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HELP!

Once again rumor has it. This time 'they' are saying that gays have indeed been the target of violence in their own back yard. Rumor says that several gays have been beaten up, rolled, and slashed by (un)known assailants in recent weeks.

These have reportedly happened on North St. and even in the soon to be infamous "Main-Allem Try-Angle." (The object is to try and get from the Villa to Dom's without incident.)

As the Editor of Buffalo's gay paper, I would be very grateful to those who have been involved in any such incident, to let me know what has happened. Of course I will keep all information as to names and details very secret. They don't seem too worried about telling everyone in the bars about it, so why not do something of a constructive nature with it?

So once again I come to you for your help. Do we want it to get out of hand before we do anything? It's up to you. If you hear anyone talking about a incident that they were involved in tell them about this article. Thanks and be careful.

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THE FIFTH FREEDOM, VOL. 10, NO. 8
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EDITORIAL

Time for another issue already.
Lots of comments about the new look for The Fifth Freedom. Either you loved it or hated if. No in between. But the looks were a little quieter than the hates.
But in the end LOVE will win.
The look chosen will remain. I gave my reasons in the 10th anniversary issue and they still stand.
The paper is still changing and growing. I am making the columns twice as wide as they were, so there will be less hyphenated words and fewer blank spaces at the ends of the lines. The thoughts should run smoother.
We have new advertisers and new looks for old friends. We welcome all.
The Gay Guide has moved inside due to the need for more space. The "other city" guide has taken a vacation this issue.
I am proud of the paper and get to be more so with every issue and with each positive comment that I hear.
And I do listen to the negative comments, too. But when people are mad that I said something and they don't even quote me right, that makes me MAD!
So hate me if you will for what I say, but at least quote me right.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Fifth Freedom,
This presidential year is a critical one for us because the man we elect as president may determine whether we get our rights within a few years or not at all.
I will let you know who merits our support and vote this year.
He is a man who has served in Congress for 20 years, a man who has learned and grown throughout those years and, most of all, he is a man who has compassion for people.
On April 21, 1980 Mr. Anderson joined 56 other House members in endorsing H.R. 2074, a bill that would protect the civil rights of lesbians and gay men.
He said that if freedom under our constitution is to have a real meaning this legislation is a natural extension of one's individual rights.
Anderson is a man of freedom.
Abraham Lincoln, during his term of office, freed the slaves. I hope you allow John Anderson to free us from injustice as well.
I strongly urge my friends to vote for John B. Anderson for President. Please vote.
Love and Gay Pride,
Ronald W. Dickinson
NOTE: John Anderson has fired his gay community co-ordinator and has altered some of his statements on gay issues.

Dear Editor,
A MAJORITY OF ISSUES
A lot of stock seems to be put in identifying those politicians who support Gay Rights. That's good. There is nothing wrong (or right) in doing that, but it makes sense to know a little about what elected people think.
A great many voters seem to think that the President has a lot to say about what goes on domestically. But the reality is that he cannot get done what Congress won't do.
MATTACHINE AND THE FIFTH FREEDOM PRESENT THEIR 10th ANNIVERSARY

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Several of the greatest charms of social life lie in the absence of monotony, feeling comfortable in an environment, and having a choice.

For a city the size of Buffalo these qualities are sadly lacking for our community. Yes, there are places to go, but it would have been nice to have a bar that didn't discourage the patronage of both Men and Women, a bar that welcomed the gay community and a bar that wasn't motivated by a desire to make money.

Realizing this gap, three people who cared enough to take a chance, placed themselves deeply in debt to purchase and renovate a Westside bar.

Through September and early October many of us donated our talents, tools and time to help these three create a place for us all to enjoy.

Less than two weeks before opening date the bar burned beyond repair.

In the investigation that followed, the cause was determined to be arson and many questions still remain unanswered.

Although only three people bear the financial loss, something has gone up in smoke for all of us - a choice.

Watch for further details!
GAYBRIEL'S GAYTE

It has come to our attention that a recently opened bar in the Allentown area has taken it upon themselves to make it perfectly clear to anyone gay that may go there that they are not wanted.

The way that they do this is by adjusting the price of the drink to the sexual persuasion, to their best guess, of the person purchasing it.

We had heard the proverbial rumors of this happening, but kept on until we found those that it actually happened to.

And sure enough it was true.

When three guys and one girl went in there this is basically what occurred.

The girl and one guy went together and they got their drinks $3.00 for both drinks. Not bad so far.

The two guys got theirs and paid for them with a ten dollar bill. They got $4.00 change back.

They went to compare the high drink prices with the 'straight' couple. They found that there was a difference of $3.00 for basically the same drinks.

When the bartender was approached about this, he maintained that no mistake had been made. After some persistence, and a refusal to pay for the inflated booze, the bartender gave the guys their money back (hoping that 'they' would just leave quietly and not cause a scene.)

They did. And they won't be going back.

To be fairer than the bar), we must say that other gays have said that they went in there and did not have this type of treatment. However, we have heard of other instances where the price of drinks has risen faster than gold.

If these businessmen do not want gay bucks, why did they move to open in Allentown? That kind of mentality just does not go in this area. Just ask Towne.

And yet gays will continue to patronize both places. We maintain that we do not need to be served or waited on as gay customers. But, neither should we be denied service as gay clientele.

Gay money looks the same as straight. Most gay patrons look straight (whatever that means). So why the big production?

We are not asking a boycott of them, just to let us know that this is occurring. And if it continues, all we ask is that it be reported to the proper authorities, which in this case is the State Liquor Authority (SLA).

The gay community welcomes all businesses to the Allentown area and we would hope that they all welcome us.

SAGE will be holding a Halloween Party on Friday Oct. 31 in the Student Union Assembly Hall of Buffalo State College, 1300 Elmwood Ave. All are welcome to attend.

$1 with Student ID.
$2 without

ETC.

The Rev. Jerry Falwell has told supporters that attacks from liberals have eroded his ministry's financial support, threatening the existence of his weekly religious broadcast program.

In a special appeal for contributions, the Baptist preacher said his ministry has lost financial support in the last two months because of "a vicious, orchestrated attack by the liberal politicians, bureaucrats, and moralists."

Unless $5 million is raised by the end of the month, the weekly "Old Time Gospel Hour" broadcast will be taken off the air "city by city," he said.

WHERE DO WE SIGN UP, JERRY? EDITOR.

Recently the hearings were held regarding the Sodomy law in New York state. The verdict has not come in as yet, but as soon as it does you'll read all about it in The Fifth Freedom.

San Francisco has come up with another innovation. It is a variation of the banky code.

You wear a small stuffed teddy bear in your back pocket that means, "let's go home and cuddle and see what happens from there."

The left pocket means that you want to be held and right that you want to hold someone.

Any one interested in Cuddlers Anonymous, please write to the Editor c/o this paper.

After all our winters are alot colder than those in San Francisco.
Hello there people. Well, we are now in that yukky in between time when the pretty colors of autumn have all dropped and are rotting on the ground. And the white glistening drifts are not yet here. But please don't despair. There's much to do. Your indoor plants are adjusting to the steady decrease of light. And you can move some of your shade lovers, such as the philodendron or spathiphyllum a little closer to the window. After picking off any dead foliage, cleaning the good foliage with lukewarm water and a soft cloth, (never use commercial leaf shine/cleaners as they clog the pores of the leaves worse than dust) you sit back and wonder what to do next.

Well, if you can't find anyone to spend the night, how about making cuttings instead! "Whoopee" you say with a little less than total enthusiasm. Well, let me tell you, a cutting can last a lot longer than a one night stand. It may dry up and die, but I'm sure a few GNS's do the same thing!

The easiest and the way most people do it is to cut off a section of stem from a plant, place it in a glass of water until well rooted and pot it up. This is fine for a lot of plants, say Wandering Jew, Coleus, or Philodendron, but the roots are not as strong as they could be, and subject to faster root rot when potted. You can use many mediums for rooting cuttings, such as sand or vermiculite, but the best I have found is Perlite, available at any local garden center.

Perlite is a light pebbly like white material which can also be used to loosen up heavy potting soil. Use a well drained plastic tray. Whatever size you may need for the amount of cuttings you are making, or any other suitable container. Fill it 1/4" - 2" deep with your perlite (watch out for the dust, as it is irritating as it pours from the bag, but fine after it's wet.) Water the tray of perlite down thoroughly over a sink, until water flows out of the drainage holes, and stops.

Now to make your cuttings. Select young tender growth if possible, as this will root faster. Some plants are just like some people. The older one gets, the tougher it gets to get some root. Make your cutting about 3" long, cutting it just below a leaf scar, which is the little enlargement on the side of the stem. Try to get at least 3 scars on the section of stem. Remove all leaves except the top level, and all flowers if any.

Now pierce a hole in the wet perlite with the eraser end of a pencil, put the stem into it, and push perlite around it. The perlite must remain wet, and you should mist the cuttings thoroughly once or twice a day. It's fun! It's easy and soon you will have so many plants you won't know what to do with them all, and your friends will run every time they see you coming with bushels of brand new plants.

One more tip. Always use a nice light, well drained potting mixture, preferably one containing humus soil, peat moss and perlite when potting up your rooted cuttings. With a heavy soil, roots can't breathe and it will hold too much moisture causing, as in last month's column, severe root rot and nobody wants their root rotted.

So, until next month, think green, and have a HAPPY THANKSGIVING.

In my closet,
Hangs my clothes,
Rents my shoes,
Hides myself.

Vicky
AUTUMN SPECTACLE

Autumn, adherent of summer's fun,
Cloaks itself in a gown of green and crimson.
Appearing as cunning and as swift as a sage
And as skillful as an artist on nature's stage.
Transferring the countryside to a golden hue,
Blending its spectacle to October's sky of blue.

W. Robert Marshall

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DANCE MUSIC NEWS

BY DR. JOHN

On Sunday, October 12, close to three hundred people came to Mean Alice's to dance to "The Sounds of Paradise" spun by disc jockey John Ceglia. John, formerly of Mean Alice's, is now spinning at New York, New York, and Bond's in NYC. John's format for the evening consisted of a mix of disco classics from the past three years, current hits, and new domestic and import releases never spun in Buffalo before. The early-evening tempo was slow, gradually brought up to a fast pace by "peak-time" at 2:00 AM. The music was excellent, and John's mixing and blending skills were flawless. Presented by the Buffalo, N.Y. DJ Association in cooperation with Mean Alice's. The party was a hit and was enjoyed by all. Oddly enough, no New Wave music was played.

Hot new music at the party and now being heard in this area (thanks again to the import shops in NYC and Toronto) can be secured with a little effort, and quite a few dollars. And while we're reviewing these records, let's define the terms "import" and "domestic" before we go any further. A "domestic" term describes a record that is available locally, from an American record company, (Casablanca, Warner Bros., etc.). The group either originated in this country, or their record was released in Canada or Europe and was then bought as an import by an American company to be re-pressed and marketed here. An "import", on the other hand, is a record usually originating from Canada, France, England, Germany or Italy, and are generally only available through the import shops such as Disco Sounds in Toronto, and Mail-O-Disc in NYC. Many groups we know, such as Voyage, and Viola Wills, originated as "Imports" and were later picked up by American companies. This is not always the case, however, as quite a few hot imports enjoy extensive popularity in the clubs but are never seen on American shelves. For example, 1978's Peter Jacques and Macho LP's both originated as "Imports", and were then bought by Prelude Records in America for domestic sales. Both groups currently have hits again, but this time no one has purchased the rights to either of these, and from what we hear, no one will. And so, we must purchase them from the aforementioned stores. Record companies are enraged that DJ's buy, play, and report imported discs, saying that this practice cuts into domestic markets. Unfortunately, U.S. companies are pushing either funky or New Wave/Rock-type records on us, while many DJ's are still experiencing a big demand for fast-tempo "Disco" music. "Going import" is the only means of getting the demand. Import records can be expensive, however, and they don't stay in the shops for a long time. If it's popular now and you want it, buy it. It may not be available next month. Import albums run between nine and twelve dollars, and imported twelve-inch discs go for $5.50 to $7.00.

Jerro Palmer's "Love Child" on Reflection Records was a hit at the party. It's a remake of Diana Ross' hit and sounds remarkably close.

Kano has a new LP out and from it comes another smash hit to back up their previous hit of "I'm Ready". It's entitled "It's A War", and it's wild, with hot synthesizer/and voice effects. The end is reminiscent of Gino Soccio's "Dancer". It's on Emergency Records.

Sylvia Mason is another artist with a hit album on her hands. Sylvia, formerly with Voyage, is on her own now, but still composed and musically backed. Her new LP is of the old group. Two cuts that stand out are: "We Gotta Dance" and "Super Duper Man". It's an import on Staccato Records, but definitely worth the effort. High-quality, uptempo, traditional "disco" is alive and well and coming from Europe.

And for those who couldn't get enough of it, perhaps the all-time disco party classic on the JB's "Doin' It To Death" has been re-released on an import label. Yes, it's the same 1975 hit that chants "we're gonna have a funky good time.

Linda Clifford recently released her new album. It contains the SHORT version of "Red Light", from the motion picture "Fame". Produced by Isaac Hayes, the cut that makes this LP worth it is "Shoot Your Best Shot".

In closing here's another disc I recommend. It's not disco, but it's great pre--good music for a party, and just plain good to listen to anywhere. It's Buffalo's own Spyro Gyra. Fans of Spyro and/or fans of light jazz should snatch this up. It's got energy, with a "delightful" flavor. The LP is entitled "Carnava" - my favorite cut is "Fox Trot".

SELECTIONS by SAM

Is on vacation this time. SAM will be back next issue. An apology to him for omitting the title of last month's column. It was supposed to be, "I was a Homosexual." Sorry, SAM.

TOUR PS

Buffalo "disco" fans are in for an evening of dance and music with "Best of Dance" on November 9th. This is an import from London featuring both the latest and greatest from the U.K. and Italy. The event is sponsored by the Buffalo, N.Y. DJ Association and is open to the public. For reservations, call 836-8935.
Bauman and Johnson, the noted sex researchers, did a comprehensive study on homosexuality, and concluded they couldn't really say why gay people are gay. But a Maryland Congressman in October called a press conference to say he had the answer — it's alcoholism.

Rep. Robert Bauman is hoping the voters in his conservative Republican district will swallow that explanation, because if they don't he doesn't see much chance of getting re-elected.

Bauman has been charged with soliciting sex from a sixteen year old boy, a charge he has pleaded innocent to in court. At his press conference, Bauman admitted to "homosexual tendencies" but denied he was a homosexual.

The 43 year old confessed to drinking heavily the past two years, enough to have blackouts and memory lapses, and says the "twin compulsions" of homosexual tendencies and alcohol have been too much for him.

All this makes good reading in the media, but wait, there's more. Bauman has had the active support of Jerry Falwell's Moral Majority, the right-wing, anti-gay "Christian" organization, and has been a leader in a lot of anti-gay legislation attempts.

But there's still more. James Regina, age 26, a former bartender at a gay bar in Washington, has been charged with extortion. He demanded $2,000 from Bob to keep quiet about their gay relationship.

David Lynch, the chief Washington reporter for the Courier-Express, looked at all of this and said, "Politicians are giving boozes a bad name." Daniel Schorr, on Courier Cable's Cable News Network, noted wryly that Bauman apparently believes it is more acceptable to be an alcoholic than a homosexual.

William F. Buckley, the syndicated columnist and long time friend of Bauman, has called for him to drop his re-election bid because he feels it would by hypocritical for him to continue his anti-gay crusade in the light of the revelations. Jerry Falwell, in an NBC "Meet The Press" interview, said his former ally "doesn't need any condemnation, just forgiveness and prayer." He then went on to change the subject by saying he wouldn't ask Bauman to resign "because I didn't ask for Sen. Kennedy to quit after Chappaquiddick."

Bauman meanwhile is running 20 points behind his Democratic opponent in the polls, and the Republican National Committee has cut off his funds "on principle."

CRUISING THE HALLS of Congress a little more, we find Rep. Jon Hinson, age 36, of Jackson, Miss. Joe has said that in 1977, he survived a fire in a Washington gay porno cinema in which nine persons died.

He also said that in 1976, he paid a $100 fine for "committing an obscene act" at the Doo Jima Memorial in Arlington, a place the Advocate describes as a "notorious gay cruising area."

Hinson, a conservative, is now expected to have some problems in getting re-elected.

The Courier-Express prominently displayed an Associated Press story last month on how Gay volunteers in New York City and accross the country are giving blood donations for an experimental vaccine to prevent Hepatitis B. Things are going so well, the vaccine could be on the market by 1982.

Gay people are being used as a study group because they are about 10 times more likely than the general population to have had Hepatitis B. That's because, the article notes, Gay people tend to have many sex partners.

Once the vaccine is licensed, the U.S. public should really congratulate the gay community," the article quotes Dr. Donald Francis as saying. Francis is with the U.S. Center for Disease Control's Hepatitis Division in Arizona, and he notes gay volunteers tended to be educated professionals who followed instructions faithfully and stayed available for followup.

The article helped build a positive image of gays in general. The Courier's editors could have buried the story or used it all. Instead they prominently displayed it in a box at the top of a page in the A section of their Sunday, October 5th. edition.

BUFFALO'S MORNING NEWSPAPER has in fact been giving gay issues a lot of space lately, and their editors deserve credit for that. So far, the stories generated have been from national services and not from the Courier's own staff of reporters. Consequently, the coverage has been on national issues, not local ones.

In October, the Courier carried on page 3 a Cox News Service story on how the three presidential candidates were getting along with Gay organizations.

The story said that Gay groups appear to be uniting behind Carter, but also noted that Reagan strongly opposed a 1978 California ballot proposal which would have forced school systems to fire homosexuals teachers and anyone who advocated gay rights in public schools.

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BOOK REVIEW
by RON WOJCIECHOWSKI

The Hell Candidate by Thomas Luke SPINNER BOOKS

It is 1980 and the senior Senator from Colorado, a Republican, wants to be president. He is moderate, not especially notable, and has a pretty wife.

Then he goes to Connecticut for the primary and stays in an old house which has a strange feeling to it. During that stay, his personality and politics change so that he becomes a frothing hawk who is prone to sexually abusing his wife and lusting after all the campaign maids.

He somehow developed a psychokinetic power during that stay and used it to defeat his opponents, one after another.

During the campaign, his manager discovers and meets the beast/demon who came to possess the man who would be president; a beast with two penises and wanted to raping select women to death while they beg him to.

After the election, the demon president begins plans for invading numerous countries, while the erstwhile campaign manager goes back to the old house to find out that it had been possessed once, and exorcised by a representaive of the Pope.

'Now if you're quicker than I was, you'll have guessed that only the Pope could exorcise this particular demon because it was Satan himself. Imagine, if you will, the scene when the Pope walks into the Oval Office and begins reciting the ten articles of exorcism to a president turned double penised demon ranting and destroying that august room.

It's not a bad book. It certainly is more colorful than what's actually happening.

And guess who the Pope was?

Loving Someone Gay

One fine day,
I'm gonna love someone Gay

One fine day,
I'll look at him
And I will know what our love was
Meant to be

One fine day,
I'm gonna love someone Gay

One fine day,
He's gonna want me as his lover
And He'll tell the world
How much we love each other

One fine day,
I'll love someone gay

One fine day,
The arms he longs for
Will open wide
And He'll be proud to have me
Right by his side

One fine day
I'm gonna love someone

One fine day,
We will be in love
Tomorrow and forever
Knowing God, above
Will keep us together

One fine day,
I'm gonna love someone Gay

One fine day,
Our love will remain
Young and gay
Even though our hair
Is turning grey

One fine day,
I'm gonna love someone Gay

by Mark Steven Gunzelman

DRUGS WANTED...

out of Buffalo bars. It has come to our attention that quite a few people in the bars are being approached to buy, or use drugs, to enjoy themselves more. It has also been noted that there have been undercover cops in the bars looking for this type of activity (amongst other things.)

Wouldn't it be great if our gay bars were shut down because of drug use. Then we wouldn't be able to yell and scream (as we're known to do) about the bars being closed 'just because they're gay...'

If you are approached, go to the bouncer or owner and tell them what happened. And don't be afraid to tell them, on the side, who was doing the dirty work. I'm sure that they will care enough about their business to do something about it.

Which do you choose? The Bars....or drugs...?
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23rd.
·THANKSGIVING PARTY·
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Since I have returned to Buffalo after having done over two years behind bars, in the walls of several New York State prisons, I have frequently heard questions voiced as to what goes on in the jails. Well, I think what I now will reveal to the unintitiated into jailhouse culture will disillusion those who thought that a jail might be a homosexual paradise.

First of all let me explain that contrary to popular belief, cells are not always part of a jail setting. The medium and minimum security prisons generally only have cells for punishment and usually housing is done in wards or rooms. Obviously, the possibilities for sex in these situations is enhanced over what one would experience in a "max joint" where cells are the order of the day and each prisoner is individually locked in his cell for all but about seven hours each day.

The modern day prisoner can request a change of housing unit and such requests are usually honored. It then becomes obvious that homosexuals could and do gravitate to the same housing units to the point where several units are always known as "homo units". So far so good, right? Well, that's where the good part ends. Homosexuality of any sort in the joints is a punishable offense, even masturbation. Punishment, except for rape, which occasionally happens, is, however rare. Most of the guards are too busy getting off, much less some homo getting off. And the guards that represent the other extreme - the vicious ones- often think it is contrary to their self image as "hard guys" to be pushing around homosexuals. So, homosexuality is largely ignored. Still the rules must not be ignored openly, so necessarily must be done out of plain sight. This is where one of the problems lies. There is virtually no privacy in jailhouse life. One cannot even crawl on taking an audience. So sex is culminated in any corner usually with others watching and sometimes acting as a shield.

There is considerable fighting over lovers in the joints. When gangs are locked up for extensive periods, they develop strong friendships and with the passage of time they often become emotionally involved with, and attached to, these friends. It is but one further step for friends to help each other achieve life's most erotic pleasure.

When jealousy enters into a relationship it often leads to violence. In prisons this is particularly so because antagonists are unable to avoid each other, and the object of their mutual affections. So, sex within the walls often carries with it special dangers. There are several types of homosexual bonds within the walls. There are two party relationships, which not infrequently become embroiled with other parties. There are also community homes where those who had followed this type of pursuit while "on the streets" continue to participate. These convicts in general attempt to perpetuate their street conduct in the institution and because of the highly valued service they offer to the institutionalized, they meet with a "warm" reception. These generally are a community asset and a possession of the particular group of which they are a part, although sometimes an inmate may develop a jealous attachment for such an individual and may have enough clout to take the man out of general use. Usually the clout is essentially directed at his love object in an attempt to instill a fear of "trickking out". Some convicts are extremely adept at accomplishing this. Sometimes, although, a community home is so unwilling to isolate himself, that he'll take the "ass-wiping" in order to spread his affections on a more general basis, perhaps with the object in view of obtaining general acceptance, approval and protection from the community as a whole. Sometimes they require a token price for their services (i.e. 2 packs of cigarettes for a head job) and thus they feel they can, by requiring a token price in exchange, maintain their self respect.

Another, and perhaps the most tragic type of institutionalized homosexuality, is that produced by the young kids not yet old enough to shave who make up such a large part of the population in the prisons. Often at an age where sexual identity has really only begun, unsure of themselves, where they're going, confused as to what kind of person they want to be, they fall prey to their own fears of the general lack of personal safety. They often latch on to an experienced penal-wise inmate for guidance and direction, only too often, to be ensnared by the "big brothers" who will all too frequently only want "to get off." Fear drives them to find a "big brother" who will protect them, or if lacking in the delicate beauty preferred in homosexuals, they service the community on demand as a fear response. And their sexual experiences are usually "one way" because it is only an individual who doesn't have, or isn't allowed to have, self respect who will "suck" or "take it" in a prison. A person who becomes an institution homo in this manner is literally raped of his manhood to the point of personality and character annihilation.

The "Corrections Department" attempting to prevent the young from being exploited by the older inmates, has established age qualifications for placement in different institutions exclusively for the relatively young. The lack of prison space, however, and the need to locate inmates near their homes and the large number of young people in the prisons, gives this approach only limited success. Also, too, even in the "kid joints", gangs develop and individuals become the victims of gang rape.

Loving relationships of the mutual kind like one experiences on the streets are rare in a jail setting where the people involved are frightened, frustrated and conditioned to responding to their impulses by either subjugating or being subjugated. Believe me, a jail is no paradise for anyone and that goes triple for homosexuals.
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