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N.Y.S.C.G.O. To Host Fall Conference Here

Though the New York State Coalition of Gay Organizations (NYS CGO) has been around for a number of years, as a constituent body able to act of its own accord, it is still one year old this October. This October will mark the first time in many years that the fall conference -- perhaps the most important one for NYS CGO -- will be held right here in Buffalo. Originally scheduled for Albany on October 20, 21 and 22, there are many reasons for hosting this conference in the Niagara Frontier. It will be a recognition that Buffalo's Gay movement is a valid part of the state effort. It will provide an opportunity of the local community to learn about state-wide efforts for Gay private and civil rights. Not to be overlooked, the conference will also provide a mutual interest with which local Gay organizations will be able to cooperate.

A group of gay professionals met for the first time on August 15 to discuss mutual concerns and to begin the process of determining what the needs of gay professionals in Western New York are. Some had discussed forming a group earlier this year, but the decision to act on the idea came only recently when some concerned gay men invited other known gay professionals to sit down with each other and examine if such a group would be helpful to its members and, perhaps, the community.

Although there was no written word or named leader, the meeting which lasted three hours, addressed a number of issues. The members hoped that a human services referral system might evolve from the group, consisting of lawyers, doctors, mental health professionals and other appropriate system entry points which would allow for Gay people with problems to be referred to qualified gay professionals for service. Another group member felt that a discreet, quiet political force may emerge from the discussions.

The consensus, however, agreed that, for the moment, the group would concern itself with its own internal growth -- the need to gather strength and support one another, and to share with each other the often unique experiences of being gay and working in a large hetero-sexual professional milieu.

Much of the meeting consisted of members sharing concerns about the pressures to conceal their sexual feelings at work, coming out to family, friends and associates, and the potential (or lack thereof) of gay social alternatives in Buffalo.

At the initial meeting were three attorneys, four mental health professionals, a teacher, a member of the clergy, a retail manager, and a librarian.

The group felt that other gay professionals interested in joining the group may do so. The term "professional" is meant to be restrictive, but does suggest that a potential member consider himself/herself professional in what he/she does as a career. Further, information and notes of a second meeting, to be held on September 6, may be received by calling Tom Hamond, at 891-1537. The group membership is confidential, and discretion is assured in all matters.

GAY PROFESSIONALS BEGIN TO ORGANIZE

Setback For Dignity/Buffalo

An official representing Bishop Edward D. Head of the Diocese of Buffalo recently made it clear the Diocese would not allow Dignity/Buffalo to hold services or meetings in any buildings or facilities associated with the Roman Catholic Diocese of Buffalo. Background: Dignity/Buffalo, a local group of Catholic gay and non-gay men and women, are seeking permission from the Center for Justice on Main Street, a study-education-action group sponsored by three local chapters of Religious Women, to use their spacious facilities for their twice-monthly celebrations. After consultation, the Center group graciously opened their doors and welcomed the gay group. News of this welcome spread to Chancery of the Diocese of Buffalo. Monsignor Donald...
EDITORIAL

Local News! Outrageous! Suddenly the Gay community is being bombarded with events both here and in Rochester. For some, the challenge is overwhelming. For others, however, it is the focal point of previously undirected commitments. Finally here are ways for Gay people to make their views known to the straight community. September 23rd, Anita Bryant is coming to Rochester. Yes, we have all heard too much of her already. Also, here is an opportunity for us to gain valuable positive media coverage. The Gay Alliance of the Genesee Valley, Inc. is working towards that end. They need our help. The new Buffaloians who show up to demonstrate, peacefully and with dignity, the louder will be our voice throughout Western New York.

Likewise, October 20, 21, 22, the New York State Coalition of Gay Organizations (NYSCOG) will be meeting right here in the Queen City. For that, workshops, entertainment and a press conference are being planned. All meetings and social functions are open to any interested individuals. Come meet the influential Gay people from across the state; let them know what Buffalo wants. Help is also needed to help house the out-of-town people. See the advertisement elsewhere in this paper if you have room.

This is also the time that students are returning to college campuses. Mattachine will sponsor a coffee-house for all Gay and interested students, the third Saturday in September; please see the back page of this paper for further details.

In the past, you have read this paper exhorting you to "get involved". Sure, that's a nice sentiment, and we who are involved certainly could use the company and encouragement. Until there is a focus, however, we can fully understand many peoples' reluctance to 'stick their necks out'. Now, however, there are two exciting focal points. Either in Rochester or here in Buffalo, the individual is important, no matter what one's background or interest. We hope to see you out.

MATTACHINE SOCIETY TREASURER'S REPORT

JANUARY - AUGUST FINANCIAL REPORT

IN ACCOUNT, JANUARY 1ST: $197.50

RECEIPTS:

FIFTH FREEDOM ADS $708.85
DUES, MEMBERSHIP 290.50
PLEDGES 116.00
SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS 315.00
DONATIONS 30.00
FUNDRAISING 100.00
COLLECTIONS AT MEETINGS 157.60
OTHER 37.25

TOTAL IN ACCOUNT: 1755.22

DEPOSITS 1704.37

EXPENDITURES:

TELEPHONE 203.20
PRINTING 532.43
OFFICE EQUIPMENT/SUPPLIES 166.17
UNITARIAN CHURCH HALL 175.00
BUSINESS OFFICE RENTAL 500.00
POSTAGE 127.50

TOTAL IN ACCOUNT: 218.35
Looking for a few good men

As the Fourth of July weekend began, officials at Camp Pendleton Marine Corps base announced July 1 that they had granted a dozen leathernecks their independence. The twelve discharged members were allegedly members of a homosexual ring that had operated on the post for three years. Recruiting young, fair skinned Marines for weekend duties as male prostitutes and participating in gay pornographic movies, officials said that at least thirty more Marines were under investigation for bung holing when they should have been gun hoing.

The Eyes don't have it!

Scientists say they have made the surprising discovery that both men and women become sexually aroused during their periods of deepest sleep. Dr. Gene Able and his colleagues at the Memphis Mental Health Institute report that earlier studies had found that men experienced periodic erections during the rapid eye movement, or REM period of sleep. Now, they report, similar experiments on sleeping women have discovered that they too show physical indications of also being turned on during the REM period.

This is Justice?

Honolulu, HI-A district court judge has aroused outrage here for dismissing a charge of rape against a mariner who reportedly hit a topless woman with his car, threatened her with a bottle, and then dragged her to his car where he raped and sodomized her. Having questioned the woman for twenty minutes, Judge Robert Richardson ruled that there was no rape because the woman did not fight back or run away. The mariner will still be charged with sodomy, since that is an "unnatural act."

Outdoor Sports

Domaine Plain Vent is Canada's bilingual country center for men. A summer camping ground for gay men 18 years and over, it is situated in the lovely countryside of Southern Quebec, 54 miles from Montreal. Informal, inexpensive and friendly, it features lots of sports and organized activities and facilities for tents, trailers and even cabin rentals. Daily rates range from $5 to $8; weekends are higher. Weekly and seasonal rates are also available. A $5 initial membership card is required. For reservations call (514) 549-4313 or write Domaine Plain Vent, Box 101, Actonvale, P.Q., Canada J0B 1A0.

Horny Beasts

The Tier of March, reports that several male rhinos in German and Swiss zoos have been observed taking an interest in other members of their own sex. New results are expected to follow soon. (1) U.S. Immigration authorities are expected to protest Germany's refusal to deny to them tourist visas. (2) An Anita Bryant organization, called "Save Our Rhinos from Sin", is being considered by Switzerland and Germany.

The Case of the Telephone Toilet

Here's a bathroom joke Ma Bell doesn't want to hear about. For several weeks, the phones in the office of a group of attorneys would ring but nobody would be on the other end. Legal aide sleuths were put on the case and someone finally discovered that every time someone went to the restroom, the "phantom" would call. Closer inspection revealed that when someone sat on the toilet, the phone would ring.

Telephone technicians were called in and found that the telephone system was grounded to a water pipe on the floor below. When someone sat on the commode, the circuit was broken and the phone would ring.

Look Ma, I'm Normal!

Lots of changes appear to be taking place in the Immigration and Naturalization Service's policies affecting gay people. As a result of meetings held over the last months among the National Gay Task Force, the Surgeon General of the United States and representatives of Immigration and Naturalization, the U.S. Public Health Service will no longer define gay people as "sex deviants" or "psychopathic personalities." The Health Service will inform their border officers, immigration officials and State Department visa officers of the change in policy.

National Recognition

KING-TV of Seattle (Washington) and Producer Frank Tenczar received an Emmy in the category of Program Achievement for Who Are These People and What Do They Do? They made a 30-minute special narrated by Dave Kopay, on gay people, their lifestyles, political activism and desire to "come out of the closet."

What's cookin'?

Cleveland, OH-A local organization of gay catholics here wrote to Kathleen Carter explaining the purposes of the group and asking her for a recipe for the cookbook which it planned to publish. The president's wife responded with a recipe for flambé steak, and with her best wishes to the organization.

Bunny?

Milwaukee, WI-Bruce Edgar, an 18-year-old freshman at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, has been turned down as a waiter at the Playboy resort in Lake Geneva. The job which he sought was that of a bunny, and he apparently flunked the physique. Edgar's mother happens to be executive director of the Wisconsin Civil Liberties Union, and they are examining the possibility of fighting the rejection on grounds of sex discrimination.
**Homosexualities: A Study of Diversity Among Men and Women**

The jacket copy reads, "This monumental, highly original work is widely quoted and widely wielded, and will have as great an impact as any of the best known works in the field of human sexuality." The book was planned as the third volume of the Kinsey reports, but was left unfinished at the time of Kinsey's death. The Institute of Sex Research, founded by Kinsey, has taken up the task, and, finally, has published what is, at the present, the definitive scientific study of the diversity of homosexual behaviors in the United States, based on interviews with 1500 gay men and women.

I suspect the book will be influential in reshaping the opinions of those who read it, and it therefore becomes a volume that gay people themselves might benefit from reading. Unlike The Homosexual Matrix, the last big study of homosexual experience (which never got the attention it deserved), this latest study is completely scientific, using appropriate statistical data and sound reasoning to demonstrate its conclusions. Indeed, fully half the book consists of statistical tables (i.e. "Significant Correlation of Psychological Experience Items and Education"). "Political Effects of Being Homosexual: Effects on Literacy and Fantasy Reading by Themselves but, when coupled with highly informative and revealing data, make the thesis of the book abundantly clear: that to ask or to be asked is a consumer, there is no definitive homosexual life-style, but rather an extraordinary rich diversity of behavior and personality which has been unrecognized in previous studies. The title of the volume -- Homosexualities suggests this plurality and the contents are representative of all of us. The Institute for Sex Research is on our side, and they are able to prove their claims factually, with neither the subjective defenses we are caught up in nor with the moral hypocrisy we fear from those who are uncomfortable with their own desires.

The book is filled with great cocktail conversations:

--the largest numbers of white homosexual males (WHM's) report sexual activity two to three times a week.
--only a quarter of WHM's and somewhat fewer women's (WHW's) are likely to make the first move when courting in a bar, the rest are likely to be

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**A Promising First Novel**

**Taking Care of Mrs. Carroll**

Paul Monette

We open with the last days of Millionaire Beth Carroll who revives her will to prevent her children (whom she detests) from taking over a large English seaside estate. Ironically she dies before signing the final documents. But through her faithful Major Dom and lover of fifteen years buries her on the estate and then initiates a plot to get a forged signature on the will.

He eagerly receives the aid of David, Mrs. Carroll's houseboy, who enlists the aid of his ex-lover Rick and Rick's friend the famous actress Madeline Cosgrove. She will attempt to impersonate her ex-lover, Beth Carroll. Madeline's manager, Aldo, comes along for the ride.

David and Rick enact their love scenes. Madeline plays Beth and everything is peachy and cream until the unexpected arrival of Beth's alcoholic, closet-case son, Tony who just may blow the whistle on the con game. Nevertheless, Tony fits right into the scheme of things with his sarcastic approach to life and to this nonsense.

David's dialogue consists of a series of lines from movies and TV. "We knew what people said when they loved and lost and when they wanted something fast.

Rick narrates the story and is constantly reminded of scenes from Madeline's movies and sometimes leaves you with the impression you've missed something, somewhere.

It's almost too vague for instance, why isn't anyone worried about the Gardner's Stud catching on?... what is the group getting the money to carry out their scheme? ...and we're toldRick doesn't work, where is he getting his money? ...and most of all how is it easy for a guy to impersonate a person she hasn't seen or heard for forty years? Also, doesn't it seem strange for a very rich old woman of eighty-four to commit suicide without arousing the slightest hint of suspicion?

In the opening chapters of the novel there all too many time lapses. In one part David is smoking a cigarette at Mrs. Carroll's side and in the next sentence he's running away from an unhappy love affair in Florida. It seems necessary to me to explain a few lines in order to understand David and why he would risk everything for Beth Carroll, a woman he hardly knows.

It is basically a strong story, but as is typical in most gay novels the characters do tend to be stereotyped - Madeline's job is to supply the Alcoholic unable to deal with his homosexuality and also the Old Queen, despite this is the

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**"Queens and Cowboys, Roses and the Baths"**

The Deformity Lover, Felice Picano. The Sea Horse Press.

If you are searching for a book of gay poetry with romantic settings, sunsets and men holding hands, this book is not for you. The Deformity Lover is a collection of 49 poems by Felice Picano. These are not sweet romantic poems, but rather poems of lust, young boys and old men, dancing disco boys and people on the street. The sex oriented poems move through your imagination to reach out to your senses. These poems are very erotic without ever being graphic.

Not all of the poems relate to sex nor do they all have to do with the gay male. The content is broken down into three sections defined more by the author's state of mind than the reader's. There's a crazy mixture of poems which make the reading quick and enjoyable. The title poem is one of the best of the book. It describes a man's quest for other men who are not totally perfect. His search includes a deaf mute, a blind boy, a veteran with one arm and men with other deformities. This may sound grotesque, but Picano's wording and style never permit to be so. The poem tells of the search and the encounter with these men and the others like them, building to this conclusion:

Deformity is a grace he'll say. Like courage, it's clean and always naive. open and free, no hiding. The mind of man perhaps.

Want to see him use this philosophy? Watch him at fifty-nine riding in any of a half dozen bars, he's a hospital ward for the maligned young gods. a port for anyone's surgical storm looking to fuck the human condition.

Almost all of the poems are easily read. The unrhyming lines are written in short phrases which fit well together and are improved when read aloud. A strong point of the book is its variation. The poems talk about queens and cowboys, Epi-leptics and sweat, Roses and the baths. Dates never kept and the author's interview with himself. Forty-nine poems in one volume is too much though. It would be easier to digest completely a volume half that size, making a structure more to part with.

Picano also uses the poem to vent

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There is a moment in "A Place in the Sun," a classic of Monty's face twenty-five feet tall, shining above us, about to kiss Elizabeth Taylor. There is something about the eyes that is positively riveting, the refreshing and needing, to be worshipped. It was at this point that I fell in love with Montgomery Clift.

Monty was one of those actors—along with James Dean, who I knew at an early age—whom I had some connection to—the brooding features, the separateness, the pain of being different—this was stuff I had been getting at during my adolescence and Monty was real good at it.

There is a resurgence of interest in Monty of late. Robert LaGuardia's book, out last year on the now best-seller list, is doing well in paperback. The Bosworth book has also done well and is considered the more definitive volume of the two. Harcourt, Brace and World has pushed it well, and the film rights have been sold. (Sidney Lumet will direct two films—one on Monty and one on Monty's mother."

The Bosworth book places less emphasis on Monty's mother as his ultimate downfall. Indeed, there is less "pop-psych" theorizing throughout the book. Whereas LaGuardia attempted to analyse Clift's childhood to find clues to his self-destructive life, Bosworth makes no attempt to accept the premise that Monty, like you and I, was made this way by someone else than the sum of his parts.

I don't know how many of you out there remember the man. After a promising young career that started in Howard Hawks' Red River in 1949 with John Wayne, interpreted as a confrontation between the tally and the sensuality of Wayne and the sensibilities of Monty, the pin-up, press-and-go make-over, Monty still seems to win in the end, but is able to accept Wayne's own flaw after his victory.

Monty went on to star with Liz in a Place in the Sun, Raeburn County, and Suddenly Last Summer. Playing a gay man in the latter also, Liz remained a loyal friend till the end, defending him and getting him acting jobs after others had abandoned him. One of the more sensational stories in the book takes place when Monty, alone in a war party, nearly kills himself in a car crash. Liz rushes to his side, pulls broken teeth from his mouth, and then ダンプ him physically shielded him from the photographs, любой in the scene, eager for a page one shot. She told him all that it one bulb flashed, the offender continued on page 6.
sex research
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approached. (Which means, I guess, half of us have done a lot of the
--half the BGM's and 1/3 of the BGM's
reported at least 500 sexual partners
in their lifetime. (The authors footnote:
"However, however, that these
figures may reflect exaggeration on the part
of some respondents.)
--almost 2/3 of the white homosexual
males and an even larger percentage
of black homosexual males said
that they had no regret at all about be-
ing homosexual
--homosexual men and women generally re-
port more friends than heterosexuals, al-
so have been arrested more often than
straights, spend an average of five eve-
nings a week at home.
When the authors grouped gays, they
found "Close-coupled" and "open-coupled
"(swinging singles) were generally as happy and self-accepting as
heterosexuals. "Dysfunctional" and
"aversals" were more depressed and lonely
and worried than their straight counter-
parts. And so it goes. Some of the
findings may seem too obvious to those
closest to a variety of gay people, but
not obvious to the straight majority.
But there are a few surprises for us too.
"If we should try to be clear by now," the
authors conclude "that we do not do
justice to peoples' sexual orientation
when we refer to it by a single noun.
There are homosexualities and there are
heterocultural taboos for better or
worse. These different groupings
form a variety of different interrelated
dimensions." The authors of this
article's findings have already been
used as the basis for editorial decisions
for new position papers on the part of
the American Psychological Association.
The authors have pointed out sexual,
educational, and religious leaders will
take these findings seriously.
And the future seems promising when
we see the recommendations that derive
from the findings. It remains to be seen if
the book will have an impact on attitudes
prevailing in straight and gay worlds.
Tom Hammond

Mrs. Carroll
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characters do come across honestly and
anonymously. Taking Care of Mrs. Carroll is unique
in that it allows you to identify with the
understanding and respecting the visi-
tors' concerns. It is refreshing to see the love of two men handled
with the same tenderness and respect as
the love between a man and woman. The
book also allows the characters to
be strong, sensitive people and cultivates
with the traditional happy ending.
I've considered this to be the first novel
and if this is any indication, we can look
forward to bigger and better things from
him in the future.
--Paul Williams

Monty
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The photographer would never work again.
Monty's self-destructive behavior had much of
his origins in his guilt over being gay and
he attempted to hide his feelings from his
friends throughout his life. As he in-
creased dosages of pills and boozed more
in his life, he became more and more lonely
and was discriminated against as a result.
Monty's situation and story is a prototype
in From Here to Eternity, kicked him out of a parade when Monty and
a man in public.
John Hummell while he directed Clift in Freud and Clark Gable, who co-starred
with him in the Martin Scorsese-taunted him
with his homosexuality.

It is intriguing to consider Clift as just
one of those young, gifted, tortured
actors of the fifties who burnt himself
out too soon. Bosworth's book, and cer-
tainly Clift's films, refuse to label the
man so easily. He was beautiful, and he
was talented, and he loved the only way
he knew how. Just to know him a little,
in that crazy way I have of identifying
with particular personalities, and I
learned to articulate and to express my-
self a bit from him, and that is enough
for me.
--Tom Hammond

Deformity
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anger and bitterness. In The Heart Has
its Reasons he chastises a person for
not keeping their date--even though he
expected them. In The Gilded Boys he
describes in his own style the young
man's sexual potency.
They're always checking mirrors
and bitching at the DJ, their hands
are sweaty and their pills get ineffective
and the man they think they love
is sometimes leaving with another.
But the man they've put together
and their lover's lover's lover.

Selections

The Trouble With Mountain Tops
by SAM

from atop a mountain one sees a view
unlike his or her. Whatever they
might have been. A vista stretches
out at one's feet, at once awesome,
majestic, and humbling.
I've often marvelled at the foresight
some people have had to purchasing
their dream cabins and cottages high on the
edge of the mountain. They've planned
such a "get away", I always hope, was
worthwhile. I could hardly imagine
John Oliver Nelson's when he planned Kirkridge
in the Poconos Mountains of Pennsyl-
vania. Today the spot appeals to many
special interest groups, so they go for
several weeks to a month or two to focus on
urgent personal and social problems. And
to find spiritual freedom in its pro-
grams brochure the mountain retreat's
incentives are stated as follows."
...to address pressing human issues
in the culture with the resources of biblical
faith...to encourage persons working
in compassion for social justice. to be a
preservation and power for human liberation
in the Spirit."
If what is written above sounds
religious, it is. What brought me and
about all others to Kirkridge was a three-
day conference entitled "Gay and Christian"
held during the early days of June.
And I believe that a high experience for
A sense of community-like we'd like
to think of as we use the phrase "the gay
community"-emerged early as partici-
ants from far and near were gathered
to live intimately with each other for a few
days drawn by the force of gay eth-
nicity. I cannot state how many partici-
pants were gay because there were also
some straight present--a staff comprised
of clergy, counselors, parents, spouses.
The atmosphere was charged with honest
acceptance and affirmation of gay persons
within a Christian community.
Six leaders with national and inter-
national reputations made formal presenta-
tions for the weekday coverage.

Monty
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dance with every weekend
to prove that they're alive.
Even you in this book must not
rottenly be turned.
There are a few which seem to
be full and would be better left out.
But the idea of being a part of the
is this book is that you've got to come down.
It was designed to be the best work we
could put together, and we are
to it's time to get down to work!

Mark Smith
BEING GAY IN BUFFALO

A character in a CHOPPS LINE said that to commit suicide in Buffalo is redundant. A similar scurrilous comment could be made about being gay in Buffalo and it is redundant because it has already been made, and often. Impersonal and individual, it has become cocktail (or bar) conversation, a topic leaving Buffalo for summer, more attractive, more exciting climate. Also, there is a cyclical blight of young people with talent, energy and/or good looks who come out in Buffalo, become regulars at the local disco, and leave the city for a variety of reasons, only to be replaced by a younger group who goes through the same motions. Whatever the reasons for leaving, the limitations of being gay in Buffalo remain consistently restrictive and frustrating for many, including this writer.

A city the size and scope of New York or San Francisco offers viable alternatives for a gay person. There are gay neighborhoods, gay rap groups, gay coffee houses, gay theater collectives, gay bars, and gay social and political events. The gay person coming out in Buf- falo, however, has no one in the background to call on, and can’t help feeling that his being gay, and his coming out of going to Mean Alice’s or the Villa, and people passing by or looking up by someone on Elmwood Avenue. The gay experience in Buffalo often seems extremely isolated and personal. Sexually over-balanced, leaving many other people as lonely as oneself and/or their own enterprise.

Buffalo, as an economically deprived, tradition-oriented city offers: from a transsexual perspective, it is difficult to reverse this trend. People come and go, and the commitment needed to build gay social alternations are not lived. Non-alcoholic, non-laboratory experiments have been attempted here, and have invariably failed due to lack of consistent follow through. And that makes it hard on the under-18 gay teenager who has no place to meet others and feel less lost. Even more hard on the less disco conscious in- dividuals who want a quiet at- mosphere and freedom from pressure from existing power, no possibility of just drifting into situations, each of us, our own power, and we should only choose from ourselves how we wish to explore our world. I think this ability to choose a healthy conflict, and the fruits of individual creation are much sweeter than the unconscious surrender to existing power. I don’t want to suggest here that Buffalo is anything more than it appears to be. It is a hell of a rough place to live in, and working the hell of a place to raise a gay person. On one hand, I think, is the point—the person who develops their paychecks here makes an active, certainly not passive, choice to do so, and in that choice lies their transcendence.

TOM HAMMOND

HELP these homeless persons

Countless people will desert their homes all over N.Y.S. to come together in Buffalo’s Annual Conference Housing is urgently needed for them on October 20, 21, 22 (3 days, 7 nights). The Conference Housing will be available to you, if you have the room and heart to help. Please call ahead to show you care. If you have the room and heart to help, please call ahead to show you care.

Claude Gary at 881-3335 Monday through Friday 6pm-10pm.

HOW DOES YOUR GARDEN GROW?

by BILL HARDY

"GETTING YOUR SHIT TOGETHER"

I certainly hope your summer so far has been as enjoyable as mine bar. If you watered faithfully, especially during that incredible heat wave of about a month ago you should be picking flowers by the armful, amazing cuttings of tomatoes, and freezing pounds of beans. Well, even if you’re not doing all those things, there is something you can be doing. Composting. Composting! "Horrors" you say, "Who wants to mess with that?" Well, my dears, composting is the most natural, efficient, not to mention the least expensive way to refurbish your soil with precious nutrients. Basically, composting is the decomposition of garden refuse such as spent flowers, lawn clippings, leaves and weeds... in short, any green garden plant, or parts from it. The smaller the pieces of refuse with which you begin, the faster the process will take place. You could compost a shovel handle, even an old lover, if you wanted to wait long enough.

What happens when you pile up garden refuse is: Anaerobic or air consuming bacteria literally begin to work at the center of the pile at a temperature of nearly 160° and more refuse is constantly added. The center “fiercely” increases in expansion “burning up” more material. If the air supply is somehow cut off, for example if the pile becomes too hot, anaerobic bac- teria will take over, slowing the process, possibly creating an unpleasant smell.

comfortable and pleasurable experience.

I was delighted to find the charming, newly opened "Allen Restaurant" located at 439 Allen Street in Buf- falo. I happened upon this charming restaurant one afternoon while walking and antique hunting with a friend along Allen Street and I have been going back repeatedly to take advantage of their hill of fare at unbelievably low prices. The menu consists of good, hearty American food, with a nice sprinkling of imagination to keep it from being ordinary. Especially recommended are their Italian specialties and at how many places in town you can get homemade salad dressing, soups and desserts as well as delicious entrées every day of the week.

The decor of the restaur- ant is a charming combination of plants, mirrors, antiques and other interesting items bringing a casual dining atmosphere. Overall a delightfully provided for you. I think bringing your own liquor is a wonderful idea, considering how the prices of wines and liquor can boost that dinner even more. A dinner well celebrated next to a table of gay as well as straight couples and everyone enjoying a delightful evening.

They do not have a liquor license, but you may bring your own bottle. Make sure you have wine glasses with ice and glasses are being cheer- fully provided for you. I think bringing your own liquor is a wonderful idea, considering how the prices of wines and liquor can boost that dinner even more. A dinner well celebrated next to a table of gay as well as straight couples and everyone enjoying a delightful evening.

I can’t begin to tell you the excellent service and friendly and lively service of the bar and the kitchen. I have been disappointed in the past and the owners say it’s the best business of both bar and kitchen. I have been delighted in the past and the owners say it’s the best business of both bar and kitchen.
RESTAURANT, from p. 7

Food goes at dinner the other night, friends and I started with minestrone soup homemade daily of course, and Dan tells me there will be lots of variety in soups this winter) a fresh, crisp tossed salad with a delicious creamy Italian dressing, hot loaf of bread and for an entrée, pork chop, two greens which I could hardly finish, cooked to perfection with side dishes of spaghetti and enviably parmagiana. Along with this we consumed our own stasher of vodka gimlets and finished off the meal with a fresh slice of brownie topped with ice cream and fudge sauce and a cup of freshly brewed coffee. The prices are too low to mention, you just wouldn’t believe me.

Another charming feature is that you may bring your own records or tapes and they will be more than willing to play them on their stereo system for your listening enjoyment while dining.

After speaking with Dan the last time I was there he informed me they also cater private parties and are very flexible as far as menu goes, listening to your suggestions and catering in any way they can. Since the restaurant is closed on Sunday, I wonder who the first person will be to cater a table on Sunday brunch? The restaurant is open Mondays from 11am to 3pm, Tuesday through Thursday from 11am to 10pm and Saturday from 5pm to 10pm. Dan is available at all times to discuss private parties and any questions you may have.

Please, let’s not let this great restaurant go the way of so many other pay-rolled establishments in Buffalo, one trip will tell you if it’s a place worth visiting again and again. Would I steer you wrong? I’ll see you all at the next Italian restaurant. Tell them Paul sent you.

Paul Williams

NOTES FROM THE BAR

This column deals with a few of the topics everyone should have to deal with in day.

You are under arrest. You have the right to counsel. If you chose not to remain silent, anything you say can and will be held in evidence against you. You have the right to an attorney. If you cannot afford an attorney, one will be provided for you.

Everyone knows the well worn phrase that evolved from the famous Miranda v. Arizona. Television shows have reduced it to banality by their frequent use of it on police shows. The right to counsel is not to be taken lightly, however. Picture yourself, arrested on the street by a pair of armed policemen, dragged into the police station for prints and pictures, and arraigned before a judge. Innocent or guilty, an attorney can be a great comfort at such a time.

The United States Supreme Court affirmed in 1972 that the right to counsel applies in every critical stage of a criminal proceeding (those which may result in imprisonment). Had to the charge of police officers, this means that a confession be voluntary and yet be inadmissible if obtained in violation of the defendant’s right to counsel. The time when the right attaches changed.

In a recent years, the significant point is now near the commencement of a criminal proceeding, at arraignment or in dictation in New York counsel is required after an arrest due to a warrant (see last issue).

The right may also be applicable to a pre-commitment interrogation of the suspect under appropriate circumstances. In 1975, the Court ruled, where three defendants had been arrested and identified by the victim and were being held in a cell in the courthouse awaiting arraignment, that the judicial process had in effect begun, and the three were entitled to counsel. They were not called to tell the police the identity of the fourth party.

In People v. Malley (1975), the police had picked up a man on a vagrancy charge which was merely a pretext to enable them to interrogate him on a robbery in another state. In a small city, the man was offered the choice of proceeding without counsel or picking the name of an attorney from the yellow pages. The Court ruled that the defendant had not effectively waived counsel.

New York law quite clearly states that after the defendant is arraigned, he may not be interrogated in the absence of counsel. If the defendant appears in court without counsel, he is allowed to adjourn the proceedings for the purpose of obtaining counsel. He is allowed to communicate, free of charge by letter or by telephone for the purposes of obtaining counsel and informing a relative or friend that he has been charged with an offense.

A suspect does have the right to have his counsel present at appropriate investigations, both factual and legal, to determine if matters of defense can be developed which is an enough time for reflection and preparation for trial.

The right to counsel can sometimes be a transparent one. You are not guaranteed the best lawyer available, and may be uncomfortable enough to procure an inexperienced, overworked attorney. At the very least, however, the right of the defendant to be represented means more than just having a person with a law degree nominally representing upon trial and asking questions. However, pickiness doesn’t always pay off either. In People v. Wooten (1972), the Court ruled that the defendant was not deprived of his right to the benefit of counsel at his trial where prior to the trial he was assigned the services of three lawyers and on each occasion discharged them, the last after the jury had been drawn and when the case was one year and one-half, and immediately before trial, there was nothing improper in refusing to grant further adjournment to permit him to secure private representation.

The other side to the right to counsel is the right to a speedy trial. The right to a speedy trial (although it is doubtful that there is a right to a speedy trial) is not available in all states. Since the constitutional right was considered incipient in the 1960’s, it is not available to every person. In Pennsylvania, it is not available to every person.

In a waiver, the question of whether counsel is demanded is one of accuracy being in touch with the realities of the situation, his solicitude, competency, fairness of police tactics, and his degree of sympathy with particular facts or a general understanding, and best finds the proper appreciation of such mental state as to be able to understand the meaning of his statement.

One thing to remember, if one is so foolish as to waive his right to an attorney, is that once an attorney enters the proceeding, the defendant may not question the defendant in the absence of his attorney. The right to counsel is a constitutional right and no waiver is possible in the absence of counsel.

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Trauman,江海 Diocese, called in the Superior of the Religious Order sponsoring the Order and said that it was his understanding that Dignity encouraged sinful sexual practices and that the Diocese could not allow that group of meet in religious facilities with the Dignity. The Oder then communicated to Dignity that they could no longer host their services at the Center.

At the moment, Dignity/ Buffaloo is preparing to meet with Vatican Officials to discuss this situation and to open some sort of dialogue with the Bishop. Meanwhile Mass and meetings are once again being held at 63 Arlington Place. Mass is held at 3pm on the first Sunday of the month and at 5pm on the second Sunday of the month. For information call 884-5631.

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by CLAN CHATTAN
openly gay man in rochester government

The lesbian and gay male community took another step forward this summer with the appointment of Tim Mains to the Monroe County Human Relations Commission (MCHRC). Mains, a public advocate for gay rights, was one of five community representatives named to the Commission by County Legislature President J. Richard Wilson in a letter dated July 11. Mains will serve a three year term on the 15 member commission. He will attend monthly meetings to help set policy and oversee the operation of MCHRC’s five member staff.

The MCHRC was established by state law (home rule message) in 1961, making it one of the earliest local commissions to deal with human rights in the nation. Over the years it has assisted in the areas of school integration, education and health care for migrant workers, and discrimination in housing, employment, and public accommodations. The bulk of its time is currently spent on mediation between persons who feel they have been discriminated against and those they accuse of discriminating. The commission will only take cases in which it feels it can have some effect. Because the MCHRC has no way to enforce its rulings or recommendations, tougher cases are usually handled by the State Division of Human Rights.

Last year on the same day Dade county was repealing a law protecting gay citizens, the MCHRC was hearing a representative from the Rochester Gay Task Force ask it to extend its jurisdiction to accept complaints from the gay community of discrimination in housing, employment, and public accommodations. The commission agreed to do so a month later. Ironically, the man who made the request on behalf of the RGTF was Tim Mains.

Tim Mains is a familiar name and face. He has worked on The Empty Closet twice serving as its editor. He served on the Board of Directors for the GAGV, holding several offices. He has spoken out publicly against TV programs which promote myths about gay people, for acceptance of gay discrimination complaints by MCHRC, and for awarding a grant of CETA funds to the GAGV. His voice will be among those heard at the Rally for Rights on September 23 in Rochester. Tim, a thirty-year-old school teacher, says he is “excited” about the appointment and welcomes “the opportunity to serve the community in this new way.”

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GARDENING

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For small areas a chicken wire or hardware cloth cylinder, about four feet high and three to four feet in diameter, will make enough compost for a small garden. A more elaborate setup could be made from concrete blocks, set in a five foot square, four feet high, on their sides, holes facing out for air circulation. Personally, I prefer the “pile it and leave it” method. I have an 85 ft. x 85 ft. plot. 18 inches deep, with a border of railroad ties I dump everything into it month after month during spring, summer and fall, leave it for 2 years, then dig out at least 2 cubic yards of rich compost for the garden.

If you are in a hurry the following is a good method. Use the smallest refuse possible, chopping it up if necessary. Pile it in whatever container you may use, or just pile it four feet high in a well-rounded pile. Water it every 4 or 5 days during extremely dry weather, and turn it daily with a garden fork, to get fresh material to the center of the pile. After 3 or 4 months it should be ready for the garden.

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And it was I would not understand it....
By the end of the book neither he nor the reader really knows what the rules of shifgrethor are. On the other hand, the Gethenians, living on a world inhabited by people of all the same sex, who act like neither males nor females in any consistent way, have equally little understanding of Genly Ai's expectations concerning sex roles. In this contrast is central to the book. Genly Ai on the one hand and the Gethenians on the other, look to each other like a child with a game board and men each playing some different, made-up game. The people contrive as they wish to understand each other and its resolution only begins as Estraven soliloquizes: "Is it possible that all along in Erenrang he was seeking my advice, not knowing how to tell me that he sought it. If so, then he must have misunderstood half and not understood the rest of what I told him by my fireside in the Palace, the night after the Ceremony of the Keystone. His shifgrethor must be founded, and composed, and sustained altogether different from ours; and when I thought myself most blunt and frank with him he may have found me most subtle and unclear?"

LeGuin exploits this contrast brilliantly. The more incomprehensible shifgrethor becomes, the more incomprehensible sex roles become. In the end we come to see them both as systems arbitrarily made up by society that could equally well be dropped by society, rather than as permanent features of human nature which we can only accept. On the other hand their arbitrariness doesn't make them any the less harmful. One thing we see directly is that Genly Ai is constantly using the term 'masculine,' not in any consistent way but simply as a term of contempt for any behavior that he doesn't happen to like.

As Gays, we are affected by sex roles in both external and internal ways. Externally, our choice of a partner of the same sex is seen in conventional eyes as violating our own masculinity or femininity and thereby as violating the very idea of masculinity. This is a prime cause of our oppression. Internally, and in past, because of this, we often feel compelled to adopt a stereotyped sex role either corresponding to or in rebellion from the one expected from our biological gender. Put against the metaphor of LeGuin's Gethen this stereotyping is surprising, for in a sense we are Gethenian, insofar as sexually we live in a world where all our partners are of our own sex. For us to differentiate ourselves from the basis of sex role in as unlikely as for Therem Estraven to do so.

To be continued
BILL COLEMAN

Our apologies to the author, Bill Coleman. Space considerations have required us to cut his fine review! It will definitely be concluded in the next issue of the Fifth Freecell.

COLOR and FORM at HALLWALLS
DON HIPCHIN

Opening at the art show was 'lotsa' fun, these people at Hall Walls Gallery on Essex Street, sure how to throw a party! There was a group of people at 'sorta' a chance, were drinking and laughing a lot. After the entrance came a room with a stage, the stage filled with flowers. In fact, the whole room was done in flowers. Flowers everywhere. There were flowered rugs on the floor, all different. There were flowered plates on the tables, covered in flowered linen tablecloths. At the stage was a pianist playing songs of flowers. ("The Days of Wine and Roses").

The next presentation to come to my attention was a delightful, stirring madness of ribbons of color. Bright, alive colors. I was myself in awe at these. The artist has a sense of color in motion with a feeling of frantic Stella on a merry-go-round.

Then I crossed the flower-filled hall to another presentation: C. Roger Benson, filling a wall with silent music...and still kites. Concealing one wall was a large tapestry, and sheets of music from black and white. The kites were suspended in the corners in a V-panic. This installation produces a definite sense of tranquility.

Here also was work of another artist. Using overlays of silk and color, the artist plays on space, giving a definite direction and unique tactile quality. The pieces ranged in size from 24"x36" to a room-size sheet of space suspended over sand...in which were placed bananas!

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