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BUFFALO'S BARRIE SANDLER

BY JOHN A. FAULRING, JR.

"There's more to love...than making love."
This line from the "love theme" from "Making Love" sums up a great deal about the movie, some of which we found out when we interviewed MI's author Barry Sandler. He was in town for some last minute publicity for the movie.

Barry Sandler was born and raised in Amherst, N.Y., just a short ways from the University Theater where "Making Love" was shown. He is an invited audience, and now is playing for the public.

He left the age of 17 and headed to California where he attended college. Of course, he majored in the writing field.

His first known work was a movie titled "Kansas City Bomber" that starred Raquel Welch. That was followed by "Gable and Lombard" and "The Mirror Crack'd," amongst others. None were as autobiographical as "Making Love."

Even though the credits state, "Story by A. Scott Berg," it IS Barry's story. Scott gave me encouragement and we talked about doing this idea, so I thought I should give him some credit. In the end though, it is my story with some input from other peoples lives woven into it.

"For instance, I have never been married and I have known a few of my friends that have gone through just what Zack and Claire experience. It doesn't always work out as well as it does in the movie, though," he says.

He feels that what finally hit the screen was just what he wanted to have be. He achieved this by not only writing it, but by being the associate producer. "What's means is I had input on all the directing, so I was able to put the plot, how the scenes evolved and even to the music that was used."

A Movie Is Born

"I wrote the movie script in about 7 months," he says, "then I took it to Twentieth Century-Fox and in a matter of weeks we were ready to start. That was the easy part. Then we started to cast it."

"Kate Jackson was signed early on to play Claire. The difficult part was finding someone to play the lead role. We had wanted to risk their career on a film as controversial as this. Finally, after having tried down once, Michael (Ontkean) and Harry (Hamlin) said they would do it."

When asked why both the main characters were the same "type" he said, "by that time we were ready to take the first two that said yes! We didn't have to wait around for a blonde and blue type to say he would do it."

"Writing the movie was a very deep experience for me. I had to bring a lot of my own personal things from way down inside and write them down. It was a good experience in the end."

"It was a lot like therapy; reliving the good and bad; the highs and lows. I had to draw on all kinds of emotions, then I tried to put those same emotions on the screen for others to experience."

Why was the "upper class" setting chosen for the movie? "I felt that the general public should be shown that gays do hold down positions of authority, pay taxes, and provide valued services to the general public," Sandler states.

Zack is a doctor, one of the most "trusty" people who could be seen in the scene with the woman that has the mas- tectomy he shows that he can have complete control over the scenario. Zack did not go through the same type experience. Gays are the same in other areas of life. Movie critics in his one scene, I lose my temper in traffic. I bleed when I cut myself. And I don't like to spend half a month on a hamburger, I am just the same as everybody else."

Scene, But Not Heard

"Were there any scenes cut that might have been heard. No, there weren't. There was one scene that I took out after I saw it if was going to work. I cut it. It was a scene where Zack admitted to his father (Arthur Hill) that he was gay. His son, the Boycotters. I decided that this was something when he wanted to tell his father that his son the rightfielder liked other rightfielders. I cut Zack's scene because it was an actual confrontation with a family member. It was out of line, there just wasn't time to deal with the family conflicts that would be involved. I just wanted to get the three main characters through such an idea of working out the family problems could be another whole movie," he says. Will it? "That depends on the screenwriter."

I would rather go on to other stories concerning relationships in the future. There are so many possible settings.

Why The Title?

I chose the title because...well why not. For too long many people feel that two men can have sex, but can't make love to each other. I wanted to show that they can and do."

Some of Buffalo's media have called "Making Love" a "bi-sexual love story."

It doesn't really matter what they call it, he explained. "It is a love story, but it really isn't 'bisexual' at all. If he had stayed married and settled for the life for her. He felt that it might have been construed as a non-gay movie. As it is though, it is a gay movie."

The cost of "Making Love" was $8 million and there was $6 million spent on publicity. "Originally we had planned on spending $2 million, but after a few test screenings, the responses were so posi- tive that we decided to go for all of it. There were première screenings all over the country and a large media campaign to get the word out and advanced it."

The movie finally opened in over 360 theaters across the country. In its first few days it brought in over $3 million dollars. After a few weeks, it moved to the box office. Recently, in a movie Top 10, it was second only to "On Golden Pond" in receipts.

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On Anti-Gay Violence

Buffalo has been the scene of violence that has hit members of the Gay Community in recent weeks. While these cases have been very violent, we have been fortunate that no one has been seriously hurt. How long can we be this lucky?

It is difficult to stop this kind from happening, but it is hoped that if members of the community are victims of this type of happening, that it will be reported to the authorities immediately. This can only have a positive result.

If anyone does experience a robbery, an assault or any problems when such incidents are reported to the Police and they feel that any of these are the result of their being gay, Mattachine stands ready to help them with any problems they may encounter.

In the meantime, be careful, be aware and be on the lookout for anyone that might be the source of any of these problems to you or others.

We have to share the streets with many different people, so let's make the best of it. We don't expect better treatment, just equal. BE AWARE AND BE SAFE!

In This Issue...

In this issue we bring you an in person interview with Buffalo's own Barry Sandler who talks about the making of 'Making Love.' You will find the results of our poll problems of violence in the areas of the gay bars of Buffalo are focused upon and possible solutions are highlighted.

Our regular columnists are here to entertain and inform you about what is happening in Buffalo. There are numerous stories from around the country to keep you in touch with happenings of interest to gays everywhere.

As winter winds down, hopefully, here is another issue to keep you occupied until Spring arrives.

We hope you enjoy!

Letters to the Editor

Catholic Confessional

Comment Causes Concern

Dear Editor,

Tim Denzer's letter in the February issue of The Fifth Freedom was right on the mark and provided me with much food for thought. In particular, his practice and preaching, his comments on American over-concern for "appearance, image and packaging" when it applies to persons, will prove a lively subject. We are surely guilty of not going beyond the surface in our dealings with other persons, in the gay or the straight world.

In looking at people or institutions, Tim's letter will doubtless produce a far healthier society. When looking at the Church I urge Tim to apply the same standards, our dealings with people, we often fail to look beyond outward appearances. Tim's remarks on the Catholic confessional practice as "oppressive" deserves the same second look. Surely we have made some errors, and some unthinking or cold individuals have hurt, damaged, and hurt others. Yet, Catholic confessional remains an avenue of mental health and forgiveness when both parties to the Confession keep in mind Christ's invitation to forgiveness.

If Tim, or others, have had bad experiences in the Confessional, I'm sorry. However, I think the Church is right when it says that one who wishes to confess frequently should seek out a compassionate and kind priest, where they will be helped and not hurt others. Yet, Catholic confessional remains an avenue of mental health and forgiveness when both parties to the Confession keep in mind Christ's invitation to forgiveness.

Sincerely,

Rev. William J. Gallagher
Vice-Rector

Coaltion:

Fact or Fantasy?

Dear Editor Fifth Freedom,

I am somewhat apprized with the actions and attitudes of the GLCCC, Gay and Lesbian Community Center Coalition. It seems to fail to understand the need for creating a coalition of organizations that have banded together to fight injustice and discrimination can be blind to the age and sex discrimination practiced by its own members.

It is a strange contradiction of standards. There seems to be one set for the group and another set for outsiders.

I was apprized to find the attitudes of the GLCCC toward the Mattachine Society another contradiction. The GLCCC expects Mattachine to support its activities but doesn't feel any obligation to return that support. I have heard GLCCC members charge that Mattachine is not doing anything to help them get going. The fact that the Society allows the GLCCC to use its bulk mailing permit, their P.O. Box number (until just a few weeks ago) and their telephone number (until recently, all seems to be overlooked.

Few people seem to realize that just the use of the Mattachine telephone costs $2 per call each time someone calls to inquire about a GLCCC activity. Those are the rates charged as a commercial telephone by New York Telephone Co. I feel that it is time for the GLCCC to clean up its own act before bad mouthing others. Mattachine supported the Valentine Dance on Feb. 12th and honestly if a handful of GLCCC members managed to support the skating party held by the Society on the 15th.

Mattachine supports the efforts of the GLCCC through free advertising in the Fifth Freedom, free use of our bulk mailing permit, and free use of our telephone number.

If the GLCCC wants to be a genuine community organization dedicated to helping in the fight against discrimination toward gay men and women it should start by eliminating the groups within that practice both age and sex discrimination toward their own gay brothers and sisters.

I sincerely hope that the Fifth Freedom will support the efforts of all gay organizations here in the Buffalo area whether or not they are members of the Coalition.

Very truly yours,

(Please withhold name from publication)

Pat Carroll

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FOUNDING MEMBER
Black Civil Rights Nominee Against Gays

WASHINGTON, D.C.—B. Sam Hart, a Black evangelical minister from Phila
delphia, has announced his inten
tion to run for the U.S. Civil Rights Commission, vigorously defended his op
definition of civil rights in state
to the Washington Post. His nomi
ment led Gay Rights National Lobby, which remains the only full-time lobby ex
ded to the fight for gay and other civil rights, to pledge to fight Hart’s con
firmation by the Senate to this nation’s high
est court.

Hart, who appears to have no pre
vious involvement in civil rights issues, first announced his candidacy in the Philadelphia City Council was con
sidering a gay civil rights ordinance. Obviou
sly aware of the uproar this would then, and again to the Washington Post, as
among the most vitriolic made on the gay rights issue in the 1980’s.

Among the remarks were statements
which drew a comparison between gays and thieves. Homosexuals are homosexu
als by choice, he said. “They have
chosen a way of life. They have to accept the consequences.” He went on to say, “If
I had to do it all over again, I would
up...I still have to accept the con
sequences.”

In his nomination, his anti-gay remarks, his opposition to the Equal Rights Amendment, and general lack of civil rights and minority pov
ers of significant proportions. Steve Endean, Executive Director of Gay Rights National Lobby, expressed dis
satisfaction about whether the Senate will reject the nomination by pledging a strong cam
paign. “With the influx of New Right Sena
tors and the growing chances of blocking Hart’s nomination seem slim. But we will work with our support to ensure the defeat of the variety of civil rights and civil liberties groups toward that end, nonetheless.”

Endean’s comment implies that it’s “es
sential that the Senate closely scrutinize
nominees to such an important civil
rights post to ensure that they are com
mitted to civil rights for all Americans, not just those he likes or approves of.”

Endean’s goal was significantly ad
vanced upon last year when Botha
Heinz, Republican from Hart’s home state of Pennsylvania, placed a “hold” on the nomination, which would have demonstrated that Hart had real qualifica
tions for the position. Any Member of Congress may place a “per
sory” hold on a nominee, as long as the chance, that the Senate would confirm the nom
ination disassociating himself from the nomination and reportedly commu
nicated his disapproval at the nomination to President Reagan.

The U.S. Civil Rights Commission can play an important role of setting a tone and defining the boundaries of policies involving civil rights. However, the Commission does not enforce the civil rights laws. 1545. On April 9, 1708, the Gay Civil Rights Bill, seeks to amend. Hart, if confirmed, would give President Ronald Reagan the “pro conSERVATIVE” majority on the Commission he has been seeking. Endean called Hart’s nomination “another example of putting the fox in the chicken coop.”

With developments breaking fast, the final fate of the nomination was still
doubtful. But Gay Rights National Lobby strongly urged lesbians and gay men to contact their Senators to urge them to oppose Senator Heinz’s “hold” is released. Those wishing addi
itional information should contact Susan Green at GRNL by calling (202) 546-1801.

Tuesday Freedom, March 6 In Buffalo

"Bread and Roses" is the theme for the eighth celebration of International Women’s Day in Buffalo, which will take place on Saturday, March 6 at 7:30 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church at 695 Elmwood. The celebration will be preceded by two events: A Women’s Dance in the Park sponsored by the Buffalo Women’s Liberation Union at 9:30 p.m. on Friday, March 5 at the Unitarian Church, and a Children’s Event on March 6 at 11 a.m. at the Lafayette Avenue Presbyterian Church, 367 Elmwood.

“Bread and Roses” will be a celebra
tion of women’s activism in Buffalo and will include an international Pot Luck Dinner, a Women’s Film Festival, “The Making Of Judy Chicago’s Dinner Party,” and tables of information on women’s groups in Buffalo. A talk on the Family Protection Act and its implica
tions for women and their families will be given by Beth Sinkler of the Children’s Program. The day will begin with a Women’s Workshop. Also included will be art and music workshops, games, aerobics, and tum
bling. Lunch will be provided for a small fee.

This year the focus of IWD will be on celebrating the progress of women in working to improve life for America, in spite of the current politi
cal scenario. "Bread and Roses " comes in the wake of a long saga of a worker’s strike in Lawrence, Massachu
setts in 1912. Not only were the women striking for a decent living wage, but also for the chance to live a life enhanced by beauty. Their struggle is summarized by the phrase "Bread and Roses" and serves as an inspiration for all women working today to change a sexist society into an egalitarian one.

The attempts of the New Right to turn back progress in equality for women will be highlighted by the talk on the Family Protection Act. This Act is the blueprint of the New Right to reverse years of hard-won progress and return us to the mythi
Cal era when only men were bread
winners and all women stayed home and did the laundry.

Last year’s theme for IWD was "Women’s Agenda for the 80’s: A Vision for the Future." This year’s theme will be "The Threat of the New Right, while the preceding year dealt with energy and nuclear power.

The history of the International Women’s Day dates back to 1856 when textile workers marched from the sweatshops of New York City’s Lower East Side to protest unsafe and oppressive working conditions. As a result of the march, which continued again, calling for an end to child labor, and for the right to vote. In 1910, the International Conference of Women marked declared March 8th International Women’s Day in honor of working class women. This year, therefore, commemorates the 72nd celebration of International Women’s Day around the world.

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**Hall And Oates—Making Love...**

Back from being snow bound in Toronto music lovers, culture addicts and gossip hounds. Sorry about missing February's deadline and paper but the Queen E. Way was closed, at least the Burlington Bridge was, thus no Out & About last month.

Glad to see Faulding & Company are still printing, alive and kicking. Now that The News and moi have parted ways thanks to budget belt tightening, all my passions, aggressions and pent-up feelings will have to be uncorked here. Watch out McDonald's!

And since there are some left-overs from Valentine's month, we're starting with a double-header review of Hall & Oates (pant, pant) and the milestone movie, "Making Love" Plus some odds and ends. So, be patient, read on and enjoy. We're "Out & About" again ("Oh, goody, goody!")

Hall & Oates/Aldo Nova
Kleinhans Music Hall
February 17
Tickets: $10.50, $9.50 (Harvey & Corky) Rating: Four Bulls

Darryl Hall and John Oates, the blue-eyed soul boys from Philly-land, rolled their supercharged, pop-rock act into acoustically-perfect Kleinhans Music Hall this cold, windy Wednesday night and sent temperatures rising inside with their intense, overly-amplified sound. The hottest act on RCA records right now with million-seller single "I Can't Go For That (No Can Do)" in Billboard's no. 2 slot for the Top 100, blondie Hall and his partner in crime Oates executed a clean, crisp 90-minute set of upbeat selections.

Much to the delight of the SRO audience, the two unleashed both the old, more pop-oriented material with the newer, more rhythm and blues, soul-keyed hits having overcome the recognizability factor with heavy Top 40 airplay by most AM stations and crossover additions to FM formats.

The band opened with "Sara Smile" and "You Make My Dreams" and their interpretations were flawless. Both Oates and Hall are top-notch keyboard players and vocalists. Hall's energy was at 100 percent as he switched off and on with his various guitar effects, mainly through his rig featuring a little "Waiting'' for Me" and "LP."

Their acoustic set included "I Can't Help Myself (Sugar Pie, Honey Bunch)," "Rich Girl," "Knee Deep in Love" and "Boys of Summer," and their classic, "You Make My Dreams" was followed by a soulful version of "You Lost That Lovin' Feelin" which didn't go over well with the audience.

Singer-songwriter Daryl Hall sang a lone, somewhat off-key version of "Wouldn't It Be Lonely," but his overall presence as dynamic as ever was lacking. Someone please tell Daryl that "Sara Smile" and "She's out of Reach" are his most successful hits of all time.

The first of a seven week winter tour, Hall and Oates' "The Man to Kiss" is their fifth studio release. The group has consistently put out top-notch material, yet this release is slightly inferior to previous projects. They're kind of laboring under the weight of their audience's expectations, yet they've kept edging closer to commercial success.

While they're entertaining, the group is fast becoming a bore, just another band in a sea of super popular acts.

Meanwhile, the Montreal hard rockers have been off the road since last October and are scheduled to perform at the Casino Rama in Orillia, Ontario on March 26. The group has been gaining a solid following in Canada and has been receiving rave reviews from the fans.

Their debut album, "Double Life," was released in 1984 and features their most popular singles, "Missed Connection," "Point of Entry," and "Look Out for Number One." The band has been touring extensively in North America and has gained a loyal following among fans of hard rock and heavy metal music.

The group's sound is characterized by soaring guitar solos, powerful vocals, and a driving rhythm section, making their live performances a spectacle to behold.

In conclusion, Hall and Oates have produced a solid release with "The Man to Kiss," and their live performances continue to be a highlight of their career. With continued touring and positive reception from fans, it's clear that the group is well on its way to achieving even greater success in the music industry.
Local Media And Gay Issues Addressed

By ROD HENSEL

This column deals with how the local media deals with gay issues. I concentrate each month on what is doing with the so-called “straight media,” and that means that sometimes I tend to ignore a critical look at the “gay media,” which is, in this case, the newspaper you are now reading.

The Fifth Freedom, in the last year, has made some substantial improvements in appearance. The number of columns has increased, as have the number of advertisers.

This newspaper, however, still lacks in your local media. There is too much opinion in many “news” stories, and the paper could hardly be called gutsy in examining some of the issues going on within the gay community in Buffalo. The artwork, when it exists, is of pretty low quality (both photos and drawings) and the paper tends to trumpet the accomplishments of the Mattachine Society, the only organization of other gay groups in Buffalo.

But it’s not a hopeless case by any means, and there are other larger cities with vibrant gay communities whose newspapers that are far worse. To that end, this newspaper, in the course of the next year, plans to make some changes. The plan is to divide the editorship into three people, each taking on specific responsibilities. In addition, Mattachine members who sell ads for this paper will get a 15 percent commission on the sale of ads.

The idea is to open up the pages of the paper to gay people who, for whatever reason, have felt shut out. Time will tell if this plan works.

Meanwhile, the straight media can hardly be accused of ignoring gays. As of this writing, there are two gay-related features in two gay films that played Buffalo last month is still coming in.

“Love, Death, and the Tulip,” the Twentieth Century Fox production which is getting a tremendous amount of advertising hype, got a fair-to-mixed review from Buffalo Evening News reviewer Jeff Simon. Simon, who two years ago visited a Gay Professionals meeting and wrote a rather positive story about it, recognized “Making Love’s” significance as “The first major West Coast movie to explore homosexuality with sympathy.”

Simon continues: "What it’s saying is that in the life of every homosexual there is a terrifying period when he has to come out of the closet and face his desires squarely, and there’s nothing the least bit funny about it. You’d have to be a turnip not to be moved by the movie.

What Simon does criticize is the way the movie “wears its heart on its sleeve” in the view of the viewer to sympathize with its three main characters, two of them gay. He wonders how more conservative straight audiences will face the movie’s “long frank homosexual love scene,” and if it won’t blun the movies attempt to show “normalcy” in homosexuality.

His criticisms may be right. Watching the film for a second time in a theater with a primarily straight audience, I was offended and hurt by the laughter, comments and cat calls that an obviously Hornsey audience made at the end of the love scene. Still, by the time the movie ended, there was audible sniffling in the audience, so perhaps the message comes through despite the shock value the rather tame love scene has for straights.

Tame, incidentally, is about the only word that can describe that love scene after you’ve watched “Taxi Zum Klo,” the German film dealing with homosexually that played Buffalo at the same time “Making Love” did.

Surprisingly, Buffalo News critic John Dwyer liked that film better than Simon liked “Making Love,” calling “Taxi” an "expression of the daily homosexual experience, filmed without pity or remorse, though with rueful allowance that sex thrills alone cannot completely dissolve their relationship.”

Dwyer’s review came as a surprise to many gays, as did the mere fact that the film itself was showing in Buffalo. "Our town had been circulating day before to see it on opening night," said Cap. Kennedy, and his vice squad folks might seize it.

While it was sexually explicit as far as gay sex goes, it wouldn’t have been much different if the same scenes involved two sexes. And the fact that it played at the Allendale, which has a respectable “art film” theater reputation, may have had some impact.

Explanations aside, mark down February as the month when gay movies came before straight audiences on Buffalo’s silver screens—and the reaction, on the whole, was pretty positive.

The Buffalo Evening News last month thought a story about gays, carried by the Associated Press, was enough to place on page two of its first section. The news was that the head of New York State’s Office of Employee Relations has warned all agency heads and supervisors to “disregard their employees sexual preferences when evaluating their work” and that sexual preference “should not be a criterion to deny state employment or promotion.”

Dwyer noted that the story came from negotiations with the Civil Service Employees Association (CSEA) on a new union contract.

The news in and out of political circles is that AP however missed a more interesting angle. The ruling is based on a major victory by gay political lobbyists in Albany. Realizing that there was little hope of getting legislation having the same effect through the Republican-controlled State Senate, they switched their lobbying efforts to legislators to union officials.

When the contract talks came up, CSEA pressed for the ruling as one of its demands and got it. It was a victory, and another win for gay political lobbyists everywhere.

The February issue of Psychology Today (the magazine that brings Freud to the masses) features an academic, functioning homosexual parents. As usual, the magazine doesn’t make any judgments. It does however examine the basic problems. When does a gay parent, if ever, tell his child about his sexuality? A study found that the revelation is usually more traumatic for boys, and that it seems to have the effect of the child more openly considering the possibility that he too is gay.

When the gay parent is also a gay couple, the parent’s lover also tends to become a step-parent, figure, and quite often, a disciplinarian.

The article points out however that "no evidence has turned up that the children of homosexuals are more mixed up, distrusted, or for that matter, homosexual, than the children of divorced parents in general. Second generation homosexuals are no different.

The article demonstrates how little we all know about ourselves. Psychologists and sociologists study heterosexual relationships ad nauseum, but little research is done about gays. While interest is growing in academic fund cutting back at all kinds of research. Digest the information in articles like the one above, for there will be few like it in the years to come.

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"I'm sorry sir. I forgot"

"Now be a good little faggot and take off your shirt. The pants too. And underwear."

"Aren't you getting undressed too, George? (slap) "who the hell are you to question me?"

"No one sir."

"Dammed right you're no ne. On your knees. (I know I should have brought my handcuffs. At least I can use the leather thong around my neck.)"

"Sir, you're tying it too tight"

"Shut up you little pig. Now, unless you want me to hang you from the ceiling by your titts, you better start polishing my boots. That's the way. Taste good! Yummy yum. I'll let you off easy tonight, you don't have to lick the bottoms."

"Thank you sir."

"(If just not in the mood for a full scene. Maybe I'll just fuck him and leave.)"

"Sir, there are clothes pins on the bed table."

"Oh, you want a little titwork, do you? Well, I'll be more than happy to oblige."

"Oh, I see."

"Don't complain. You love it and I know it."

"Yes sir."

(I just can't get over it. After all the times he's been fucking, his ass is still tight. I can't stand the taste of cum; but what the hell. He deserves a good blowjob."

"Roll over."

"Sir, what are you doing?"

"What the fuck does it look like I'm doing?" (Hmm. That wasn't so bad.) "Time to let the prisoner go. Hold still or I'll never get you untied."

"George, don't go. I'll make breakfast in the morning."

"I can't."

"Please."

"OK."

"George?"

"What, Paul?"

"Thank you. Can we do it again sometime?"

"You know my policy, One night stands only. Now shut up and go to sleep."

"George, this is the fifth time we've been together in a month."

"Good night Paul. (no, I am not getting involved, Involvement means vulernability, weakness, losing control, I call the shots. Besides, he's a troll, He's, he's. He's awfully cute. Face it George old boy. You're hooked.)"

Barry Sandler
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Music, Music, Music
"The song "Making Love" by Roberta Flack that appears at the end of the movie, while the credits are rolling by, was added at the last moment. The music throughout the movie was done by Leonard Roseman, but the finale was written by Burt Bacharach and Carole Bayer Sager with Bruce Roberts, he says, "some of the first showing didn't have the song included. It was added late, but was a welcome addition."

"There are no plans for a soundtrack, but there is a 45 that is available. It is just the final song that appears on the single."

Buffalo can be Talking Proud about one of our own that has made it good. Barry Sandler will undoubtedly be on the entertainment scene for a long time and we will eagerly await his next project.
Gay Diseases: Cancer And Pneumonia Discussed

Gay males should be aware of two diseases which, within the last two years, have occurred in unusual numbers. A study recently published in the *Journal of Medicine* and reported on Dec. 9-10 by UPI and National Public Radio, draws attention to a little-known pneumocystis, a variety of pneumonias, which is normally only contracted by people who are taking antibiotics that suppress their immune responses. Symptoms include strange yeast infections of the windpipe, dry coughs, fever, and labored breathing, which can appear around the eyes and the skin near the mouth or genitals, fatigue and weight loss.

All the victims were males between the ages of 25 and 40 and were either gay or drug abusers. The researchers, from the New York Hospital, theorized that the victims somehow suppressed their bodies’ normal defenses, and suggested that the widespread use of amyl and butyl nitrites (poppers, liquid incense) might be to blame. The condition is being treated with antibiotics which is not effective. Of 19 victims studied, 11 died.

No condition reported earlier this year is Kaposi’s sarcoma, a type of skin cancer which has also been responsible for an unusual number of deaths. The most noticeable symptom is usually a purplish mole or growth on the skin’s surface.

Needless to say, we are all responsible for being aware of our own bodies and seeking treatment for any unusual condition. A gay doctor is essential: effective treatment depends on accurate information.

From Dignity Newsletter

Gay Rights Lobby Expands Scope

San Francisco, CA—In a move calculated to increase its political effectiveness, the Gay Rights Lobby is expanding its program to include the West Coast Regional Office. The Regional Office was established in November 1980 as a collaborative effort to involve the gay and lesbian communities in the mobilization. The expansion, indicative of the office’s success, includes an office up and over the state of California, into Arizona, Nevada, New Mexico, Colorado, and Wyoming. Previously the Region was limited to Alaska, California, Hawaii, Washington, Oregon, and Texas.

Tanyan Corman has been hired as Assistant Regional Director. An outgrowth of the varied background includes community organizing for gay rights, labor union and feminist issues. Her credentials in the California Democratic Party and inside knowledge of governmental policies will be of value to the Lobby. "Our top priorities include help to organize gay and lesbian rights supporters in smaller towns," stated Corman. GRNL’s drive to expand its membership and operations, Terry Bean has taken a lease of absence from the Board of Directors so that he can become involved in PR and resource development. Bean, owner of Cassidy’s Bars in Salem and Eugene, will initially work as the major donor fundraising in the West and Southwest. "We know there are people there who are committed to the goals of GRNL and who are able and willing to give large gifts, but who have never had been asked," said Bean.

To accommodate the new staff, the GRNL West Coast Regional Office has moved to 850 Market Center at 890 Hayes Street, San Francisco, CA 94117. Volunteers are needed to assist in program areas and the funddriving drive. Interested volunteers should call the GRNL office at (415) 621-4500.

The Fifth Freedom, March 1982
Episcopal Church Affirms Gay and Lesbian Rights

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Delegates to the annual convention of the Washington, D.C., Episcopal Diocese have adopted a resolution January 30, reaffirming the church's support of the civil rights of gay and lesbian persons. The resolution notes continuing discrimination against Gays and calls upon "all persons to refrain from supporting any groups fostering ill-will or abridgement of the civil rights of homosexual persons." The Washington Diocese includes the Episcopal parishes in Washington, D.C., and several adjacent Maryland Counties.

The 1976 convention of the Episcopal church adopted a resolution supporting the civil rights of homosexuals. However, the resolution's supporters wanted a clear statement that the church still stood behind its 1976 statement in light of the recent anti-Gay agitation by the Christian right.

"It wasn't at all clear to me that a majority was willing to reaffirm the 1976 statement," said John Fortuno, president of Integrity/International, an organization of Gay Episcopalians. The attitude of the convention, however, seems to have been reflected by Rev. Bill Donley, delegate from Gaithersburg, Maryland. In speaking of the resolution, he equated it to "motherhood and apple pie" and stressed that in supporting the resolution he was "merely voting to uphold the constitution." No one rose to disagree, and the resolution was passed on a chorus of affirmative votes.

In urging that support of groups opposing civil rights for Gays be "with-held," the latest resolution goes beyond the 1976 statement.

Most of the work preparing for the convention vote was done by Gerry Hendrickson, who wedged the project in between the need to help raise a family. "I wanted to do something that would offer comfort to Gays and lesbians in a time of crisis," she said. "I became aware of the struggle when my family learned my brother is Gay."

According to Fortuno, several other dioceses have already passed similar resolutions. Some clerics plan to press for adoption of a similar resolution at the church's next national convention, which is set for this September. In addition, Fortuno said, the convention would be approaching several church commissions and committees for funding of groups in support of Integrity's ministry.

STALLION: New Gay Magazine Comes Out

A new monthly magazine for gaymen will hit the newsstands across America and Canada on February 10th. Called Stallion, the glossy new publication is subtitled "The Modern Gentleman's Gay Lifestyle," and it will include color picture spreads, articles on subjects of current gay interest, and fiction by such noted authors as Wallace Hamilton and Patricia Nell Warren.

Editor Jerry Douglas describes the project as "International in scope, something gay men can turn to and find the eye as well as stimulate the mind."

Among continuing columnists to appear will be erotic film star Casey Donovan and premier gay film critic Harold Fairbanks. Art director is Joe Mele.

Early issues of the magazine will include in-depth interviews with Christopher Isherwood, Kit Noll, Charles Pierce, Richard Locke, and Rev. Troy Perry, among others, as well as articles entitled "Fag-bashing," "How Dangerous Are Poppers?" and "The Hollywood Closet."

Business Leader Testifies On Anti-discrimination

In testimony before the Subcommittee on Employment Opportunities of the House Education & Labor Committee, Jean O'Leary, President of the National Association of Business Councils, strongly supported legislation to protect the civil rights of gay people.

The January 27, 1982, hearings on HR 1454 were the first Congressional hear- ings in the nation's Capital on the proposal to extend civil rights protection to gay persons. 20 million Gays and gay men in the United States.

In her remarks, Ms. O'Leary focused on the need for protection against dis- crimination in the area of employment: "It is the ultimate unfairness that lesbi- ans and gays participate fully as consum- ers in the marketplace, yet are denied their rightful places as contributors to the marketplace. The NABC is opposed to any legislation which would provide that right to buy goods and services: only their ability to provide goods and services on an equal basis is denied."

The NABC provided concrete docu- mentation regarding employment dis- crimination suffered by lesbians and gays. Specific case examples included a female clinical psychologist, a male waiter, and a bank management trainee.

"Lesbians and gays not only are denied access to employment opportunities equal to their sexual orientation," explained Ms. O'Leary. "They also are denied promotions and suffer job harassment, especially if they are openly Gay."

In answer to questions from Commit- tee members, Ms. O'Leary made clear that gays seek either affirmative action or quotas in protecting their employ- ment rights and that lesbians and gays are currently found in all parts of the work force," explained the NABC President.

"They are responsible, able and produc- tive employees. After all, affirmative action is not merely a political salve for an economic recession."

Ms. O'Leary continued, "No one can argue that affirmative action is enabling Gays and lesbians to pull themselves up by the bootstraps, but the vast majority of couples we have heard from are employed and are contributing significantly to the productivity of their companies."

In opposition, the National Right to Life Committee testified that gay employees are irresponsible, or even dangerous. "I challenge opponents of this bill to demonstrate to Gays that as a group are poor work requirements, that their sexuality impinges on their ability to do their job."

"People, when they fear Gays have no work ethic, can simply not perform jobs held by heterosexuals. Such is not the case, but only if it is the case affirmative action, which offers security from those who would have us believe otherwise."

In a report of the right of gay civil rights bill included representatives of religious bodies, National Organization of Women, Kinsey Institute, educational institutions, national and local organizations, and members of the 1976 public. In highlighting the societal impacts of continuing to permit gay discrimination, Ms. O'Leary stated. "As a leader in business organization, I feel it's my duty to show that it is not just gay people who are excluded, but that discrimination against gay people creates a climate of shared dis- crimination against employee that suffers. Employers, industry and the government alike suffer as well, deprived, for irra- tional, reasons of dedicated and effective employees."

Dr. Avery D. Post, President of the United Church of Christ told the commit- tee that "it is a terrible thing for a person who is otherwise blameless to be in constant fear of losing a job at home, a friendship because of sexual orientation...Only the protection of the law for the civil rights of same-gender-oriented persons can put this society on the right path for coming to terms with the fact that these persons are our neighbors and friends, an inseparable part of us...Legal protection of the civil rights of same-gender-oriented persons is a beginning for achieving the social goal of love and respect by all of us for all others, and concern for each individual's well-being and dignity."

EMMA Bookstore in Their New Location

EMMA Bookstore is now open for business at their new location in Allen- town. It is the first time they have been located in what most consider the gay section of Buffalo.

Jean O'Leary, who in addition to her leadership role with the business council also represented Gay Rights Advocates, where she is Executive Director and Gay Rights National Lobby, where she is a member of The Board of Direc- tors. She addressed the need for the legis- lation, liberally spicing her testimony with specific cases of discrimination due to sexual orientation.

"I challenge any opponent," she said, "to tell the people in the case histories I have cited that gay discrimination does not exist. It does, and it requires legislative action."

O'Leary also pointed out that the leg- islation would not impose affirmative action programs, affect marriage laws, endanger the advance of other groups protected by civil rights laws and schools to "recruit" gay teachers—arguments often put forth by opponents of the proposed bill.

And as President of the National Asso- ciation of Business Councils, O'Leary said, "I feel very strongly that it is not just the discriminated-against employee that suffers. They employers lose as well—deprived of the abilities of fine, effective employees."

While much compelling testimony was given at this first hearing, GRNL's Executive Director, Steve Endean was hesitant to call it a smashing success.

"It was a good beginning," he said, "but we still have a long, hard road ahead of us. I am pleased at the fact that the Hearings were held at all, given the anti-civil liberties climate of the present Congress, but the fact that Hearings were held before one Subcommittee is only a step—a major milestone, but only a step along the path."

The National Association of Business Councils is an association of lesbian and gay business and professional people with 16 chapters in major metropolitan areas around the United States. With a current membership of over 2,500 indi- viduals and businesses, the NABC serves to represent and promote the interests of business in economic and policy matters.

Their location at 168 Elmwood near North, is a very comfortable place and they are able to display many of the books, records and materials they offer. We hope everyone will stop in and say hello.

Lesbian/Gay Freedom Day June 27, 1982

This will be the second year the Lesbi- an/Gay Freedom Day Committee has formed a Youth Liaison Subcommittee for the purpose of extending outreach to young lesbians, gays, and students throughout the bay area in conjunction with Lesbian/Gay Freedom Week and Celebrations in San Francisco.

Last year organizers of the Youth Liai- son Subcommittee produced the First Statewide Conference for Lesbian and Gay Youth, Third Annual Poster Making Contest Lesbian/Gay Freedom Day-Youth Speaker, Youth Booth(s), and Marching Contingents, and promoted Kollershart- ing Party-Benefit for the Gay Youth Community Coalition. All of these events were so successful that partici- pants requested similar activities for this year.

Those interested and wish to help organize 1982's Youth Liaison outreach activities, and youth participation with the Lesbian/Gay Freedom Day Commit- tee should attend our bi-monthly sub- committee meetings. Youth/Student organizations are encouraged to send representatives to Subcommittee meet- ings. Call (415) 552-6025 for more information.

Lesbian/Gay Freedom Day Committee 4599 18th Street San Francisco, CA 94114 415/661-5404

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By JUNE RACZY BRINDEL

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In the end—
The men, out of greed, destroyed and killed the women, their beliefs, and their land. Those that survived were enslaved.

This was and is a Patriarchal Society. June Raczy Brindel writes a novel depicting life at this point in herstory (Ancient Crete 1800-1400 B.C.) from a point of view not often found in history books.

She tells the story of the last Queen to rule in a Matriarchal Society — ARIADNE the “Lady of the Labyrinth.” This book is now available at EMMA the Buffalo Women’s Bookstore, 168 Elmwood Avenue, Bfbo., N.Y. 885-2285.

The New York State Lesbian & Gay Political Alliance is looking for non-partisan lobbyists to start groundwork to get passage of New York’s Gay Rights Bill.

This would involve visiting state officials locally as well as in Albany. It is felt that with some effort, the bill can be brought to the floor and debated in the open for the first time in history.

The state has been divided into districts with Buffalo and Rochester being the two main cities in the Western Region. Rochester is in the process of finding their representative at present.

Anyone that would like to become involved please call John Fauriling at 886-2590 or Richard May in Brooklyn at (212) 858-3590 for more information.

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Fifth Freedom Advisor

Bath Behavior And Love For Leather

Dear F.F.A.,

While in recent attendance at the Club Baths, I literally ran into a most undesirable acquaintance of mine. The girl, whom I shall call “Miss Poke”, was doing some odd “john” in the sauna. Well, she was as cordial as ever to me, smart girl, but she also saw there at the baths a friend of mine in which she is presently feuding with. No sooner did this wench collect the money from whom she had just rendered her services to, when she trolled on down to the bars and told anyone that would bother to listen that she had just seen my “married” friend at the baths.

Honestly F.F.A., my friend did absolutely nothing with anyone, but Miss Poke still saw fit to spread some sort of dirt about this friend of mine. Considering the source, my friend is not in the least bit devastated, but still in all, these stories are just that, stories. Do I make an attempt to set the record straight and “set the truth about Miss Poke to get even, or do I stay quiet and hope that the little witch gets run over by a semi-on Delaware and North one night while she’s out there peddling her ever-so-tired muff. Please advise...

“A friend indeed... Dear Friend Indeed...

Your friend is not in the least bit concerned by the information being spread about him, you should concern yourself with whether you are trying to set the record straight or just trying to get even. If your trying to get even then all your doing is lowering yourself to “Miss Poke’s” level.

When any of my friends or I go to the baths it is usually for one purpose. I’d love to know what your friend was doing in the baths if not for the same purpose.

How can you be so sure that your friend did absolutely nothing with anyone? People in candy stores are usually there to get candy.

Dear F.F.A:

I’ve just fulfilled a boyhood dream by acquiring my first leather flight jacket. It’s taken forever to save up for it and I want to take care of it so it lasts a long time. What is the best way to do this? I’m worried that constant exposure to bad weather, not to mention the smoky atmosphere in the bars, will harm it.

What do you recommend?

Dear Flyboy,

Congratulations on your leather jacket. They are very impressive and really take little care.

I spoke to two leather stores who both recommended using a leather cream sold especially for jackets and vests. Both told me that the biggest damage to leather comes from the winter dryness as well as pollutants such as cigarette smoke and some of the other forms of air pollution.

Have the jacket cleaned by a dry cleaner who is knowledgeable about leather garments. Do not trust someone who does not specialize in proper leather care.

The other source of leather damage comes from the leather getting wet or splashed with salty water from the streets or sidewalks. The salt will do a number on the jacket unless it is cleaned off with either saddle soap or a good leather cleaner sold in better leather garment shops. After cleaning, apply more leather cream and you should be as good as new.

If the jacket becomes soaked, allow it to dry slowly. Do not force dry it or it will end up stiff and damaged. After it is dry, apply cream and work it into the pores of the leather.

Leather shorts, underwear, jock-straps or other types of garments that are in prolonged contact with the skin will need to be cleaned much more often because of the sweat from your skin. These garments should be washed at least once a week or after a heavy sweat.

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Fifth Freedom, March 1982
How Does Your Garden Grow—

Herbs, Earthquakes ... And Snow?

By BILL HARDY

Hello, and a meteorologically mitigated March to you. It is the month of spring, but if one would believe everything one reads and hears, March will be far from springlike. It seems the astrometeorologist back in 1978 predicted that the winter of 1981-82 would be the worst of this century, worst since 1927. And he added that March would be the worst month of the entire winter. He bases his findings on the past behavior of the planets which are lining up, thus exerting more gravitational pull on everything, creating extra powerful solar flares and the like, which will worsen our weather.

Next, there is a group saying that when the planets all line up on March 10, not only will the weather become terrible, but earthquakes, volcanoes and tidal waves will be at a premium at this time. The planets apparently only take this formation about once every 180 years or so. It may be only a coincidence but the worst earthquake ever recorded in this area, since people began recording such things, occurred in this part of the 19th century, about 180 years ago. It was supposed to have levelled buildings (what buildings there were at that time) and created large waves in Lake Erie. At least this is what a Historical Society report I once read had said.

The other faction is the one who scoffs at the other two, saying nothing at all will ordinarily happen in March. Pooh-poh, poopypoop and all that rot. Well you can take your pick. Either a terribly snowy March, or a normal blip month of nothing much. Just make the best of whatever occurs. If winter comes we won’t always be able to warm our bodies with a pot of pots of herbs that may be jolted off your window sill on March 10. Just in case!

Gas Business Council:

What We’re All About

In November, 1979 a group of lesbians and gay men met in New York City to create a national organization of gay business and professional people. Since 1974 a gay business movement had been developing at the local level in response to the needs of gay business people to provide mutual support. Those who met in New York included representatives of existing organizations in cities covering the length and breadth of the United States.

In 1980 the National Association of Business Councils was incorporated as a nonprofit, tax exempt chamber of commerce representing the interests of its constituent local business councils. Our goals are many:

To promote our members’ businesses through mutual support;
To strengthen our local business councils through communication and exchange of ideas;
To assist gay business communities which are not yet organized to form their own business councils;
To be the advocate for the business interests of our members at the national level, with the federal government and its agencies as well as other national organizations;
To provide support for the gay community’s struggles for its national political interests;
To promulgate a standard of excellence and leadership among our community organizations;
To utilize our combined purchasing power to benefit our members discounts on products and services and other fringe benefits.

The membership of the NABC is comprised of thousands of business and professional people - gay business establishments, women, and our friends and supporters from the non-gay community. The diversity of business and professional outlooks represented is as wide as that in the yellow pages of your telephone book: we are everywhere in the society of which we are a part.

The NABC is not a political organization and will not participate in partisan or candidate politics. We will, of course, speak out on issues where the business interests or civil rights of our membership and our community are involved.

Those interested in membership in the NABC should contact their local gay business organization first, and local councils or national associate membership can be obtained from the NABC at our letterhead address:

National Association of Business Councils
224 W 49th St Street, Suite 206
New York, New York 10019
212-586-8065

Wisconsin Gays

Gain Rights

MADISON, WIS.—Gov. Lee Dreyfus says he had one reason for signing a bill barring discrimination against homosexuals in employment and housing: to provide and protect their citizens’ right to privacy. The bill was reportedly supported by many religious leaders in the state.

Counselor Training Program Begins

On March 28 Matatchie will start a new series of counselor training sessions for the community.

These sessions run on Sundays for 10 weeks from 1-4 p.m. They are open to everyone. There is no cost involved.

Many take these courses as a way of opening their own feelings and understanding of themselves and those around them. You do not need to become a telephone counselor after taking this course. It is necessary to complete these classes to work the Gay Hotline, as well as being a Matatchie member.

If you would like to attend these classes, please call the Gay Hotline at 881-5335 and reserve a place today.

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A POEM
Written by Bill Tarquinio Master.
Lloyd's Of London Goes Porn

Lloyd's of London will have to become a part owner of the gay porn film "Centurions of Rome," if they hope to recover any of the $1.85 million a former Brink's guard stole and used to invest in the movie.

George Bosque reportedly lived very well on most of the money and then spent $200,000 on financing the film. The film is a lavish production that features costumes and sets that are missing from all too many gay flics. It features 32 "Roman slaves" that serve all their masters needs.

If Lloyd's expects to recover any of their costs of a policy held by Brink's, they will have to take it out of the profits of the film.

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Blind Gays Have Resource Center

Last month we printed an article about the Lambda Resource Center for the Blind. We had some requests for the address of this group. It is:

Lambda Resource Center for the Blind
C/O Gay Horizons
3225 N. Sheffield, Chicago, Il 60657
(312) 274-0510
(312) 828-4457
6 to 10 p.m. daily.

Miami: Gay Or Not So Gay?

All that glitters is not gold on Miami's fabled sun coast! Economics, politics, and a soaring crime rate erode the good-life and elusive pleasures. The native alligators, flamingos and parrots are pushed aside by man, who in turn, is his own worst enemy. Dade County's million or so inhabitants are an unwieldy combination of local southern Baptists, retired sun-seeking New Yorkers and transplanted Cuban or Haitian refugees. The liberated gay person must be defiant, while still treasuring very carefully.

The tourist offers of sun and luxury attract millions of tourists annually, and whether you're the mink or bikini type, you'll find your niches here along Florid's "Gold Coast." Miami International Airport is the gateway to Latin American and the Caribbean... serving some forty or so foreign countries... not to mention fabulous Key West. Visitors to this tropical showcase may want to see Hialeah Racetrack, Jai-alai Palace, Key Largo, Metrozoo, Orange Bowl, Seawarium, Vizcaya, University of Miami and the nearby Everglades National Park. Don't overlook the layed-back ambiance of village life in Coconut Grove or the humps distracting their sun-tanned muscular bodies at Virginia Beach.

"Moon over Miami" is not shining as brightly as usual on the local bar scene, and, in fact some owners are privately sighing "glomm over Miami." Between the national recession, local pressures, and several as yet unresolved gay murders, business could be a lot better. All of the wild and notorious "back rooms" have closed, save one at the Hole, at 1910 Red Road. Downtown Mothers is gone and the once infamous Mineshaft is a mere shadow of it's former glory, and scheduled to re-locate soon. The bright spot near downtown is the Double R at 1001 N.E. 2nd Ave... still one of the best macko cruise bars in America. But don't forget, they close at 1:00 a.m. on weekdays and 2:00 a.m. weekends... earlier than most Miami clubs.

13 Buttons at 2998 N.W. North River Drive has relinquished their back room too, but it is still the super disco for men in Miami. The New Uncle Charlie's at 3673 Bird Rd. attracts the Grove' group and looks promising. San Francisco was closed when I was here, and Salvation's salvation comes on Friday and Saturday night only. Miami Ms. prefer Sebastian's at 2490 SW 17th Ave., or the new Chez Louis at 2847 Coral Way. Mothers Old Village Pub and the Hamlet are fun spots in the 'Grove,' while Karleman's at 6822 Biscayne is a favorite with those on the northside. The only good news from Miami Beach is the opening of the Turf Pub & Pin Up at 22 Ocean Drive.

For good gay dining try the Cactus, Cocoa Palm, Double R Cafe, Studio, or Sunday buffet at Karleman's and 13 Buttons. For excellent, if very expensive, straight dining, I like Cafe Chauveron, Chez Vendome, Depot, Forge, Horizon's, Marcello's, Prince Hamlet, Raimondo and Reflections on the Bay. 'Little Havana' has many good Spanish styled restaurants such as El Baturro, El Odegon Castilla and Vizcaya... where the flavors and aromas tempt your senses, without putting your credit cards over-the-limit.

Miami used to have some gay motels and resorts, but alas, no more! There are a few more... count that he you think I'm kidding... at C.B.C.'s very popular Club Miami Baths at 2991 Coral Way. I usually stay at the Holiday Inn at 2500 Brickell. This is just off of 95 and the Rickenbacker Causeway, which is about as centrally located as you can get in auto-oriented Greater Miami. While here, pick up a copy of The Weekly News, one of America's best gay newspapers or David, the Florida entertainment guide.

From the glamorous facade of Miami Beach's famous hotel, through the Black and Latin ghettos to Millionaire's Row on Key Biscayne, the area is a study in dramatic contrasts. Anita what-her-name is almost forgotten, and so too will the problems of police harassment, racial tension and recession. Miami is a great city and has the natural assets and resources to survive adversity. The Seminoles have an old saying that "hurricanes pass quickly, and then the sun comes shining thru." Here's to a sunny, hot and tranquil Miami.

(For more detailed information, pick up a copy of the BOB DAMRON ADDRESS BOOK `82—America's foremost travel guide—available at most better bars, bath and book stores throughout America. Or send $11.00 for your copy (which includes packing and shipping) to BOB DAMRON ENTERPRISES, INC., P.O. Box 14-077, San Francisco, CA 94114.)

Gay Business
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Mattachine Elections: New Leaders For New Year

On February 21, Mattachine held their elections for the 1982-83 term of office.

Re-elected to the presidency was John A. Faulring, Jr. Vice President is Rodney C. Hensel, last years secretary. Treasurer is Joseph Schuder II, who writes The Aural Column for The Fifth Freedom. And Rick H. was elected secretary. All were elected without opposition.

Following the elections, there ensued a discussion of where the society will go in the coming year. There will be a detailed outline in next month's paper.

Basically there were discussions of participation in Buffalo's sesquicentennial celebrations; Gay Pride activities for the month of June; future skating parties; summer picnics, etc.

The organization is open to any suggestions from the community regarding what they feel are the needs of Buffalo's gays.

Faulring will also continue as the Editor of the Fifth Freedom that he has been the head of since September 1980.
The Fifth Freedom, March 1982

Workers With Gay Youth Sought

Alison Publications, the Boston-based publisher of books for gay youth such as Young, Gay, and Proud! and Reflections of a Rock Lobster, is looking for contributors to a new book they are planning. This new volume will be aimed at teachers, social workers, counselors and others who encounter gay young people in their jobs.

For details about submitting essays for possible inclusion, anyone with experience in this field should write to Alison Publications, PO Box 2783, Boston, MA 02208.

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Dyke Group Support Voting Rights Act

NEW YORK CITY—On February 4, 1982, DARE (Dykes Against Racism Everywhere) submitted a petition signed by 1,650 people in support of the Voting Rights Act to Strom Thurmond, Head of the Senate Judiciary Committee, Senators D’Amato and Moynihan of New York State, and the Black Congressional Caucus. This petition read:

Dear Senators D’Amato and Moynihan,

We the undersigned residents of New York City, hereby voice our concern over the impending expiration of the 1965 Voting Rights Act in August 1982. Considering the rise in racist violence during the past few years in the South and elsewhere in the U.S., this Act is clearly needed as much today as ever. In New York City in particular, the 1975 provision for Bilingual Voting Assistance (which also expires in 1982) is crucial. Proposed changes will serve to weaken the Act, not strengthen it. Therefore, we strongly urge you to work for the renewal of the Voting Rights Act.

DARE is a New York City-based multi-racial activist lesbian group committed to bringing a visible lesbian presence to the larger anti-racist movement and to confronting racism within the lesbian and gay male communities.

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The Column That Never Got Written

BY SAM LOUGER

Four and a half years. That’s how long I have been writing a column for the 5th Freedom which identifies itself as “a publication for the Buffalo gay community.” After writing last month’s copy for “Selections,” I took my time to rummage through my filed copies of the paper.

It had never struck me before, but the masthead of the edition in which my first column appeared proclaimed it is “Scribbled in the Shadow, Vol. 7, No. 7.” Was this some sort of sign—“Lucky”? We know that in a game of poker there are only two holders who can beat off four of a kind!

It was in looking through the file drawer that I realized there was to have been another magazine in this continuous series that never got written. I have known all along that sometime I would eventually be either publish and allow full print of my name. I acknowledge that there have already been many persons who figured out who Sam is. (The situation is analogous to the often-repeated line, “Oh, they—parents, friends, etc.—know all.”) I just haven’t told them in so many words nor have they asked. But they know. And, no doubt, there are many more persons who don’t know who I am and couldn’t care less.

At times this column has been fairly difficult to write for one reason or another—an early deadline, a forgotten deadline, an idea that just doesn’t gel, other pressures associated with family or job. Once or twice I even have managed to beg off turning in a column entirely. But never has there been the reason that there was nothing to write about.

I had written in my first opus that “writing this personal column and joining the fold of the 5th Freedom is but one step in my journey out of and away from a dark and stinking closet experience.” To put together the column that never materialized I pictured myself going through all filled copies of this newspaper and column, pulling out phrases, parts of sentences, and maybe whole paragraphs that would have tied together a half a year of autobiography, reactions to various contemporary scenes, and pro-gay ramblings. I would have attempted to put the bits and pieces together in a fashion to lead the reader to the conclusion that the coming life experience of the columns was complete except for use of my full name, and then in some way do just that.

I think I find myself having the thought that another approach would have been to write a regular-column; a column not to necessarily mean) and simply put my name at the top and in the masthead. But I guess I’m a little too egocentric for that, and obviously that was not the direction I took with last month’s column.

It had been the back of my mind to write a column about Horatio Alger, reinforced by a scribbled note on the back of an envelope in the “Ideas for writing” folder in the file drawer. Recent press about the anniversary of Alger’s birth brought my idea to the fore. It was to be one of the quickest columns I have ever turned out, and I did little re-writing to do after completing my first draft. And the last paragraph was totally unanticipated—at least in such a context. But suddenly it seemed that this was the time for my own self-disclosure. The words flowed out, and that was that. Now it is time to go on. Writing this column be any different now that my full identity is known by those who read this paper and “Selections” in particular? Will my emphases somehow be different? Will it too quickly forget the anonymity use of my first name only allowed me, and that...
Family Protection Act: Constitutional?

The current version of the Family Protection Act contains a provision which states that the Act is intended to be applied to all "public or private individ-
ual, group or other entity for the purpose of prohibiting or re-
sisting, in any way or manner, imperious, sexual, or female, as a lifestyle."

This provision will enter a great deal of debate as to whether this provision is or is not constitutional. While the ultimate reso-

nution of this issue lies already before some court, the FPA may be used to chal-
lege this provision. The process of legal research is a complex and time-
consuming activity which is not meant to be a definitive or indepth analy-
sis of all possible arguments against the Act. This is only a brief overview of some of the potential arguments and to

indict some problems with these arguments.

A more detailed analysis and legal memordra on each of these arguments will be produced by the Legal Clinic in the spring and will be available from Lambda in early June. Detailed analyses of other legal arguments related to anti-gay will also be available at that
time. If you are interested in obtaining a copy of these analyses, please write to the

Legal Clinic.

Four basic constitutional arguments against the FPA have been identified by the Legal Clinic. The crux of each is the due process clause; 2) it violates the equal protection clause; 3) that it inter-
feres with the right to free speech and free association; 4) that it is
gay and over broad.

Thus, the due process clause is that the government cannot arbitrarily interfere with an individual's liberty or property rights by taking away things which are used by gay and
non-gay individuals for the purpose of advocating gay and lesbian rights. The government is interfering with an indi-
vidual's right to live as he/she chooses and to express the views that he/she chooses. The critical legal problem in this area is presented by a case called Harris v. McCranie. In Harris v. McCranie the Court sustained the denial of federal pregnant women's liberty right to choose an abortion. The Court denied her federal funds for that act. In the same way, it could be argued that the FPA is denying to gay and lesbian individuals the right to gay or to express support for gay rights, but simply denies that individual federal funds for the purpose of expressing that lifestyle.

The equal protection clause prohibits the government from classifying indi-

ciduals based on their membership in a particular group unless that classifica-
tion is "rationally related to some legitimate governmental interest."

In reviewing cases under the equal protec-
tion clause, the courts have adopted a tiered standard of review and gay trad-
tionally have been at the lowest end of the standard. However, there are some good arguments to be made in this area.

The government does not have broad regulatory powers, the courts have often struck down under the equal protection clause. The courts are totally arbitrary or which simply seek to "punish" a particular group because of their lifestyle or values. In the U.S. Dept. of Health, Education and Welfare case involving the denial of food stamps to groups of unrelated people living together in a household, the court held: "If the constitutional conception of equal protection of the laws means any-
thing, it must at the very least mean that a bare congressional desire to harm a politically unpopular group cannot con-
stitute a legitimate governmental inter-

est. Clearly, the purpose behind the

FPA is to "punish" gays and their sup-
porters. Although the courts are often reluctant to interfere with legislative judgements, there is some hope for us in this argument.

This Amendment argument also holds out some promise. If the FPA is enacted, the content and the right of individuals to make choices will be curtailed. The FPA would cut off federal funds which were used for governmental "thinking" that thought was a lifestyle. The courts gen-
erally look with disdain on laws which restrict the content of speech or poten-
tially thought might have a "chilling effect" on speech.

Finally, there is a possible vagueness issue which might come against the FPA. It is unclear what speech or conduct the Act would pro-
hibit and what would be permitted under the Act. Particularly, where 1st Amendment rights are involved, the Courts are concerned that a law be tai-
nored as narrowly as possible and pro-
vide notice of what speech is being prohibited. If 1st Amendment rights are not involved, however, and the law merely prohibits conduct and not some vague "view" or "idea," to strike the law down as vague or overbroad. In these cases, the courts often state that any problems with the law should be cured by case by
citation rather than by striking the law down on its face.

The development of these arguments hold more promise than others, we can-
not say with certainty than the Act is unconstituting. We can only hope that the work of the pro-
ject will uncover sufficient legal prece-
dent to convince the courts to strike down this Act if it is enacted.

From Lambda Legal Fund Newsletter

Carl Sagan Supports Gay Organization

Carl Sagan, noted astrophysicist, and producer of the popular PBS science series "Cosmos," has said he will give financial support to the Lesbian & Gay Associated Engineers and Scientists (LGAES) con-
ference in Berkeley, California. "Gay rights are human rights." Sagan said. "I am choosing to align myself with this, and I hope you will follow me."


Albany Lobby Day March 9, 1983

Regions of the N.Y. State Lesbian & Gay Political Alliance met in late January and February in Rochester, Albany, White Plains and Jackson Heights. Queer grupos joined by members of the N.Y. State Senate and members reported on meetings held with Assembly and Senate sponsors of the Civil Rights Bill. (A. 3595/S. 2797). discussed strategy and organized volunteers for a March 9 lobby day.

This first round of regional meetings further implemented the new structure adopted by the organization in its December meeting. Organization is by region, with special representatives for women, students and Third World people.

The March 9 lobby day in Albany will bring together lesbians and gay men from all over the state with their Assembly people and state Sena-
tors to ascertain their stand on the civil rights issue. Members will also be asked to become cosponsors. If negative, lobbyists will try to find out why and what to do about it.

Activities will begin Monday evening, March 8 with a reception at the Albany Gay Community Center. Then, March 9th: public hearings before the Assembly sponsors and the lobbyists. Tuesday morning a brief business meeting will be held to make any final changes in strategies and final instructions. After lunch at the Gay Community Center, lobbyists will meet with their representatives.

For information contact any member of the steering committee: Billy Murphy, Albany, 518-436-1265; Robin Johnson and Joan Butcher, Poughkeepsie, 914-528-1082; Richard May, Brooklyn, 212-858-3509; Ron Tribbott, Yonkers, 914-423-3855 and Michael McPartlin, Albany, 518-449-2079.
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