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A national march on Washington for Lesbian and Gay rights is being organized for Oct. 16. Buffalo organizations are gearing up for efforts to send busesloads of people to the march to represent our city.

People throughout the nation are joining together to make the March on Washington an inspiring and exciting event, one so important that it will propel lesbian and gay liberation forward in a way that hasn't been done since the Stonewall Riot. As well as commemorating the Riots, the March will mark an important point in the evolution of lesbian and gay strength: the coming together of people and organizations from all over the country to work for the first national action planned by the lesbian and gay community. The March will be a celebration of our community solidarity and a sign of our political strength.

In the ten years since the gay movement began, we have made much progress. Lesbian and gay organizations now flourish throughout the country, in isolated communities, large urban centers and college campuses. Our issue has become the focus of international attention, and is discussed and debated widely. However, our power will not be fully realized until we unite our energies and resources. After ten years of growth and regional activity, joining forces is necessary for the growth of our movement. A massive mobilization in which all of our diverse forces participate is the essential first step to move us in that direction.

The march will mobilize lesbians and gay men on a grass roots level. The march will be built by all segments of our community, young and old, men and women, Third World and white, poor and affluent, political and non-political, the disabled, workers and the unemployed. We will be in Washington, building a broad, mass movement to fight for our freedom. Our demonstration will insist on freedom for all gay people, and must reflect the anger and pride of our community in the face of government callousness, double-talk, and inaction. We should march on Washington not to plead with the government for token concessions, but to demand and struggle for liberation and an end to persecution.

The march will have a number of other positive effects. Besides demonstrating our political power to the Federal government, it will heighten national awareness of our issues in a way that small, local campaigns cannot. The march will serve as an important educational tool for both our community and the non-gay community. The march will provide a much-needed network of communication between groups and between different areas of the country, which are currently often isolated, and lay the groundwork for cooperation on future projects. Most of all, the march will be exhilarating for all of us and give us the boost we need to carry on our work. We will be 'coming out' nationally and greeting our sisters and brothers in a unified demonstration of our pride, our spirit, and our determination to have our rights.

The aims which it is hoped the march will get across include an end generally to all social, economic, political, and legal oppression of lesbian and gay people. Specifically, the aims which were agreed upon at the planning conference in Houston, in July, are as follows:

1. Repeal all anti-lesbian/gay laws
2. Pass a comprehensive lesbian/gay rights bill in Congress
3. Issue a presidential executive order banning discrimination based on sexual orientation in the federal government, the military and federally contracted private employment
4. End discrimination in lesbian mother and gay father custody cases
5. Protect lesbian and gay youth from any laws which are used to discriminate against, oppress, and/or harass them in their homes, schools, jobs and social environments.

Efforts have been begun among Buffalo organizations to arrange transportation to the march via busses. A number of organizations, including CROW, Mattachine, NOW, the Buffalo Women's Union, and the Lawyer's Guild met at EMMA Aug. 5 to begin formulating plans. Between now and October there will be fundraising events and activities to raise money for the busses and to cover costs of publicity, etc. More individuals and organizations are needed to get involved. For any information, call EMMA at 836-8970, and leave name and phone #, between 11-7 Tues.-Sat., and until 9 on Thursday.
To: Buffalo Gay Community
From: The Fifth Freedom

Buffalo has a gay newsmagazine, and it's called the Fifth Freedom. There have been times when Buffalo almost lost its only gay publication because of a combination of financial reasons and a general lack of interest, but times have changed. We will continue to publish Buffalo's only gay newsmagazine for you, Gay Buffalo, because you are what it's all about. We care about you and want to give you a chance to live a better life.

What we want to do is bring it all together for you. We are going to do that for you because we love and respect you, and care what happens to you, because when it comes right down to it we are a part of you. To do this the Fifth Freedom is changing. It is going to create a better understanding among gay people as to what it is to be just what you are; a gay person.

We will continue to bring you important news of national interest, but what we really want to do is zero in on Buffalo and Western N.Y. We will bring you the latest in local news that's relative to you. We will make it happen. We will be delighted when we do investigative reporting and feature writing with in-depth coverage of subjects of interest to you that will not be found in any other paper in this area.

Until now this is something that has been missing from the gay sector of this community. It's about time that you should be allowed to look into the mirror and see for yourself just what's going on out there that's effecting you as a gay person in western N.Y.

In future issues feature articles will deal with different aspects of gay life right here in our community. These will include several topics like "gay life in the suburb", "alcohol addiction among gay's", "the bar scene", "lesbian mothers", "lovers", "political unity between gay men and women", and a host of other topic's.

Along with feature articles we will also bring you news of what happened in western N.Y. over the past month and we will inform you of all scheduled events for the month to come.

Whenever possible room will be made for poetry or stories, but we will only publish things written locally, so if anyone out there can help us in this or any other way we would be delighted and we urge you to come down to 45 Allen St. or give us a call at 881-5335 and talk to us about it.

The Fifth Freedom is your magazine and we are going to try our best to give you what you deserve. Help us out in this goal.

We are going to tell it like it is. We are going to make you happy, but sometimes we are going to shock you with unpleasant truths, but realities just the same. We are going to expose things, lay them right out on the printed page for you to see. We want to provide this area with a service that it greatly needs, and with your help we are going to do it.

Thank You
Mark Eagle
Dora Smith
Co-Editors

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The Western New York Gay Professionals is an organization that provides support and a social setting for gay people. Principally, the group functions as a social alternative in Buffalo in which gay people can meet and get to know one another. The group is not restricted to people in specific occupations and is available to any woman or man who is interested in attending.

The membership of Gay Professionals has grown to approximately one hundred people since its inception in August 1978. About fifty members attend each meeting.

These are held every two to three weeks at either a prearranged location or at a member’s home. The format of the sessions usually consists of a discussion or lecture at 7:15 p.m., which is followed by a social get-together with refreshments at 8:30 p.m. The topics at the past few meetings have been:
1. A discussion of the sodomy laws in New York State
2. A lecture given by an author from Toronto.
A minimal contribution of one dollar is requested to help subsidize the cost of the refreshments. One may attend either or both parts of any meeting.

In September, the group is planning to sponsor a cruise on the Miss Buffalo. Tickets will be $5.00 per person.

The group has compiled a list of gay professionals who are sympathetic to gay problems and concerns.

Currently, the membership consists of men of varied ages, from a multitude of lifestyles, backgrounds and occupations or academic programs, but the group is NOT restricted either to men or to people in specific occupations. Any woman or man who is interested in attending the next meeting is welcome. For more information, call Tom Hammond at 849-1572 between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. All inquiries are confidential.

CONCERT

Holly Near, a Feminist singer, will appear in Buffalo on Friday, September 14 for a concert with a theme of a nuclear-free future. The concert is being jointly organized by EMMA bookstore and the Peoples’ Power Coalition, and represents an effort to join anti-nuclear and feminist politics.

The concert will be held at Kleinhan’s, starting at 8 p.m. Tickets are $5, $4 for senior citizens and disabled and unemployed individuals are expected to be available the last week in August at UBF, EMMA, Everyone’s Bookstore, and the State College. The money will go to offset the very high cost of bringing Holly Near to Kleinhan’s, as well as the costs of printing publicity, etc. Any proceeds will go to P.P.C. and EMMA, to be used in the Buffalo community for antinuclear and feminist work. Childcare will be available, but must be arranged in advance. For information, call EMMA, 836-8970.

First openly gay S&L creating interest

Santa Monica, Ca.-A group of gay businessmen has received a charter to open the first openly gay-owned savings and loan office in California. The gay-operated Unity Savings will open later this year in Santa Monica, according to Los Angeles Magazine.

The magazine says that the savings association will not cater exclusively to gays, but will cut through the problems for gays wanting home loans and other financial aid. (ZNS,GAY NEWS)

Housewife role still predominant in Clevel.

Cleveland- A new survey has found that despite the impact of the women’s movement its still the women in most American households who end up scrubbing the floors and washing the dishes.

The survey found 90 percent of the wives and 85 percent of the husbands reported that the women do all or most of the tasks. (ZNS,GAY NEWS)
New York Continues to Protest Cruising

by Philip Shehadi (Courtesy of GCN)

New York, NY—Another demonstration in the 10-day-old protest movement against the filming of the movie Cruising took place on Aug. 1. Over 300 lesbians and gay men marched from Sheridan Square to the Washington Place residence of Mayor Koch, and then on to an East Village bar where scenes of the movie were to be shot on Aug. 2.

Now in the fourth week of an eight-week shooting schedule, the filming of Cruising continues to generate a degree of gay anger and militancy not seen in New York since Anita Bryant’s campaign. The protests have attracted national attention and have probably played a role in the significant changes which have been made in the script in the past few weeks.

The Aug. 1 march stopped in front of the mayor’s residence to protest his refusal to withdraw city permits for Cruising and to express more disillusionment with his record on gay issues. “He gave us nothing...he continues to give us nothing,” shouted Joe Smenyak of the Chelsea Gay Alliance.

On the night of July 26, the crowd swelled to well over 1000 and marched down Christopher St., having heard representatives of the Chelsea Gay Alliance, the Coalition for Lesbian and Gay Rights (CLGR), and the National Gay Task Force, and Youth Against War and Fascism address a rally at Sheridan Square.

RIGHTS BILL

Washington, D.C.—A 1979 Gay Rights Bill, introduced by two chief sponsors, has been introduced by Steve Endean, Gay Rights National Lobby Executive Director, announced.

"With two strong congressmen such as Rep. Henry Waxman (D-Los Angeles) and Rep. Ted Weiss (D-L-New York) acting as chief sponsors, I believe that the effect will be to strengthen our support and increase our visibility more effectively then ever before," Endean said.

"This is the first time that we have been able to enlist two chief sponsors," Endean said.

"The joint sponsorship also marks the first time that someone outside New York City has played a key leadership role in the legislation. It will allow the utilization of two Congressional staffs on the issue, which will be helpful in enlisting additional support."

Weiss, who represents former Congresswoman Bella Abzug’s district, was an initial sponsor of the New York City gay civil rights bill when he served on the City Council there.

Waxman represents a Los Angeles district with a visible and politically active gay presence.

When asked about the fact that both Congressmen represent districts with substantial gay constituencies, Endean said, "Both Congressmen have long records of support. The support is deep and sincere. To the extent that the makeup of their districts plays a role in their support, it should be understood as one more example of the increasing 'gay clout' around the country."

"And that clout need not be limited to districts with massive gay constituencies. Local gay activists have organized and pressed their demands for justice on local and state elected officials for some time. To the extent that federal officials face these demands, our efforts are advanced."
I am not from the "queen city", and this June I had my first opportunity to go to the Allentown Art Festival. I jumped it so much that I had to go back on Sunday afternoon for a second look.

On Saturday my friends and I jumped into the convertible and made the trek down Main Street unfurled a fun-filled day of looking at art, crafts, and of course men! Believe me we weren't disappointed. We had driven just two blocks when we spotted this beautiful hunk of a boy dressed in only blue gym shorts hitching. I said to my friends, "Why don't we ask blueboy if he needs a ride? None of them said yes, but my best friend, Larry, made a noise that sounded like he was having an orgasm, so I assumed that approved of my idea.

I asked him what he was doing to and guess what he said...that's right, the Allentown Art Festival. I told him to get in and made sure that he sat right next to me.

Two minutes later my genius of a friend, Rod, started talking about an art festival that will be in New York City's Greenwich Village later this month, and then Larry mention how 'special' his friend Steve is to him.

Unfortunately, blueboy didn't take any of the hints and left us when we reached Allentown.

We tried to park the car in the Bella parking lot on Elmwood and Summer, but a real nice police officer told us that if we parked there and did not do any shopping, he would give us a real nice ticket. We thanked him for the information, parked, and went into Bells. He was watching us every step of the way. As soon as we entered Bells, we dashed out the back door and walked around the block.

Now the fun was really beginning. The festival was meeting and surpassing all our expectations. Allen Street was closed and made into a pedestrian mall, and oh, was it hot! I don't mean the weather. The streets were filled with beautiful objects. The art was nice too.

We stopped into "Headquarters" for a glass of champaign and some chit-chat with the girls.

Next we decided to look at some of the art's and craft's on display. There were so many beautiful paintings of the sea and the sky; of sunrises and sunsets; of mountains and beaches.

Many nice works creating all sorts of good feelings were being displayed, but unfortunately, there was also some junk.

Prices were rather extravagant to say the least. I saw this seascape that I really wanted, but it cost $900. Since I only had $10 to spend, I said to the artist and my friends, "That's a shame, my limit is $800 and not a penny more."

I think that the artist realized that I was being a little sarcastic and she gave me the evil eye.

For the leather-Levi's girls I saw the Perfect item; a monopoly board and accessories made of leather. The "chance" and "community chest" cards had orders for the players that made bondage and displease look like ring around the rosie. The cost was $200 and Master's charge was accepted.

I saw my friend Mickey cruising a little blond number and trying to do an imitation of a man. Mickey tries to act butch all the time. I came up to her and said, "Mary, how are you?" She said, "okay Belinda." I stopped behind her, pulled a red kerchief off her left peck and began to stuff it in her right pocket and said, "how many times do I have to tell you that the girls keep their kerchiefs on the right and the men keep theirs on the left."

I would like to tell you what she said to me, but I don't want the Fifth Freedom to get closed down by the police, so just use your imagination a bit and I'm sure you could come up with what she said. I'll tell you one thing though, it wasn't lady-like.

As the day wore on, our tans got darker and our legs more tanned, so in the evening we went home, had dinner, and spent our usual time of three and a half hours beautifying ourselves for a night of disco and entertainment.

The next day, Sunday, I arrived at the festival late in the afternoon, and I came alone. The moment I arrived it got very cloudy and windy. Within five minutes the wind picked up and the sky became filled with the sound of thunder. All the booth attendants began packing up their crafts with terrific speed. People were yelling things in the street like, "the world is coming to an end." I felt like I was in the emerald city, and that if I looked up in the sky I'd see the wicked witch on her broomstick screaming, "I'll get you my pretty!"

I began to run towards a covered parking lot just off Delaware Avenue for shelter, but then I saw two guys that I knew were gay running towards Main Street. I thought that they must be going to the Villa or Domenic's, so I made a quick turn and started running for the Villa. Just then the sky opened up. I made it to the Villa in just two minutes, and to my great surprise the place was crawling with faggots (just joking girls). It was packed.

A minute later the juke box was screaming "shoot me baby with your love:" guys were standing around drinking beer; the dance floor filled up almost instantly; the older...
Hallo everybody, and happy gas crânds.

I am handy as a toothless beaver in a stainless stee lforest and I pulled t-be nozlie from the pump, inserted it in its proper place (I have had some practice at that in similar situations) and pulled the trigger. Nothing happened. I thought that was all there was to it. But after reading the tam by ten foot sign full of not-so-complicated directions hanging down in front of my face, I figured it all out and drove away happy as a clam knowing I could do something else to my car other than driving it through a car wash.

Gardening sundials and out has taken an incredible upswing this year. More people are staying staying home. They are beautifying these yards and houses. Perennial plants which come back each yearsold faster than frontal shots of Jack Wrangler in full bloom.

This time around we are going to talk about sundials.

What, you sat sun dials in western N.Y.? You jest.

C'mon now we've had had an extremely nice summer. Lots of heat and sun. Why my sundial has gotten a real workout so far this year. The shadow of my gnomon has moved almost continuously across the face of my plume. There are some people whose gnomons never move. That's called frigidity. But lets not dwell on cold things.

If you have an open sunny spot in your yard, on a terrace or balcony, you have a spot for a sundial. You can pay anywhere from $5.00 to $1000.00 or more depending on your taste, and your wallet. The most popular is the plate dial, consisting of a round plate with numbers, telling you the solar time of day just as it did 4000 years ago when the Babalionsians invented it.

There are many other types. Some hang on a wall and one is even incorporated with a cannon loaded with gun powder, and a magnifying glass which at noon concentrates the sun's rays on a fuse thereby igniting it, blowing the cannon off.

What an interesting way to be awakened after a late night on the town!

My favorite is the spherical sundial, which consists of three concentric rings with an arrow pairring through them, the shadow of which falls on a band of numbers, indicating the time.

Whatever your preference in dials, this bit of antiquity can add much intrest to your yard or terrace. Of course for some of us, just standing in the middle of the yard lends a bit of antiquity to it.

So till next time keep your gnomon in the air and your plane on the ground.

TIMOTHY "TISH" SPERL
1938-1979

One of the founders of MSNF in Buffalo, and a charter member, known to his many friends as Tish, died suddenly at his home on Aug 2, 1979, and was layed to rest Aug 6th at the Hillcrest cemetery in Armor, N.Y. He will be missed, but forever remembered by his many friends.

The questions pos and my subversive spin around in my as i recall the accusations of
THE LANGUAGE OF OPPRESSION

The pounding at me
persuasive thoughts
in my mind now

visions of straight society

a homo a cock sucker
a man
and loved
while he caressed and loved mine?

Queen

have I felt his warmth and kissed
his lips over and over again
as though I had no where else to go
or anything to do that day

am I now or have I ever been?

am I now or have I ever been...

a homophobe
an outcast an untouchable
a blasphemer a heretic?

FAG
FAGGOT?

have I ever been hated by the church
and denied a job a house
my privacy my love?

HOMOSEXUAL

have I ever been forced into a closet
by bigots and told to remain there
on pain of imprisonment
by sodomy laws designed to protect whose children...

am I now or have I ever been
am I now or have I ever been
am I now or have I ever been

And was I told to remain closeted
For my immorality
Did I change the name of my lovers
From Michael to Michelin order
To protect my secret
From my mother sister or brother?

Did I long to cry out
Gay and proud say it loud gay and proud
From the rooftops and the trees
From dawn to dusk
Have I ever wished to be who I am

YES!

am I now or have I ever been?
The very mention of the phrase "cruise bar" wakens a perversive combination of desire and path in the hearts of many faggots. The cruise bar has become a symbol of hope (Maybe tonight I'll meet the right man.) and despair ("I could fall down and die right on the spot and they'd put me in a Stroh's case and ship me to the brewery.")

With a glut of gay how-to books on the market I am disappointed not to see How To Cruise In A Bar on the shelves. Therefore I have written down my own observations. Some will feel they are uncharitable, vicious, a manifestation of my own insecurities, or simply the ramblings of a semi-mad faggot. Need I point out all the above accusations are true?

THE CRUISE BAR

The cruise bar's facilities are fairly standard throughout the western world. The decor consists of a much stained pool table and pinball machines, whose flashing lights often depict bikini-clad blonde women leering at mustached men. Despite the popular sentiment voiced by many of the bars patrons that "I only come here to chat with friends," the cruise bar's primary function is CRUISING.

Are the days of the elaborate coordinated bar cruising out-fit, Proper attire for an evening of serious cruising is now chiefly restricted to jeans and t-shirts. Do not allow this simplicity of style to mislead you. Basic as the outfits may be, they require careful attention to details in order to exemplify that certain LOOK.

The Jeans: The jeans should be rubbed nearly threadbare at both crotch and butts, and be of a heavy enough denim fabric so that the ass does not lose shape. The conscientious bar patron will have washed and dried his jeans just prior to leaving for the bar, and he will not sit in them.

Tip: Buy a new pair of straight leg jeans every four months wearing them daily but not when on active cruise patrol. By the time your bar jeans have graduated to leather bar status, i.e., gaping holes at both crotch and butts, your daily jeans will be ready for the cruise bar circuit.

T-Shirts: The t-shirt is even more crucial than the jeans in my opinion, as the pectoral mounds are fast replacing the basket obssession. The t-shirt should fit tightly, accentuating your square pecs, your classically defined biceps, and your ever popular trim waist. If for any reason your body does not meet the above criteria, there are tricks which can be employed.

Disguising Pac Size: Optical illusion is the key phrase here. Your t-shirt should be a primary color, preferably red or black, with a slogan emblazoned in bold block letters across the chest, spanning the nipples. Many such t-shirts are available, and such eye catching slogans as "RINE INCHES TO LOVE," or "MY NUTS ARE SCREWED TIGHT" may deter a prospective admirer from a concentrated inspection of your actual pectoral size.

Lack of Bicep Definition: If your biceps are too skinny or too flabby, you may wish to wear a boat-neck t-shirt which boasts three-quarter length sleeves. These sleeves, falling just below the elbow, will expose your forearm which is no doubt quite respectable.

The Most So Trim Waist I: Make sure that your t-shirt is stretched out at the bottom hem. This stretching is easily accomplished by savagely pulling on the shirt's hem while watching TV sitcoms or reading gossip in your local straight newspaper. If the pulling is fierce enough, after the shirts next washing its hem will be enlarged and it will no longer bug the stomach. Do not tuck the t-shirt into the jeans. Allow it to hang below the beltline at least one inch.

WARNING: This procedure, in order to be effective precludes sitting, as the t-shirt will ride up in the back, exposing the roll at your waist that you are so assiduously disguising.

ARRIVAL

When the bars you plan on cruising close at 2a.m., it is advisable to arrive between 11p.m. and 11:30p.m. Aside from not wishing to be unfashionably early, it is advisable to arrive late so as not to appear to have been in the bar forever. You don't wish anyone to think that you are a toot in the crowd.

It can be helpful to select a particular type for the evening. This pre-selection may not need to be strictly adhered to but will allow you to pare the crowd down to a manageable size. EXAMPLE: THINK BLOND.

Upon arriving select a central part of the bar from which to order your initial drink. The cross-section this view will make visible to you will give you a good idea of the evenings crowd. Avoid making but a few brief eye contact with your fellow patrons during this casual personal.

After your drink arrives a circuit of the bar is necessary. Although you already have

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obtained a general concept of the evenings selection, there may be a bevy of hunks in an
out-of-the-way corner, as well as past tricks whom you wish to avoid. This first circuit
should be leisurely—again only limited eye contact.
PERCHING
After you have completed this major circuit find a perch and stick to it fall while Remember, it is more difficult for
our fellow cruisers to hit a moving target. Also incessant, non-directed movement often
leaves a certain quality of desperation. The perch must be carefully selected.
You do not wish to lean against a wall and have your vision obscured by taller and more
aggressive men, nor do you want to call attention to yourself by standing in the
middle of the thoroughfare and obstructing the movement of other bar flies. The ideal
perch has open space to either side of it, and is somewhat elevated.
There will be times when no suitable perch is available. You can either wait for
one to open on the cold start approach. This requires a tightening of the jaw and a
squinting of the eyes. Think: Elizabeth. Am not amused, direct your withering look towards an individual standing
alone, and in whom you have no sexual interest. These cold glances should last about thirty
seconds. If the aforementioned individual has any sensibility at all these glances will
quickly make him so uncomfortable he will move on seemingly of his own accord.
BAGGING A BEAU
By 1 a.m. you should have narrowed your possibilities from many to three men, who
are: unattached, reasonably interesting (they did not grimace as you walked by), and not
staggering into groups while walking.
Select the most appealing of the three. Position yourself near him, preferably facing
him at an angle so that you are separated by a distance of about four feet. Eye contact must
be established. Not at him. Once your nod has been returned you should move your lips
as though saying hello. Any lip movement other than biting it off will suffice. If
during this process the intended turned and
does another direction, laughs uproariously, or runs toward the far end of the bar, you
should repeat the process with numbers two and three. Remember, your intended may be more
agreeable 1555
CONVERSATION WITH A STRANGER
The conversation would revolve around:
this tacky bar, how long you have lived in this
dirt hole, or you lice. Politics stop at the bedroom door. Too
much conversation can result in failure to reach
the hound.
The direct approach
If nothing else works than just .go up
and start talking to someone. This is not the
way to say “I’m tired”, or “God am I f**ked up”
Positive energy is required. Opening lines can range from “smile”, to “Hey you want to
fuck”. However one should be careful not to be
too direct. Patrons no matter how horny
often wish to preserve the illusion of romance.

Catskill New York—An openly gay man has
been granted permanent adoption of an
adolescent boy. Rev. John Kuiper, Bishop of
Albany’s Metropolitan Community
Church won a stay of the adoption “without
prejudice”, which makes the arrangement
irreversible. The 14 year old boy will
live with kuiper and his lover, Roger
Hooverman, 60.

Navy ships being stripped of their gender
Washington—Referring to navy ships by
feminine nicknames or pronouns may soon
be a thing of the past in the Navy.
The Defense Department, at the suggestion
of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights and the
Labor Department, has recommended that the
Navy and other branches of the armed
forces remove words from their jargon that
could be construed as sexist.
That means that in the future a ship
may be called an “it” rather than a “she”
that Navy “crewmen” would instead be known
as “crew members” and that words such as
“midshipman” would be changed to
“midship-person”. (ZNS,GAY NEWS)

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The Copper Kettle, 2295 Main St., 836-9364
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Allen Restaurant, 439 Allen, 886-8740
Twenty-two Twenty-eight Club, 2228 Falls, Niagara
Falls, 282-9185
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Club Amherst, 44 Ameda St., 835-6711
Morgan Turkish, 655 Main St.
Bookstores
Emma: Feminist Bookstore, 2474 Main St., at
Greenfield 836-8970
Marukosh, 55 Allen St., 882-8200, Gay periodicals.

SIOUX FALLS, SD—An unidentified high school senior in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, was permitted by Lincoln
High School administrators to take his boyfriend to the June prom. This was in marked contrast to the
incident in Rhode Island in May, where 17-year-old Paul Guibert was told that he could not
attend the prom accompanied by a male companion.
Fred Stephens, Lincoln High
School Principal, explained: "The
rules say one (prom-goer) has to be
a senior. They could take their
mother if they wanted to. My
belief is that people need their
rights protected. Homosexuals
have rights—you have to accept
that. My concern is to guarantee
their safety, if we can handle it
without blowing it."

PROM DATE
men were cruising the chicken; the chicken were cruising each other but trying to act as uninterested as possible; and it seemed like it was Saturday night all over again. Then guess who walked in...Mickey (Mary) with her red kerchief. Only it wasn't in her pocket anymore. She was wearing it on her head to keep her hair dry. The Allentown Art Festival was indeed an event I'll never forget. I also won't forget that Allentown itself, and what goes on there all year round is a festival of its own kind. It's a community, but Allentown is also a state of mind. Knowing that there will always be an Allentown is knowing that I'll always have a place to go to feel good. Although I do not live in Allentown, I am part of the Allentown Community. I like the Allentown state of mind.

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sex change

WASHINGTON—Bonnie Nora Davenport, the formerly male police officer who underwent a sex change operation recently, has been certified fit to return to duty on the District of Columbia police force as a policewoman—the city’s first transsexual officer.

Doctors at the D.C. Fire and Police Clinic issued Davenport’s fitness certificate earlier this month, paving the way for what is expected to be routine approval and reinstatement of the eight year veteran by police department officials. The doctors cautioned that Davenport should perform only light duty until she completely recovers from her sex-change surgery two months ago. In addition, they said, she should continue precautionary psychiatric counseling for an indefinite period. The bureaucratic chain of events leading toward her reinstatement started almost a year ago when Bonnie-then Ormus W. Davenport III—went on leave without pay from the police dept. in preparation for her sex-change surgery. In addition, they said, she should continue precautionary psychiatric counseling for an indefinite period. The bureaucratic chain of events leading toward her reinstatement started almost a year ago when Bonnie-then Ormus W. Davenport III—went on leave without pay from the police dept. in preparation for the sex change surgery. This involved hormone treatment, psychiatric therapy and living in a female work role.

The operation was performed in late November at a hospital in Trinidad, Colo., by Dr. Stanley Biber, a specialist in gender conversion surgery. In early January, Davenport went before the fire and police clinic to seek reinstatement as a policewoman. After a series of physical and psychological tests the same tests given all officers returning from extended leave. The clinic certified her fit for duty early in February.

To hasten her reinstatement, Davenport hand-carried her clinic papers and court document certifying her name change to police headquarters.
During the course of my travels over the years, I have encountered very few people who really know and/or understand what Astrology is. Some have told me that they think it's a bunch of hogwash. Still others have stated that they read and follow their newspaper horoscope every day; while still others have lumped it along with The Satanic Cults and Witchcraft, believing it is black and will have nothing to do with it. I really feel sorry for all these people, as they have really been lead astray, but this is my opinion.

Astrology is the science of star and planetary interpretation. These interpretations can only forecast conditions, trends, and probabilities. As with Medicine, Astrology is not an exact science. At one point in times past, if you were not an Astrologer, you had no business even trying to practice Medicine. Today, Medical Science has lost almost all contact with Astrology.

There are two operative factors in Astrology:
1. The 12 signs of the Zodiac
2. The 12 houses of the Horoscope

All else added to these are nothing more than commentary. The Astrologer seeks to correlate the monitored celestial movements with human activities. This time-consuming science dates back to 10,000 B.C., but most of what we are familiar with today came to us from the Ancient Egyptians over 5000 years ago. Even the symbols we still use to depict the signs of the Zodiac and the planets were taken from the Ancient Egyptian Hieroglyphics.

At the present time, a merger is taking place between the Esoteric and the Exoteric Communities. This merger is a manifestation of the Aquarian Age, an era of cosmic chronology. Astrologically, most—if not all of our social, personal, economic and national problems are stemming from this transendental out of the Piscean Age into the Age of Aquarius.

The forthcoming articles are my attempt to broaden the reader’s understanding and “cosmic Consciousness” on the science of Astrology. I will try to clarify some of the fallacies associated with this science and pass on to you some information which I hope will be useful to you. If you have any questions or specific topics on Astrology, that you would like some discussion on, please feel free to write me, in care of the Fifth Freedom, and I will be more than happy to try and answer them to the best of my ability.

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gay directory

Fifth Freedom
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Meetings start at 6pm, see Calendar for dates.

Mattachine Society of the Niagara Frontier
Business office is at 45 Allen St. 2nd floor.
Mailing address: Box 155, Ellicott St., Buffalo, NY 14205.
Meetings held at the Unitarian Church, Elmwood and West Ferry; Pot luck dinner at 6pm followed by meeting and program at 7:30pm. All are welcome.

Gay Hotline
881-5335 Staffed by Volunteer counselors.
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Gay Rights for Older Women (CROW)
Call Emma Bookstore at 836-8970 for more info.

Lesbian Rug Hookers
Meetings start at 7:00pm. Women only. Rug hooking and Arts and Crafts group. Call Cheryl at 886-4303 for Meeting location.

Student Alliance for Gay Equality (SAGE)
SUC Buffalo first meeting Fri. Sept. 7 3 p.m. 118 Cassety Hall

Gay Professionals
An organization to provide support for gay people in the professions. For more information call Tom Hammond at 849-1572.

Gay Youth
Meetings Sat. 1:30, Townsend Hall, SUNYAB

Gay Liberation Front
SUNYAB. Inactive for summer. 836-1541

Women’s Studies College, 831-3405
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Women’s Center, 636-2598
A space on campus for women’s cultural and educational activities and projects.

UB Anti-Rape Task Force, 831-5536
Provides services to protect women against rape in the University area.

Women’s Prison Project, c/o CAC
Provides services for women at the Albion Correctional Facility.

Coalition for Abortion Rights and Against Sterilization Abuse-SUNYAB Chapter
C/o Women’s Center. Working to promote reproductive freedom for women at UB.

Buffalo Women’s Liberation Union
Box 841, Ellicott Station, Bflo., 14240. A Socialist/feminist organization currently working on projects related to childcare and rape. Has a Lesbian Caucus. Call 836-8970, Sum. Aug. 19 or Sept. 2 for information.

Action for Women in Chile (AFWICH), c/o Women’s Studies-Concerns include advocacy for women political prisoners in Chile.

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EMMA, the Buffalo Women’s Bookstore, 836-8970
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