose effects were like a delayed amy blast.

Crossroad's Darwin-Scotty-And-The-Gang threw a M*A*S*H Party on Memorial Day. The light atmosphere belied, or perhaps spoke to, our feelings toward the futility of armed conflict. Then again, on July 4th, Crossroad's Red, White and Blue Party capped a roaringly successful holiday weekend.

A special buffet and drinks, as well as Gary's cordial music playing, provided the perfect setting for Darwin's redefinition of just who Wonder Woman is.

GAY PRIDE FEST IN REVIEW

One of Gay Pride Fest '83 events was the Ms. Buffalo boatride, which proved to the people on board that gay men and women CAN have a great time together.

The Mattachine Society sponsored the appearance by National Gay Task Force Executive Director, Virginia Apuzzo. The message of her lecture still echoes in our ears: "We all come to a point in our lives when "enough is enough." We should put aside personal conflicts to achieve our common goals.

This common cause built momentum during the excellent AIDS Workshop presented by Dr. Ross Hewitt, and through the spirit-searching Service of Liberation by the Metropolitan Community Church and Dignity/Buffalo.

The poetry reading sponsored by Micheal and Lisa was another community-building event, proving to the overflow crowd at the GLCC that there are many creative people here. The "Long and Short" work was the highlight of the evening.

ALLENTOWN

The Allentown Ass Festival, as it is called by my choreographer friend, was its usual success. And I must thank Kurt for pouring the martinis when we met in the street. Running into Rosie, Stosh and Burl at Crossroads was an unexpected pleasure. There was even some artwork this year.

PERSONALS

Special good wishes are due Daryl and Sherry of Metropolitan Community Church, who professed a Holy Union and July 3rd. Ms. Kennedy spoke movingly on the subject of commitment -- to God and to our fellows -- a topic we would all do well to spend some quality thought on.

Then there was that warm Friday night when Bobbo and Dale launched, via coffee and grape jelly at Hojo's, their move to their new apartment. Duff and crowd, Compton's and crowd, Lights and crowd and others all offered encouragement. And can you guys forget Barnsey's laugh as we watched trailers being alternatively crashed and hitched in Tonawanda?

There was the Gay Pride Fest Picnic where Benji, upon being asked to speak Polish, admitted to not being able "to say that many Z's in a row." And later that night, Marilyn took on her first City Lights Sunday crowd. Slow motion was the name of her game as she nearly froze the hanging-on crowd with her sleaze set.

THE AIRWAVES

Also, Marilyn has just been appointed music director at WUWU-FM by new program director Lee Zimmerman. If indeed "the 'fags' have all moved out" of WBLK, we can only benefit. Apparently WBLK's Frank Lorenz cannot deal with Buffalo's emerging Gay and Lesbian Identity, even though the station's Arbitron ratings skyrocketed this past winter. As an aural connoisseur, I direct your attention in the direction of 107.7 FM.

Unfortunately, in the face of all this progressive spirit, Closet Psychotic Bob Allen again illegally took control of WUWU-FM's transmitter at 9 PM on July 2nd. For nearly eight hours he spewed destructive infective at the Gay Community, WUWU-FM management and WCRQ-FM, to name a few. he and his accomplice were finally taken away by the Wyoming County Sheriff.

In contrast to the reappearance to Boorish Bob is the reappearance of DJ Jeff at the Villa Capri, who is a beacon on the horizon for those of us who appreciate professionalism. His ability to gauge the size of the crowd, to equalize the sound so it doesn't bite the earlobe and to caress audio equipment speaks eloquently for his sensitivity to a sound system that has lately hung by threads. Except for Crossroad's John Pawlowski, I have not seen a DJ handle records by their edges in almost two years.

Jeff's fineness of touch mirrors a deep concern for the music and a sympatico for his audience that all of us in this community should practice.

And that puts this edition of The Aural Column in the can. In the next issue, if my decoder ring is working well, and analysis of the sound system at City Lights.

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Gays and Criminal Law

Lawyer and gay rights advocate Bill Gardner recounted current laws used against gays in Buffalo at his June 10 workshop, "Gays and the Criminal Law," part of Gay Pride Fest '83.

Gardner's detailed talk listed both the recent anti-nude beach law signed by Gov. Mario Cuomo and the current anti-prostitution law as possible tools to be used against gays.

"Most of these laws are lazy assumptions. We have to encourage more courage in standing up to injustice, and change the atmosphere within which we live," said Gardner. "It's a careful decision but the political system HAS TO BE CHALLENGED."

Gardner expects a pending appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court by District Attorney Richard Arcara and the Buffalo Police in the case of People vs. Uplinger to be denied review, thus allowing the previously overturned loitering decision to stand. That appeal decision will be known in October, according to Gardner.

The U.S. Supreme Court denied review of People vs. Onofre in 1980, a decision which had struck down New York State's Sodomy Law. In February of 1983, the N.Y. Court of Appeals in Albany removed the Loitering Law in People vs. Uplinger. Both were Gardner cases.

A member of the Unitarian Universalist Church, Gardner quoted Thomas Jefferson in saying, "It's a continuous battle, generation after generation fighting for justice" and stated that the Law must be broken when it is unjust.

"We must be as public or private as straights and express our being gay within the public nuisance acceptability," Gardner encouraged. "Too often, law and morality are confused, and then used against specific groups."

During a brief question and answer session, Gardner claimed that the Vice Squad's Captain Kennedy is an interesting dichotomy, having served 25 years on the force and dedicating his life to that career. He has a contrasting family side and a personal, likeable manner, but Gardner said he didn't think Kennedy liked him very much when it comes to professional, legal conflicts.

About 125 people attended Gardner's educational session, which was followed by hors d'oeuvres and wine, while the likeable attorney personally discussed matters with several individuals and interested parties.



Virginia Apuzzo Speaks to Buffalo

by Frank Vincent

When she is what she is, we are what we are -- and when she strengthens her voice, we strengthen our rage. Virginia Apuzzo spoke to nearly 200 people at the Unitarian Church on June 1st, leaving behind a positive trail for Buffalo's gay community.

Having been the Executive Director of the National Gay Task Force (NGTF) for only 30 weeks, she has traveled to 30 cities, speaking to gays and lesbians about having tolerated enough oppression.

"Enough is enough," she firmly said. "I've seen the enemy and it ain't us."

Ginny Apuzzo describes the current atmosphere of the gay community as one of hope and enlightenment, stating that the Gay Rights Movement is in the most exciting phase this country has seen yet. Despite recent defeats, such as the unsuccessful push for a gay civil rights bill in New York State this spring, other successes can be seen. She pointed to the acceptance of a gay rights plank in the Democratic National Committee (a success which came about largely due to her own efforts).

Along with her emphasis on that type of work, Ginny stresses that heroism in a hostile society must also continue. There must be wide ranging involvement in the struggle for gay rights on whatever level people can afford.


Having traveled to remote cities like Columbus, Milwaukee and Cincinnati, Ginny professed that "gay rights will not happen in places like New York or San Francisco. We have to educate the American mentality in places like Iowa, Wyoming and Arkansas."

Ginny Apuzzo is obsessed by the political issues that clout gay communities in America. Through the NGTF and the media, Ginny is a potent element for gays. She described the NGTF as a clearing house of information, with 10,000 individual members nationwide. It is an umbrella organization for groups throughout the country, funded primarily by its members.

Ginny's executive position and strong involvement within the gay movement have given her a tremendous media presence, resulting in appearances on "Nightline" and "The Phil Donahue Show," along with numerous local television spots wherever she visits. This makes her an even stronger force because of the role she plays in communications and public relations, both within the gay community and in representing the gay community to the rest of the world. Her extensive travels give her insights worth passing along from one place to the next. She urged Buffalonians to make louder demands to the local legislators, pushing them to keep up with the work being done by representatives from other areas.

One of the most promising actions Ginny is sparking is an unprecedented involvement in next year's presidential elections. NGTF is launching a voter registration drive to assert a political voice for gays. "Politicians know how to count and they will count us," she told the Buffalo audience, adding that she sees 2 million registered gay voters as a worthy achievement.

Ginny recalled society's waves of change that have delivered us to the '80's. "The Anita Bryant Summer" was one of blatant prejudice that resulted in rage. Rage to move us on. Then followed the "reaching out" period, which became an extension of the horizontal movement to be "we" as a significant force. Now, her vibrant presence asks society to understand what homosexuals have in common and why we were left out.



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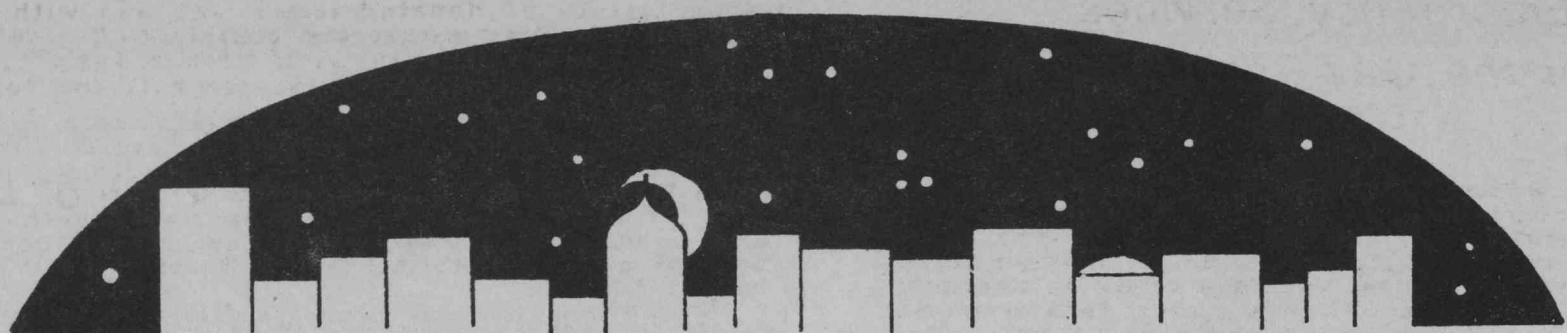
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	1	2 GLCC General mtg. 7pm at GLCC	3 EVERY WED. Gay A.A. mtg. 8:30pm at C.H.	4	5 G.R.O.W. mtg. 7:30 at W.S.C.	6
7 Mattachine mtg. 7:30 at U.U.C. Dignity Worship Service and Pot Luck 3pm #	8	9 Gay Profes- sionals mtg.@	10	11	12 EVERY FRI. GLCC coffee- house 7pm GLCC Gay A.A. mtg. 8:30pm at A.S.	13
14	15	16 GLCC General mtg. 7pm at GLCC	17	18	19 G.R.O.W. mtg. 7:30 at W.S.C.	20 MCC Retreat improving your view of who you are. 9:30 am call MCC for info.
21 Mattachine mtg. 7:30 at U.U.C. Dignity Worship Service & Bus. mtg. #	22 Gay Profes- sionals mtg. @	23	24	25	26 GLCC Get-away Weekend 26-27- 28. Camping trip.	27
28	29	30	31	<i>September 4th</i> GLCC Miss Bflo Labor Day Cruise 8-11 \$7.00		

Abbreviations have been used in the calendar for the following locations:

A.S: Ascension Church, 16 Linwood Ave
 C.F.S: Child and Family Services, 330 Delaware Ave (entrance off Tracy St, ring bell)
 C.H: Columbus Hospital, 300 Niagara St, 2nd floor Board Room
 GLCC: Gay and Lesbian Community Center, 97 Rhode Island St, off Niagara St
 U.A: Unitarian Church of Amherst, 6320 Main St.

U.U.C: Unitarian Church Elmwood Ave at W.Ferry
 W.S.C: Women's Studies College, 108 Winspear Ave
 N.P.L: Niagara Porter Library, downstairs meeting room, corner Niagara St & Porter Ave
 # contact 874-4139 for location
 @ contact Tom Hammond for time and location at 842-2750 (days) or 885-0267 (evenings)

Emergency Services for the Gay Community

An Emergency Services Program (ESP) for the gay community is currently being organized by Metropolitan Community Church of Buffalo (MCC). The program is designed to provide assistance for individuals within the gay community who are experiencing a crisis or emergency situation that requires immediate and short term assistance.

The ESP will encompass three major services: a Food Pantry; a "Blessing File"; and direct cash assistance. It is slated to be in operation by September 1st.

The Food Pantry will provide foodstuff and personal necessities to people in emergency situations who have no other sources of help. The "Blessing File" is designed as a referral service through which those who have extra or unused household goods, appliances, bedding, and other necessities can pass them on to someone who needs them. Direct cash assistance will be provided via direct payment of bills for rent, utilities, medical services and similar needs, when such payment is necessary to avert emergencies.

The ESP is being organized under the auspices of Metropolitan Community Church of Buffalo. A separate bank account will be set up by MCC in the name of "MCC Emergency Services Fund." Donations can be made directly to this fund and will not be used to finance any other project or service of MCC. Donations are tax deductible because of the non-profit status of the church. Receipts for cash donations or goods will be furnished by MCC upon request.

EMERGENCY SERVICES

Along with the bank account, members of MCC will have an actual "Food Pantry" from which to feed people in emergency situations. Non-perishable foodstuff is currently being collected and stored in a secure location. When emergency food rations are requested by an eligible person, a volunteer will obtain the necessary items from this location and deliver them to the recipient. Perishable food and items not in stock will be purchased through the bank account.

The Blessing File will operate a little differently, because the actual items will not be stored in a central location. An index file will be kept, listing the various items available for donation, while the donor continues to store them at home until needed. When MCC is contacted by someone in need of a particular item, the index file will be referred to. If there is nothing on file, the request will also be filed and filled when available. In the case of dire need, the items might be purchased through the bank account.

Eligibility criteria for assistance through ESP are still being established as of this writing. Those who qualify for assistance through other existing programs will be first referred to the appropriate agencies. For example, a person eligible for emergency food stamps due to a sudden or recent loss of income will be informed of that service and referred to the Food Stamp Office in the Rath Building. Short term assistance for a three or four day period, while the recipient waits for food stamps to be issued, can then be provided through the Food Pantry.

STORY OF DENIAL SPURS ESP

Food Pantries and other similar services are traditionally sponsored by church congregations, and can be found in many area churches. Unfortunately, prejudices and discrimination sometimes creep past the teachings of love and sharing within some of these programs. The plight of four victims of such discrimination was brought to the attention of MCC members and led to the establishment of this program for the gay community.

According to the Reverend Sherry Kennedy of MCC, they were spurred into action by the story of a lesbian couple and two children who sought emergency assistance through a local, suburban church. Upon hearing the request by the woman who was the natural mother of the two children, the minister inquired why the second woman was present. The two women explained that they were lovers and considered themselves to be a family. This information led the minister to delay any decision to grant assistance until the Board of Deacons could consider the issue. Their decision was that no help could be provided until the women repented their sins of homosexuality.

This blatant denial of human rights for lesbians and homosexuals by an avowed Christian church jolted the members of MCC into setting up their own program, specifically for the gay community. This small, but growing and active congregation views its role as a gay rights organization as seriously as its role in providing a place for Christian worship.

Neither MCC membership, Christian affiliation, nor belief in God is a prerequisite for receiving assistance through the Emergency Services Program.

"Becoming a Christian is not a prerequisite for being hungry and getting fed," stated Rev. Kennedy. "The main focus of the program is to meet these needs within our gay community," she added. "If we save souls in the process, that's all right, too."

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

Members of MCC have been collecting cash and food donations through both their Sunday evening worship services and a series of fundraisers, including door-to-door solicitations in the northern suburban areas. Furing the first month of activity, over \$400 was raised.

Cash donations (with checks payable to "MCC Emergency Services Fund") can be mailed directly to MCC at PO Box 114, East Amherst, NY 14051.

AUGUST 6TH FLEA MARKET FUNDRAISER

The next fundraiser for this program will be at the G. E. X. Flea Market, located on Walden Ave near Union Rd, where MCC will rent a space on Saturday, August 6th and

sell a variety of donated items. Anyone with goods to donate for the flea market can contact MCC at 689-0890. Persons willing to help with future fundraisers and door-to-door campaigns should also call and leave their name and phone number.

Group Organizing Gay Youth of Buffalo

by Ross Hewitt, M.D.

An ad-hoc committee has been meeting to organize Gay Youth of Buffalo, a social organization designed to meet the special needs of lesbian and gay youth.

The first goal of the group is to provide a supervised place for young gay people to meet each other. Meetings will be staffed by appropriately trained adults.

A skeletal organizational structure has been developed that calls for an Advisory Board of six men and six women from the gay community, along with a Board of Directors to be recruited from the private and public sector in the fields of health, law, mental health, adolescent development, human sexuality, psychology and social work.

The group is currently recruiting individuals interested in being on staff, on the Advisory Board or on the Board of Directors. All are volunteer positions. Please refer your suggestions of suitable individuals, and they will be contacted discretely. Please call Bob at 884-9472 during the hours of 6-8 PM weeknights.

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Episode Four

by Marti

Beth was having a terrible week. Work was busy, but she couldn't keep her mind on anything except what happened at the bar. How was she ever going to meet anyone if she didn't go back? She didn't want to see another barroom brawl for as long as she lived! Why did things like this always happen to her? She certainly hadn't felt "gay" these past few days.

Of course, Beth didn't know that the fight had been brought on by an out of town gang, and certainly was not common at "Our Bar."

"Usually the only action down there is sexual," Jan had remarked to some friends at the bookstore. "I know it gets hot and heavy -- but not destructive!"

"How do you know that's not how they turn each other on?" Lori had asked. She and her mother Mary were out posting notices about a dance this coming weekend.

"We can do without that," Mary replied. "But you know, there are other ways to meet women than going to the bar every weekend."

"You two represent nearly all the other options!" Amy laughed. "You work for the church, the counseling office, the newsletter -- have I missed anything?"

"That depends if you're talking weekly or monthly, and including women's groups or only gay ones!" Lori said as they went towards the door. "We're very busy; see you at the dance."

Fortunately, they did their work well. As the bar gossip traveled its grapevine path around the city, publicity for the dance spread, too. Even Beth noticed a sign and decided to give this approach a try.

Arriving comfortably an hour after the posted time, Beth surveyed the room. "It's almost like a junior high school dance," she thought. "The boys are on one side and the girls on the other." The boys didn't dance together then, but the girls did. She went to get a beer and stood near the windows.

Kelly was against the opposite wall. She hadn't been to a dance in a while, and was taking in new faces. Few people came here alone, she noted. Too bad; it was nice to get to know somebody without the heavy atmosphere of the bar. She always had good luck at these dances. With a warm smile of remembering, she made her way slowly around the room.

Beth was intently watching the floor when Kelly tapped her on the shoulder. She was so startled she nearly jumped. "Hey girl, take it easy, I was only going to ask you to dance," she said. "I'm Kelly; how 'bout it?"

"Oh it's all right -- I mean I'm sorry -- No, I mean I'm just -- (her eyes met Kelly's for the first time) -- OK, let's dance." Her hands were clammy as they walked out onto the floor. She tried to concentrate on the other couples to make sure she was in step, but kept stealing glances back at Kelly.

"She's pretty," Beth thought, taking in a burgundy running suit and pale blue shirt with two small woman's signs entwined on it. Kelly's soft blond hair bounced with the music. They smiled at each other. Then the music slowed and Beth turned to leave; but Kelly took her hand and drew her close.

During the first love song they exchanged names, and Beth said that she had never been to one of these dances before. Kelly added that she liked it better than the bar.

After the second song Beth was telling Kelly all about her first two attempts at bar life and they both laughed.

By the third song Kelly remarked to Beth that it sort of seemed like an old high school dance, didn't it; and then they went back to their drinks.

"I wonder is she's been with anybody yet, she seems so shy," Kelly wondered. Now she was getting nervous. She hadn't really planned on picking anyone up tonight. It wasn't something she did frequently, so she decided to take it easy.

"Maybe," she said slowly, "You'd consider giving the bar another try if you had someone to walk in with."

"Oh yes, that would help a lot," Beth agreed. Kelly took a deep breath. "Would you like to go with me next week? We can meet there if you want, or maybe see a movie and have dinner first. I'll pick you up."

"Why yes, I'd like to. Thank you." Beth surprised herself with how easily the words came out.

The rest of the evening went by in a soft blur. Beth didn't even notice some of the faces she had seen at the bar. They danced, drank, and talked until the music ended. At last it was time to leave.

"I'll call you then," Kelly said, fingering the slip of paper in her pocket with Beth's phone number.

"Yes, thank you. I had a nice time tonight. I'm glad I met you." She turned to unlock her car door, but dropped her keys just as Kelly's arms went around her. "Oh, I'm such a clutz," she muttered and Kelly immediately withdrew. She didn't want to risk frightening this poor girl -- and yet she ached to give Beth that first kiss.

"Well goodnight then," Beth said. "Thanks for walking me to my car." She hesitated for only a second, but Kelly stepped close again and touched her arm. Her lips brushed Beth's cheek for a split second.

"See you next week," she whispered, and hurried off without looking back. Beth watched her go as she slowly melted into the car door. At last her doubts had vanished.

This was what she had wanted all along -- before she had even known it. Thank goodness the old car was there to hold her up until she could catch her breath.

NEXT EPISODE: Kelly and Beth return to "Our Bar" -- keep you in suspense till then.



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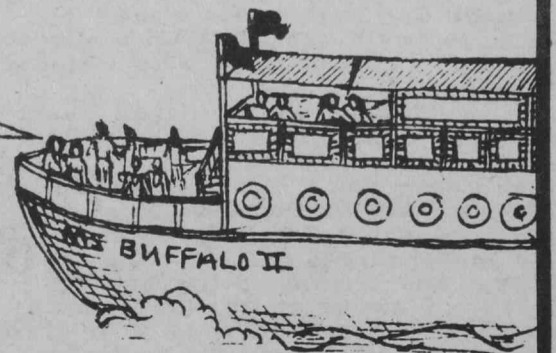
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by Da Smerag

Emotions often blanket reality. What seems to exist, never was. What was never there, soon develops into a powerful and genuine actuality. Feelings from the heart tend to control our perceptions and inclinations. Our souls, either here on earth or beyond, have no restraint. Our paths, where ever they may lead, are predetermined by that one thin line which separates love from hate. Although they extend themselves in different degrees, they are, in reality, one in the same.

Through water, I find tranquility. So, it was only normal that I retreat there when I had realized that Kevin finally left me. I was torn. The struggle of emotions inside of me were ripping me apart.

He packed his bags, claiming that he was going to visit "friends" in a nearby city. The next morning I called. He never arrived. That afternoon I learned he had taken half our savings.

He was gone, without so much as an explanation as to why. Did we really have the perfect relationship I led myself to believe? Or was it such a total hell, that he had to depart without so much as one word spoken.

For the first time in my life, I wanted to be alone. I needed time. Time to understand. Time to figure who I was. Was I crying because I had just lost the one I so dearly loved? Or was I crying to release all the hatred I built inside of me?

The beach house was a perfect place to retreat. No neighbors, no phone

-- no one to bother me. It was totally secular. I spent weeks there, building up and breaking down our relationship. It became an obsession. Something happened somewhere -- the wrong words spoken, the touch that never was, the special feelings that were taken for granted. Where did the line finally end?

By the third week, my tears for him had vanished. My love, which I had given to him so freely, grew to hatred. He had left me, with questions unanswered. And I was glad that it happened. Those precious moments... years, which kept me going for so long, were now nightmares of a period I was glad to be free of. They bound me into a hellish lifestyle in which there was no sense... no end... no love.

By leaving, Kevin had set me free. He had forced me to face reality, and I was proud of what I was. And I was right -- he was wrong.

Towards the end of my stay at the beach, I had fallen to the bottle. I was out of control. It was my only affection. It seemed to understand my problems, and it knew how to comfort me. Best of all, it was always there. It would never leave.

One particular night -- one I will never forget -- was the night before I moved back to the city.

I was content with being by myself. I was glad that I hated him so. He was responsible for all of my failures for those past years. And I would never forgive him. Someday, I thought, I will take revenge.

I grabbed my bottle and slowly walked down to the beach. I sat on the rocks watching the moonlight shine upon the water. I listened to the waves cry out as they hit the sand. I was at ease with myself -- just me and my bottle.

I must have fallen asleep for a short period of time, when I was awakened by the sound of an engine. I turned toward the house, and there it was. The car. His red pride and joy.

I watched him get out of the car, and walk towards me. The breeze from the ocean made his hair seem like it was flowing through the wind. He was beautiful. All the more to hate him.

Kevin stopped about ten yards from me. I stood up, and began to walk towards him.

"No, don't," he said. "Stay where you are. I want to remember you with the light from the moon shining on your face."

"Why did you come here," I shouted. "You're not welcome here!"

His smile went away. "I've come to say goodbye," he said. "And to tell you," he paused a second, "that I love you."

"You love me," I mocked. "You're too late! Years too late!" My head began to hurt. I grabbed my bottle and drank some more strength. "We have nothing to say to each other, Kevin."

"I'm sorry," he cried. "I'm so sorry. I would never deliberately hurt you." Kevin wiped the tears from his face. "I hope you know that."

I laughed. "You could never hurt me." I found myself screaming over the waves. "Everyday," I continued, "I thank God that you're gone."

Kevin looked at the almost empty bottle I held to my lips. "I can't stay," he whispered. "I'm not supposed to be here."

"I'm not holding you back," I replied. "Why don't you leave now before I do something we both will regret!"

His smile returned. "Just remember," he said, "that I love you." He turned, and walked back to the car. I watched him drive away.

I sat back down upon the rocks. God, I hurt. The hate disappeared, and all those memories came back. I felt empty. And I finished the bottle.

I awoke to the screams of the seagulls the next morning. I watched them soar through the sky, wondering what it was like to really be free.

When I returned to the city, I was greeted by Kevin's mother. I hadn't seen her in months.

"So," I rudely said, "you've come to get his clothes."

That's when she told me.

At nights, I can still hear her cry, as she explained to me that Kevin had died the day he left the house.

"Your birthday," she sobbed, "your birthday. He took the money to buy you that beach house you rent. But he never made it there." She started to scream at me. "There was an accident. We couldn't find him for three days. He went through the windshield -- into the water." Hatred filled her eyes. "And where were you? Why couldn't we find you?!"

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GLCC Cont.

Perhaps the most interesting upcoming GLCC event is the news of a Gay version of Charles Dickens' Christmas Carol. Current tentative plans call for a rewrite of the script of this ever-popular classic. The Fundraising Committee of the GLCC is perverting this script. The Fifth Freedom has learned that the basic soul searching done by Ebenezer Scrooge will be done in Gay Light.

The most important aspect at this time is the Committee's search for a director who will be able to interpret the script (with power to revise as s/he sees fit), and who will be able to recognize good talent and be able to direct it into a professional grade theater piece that the Gay and Lesbian Community can be proud of.

Persons in the community interested in direction, music and dance, set design, costume design, carpentry, lighting, sound, and (yes) ACTING are encouraged to contact the Gay And Lesbian Community Center, or call Susan Cook at 885-0893. It is expected that production dates will be in early December.

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"Bent"

Calvary St. Andrews Parish, Rochester, NY / June 5th
Tickets: \$3.50
Rating: Three Tickets

"Bent" is to Gay men and lesbians what "The Diary of Anne Frank" is to Jews and the world in general. It is a gut-wrenching drama based on Heinz Heger's "The Men with the Pink Triangle," and was adapted to the stage by Martin Sherman.

So-called "sex symbol" Richard Gere portrayed the lead role of Max in the acclaimed Broadway run of a year and a half. In this production, the actors were the Conundrum Players, a group composed mostly of members of Calvary St. Andrews parish. The 14-person cast was effectively molded into a cohesive, believable troupe by director Keith D. Hershberger.

The two-act play, interspersed with welcome, necessary comedic lines, is set in 1930 Berlin as Hitler is coming to power. The prolific utilitarian stage set, also designed by Hershberger and his assistant Rob Genko, captured the time period and moods.

Highlighting a mostly amateur-status cast was Stephen Wegman in the powerful, convincing role of Horst, a Scandinavian-type Gay man marked with the Pink Triangle.

Although not featured extensively until Act II, Wegman's professional, totally-involved talent shone through in the two-hour plus show's most difficult role. Unlike Max, played here by Robert Scott Cleary, Wegman's character was openly Gay and proud of his feelings.

Cleary's physical similarity to Gere was immediately identifiable, but most of his acting was forced and strained for what purported to be the main character. Wegman's role and execution was draining, impressive.

Bjorna Noyes, as the drag queen/entertainer Greta, was thought provoking and factual, singing the melancholy "Streets of Berlin" melody and advising Max and his lover, Rudy, played well by Michael J. Nicosia, to escape the Nazi SS round-up.

Nicosia's punch lines were mostly comedic and truth getters, dealing with both the humor and tragedy of their pending peril at the hands of the Master Race genocide plan and of his semi-relationship with a selfish, shallow Max. Max later transforms into a caring individual.

Frederick Eastman, as Max's Uncle Freddie, provided insight into the on-going political/social differences between younger "out" Gays and older "closeted" Gay men. It is here we learn of Max's disenfranchisement by his wealthy, button-making factory family, and his sacrifice for being Gay and living with Rudy, a domestic-type romantic and dancer.

By the conclusion of Act I, following Max and Rudy's eventual arrest and transportation to Dachau, destiny is set in motion for Max to face, head-on, his natural orientation and all the emotional and physical ties implied.

Act II's effective rock-pile drudgery routine is captured by Max and Horst carrying REAL ROCKS back and forth across the stage to separate piles. Not able to touch or openly talk under the guard's constant supervision, the two range the spectrum of Gay fears, hopes, aspirations, anxieties and acceptance.

"Bent" is a powerful piece of theatre, revealing the heretofore relatively unknown -- even to Gays -- barbaric treatment of homosexuals in Nazi Germany, where hundreds of thousands were tortured and killed because they were Gay.

For while the Conundrum Players are to be lauded for this fine presentation, the 12th production under Hershberger's direction, the on-going tragedy remains that there have been no reparations to the living victims of Nazi terror by West Germany, such as has been awarded to other minority groups, and that there is no living monument to those murdered Gays.

"Hello, Dolly!"

Artpark, Lewiston, NY / June 28
Tickets: \$3 (lawn) \$8 (orchestra)
Rating: Four Tickets

How appropriate to open Artpark's 10th season during the July 4th week with one of Broadway's most razzle-dazzle, American musicals, namely, "Hello, Dolly!"

And, by far, it's the most convincingly professional production in the last few years at Artpark, with an energetic, talented cast of 13 principals and 20 dancers, as well as a sharp, 27-piece orchestra directed by John Head.

Mary Ellen Ashley, as the card-dispensing Dolly Gallagher Levi of New York City in the 1880's, provided substantial characterization, a piercing contralto-nasal vocal treatment and a sometimes stiff portrayal, albeit a charming one.

Merwin Goldsmith, as Dolly's romantic target, Horace Vandergelder, was fair -- relegated to a meatless role like Walter Matthau in the 20th Century Fox version with Striesand -- but inconsistent in vacillating between being the sterile Hay & Feed Store proprietor and being the eventual surrenderer to Dolly's plans.

Elizabeth King, whose voice was the cast's best, was a standout as Millinery operator Irene Molloy, as was the sometimes over-acting, but exuberant duo of Cornelius Hackl and Barnaby Tuckey, Vandergelder's two assistants.

Kevin Dearing's Hackl was cute and energetic, and Ray Roderick's Tucker was effervescent and athletic, as the two broke out of the Yonkers, N.Y. molds to take on the Big City and adventure.

Linda's Madama's Minne Fay, Miss Molloy's assistant, also was memorable, well-cast in capturing the talkative, semi-naive sense of women in this time period.

Set designer Robert T. Williams and Adirondack Scenic, Inc., spotlighted the period piece ambience of "Dolly" with colorful, portable backdrops, a stage ramp and set pieces. Harmonia Gardens, Vandergelder's Hay & Feed Store, Yonker's Train Station and Miss Molloy's Millinery Store were all believable and colorful.

Small touches, like a dancing human horse and the steam train, as well as interchangeable sets and a self-moving table in the Millinery Store scene were professional.

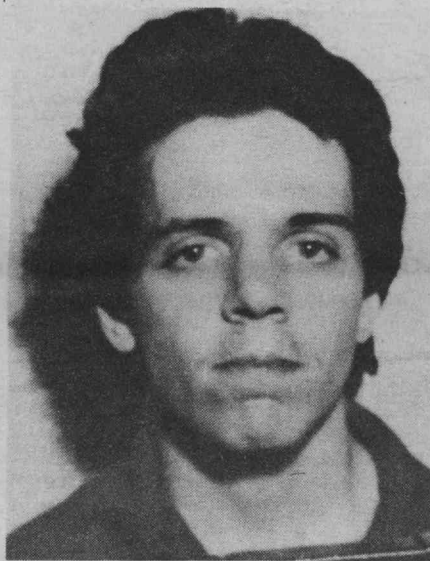
Roger Jay's sound projected the cast's clear enunciation and vocals so that even Senior Citizens could hear, and James Riley's lighting was minimal but effective.

Director Stone Widney molded all these elements together to provide a solidly entertaining evening, sure to successfully kick off Artpark's most ambitious season so far.

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I have been a bouncer in City Lights/Mean Alice's off and on for damn near five years. I am gay and have a lot of gay friends. I have been threatened, been shot at, and have had knives pulled on me. I realize I am not the most liked person in the bar but I have a job to do just like everyone else. I really get upset when I ask someone for I.D. (SHERRIF'S CARD) for proof of age and they give me a herd time. The drinking age was 18, we just got used to everyone and they raised the LEGAL drinking age to 19. Now we have to check everyone (within reason) again. IT IS NOT MY LAW!! We are not perfect in our job, we do make mistakes just like everyone else! We may check some people 2-3 nights a week and they always say "Don't you remember me? I was here yesterday or last week?" PLEASE remember that we check between 50 and 1500 people a night!!! We can't remember everyone. If you don't have proper I.D., I can't let you in the bar. so please bring some proper I.D. If not, don't blame me or the owner, BLAME NEW YORK STATE LAWS!

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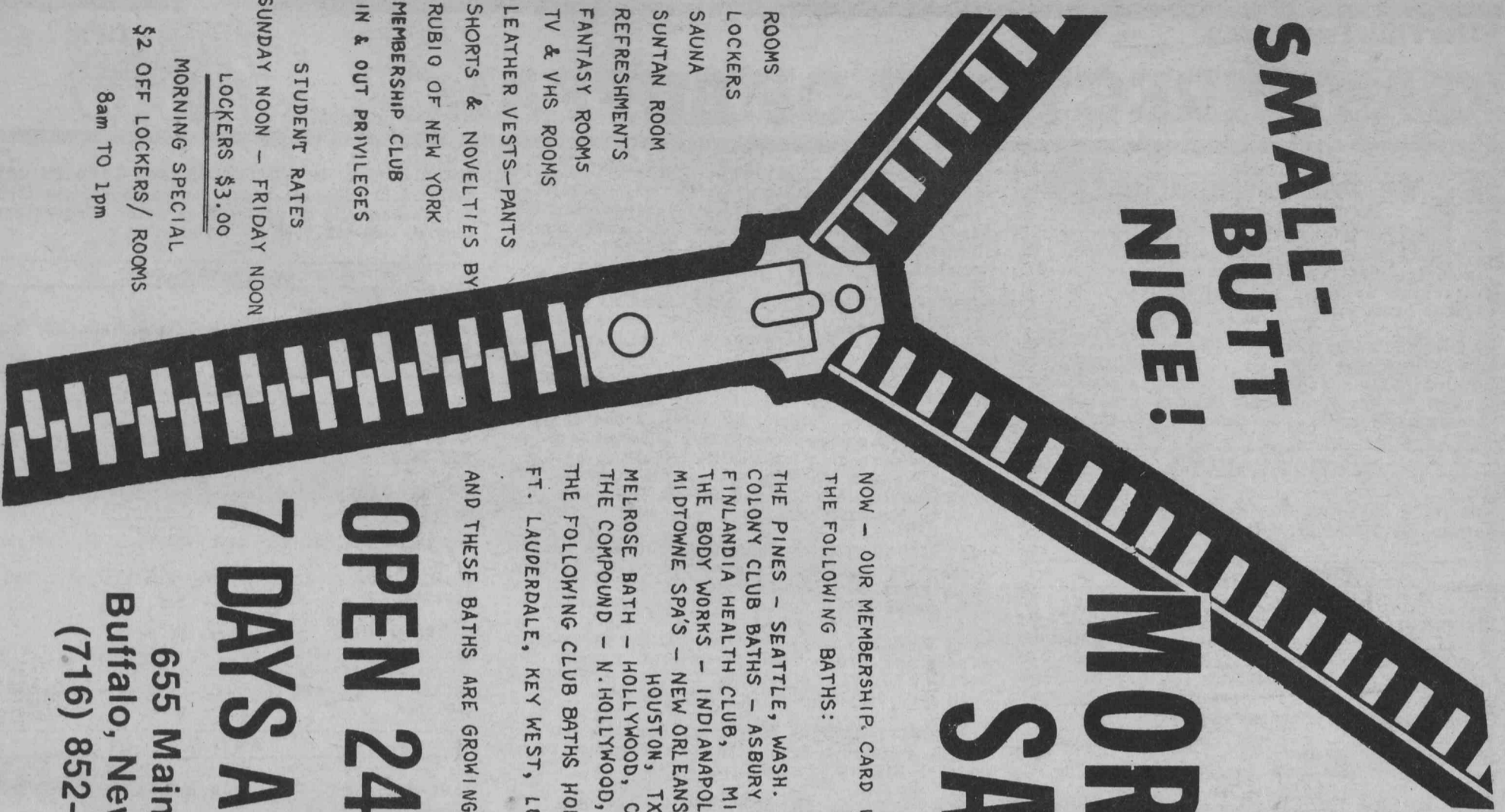
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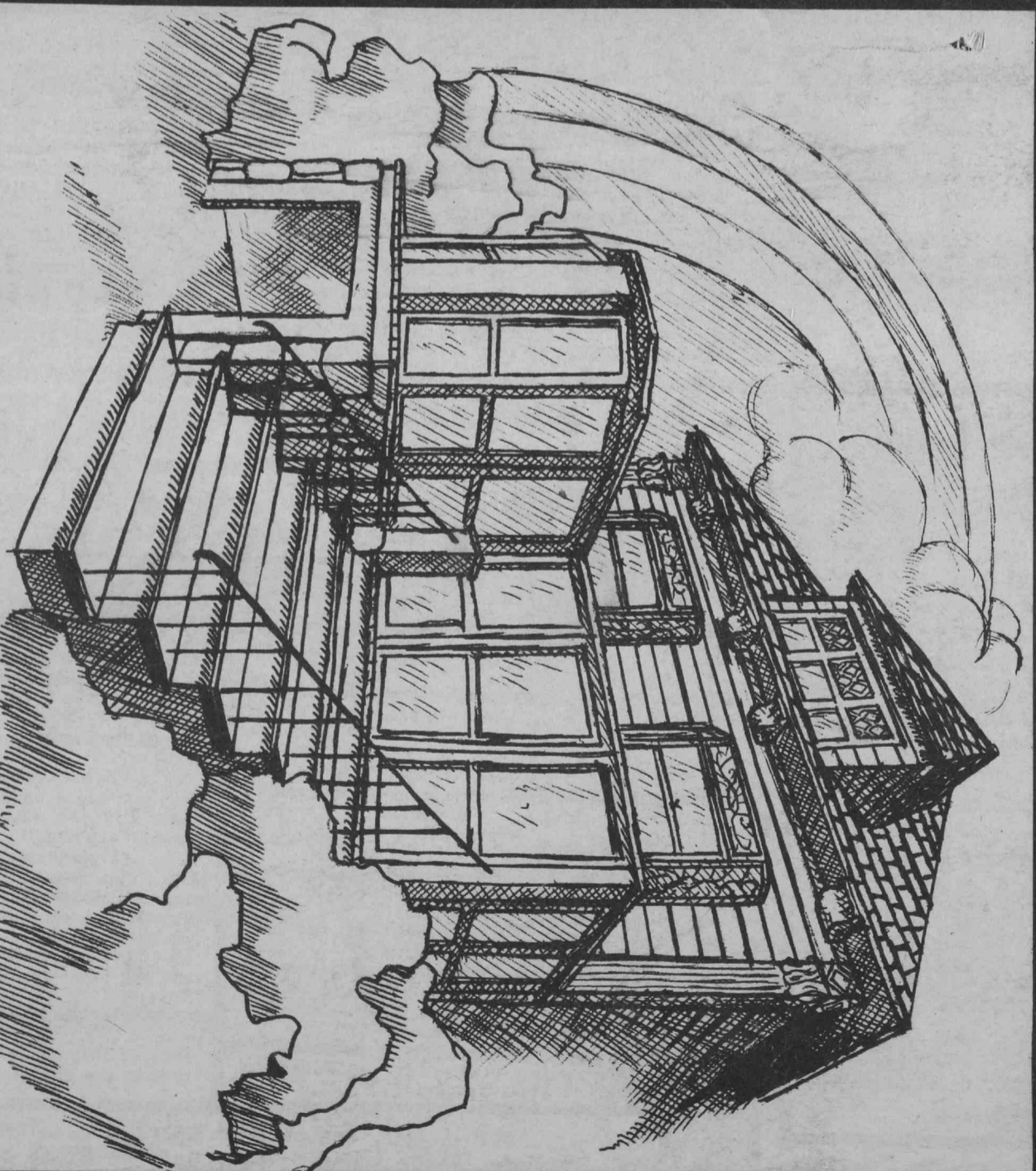
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