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GAY PRIDE FEST ‘83 BEGINS JUNE 1

Some History of Gay Pride Celebrations

Buffalo’s 1983 Gay Pride Fest activities will begin on June 1 with a visit by National Gay Task Force Executive Director Virginia Apsuzo, and continue for another two and a half weeks. This is the 50th year that Gay Pride celebrations have been held across the nation to commemorate the “Stonewall Riots” of June 28, 1969. Early that morning, New York City Police conducted what had come to be fairly routine — another raid on the various gay bars. This raid turned out to be anything but routine, because the gay patrons fought back, leading to a full week of open resistance by gays in the streets of New York City.

One year later the first annual “Christopher Street Liberation Day” parades were held on Sunday, June 28 from coast to coast. Gay men and lesbians marched with pride down Christopher Street in the East Village and the Bowery District. The celebrations had been called for by the “Eastern Regional Conference of Homophile Organizations (ERCHO),” which adopted a resolution in November, 1969, proposing “that a demonstration be held annually on the last Saturday in June in New York City to commemorate the 1969 spontaneous demonstrations and that this demonstration be called CHRISTOPHER STREET LIBERATION DAY.” It further proposed that homophile organizations across the nation be urged to hold similar demonstrations on the same day. (The tradition was ultimately changed to the last Sunday — editor’s note.)

These events are often viewed as the beginning of the modern-day, militant and highly visible Gay Pride movement. Let us not forget, however, that even these beginnings were marked by early roots. The homosexual purges of the military and government, conducted during the Joseph McCarthy era of the early ‘50s, resulted from an attempt to gay visibility and resistance in the 1940s and ’50s. Just as the World War II mobilization led to tremendous changes in gays’ roles, followed by equally heavy backlashes, the war mobilization also created a climate of fear. Many gay men and women gained their first awareness of homosexuality in the armed services of the early ’40s and then experienced their first real oppression as they were sent to psychiatric hospitals and given less-than-honorable discharges for the expression of homosexuality. Many fought back.

In the ’40s also saw the emergence of many gay bars and night clubs, further leading to development of a sense of gay life as opposed to individual gay isolation. A new consciousness of gay life by the larger public inevitably led to an anti-gay crackdown on all levels, complete with military purges, dismissals from all kinds of employment, outright violence against individuals identified as gay. As much as has been said about this history came such groups as the Mattachine Society, first organized in 1951 in Los Angeles, and Daughters of Bilitis, formed by a lesbian organization in 1955. Now gay rights groups (often called homophile organizations) sprang up during the 1950s and ’60s. In fact, ERCHO, referred to above, was a sponsoring group of a demonstration in front of Philadelphia’s Independence Hall to celebrate its fifth anniversary during the week following the Stonewall incident.

Scholars, students, researchers, writers, librarians and lib-kins of all kinds are engaged in digging out this often-unseen history and recording it (along with Library, History Publishers, 1971; and “Coming Out Under Fire,” by Allan Berube, in MOTHER JONES, Feb/March, 1983.)

(Sources for various information in this article include: GAY AMERICAN HISTORY, by Jonathan Katz; Thomas Y. Crowell Co., 1976; THE GAY VICTORY, by John D’Emilio and Estelle B. Frank, Mariner Books, 1983; and “Coming Out Under Fire,” by Allan Berube, in MOTHER JONES, Feb/March, 1983.)

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Talking Proud and Gay

In this issue of the FIFTH FREEDOM, we preview for you some of the special events planned as part of Gay Pride Fest '83.

For the third consecutive year, Buffalo's gay organizations have grouped together to plan and organize events for the month. This year's events have been scaled down a bit from some of the past "extravagances," a wise move in keeping with the present economic climate.

Still, Buffalo has come a long way from the days when gay pride was a picnic and a softball game in one of the city's parks. There is now no more need to draw parade down Allen Street. The mayor has yet to issue a Gay Pride proclamation. And the Buffalo News is not likely to feature a page of photographs on local Gay Pride events.

We do take a significant step in that direction with the June 1 appearance of Virginia Apuzzo, director of the National Gay Task Force. Increasingly, she has come to be regarded as an articulate and knowledgeable spokesperson for the gay rights movement on a national level. Her one-on-one TV debates with homophobic leaders such as the Rev. Jerry Falwell have brought to the public a greater understanding and more positive view of gay concerns.

Her appearance in Buffalo is symbolic of the fact that local gays are and must be a part of the national gay community. While we struggle with the local problems of raising funds, publishing a newspaper, staffing a hotline and finding a suitable community center, we are also part of a larger struggle which seeks to cope with the problems of AIDS disease, housing discrimination, and laws and legislation that rob us of our basic human rights because of sexual orientation.

We hope 1983 will be a year in which we make strides toward solving our local problems, and also one in which we contribute our talents to national concerns we all face as gay men and lesbians in the United States.

Dear Readers:

The Mattachine Society of the Niagara Frontier, Inc. needs your support and interest. Mattachine provides a number of services to the community that can only continue if each individual cares enough to help.

Services provided by M.S.N.F. include:

THE FIFTH FREEDOM: a monthly newspaper for the Buffalo gay community.
PEER COUNSELING: available through the Gay Hotline, 881-5335 by trained volunteers
BI-MONTHLY MEETINGS: first and third Sundays each month, preceded by a pot-luck dinner at 6:30 pm
SPAKER'S BUREAU: shares information and attitudes about the gay community with the public
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Editor's Note

The FIFTH FREEDOM staff has been slowly growing in the past three months and now includes several new members. There is still more work than the present staff can easily handle, so new members are always welcome. Staff meetings are held on Wednesday evenings, 7:30 at the GLCC, 97 Rhode Island Street. Saturday meetings are held once or twice a month during lay-out time, and occasional weekend meetings happen just before going to press. If you're interested in joining the staff, drop by a meeting or contact Val at the GLCC, 886-1274 (messages can be left on the answering machine). Special mention goes to Rose Hewitt, who typed most of this issue on a home computer, and to John Gillette and Benji, who spent many hours on lay-out and graphics. Joe Schuder and Peter have been doing a lot of work to straighten out the ledgers and business affairs. Claude and Joe have been a tremendous help in following up on regular advertisers. Recent staff additions include Marti, Barbara, Marilyn, Donna and John J., and there are, of course, the regular contributors, whose by-lines appear throughout the issue. Artwork was contributed to this issue by Vince Bussaglia.

DEADLINE FOR THE JUNE ISSUE IS MAY 15. The June issue will be available by June 3.
A.A.P.H.R. Statement on AIDS and Healthful Gay Male Sexual Activity

The American Association of Physicians for Human Rights is the national organisation of physicians and medical students dedicated to the elimination of discrimination in the basis of sexual or affectional orientation in the health professions, and to the delivery of supportive, unprejudiced, and well-informed medical care to gay and lesbian patients. Its membership includes individuals and groups from across the country.

The following statement, adopted by the organisation of Physicians for Human Rights, reflects understanding of the currently available information about AIDS and addresses the issue of risk reduction in the transmission of the disease.

AIDS: A NEW SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED DISEASE

Your body's immune system is essential to fight off disease. People who have AIDS cannot fight the infection that causes this disease; they also cannot fight certain kinds of cancers, such as Kaposi's Sarcoma, Pneumocystis Pneumonia or several other more rare diseases.

General symptoms of AIDS include:

1. Swollen glands (enlarged lymph nodes, with or without pain, usually in the neck, armpits, or groin) lasting for more than one month.
2. Persistent or frequent coughs, or blisters or humps usually painless, occurring on or under the skin, inside the mouth, nose, eyelids, or rectum. Initially they may look like bruises that do not go away, and they usually are harder than the skin around them.
3. Persistent or unusual bleeding or bruising in the body.
4. Weight loss that is unexpected and greater than approximately ten pounds in less than two months.
5. Night sweats which may occur on and off and last at least several weeks.
6. Cough and shortness of breath (a persistent and often dry cough that is not from smoking and has lasted too long to be from a usual respiratory infection).
7. Fever (an elevation in temperature above 99 degrees) which has persisted for more than ten days.
8. Diarrhea that is persistent and not explained by other causes.

REDUCING RISKS

Two major steps you can take to dramatically reduce your risk of AIDS are the following:

1. Decrease the number of different men with whom you have sex, and particularly with those men who also have many different sex partners. This does not mean to reduce the frequency of sex with any one partner, but only the number of different partners.
2. Do not inject any drugs not prescribed for you; avoid sexual contact with intravenous drug users.

In addition, general practices are known to be associated with an increased risk of sexually transmitted disease. Reducing these factors may decrease your risk of AIDS:

1. One-time encounters with anonymous partners and group sex.
2. Oral-anal contact ("rimming").
3. Fisting (both giving and receiving).
4. Practice passive rectal intercourse (use of condoms may be helpful).
5. Vaginal sex (Sexual intercourse).

An additional probable risk factor may be mucous membrane (mouth or rectum) contact with semen or urine.

POSITIVE STEPS YOU SHOULD TAKE

1. Know your sex partner and ask about his health. When in doubt, back out!
2. Increase touching and general body contact; the risk of kissing the lips is unknown.
3. Shower before sex and inspect your partner.
4. Properly clean and dry all sexual equipment (adequate rest, good nutrition, physical exercise, reduction of stress, reduction of tobacco, use of alcohol, cigarette, marijuana, poppers, non-prescription drugs).

If you know or suspect that you have any disease you could give to someone else, don't risk the health of others by having sex. Consult a personal physician who is up to date on gay issues, and have the courage to tell the physician you are gay and wish to discuss AIDS.

We have taken the position that the following individuals should not donate blood at this time:

1. Any individual who has AIDS (or one of its symptoms).
2. Any individual who has had sexual contact with someone with AIDS.
3. Any individual who has had sexual contact with many different partners or with intravenous drug users.
4. Any individual who may be uncertain about his risk of infection. A medical state with regard to AIDS should consult his physician prior to donating blood.

In order to make healthy choices about our sexual expression, ideally we should be able to draw on clear, factual information. However, with the incomplete information we currently have and with the seriousness of this disease it is better to be perhaps overly cautious in our recommendations than to find later that we have not been cautious enough.

As we offer these guidelines, we are actively working to marshal the manpower and funds necessary to solve this health crisis as soon as possible.

Breakthrough on AIDS

According to an exclusive report seen recently on the "NBC Nightly News," a new drug has been discovered in the search for a vaccine for AIDS. Research done at the Harvard School of Public Health, under the direction of Dr. Max Essex, and at the National Cancer Institute, by Dr. Robert Gallo, has linked a virus called HTLV with the cause of AIDS. This new virus grows in a type of white blood cell which is changed in AIDS patients. It was first discovered as a cause of a rare type of leukemia.

Further details will be described in an upcoming issue of the JOURNAL OF SCIENCE.
SELECTIONS
by Samuel E. Lolliger

My reading for recreation seems to go in streaks—long stretches of almost no reading for pleasure and then a binge. I tend to use the excuse of keeping up with professional reading and other activity as reasons for not reading just for fun. However, while standing in the check-out line at the supermarket a few weeks ago, I glanced at some of the magazines on display in the short aisle leading to the cash register. As the title of an article in one of the current magazines caught my eye, I realized there was considerably more available that could satisfy some of my more prurient interests.

Specifically, the words that attracted me were on the cover of PLAYBOY'S DAY claiming "With this, you'll never be in the same place twice again!" It illustrated "The World's Best Buns." Quickly I thumbed through the whole issue to see if single set were pictured or whether it was a whole gallery. I was prepared that I might disagree with the adjudicators but alas, someone had written to the magazine before I did and all that remained were pictures and recipes of rather doughy pastries.

Undaunted, over the Easter break I visited a local newsstand with a sizeable collection of periodicals in search of something to read. On racks I discovered a good number of articles which showed promise by their titles alone. But I didn't have enough money to buy them, and the Easter break was too short anyway. So while I cannot recommend these articles after having read them myself, I do think they offer something to the discerning reader.

EGUUS (April) had an article entitled "The Touch That Teaches." Lots of "ts" but yes I have of "s" and "ts" I have received some that were wonderful lessons to learn! Along the same line, MICROCOMPUTATION WORLD (The Newsweekly for Microcomputer Users) suggested in its April 11 issue that readers "Reach Out and Tap Someone." That sounds like a good way to get someone's attention, certainly more direct the spending the better part of an afternoon scouring the room for the only one

VEGETARIAN TIMES offered "Why Every Body Is Different." I guess I really never cared why they're all different; rather I have simply enjoyed their differences! And while on the subject of food we have the venerable SATURDAY EVENING POST served its April readers "Food Contest Winners." For some ways of some of us have used "spreadables," such an article sounds pretty kingly for a family oriented magazine, eh?

I was surprised that PLAYBOY FASHION for spring lifted up "Big Easy Exercises to Help You Pencil." There have been times when we all have been a trifle over-anxious, which can lead to considerable non-performance. Were we not supposing ourselves offering physical diversions or mental ones such as trying to recall names of all Secretaries of the U.S. since 1900?

EVEN NEEDLECRAFTS '83 seemed to have something that would enhance my life. An article on "51 Great All-New How To's" looked promising by offering something new for almost every week on the year! Suddenly one's repertoire is expanded.

The April issue of CHANGING TIMES identified "Atlantic City (as) A Place To Play." And not? It would be a change of scenery (at least as unimportant arts are concerned) or a visit to its regular haunts of New York City, San Francisco, Fire Island, and Provincetown.

Editors of POPULAR BRIDGE (April) enticed me with an article entitled "Bottoms and Tops." Was one to be erotic pictures or a narrative describing the relative merits of being top or bottom man, or both depending upon circumstances?

ROAD AND TRACK encouraged its April readership to enjoy "Sports Coupe Fun-for-All." If you haven't tried it in either a parked or moving car, don't knock it!

My imagination ran wild when I encountered the ROOMS AND CUSTOMS article headlined "Up Your CPM Rating." The title aside, just the name of the magazine itself was almost enough to get me to buy the April issue.

Two personal stories in MUSCLE MAGAZINE (remember sneaking looks in that type of publication before the "good stuff" came out?) proclaimed "Show Me How You Can Get Bigger Quickly." and "— is Growing. His Methods Can Help You." "Great! I've seen similar ads in magazines I look at from time to time, but I didn't know there were whole articles devoted to the topic.

April's edition of ALL WAYS TO MAKE MONEY headlined what I read as "Big Demand for Parking Lot Stripping." Needless to say, my double vision put too "p's" in the word "striping," but meanwhile I was amazed to realize how profitable a rather seedy form of indecent (?) enterprise can be.

The newsstand had something for everyone! An article in the spring issue of KARATE recounted "My Favorite Attack," a feature directed to both elements of the S & M crowd. Take your pick.

Even the LADIES HOME JOURNAL got into the act with an article entitled "The Reagan Nobody Knows." I simply don't want to believe it!

Add to the publications named above those which are called, COAL, HOT RODDY, CANOE, CRUISE, HANDYMAN, and MAKING IT. How can one afford not to keep up with current reading materials which are readily available? After all it was Mark Twain who said, "The (person) who does not read good books has no advantage over the (person) who can't read them."
The Gay Legal Adviser

Dear Gay Legal Adviser,

I am a lesbian who has decided to join the armed services to get some free training, travel, and meet some exciting new women. What are my legal rights if my supervisor finds out that I'm gay?

Signed, "WAC-ko for Waves."

Dear WAC-ko,

Judging from recent precedents, you will be facing many risks if you are discovered to be a homosexual in the armed forces. Since the majority of the armed services have fewer constitutional rights than ordinary citizens, gays are particularly vulnerable. The FIFTH FREEDOM has received correspondence from the State Conference Legal Defense and Education Fund, Inc., New York, N.Y. The Fund is involved in the defense of Lt. Joann Newak. Lt. Newak, at the time a 23 year old officer in the United States Air Force, stationed at Hancock Field, near Syracuse, New York, was courtmartialed for committing sodomy (having sex with a woman in her off-base apartment), using marijuana, and possessing amphetamine pills, which she had believed to be amphetamine pills. She was convicted and sentenced to six years hard labor. This conviction was made despite a good record in the Air Force, and the fact that the charges occurred off-base while she was off-duty, and were not considered criminal charges by civilian authorities.

Following an out-ory by the public and the media against this harsh treatment for such a relatively minor offense, Major General Thomas B. Brutton signed a clemency order on March 23, 1983, putting Lt. Newak’s sentence in half and making her eligible for parole after one year in a military prison. A parole board, however, denied parole. It is likely that the Air Force Disposition Board on April 20, 1983, which could result in her release as early as June, 1983. A decision is expected by late May or early June, pending review by Air Force Officials in Washington, D.C.

Were it not for the efforts of journalists such as Ron Hirshey in McCarthish of the WASHINGTON POST, gay activists and civil libertarians, Lt. Newak may have faced six years of hard labor. She is presently facing three years of incarceration at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. The Defense and Education Fund, Inc., is reviewing the case. FIFTH FREEDOM readers express their disagreement withLt. Newak’s treatment and appeal to Tol. Newak by writing to: Secretary Verne Orr, Department of the Air Force, The Pentagon, Washington, D.C., 20330.

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THE FIFTH FREEDOM
Robin Flower Band: A First Class Act

by Madeline Davis

Foot stamping and hand clapping -- an evening of musical delights with the Robin Flower Band at the Tralfamadore Cafe, April 26.

Four women of exceptional talent banded their energies in an upbeat tribute to the bluegrass tradition and the commitment to social conscience. In numbers ranging from jigs and reels to Buffalo Ladies to Bonnie Raitt's "Can't Leave Well Enough Alone," this quartet enchanted the predominantly female audience for over two hours with high energy, fast tunes and light-hearted banter.

The performance took off with the synchronized fiddling of Robin Flower and Crystal Reeves in a medley of old time fiddle tunes, followed by an interesting set in the Appalachian melody "Little Cabin Home." Of special appeal was the rousing mine workers union song written by Aunt Molly Jackson. With Marcy Marser handling the audience joined in. Robin delighted those in the crowd who "lost the beat" and sang "Coffee Tastes Like Chocolate," and an especially bar pleasing note was added by bassist Kitty King's singing of the plaintive "Tennessee Blues." The first set ended with a complex station of "Duboque" and two other tunes, featuring Reeves on fiddle and Marcy Marser's excellent guitar plucking.

The second set was somewhat lower pitched in terms of frenetic energy, but showed clearly the ability of the subtle coordination on the part of each member of the group. The set began with "Pig Ankle Rag," featuring Marser on mandolin with plenty of fast 1920's style riffs. I was especially impressed with King's light, intricate bass work on "The Blooms." Also showing off the many talents of Flower and her group were "Killing of the Heart," one of the few attempts to make the humorous "Xero Line," an anti-automation, and what an song about a woman who can't wait for the day she can tell her boss to shove the job. The audience joined in the singing of "Will Ain't Enough." These tunes include songs about the neutron bomb and the current troubles in both Lebanon and El Salvador, giving Marser's strong political sentiment.

The set ended with three very few women take instrumental leads in the field of bluegrass and country music. Robin Flower, an accomplished guitarist, along with her entire group, were a refreshing and exciting change from the usual women who have their newly purchased records, MORE THAN FRIENDS and CREEK SNEAKERS autographed, and get nothing but smiles and "Anit-feminist" when they are strong and about women, cooperation and responsibility.

Camping Trip Set for August

A "Get-Away Weekend" of camping and fun is being planned for August 26-28. The camping trip will be sponsored by Woman'space and the Gay and Lesbian Community Center, and will be held on 812 acres of land near Franklinville, New York. The campsite will be equipped with electricity as well as lots of space for tents. We hope we will have a good mix of various other activities will take place throughout the weekend. Tickets are $15 per person per night, with meals each day on Saturday and Sunday, or $515 including transportation via chartered buses. For more information contact W.S.C. at 852-7816, and watch for more details in future issues of the FIFTH FREEDOM.

Sports News

"Compton's Heart Attack" ended the bowling season in the Buffalo Ladies Swingers League. Congratulations to Babe, Elaine, Judy, Kathy and Michelle for the outstanding moves that put them on top. This has also been a good season for the "Buffalo Elites" in women's bowling. They have made their way toward the mid-July Canadian Women's Rugby Tournament, with the regulation match on May 21.

The "Buffalo Elites" are currently looking for a sponsor to back them in the upcoming tournament. If you are interested in sponsoring them, or has information leading to possible sponsors, leave a message for Carm at MCCompton's.

Reprints are available at the FIFTH FREEDOM Special Report, "Living & Loving Out of Jail," by attorney William Gardner, for $3.00 plus $0.25 for postage and handling. For your copies, send a stamped, self-addressed envelope to: FIFTH FREEDOM, PO Box 153, Elliott Station, Buffalo, NY 14205.
Apuzo Cont'd.

In November, 1982, 41-year old Virginia Apuzo became the Executive Director of the NGTF, which included her position as Director of The Fund for Human Dignity, NGTF's money-raising arm. She brought with her a lifetime of political involvement as well as an established reputation as a leading gay spokesperson and a "rare popularity."

Apuzo's background includes her childhood in the workshops of both Irish and Jewish women. Her eyes were opened to the world of the Bronx in the 1940s and '50s. According to records made in an ADVOCATE interview (issue 360), Apuzo is the daughter of an Italian father and a mother who was a little English, a little Irish, a little American and an Italian who identified herself as "a devout Italian." In talking about her childhood, Apuzo referred to her playmates who were "recruited" and "played very tough games."

It helped me to be up front. You don't hide, you don't flee around in the high grass. You take a swing, and then you take the repercussions.

She taught school for several years after college, then entered a convent at the age of 28. "Having loved a woman since the age of ten, and with two relationships behind her, this decision came at a time when she wanted to "think about what to do with my life, how to deal with my coming out." She left the convent after three years and began teaching full-time at Brooklyn College on "the politics of urban education."

By the early 1970s, Apuzo had become active in gay and women's groups such as the Gay Rights National Lobby, NGTF and the National Women's Political Caucus. She became the ED of the NGTF, (unsuccessfully) for a gay rights plank in the 1976 Democratic Convention. In 1980 she was appointed to the Democratic Platform Committee, where she was instrumental in securing the first gay rights platform plank. In addition, she served as a deputy commissioner in the Mayor's Personnel Department, and then as executive director in the city's Office of Administrative Hearings, finally becoming director of the Fund for Human Dignity.

... (source of this information was an interview/article by Easton Freiberg in THE ADVOCATE, issue 360, page 27.)

GPF Cruise on Ms. Buffalo II

The Gay Pride Fest Cruise on Ms. Buffalo II is always a sell-out, so get your 47 tickets soon.

They are available at the GPF, WBLK-FM, the Buffalo Women's Liberation Center, 1610 Main Street, Buffalo, and the City Lights Bookstore.

The Ms. Buffalo II departs from the Naval and Servicemen's Park, near the Erie Basin Marina, at 8:00 p.m. on Friday, June 10. The boat "cruises" down the Niagara River and returns to the same location at 12:00 a.m. It tends to get chilly on deck after dark, but the partying below deck seems to keep that part of the boat coxily warm.

Things might get even hotter than usual upstairs, where the "disco " this year, with taped music prepared by Marilyn Rodgers of CCC.

Refreshments are available at the boat's bar.

Proceeds from this event are financing all publicity and other expenses for the rest of Gay Pride Festival. Tickets are bought to buy tickets early to help support these efforts.

GPF Picnic

The Annual Gay Pride Picnic is a longstanding tradition in Buffalo. This year's picnic will be held on Sunday, June 12, from noon till the park closes. The picnic is at the Chest Island State Park, shelter number 37, on Sunday, June 12, from noon till the park closes.

The picnic is a bring-your-own food affair, but the Gay Pride Picnic Coalition will provide charcoal and lighter fluid to keep the barbecue pits going all afternoon. Keg beer will be available at a nominal price, along with ice tea and lemonade. Ice Cream-goers will be asked for a $1 donation to help defray the various expenses.

The location is situated in a very spacious setting which includes a large shelter (always handy in case of rain) and a large wooded area, affording a high degree of privacy. The aftermath of events includes softball and volleyball, along with a number of less organized sporting events, such as a little ultimate frisbee, croquet, and all the other pleasures in being part of a large gay and lesbian gathering.

Service of Liberation

The Metropolitan Community Church (MCC) and Dignity are joining together to offer a Service of Liberation as part of the Gay Pride celebration. The service will be held on Sunday, June 12, at 8:30 p.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Buffalo, 6320 Main Street, Williamsville. Reverend Sherry Kennedy, Worship Coordinator for MCC will officiate at the service, with participation from Ellwood President and Pastor/Presbyters.

Music will be a significant part of the service, with the special event, "Dignity's Night of Love," offered by the Buffalo Gay Chorus. This event is sponsored by the Buffalo Community Church and is sponsored by the Buffalo Community Church.

Transportation will be provided through carpools and will be arranged by contacting Reverend Kennedy at 888-5980.

GPF '83 ACTIVITIES

AIDS Workshop

Ross Hewitt, M.D. will be the speaker for, "The AIDS Epidemic: What You Need To Know," a slide presentation designed for the gay community at large. To be held Monday, June 6 at 6:00 p.m. at the Niagara-Porter Library. Dr. Hewitt is a recent graduate of New York University School of Medicine, the institution who was first to announce the existence of AIDS, and he has worked with AIDS patients at General Hospital in New York City. He is also a member of the Mattachine Society and the Gay and Lesbian Community Center.

Dignity Workshop

Dignity/Buffalo, an organization serving the gay and Catholic community, will present a workshop on Wednesday, June 8, 7:00 p.m. at the GLCC. Topics to be discussed will be of general interest to those concerned about reconciling their Catholic or religious faith with a gay identity or lifestyle. Contact the Dignity Information number, 897-4139 for further information.

William Gardner Speaks on Gays and Criminal Law

William Gardner, Buffalo attorney, will present a workshop entitled "Criminal Law and the Gay Lifestyle" on Friday, June 10, 8:00 p.m. at the Unitarian Church of Buffalo. Following the presentation there will be an informal wine and cheese reception.

Mr. Gardner is well known throughout the gay community for the extensive legal support he has provided the gay community. He is the first author of FIFTH FREEDOM Special Report entitled "Living the Gay Lifestyle in Buffalo," examining the laws and practices used by the police and courts to keep people out of sight and under control.

In this Gay Pride Fest workshop, Mr. Gardner will examine the criminal laws as they are used and misused against gay persons. The format will include both a presentation and discussion with the audience. An informal wine and cheese social will follow the presentation.

An Evening With Gay Poets

A Gay Pride poetry reading and discussion will be held on Saturday, June 11, 7:00 p.m. at GLCC. Along with readings by various local gay and lesbian poets, anyone interested in presenting their own poetry during this event should contact Mike at 833-0723 or Lisa at 891-3368.
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A.S.: Ascension Church, 16 Linwood
B.E.T.: Buffalo Entertainment Theatre, 284 Franklin St.
C.F.S.: Child and Family Services, 330 Delaware Ave
C.H.: Columbus Hospital, 300 Niagara St, 2nd floor Board Room
GLCC: Gay and Lesbian Community Center, 97 Rhode Island St., off Niagara St.
U.A.: Unitarian Church of Amherst, 6320 Main St.
U.U.C.: Unitarian Church, Elmwood Ave at Ferry St.
W.P.C.: Westminster Presbyterian Church, 720 Delaware Ave.
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**GET YOUR TICKETS EARLY FOR THE GPF CRUISE AT THESE LOCATIONS:**

- **CITY LIGHTS:** 729 Main Street
- **CROSSROADS,** corner of Allen St. and Delaware
- **EMMA,** 168 Elmwood Ave.
- **GAY AND LESBIAN COMMUNITY CENTER,** 97 Rhode Island
- **M.C. COMPTON'S,** 1239 Niagara St.
- **RHINOPOTAMUS,** 147 Allen Street
Issues in Gay Parenting

Members of CARASA (Coalition for Abortion Rights and Against Sterilization Abuse) will present a workshop on Monday, June 13, 7:00 - 9:00 pm at the Niagara Porter Library regarding donor insemination and issues in gay parenting. This workshop will examine the variety of issues involved in a lesbian's choice to bear children within the framework of a lesbian lifestyle. Issues regarding donor insemination, including gay men’s role in fathering, will be discussed.

Themes in Women's Music as it Speaks to Women

Members of the EMMA Collective will sponsor a workshop for women only during the Gay Pride Fest on Tuesday, June 14, 7:00 pm at the GLCC. This workshop will examine various common themes found in much of women’s music, including sexuality, motherhood, harassment and others. Recorded music by notable and lesser known women musicians will be played, and discussion will be encouraged about women’s reactions to the music and its themes.

Relatives and Friends of Gays

Relatives and Friends of Gays, a Support Group for non-gays who have gay and lesbian relatives and loved ones, has existed in Buffalo since June, 1982. On June 17, 1982 the support group will hold its first meeting at the entrance of the Troy Perry figure and a Troy Perry figure, representing the viewpoints of gay-identified Christians regarding the Bible's position on homosexuality. This debate will culminate the week-long course being offered at the GLCC by MCC's Reverend Kennedy about the Bible and Homosexuality. See details on this event elsewhere in this issue.

Homosexuality and the Bible

The Metropolitan Community Church of Buffalo will sponsor a workshop on Homosexuality and the Bible on Thursday, June 16, 7:00 - 9:00 pm at the Niagara Porter Library. The format will include a staged debate between a John Fellos (at the bell) and a Troy Perry figure, who will present opposing views on the passage of Scripture that is used to condemn homosexuality, beginning with Genesis. The format will center on the issue of whether the Bible was inspired by a loving God, which resulted in the downfall of Adam and Eve. The Christians will be evaluated on their arguments for the condemnation of homosexuality, and the debates will be heard by the audience. The format will focus primarily on the passages of Scripture that are used to condemn homosexuality, beginning with Genesis. The format will center on the issue of whether the Bible was inspired by a loving God, which resulted in the downfall of Adam and Eve. The Christians will be evaluated on their arguments for the condemnation of homosexuality, and the debates will be heard by the audience.

Women's Dance Rotation Swings into Action for Gay Pride Fest

The Women's Dance/Event Coalition (formerly the Women's Dance Event Coalition) will once again, to offer all women dances for the Buffalo community. The first dance of the month will be held during Gay Pride Fest, on Friday, June 17, 9:00 pm to 1:00 am at the Unitarian Church of Buffalo. Admission will be $2. Wine, beer and soft drinks will be available. The tradition of holding regular monthly dances for women—only is several years old in Buffalo. Sister Sallie, a Lesbian-Feminist organization of the early to mid '70s, was an early sponsor of these events, and was the original owner of the turntable and sound equipment used for the dances. After SBO disbanded, the tradition of all-women dances was continued by a coalition of various women's and lesbian groups in the area, each of which sponsored one or more monthly dances during the year.

During 1982, the coalition began losing a lot of momentum, and finally stopped happening. Members of the previous coalition began meeting this spring to decide the future of these events. Many of the organizations that previously sponsored the monthly dances now lack the money or energy to pursue these events on their own. Despite a continued interest in being part of them, decisions were made by the coalition to resume the all-women dances, but with some differences. Instead of twelve monthly dances, the coalition will sponsor three or four events, each of which will be cosponsored by all the various groups involved. Members of each group will be asked to help staff the door and the refreshment table, help produce the dances and share the costs. Any profits made through the dance will be shared within the group. This system will be re-evaluated for its success.

M.C.C. Offers 4 Week Course on The Bible and Homosexuality

In response to numerous questions and requests, MCC Buffalo is sponsoring a 4-week course on homosexuality and the Bible. The course will focus primarily on the passages of Scripture often used to condemn homosexuality, beginning with Genesis. The course will center on the issue of whether the Bible was inspired by a loving God, which resulted in the downfall of Adam and Eve. The Christians will be evaluated on their arguments for the condemnation of homosexuality, and the debates will be heard by the audience. The course will also include readings on the Bible and homosexuality. Any profits made through the course will be shared within the group. This system will be re-evaluated for its success.

Advertising in the 5th Freedom

With a circulation of 3000 per month, this publication reaches a significant cross-section of people on the Niagara Frontier. ADVERTISING IN THE FIFTH FREEDOM PAYS OFF! Contact THE FIFTH FREEDOM for advertising rates and contract at: PO Box 155, Ellicott Station, Buffalo, New York, 14205.
Of course," Olivia replied. 

"Wanna be there for me?" she asked. 

"I'll be there," the man answered. 

"Great," Olivia said, "smiling." 

They walked into the bar and saw several people sitting at tables and at the bar, drinking and talking. 

"What do you want to drink?" the man asked. 

"I'll have a beer," Olivia said. 

They sat down at a table and ordered their drinks. 

"How was your day?" the man asked. 

"It was good," Olivia replied. 

They chatted for a while, enjoying each other's company and the lively atmosphere of the bar.

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Off Duty

Olivia had just returned from her usual Saturday night shift. She had spent the evening working at the hotline, listening to people's problems and offering support. 

"How was your night?" the man asked. 

"It was good," Olivia replied. 

"I'm glad," the man said. 

They exited the bar and walked to Olivia's car, the lights of the city sparkling behind them.

"I'll see you soon," the man said. 

"'Kay," Olivia replied. 

They parted ways, each heading home for the night. 

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The Future

The conference, "Gay Life: Issues Affecting Children," raised one important fact: that although the need for social and peer support services for lesbian and gay youth is still strong, especially in light of the current political climate, the need to reach out to others, especially high school students, has become evident. The Gay Liberation Front of Buffalo, along with other local advocacy groups, decided to conduct a survey to gather information about the needs of gay and lesbian youth in the area. 

The survey results indicated that the main issues facing gay and lesbian youth were lack of understanding and support from family members, lack of acceptance from peers, and lack of access to resources. The survey also revealed that the majority of gay and lesbian youth felt isolated and alone, and that they were in need of a supportive community. 

In response to these findings, the Gay Liberation Front of Buffalo decided to launch a new program, "The Youth Center," to provide a safe and supportive environment for gay and lesbian youth. The program would offer a variety of services, including counseling, support groups, and educational workshops.

The program will be funded through a combination of grants and donations, and the Gay Liberation Front of Buffalo is currently seeking partners and volunteers to help with the initiative. The organization is also exploring the possibility of collaboration with other community groups and organizations to further expand the reach of the Youth Center.

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GAY YOUTH: Past and Present part 2

by Ross G Hewitt

Gay Youth Buffalo

The first meeting of the group was held in December, 1978, and consisted of young college students under the age of 31. In April, 1979, another group was formed in Buffalo, and both groups were published in that month's issue of the FIFTH FREEDOM.

"I think G.Y. is really a good thing. I was just coming out and I was thinking 'I was not into showing me around, so G.Y. has been a chance for people to meet other people of their own age,'" one member said.

"G.Y. presents to me a place where I can come and talk to people around my own age on a more personal level than I would in any other sector. The idea of being put on a lot of pressure by you and the rest of the group and working out your problems with others helps you to handle them better.

"G.Y. seems to be bringing us together, making us feel like we're not alone, and that there is some place we can go. It has been a chance for a group of people that will listen to you. I feel G.Y. is doing a lot for Buffalo, and it's growing every week. It is important that every person has something to turn to, and that it G.Y. has been for me."
San Francisco: Gay Mecca

Where do you commonly find beautiful men walking the street arm in arm and no one doing more about it than smiling? Although the gay future world may (hopefully) find this scene not uncommon anywhere, today one of the few places you'll find it is on San Francisco's CASTRO STREET--the Gay Mecca of the world.

Sparks flash in the night from the overhead cables as the electric-powered bus makes the turn from Market St., San Francisco's biggest thoroughfare, onto Castro St., where the street teams with men--beautiful men--all of which share the same gay spirit as you do. The Castro, as this intensively gay quarter is called, is built on steep down hill slopes that meet at 18th St., giving the pleasant sensation that all those beautiful men are falling down the steep slopes of Castro St. to embrace together in the valley below. You can see in their eyes the excitement they all share in having found each other.

The street is lined with bars, shops and boutiques, all of which are intensely crusy. There are beautiful jewelry, objects d'art, furniture and clothes to buy, and no one makes jokes for anything's gay content. One such store, THE GUIDED AGE, sports a window containing T-shirts bearing such titles as: "Why Be Normal?" "Made In San Francisco...frequently," "I like to watch," "Substantial penalty for early withdrawal" and others. Some of the card shops have quaint names like DOES YOUR MOTHER KNOW CARD & CURIO SHOP, where you'll find mugs that invitingly say, "Kiss me, I'm gay!"

San Francisco is a beautiful as well as exciting city. Aside from the throngs of ass-tight jeans walking the streets and the fact that the city itself has one of the most beautiful cities in the world! Built on an extremely hilly peninsula with the Pacific on one side and the Bay on the other, beautiful Victorian houses march wall-to-wall up and down hills that are so steep you wonder how they could build anything on them. It is these hills that give the city its unique character and good looks. Because of the tall Victorian buildings painted in three-tone pastels, you are pleasantly assailed by one beautiful vista after another, even when you're not looking at what's walking the streets or sitting near you on top.

Getting around the city is not hard even though the men often are. Because of the hilly nature of the city, everyone uses mass transit, and, naturally, buses are crusy. There are many places to sit and rest to the intensively gay sights. Fisherman's Wharf sports a free maritime museum, a wharf full of antique boats, and the docks for the contemporary fishing fleet (most of which are quaint vessels and extremely photogenic). There are shops and restaurants here. The most interesting are those specializing in sea foods--fresh caught and grossly displayed on crushed ice. Crabs are probably the most interesting. In fact, you can get a patch for your jacket sporting a picture of one and proudly proclaiming, "I got crabs at Fisherman's Wharf in San Francisco!"

(Actually, if you're a gay man, you'll probably get some gravy and see a few other things.) The best bet would be one of the baths. Try the CBC San Francisco or the GLCC San Francisco. Chinatown in San Francisco is marvelous. I'm told that San Francisco holds the largest Oriental population outside of China itself, and the prices here are often ridiculously cheap. Needless to say, the selection of sights to be purchased is unlimited--from delicate jewelry to "Fetius of Barking Dear Vine" (and yes, the corpse walk in the bottle). They simply list everything imaginable and things you would have never imagined.

Be sure to go to Ocean Beach. It has several miles of open sandy beach. The sound of the breakers coming to your nerved mind taught by too many hard eastern winters or the overheated eastern worlds. You'll know when you've reached the end of the boardwalk at the heart of the seals barking. Continue climbing northward following the wall to the right of the seals. Before long you'll find yourself on a cliff overlooking the Golden Gate Bridge below. If you haven't fallen in love with San Francisco yet, stop by Twin Peaks on your way back to "The Castro" and stand right on the tip of the peninsula and it affords a 360° panorama of the city and the sea beyond. It's guaranteed to melt your hardened heart.

"The Castro" is directly below Twin Peaks. When you get there, stop and recollect your serenity, go down there and mingle with your people. Select one to stay with, enjoy their most exquisite pleasures. When you fall asleep in your arms, you'll know you have touched on a piece of heaven and happily left your heart there--just like in the song.

Open Letter to Jimmie Smith & Company:

The Gay and Lesbian Community Center extends a heartfelt congratulations to Jimmie Smith & Company on the success of the first two extravaganza drag shows that the Tralfamadore, members of the GLCC also extend a public apology for failing to complete plans for a proposed cocktail party, which was intended to be a show of appreciation for the GLCC. Every review of our financial status reminds us of the generous gift received from this group of dedicated performers. Their contribution cannot be overstated, and, in effect, enabling the GLCC to remain open and continue striving to serve the vast gay and lesbian community of Buffalo and the surrounding areas.

In gratitude,
The GLCC

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BOOK REVIEWS

by Rod Hensel

GOD'S BULLIES
Perry Dean Young

At long last, Perry Dean Young goes behind the sanctimonious facade of the New Right's "Moral Majority" to reveal the motivations of the men and women behind it.

Young, an openly gay journalist based in Washington, D.C., pays particular attention to the New Right's attacks on gay people, and shows how the Moral Majority stands ready to pounce on any group or issue that shows promise of putting more dollars in Jerry Falwell's pockets.

By far the most startling revelation of the book is the "documentation" of Terry Dolan's secret life as a homosexual. Dolan is the head of the National Conservative Political Action Committee, whose big bucks have been used to attack and defeat liberal candidates and disseminate anti-gay literature. Young relates the story of a young man who met Dolan at D.C.'s Eagle bar, and who spent the night with him. In an interview, he confronts Dolan with the hypocrisy of his public and private life, and receives, as explanation, a convoluted course of logic which shows the cloudy thinking of the New Right.

Young traces the birth of the New Right movement to Anita Bryant's anti-gay crusade in Miami. He recounts how leaders of the right used and manipulated the singer to raise thousands of dollars for Anita Bryant Ministries. He paints a sympathetic portrait of a public personality whose own sexual frustrations and unhappy marriage made her vulnerable to people who would use her. It ended only when she realised it was wrong -- but by then the movement to use God and homophobia as a means to a fatter bank account had grown beyond her control.

The author visits Lynchburg, Va., the home of Jerry Falwell, and examines a town caught in the grip of fear. He visits Falwell's Liberty College, which is not a campus of ivy-covered brick buildings, but a huddle homestead, existing on a barren field. Young contrasts an Easter Sunday service by Falwell with that of a small congregation downtown. "He ready -- and Falwell's picket is not present at the Thomas Road Baptist Church of Jerry Falwell."

Young also examines the highly successful direct mail fundraising of Richard Vigerus, and exposes how Vigerus manages to keep for himself 60 to 70 percent of the millions raised for religious missionary operations.

While Young seeks to expose the religious right, his book is not a denunciation of religion. Instead, he shows the Moral Majority and its affiliate organisations as direct contradictions of the teachings of Christianity, and its leaders as greedy, sneaky, scheming, who wrap themselves in the American flag and hold up a cross to any who might dispute their policies with them.

If gays should ever wonder why they need strong organisations and laws to protect them, they need only to look to GOD'S BULLIES for the frightening answer.

CRUISE TO WIN: A GUIDE FOR GAY MEN
Lenny Giteck
San Francisco: Pantera Press. 1982. $10.95.

What do you do in a gay bar? You cruise! And how do you do it? And well... you see... I guess not very well.

Most gay men, in fact, cruise all the time, and in moments of great candor most will admit they don't do it very well. Many go home alone. Many go home with someone, but not who they wanted. And a few go home with who they wanted, but never really establish the relationship they want.

CRUISE TO WIN is a thoughtful, step-by-step breakdown and analysis of picking up other guys. Based on interviews with "typical" volunteers and professional counselors who are gay, the book examines the fears and foibles experienced by all who cruise.

But don't expect any startling revelations. The key to cruising, according to Giteck, is defining the situation you get in and that everyone else is in the same situation. The image and personality you project and others sense of you is directly related to your ability to trick with the man of your choice.

The book does offer some helpful tips. For example, what do you say after you've said hello? For the bold, there's "how do you like your eggs in the morning?" For those seeking a little less direct approach, there are some tips on things you can say to get a conversation going.

Giteck, who is best known for his humor column in the THE ADVOCATE, is deadly serious about cruising. In fact, a little levity here and there would have been appreciated.

What you get in CRUISE TO WIN is a combination of "Dear Abby" practical advice mixed with the power of positive thinking. It provides the kind of gentle prodding to your mind that will help you see your fail assets, and how you can make them work for you.

Giteck's book may not hold the secret answer for total success at cruising bars, but at least it points you in the right direction and makes you feel better during the search.
A rabbit ears antenna of the type I have suggested can go a long way to tune out the grossest kind of FM distortion—multipath reception. This distortion is characterized by a collapsing stereo image and even complete signal cancellation. It happens when the FM signal comes straight at your antenna from one direction and arrives microsecond before the signal having been delayed by bouncing off those skyscrapers on our horizon. Twisting your rabbit ears' clickstop knob for greatest signal strength meter reading and least hiss will help eliminate these ghosts from haunting your Eddy Blake casts.

Another trick that will result in better reception is to position the antenna as close to an outside window (if one is available). It is startling how much interior walls block radio waves.

If you have followed all hints so far and have a propensity to fine tune not only your tuners, but your antenna as well, you have probably realized 75% of a rooftop antenna's benefits already. The only further available benefits are in reduced hiss in stereo and a greater number of distant stations. You are reaching the point of diminishing returns.

My final recommendation to fine tune your fine tuning involves increasing your outlaw five times to fifty dollars.

This will buy you a BIC (See-Eye-Cee) Beambox. This is a box as wide and deep as a small tuner and about four inches high. It is a tuned, multi-element indoor antenna that takes up lots less space than rabbit ears, is easier to place in your system set-up and yields audibly better performance.

Considering that a respectable rooftop set-up costs about $200 not to mention space availability and absence of acrophobia, the Beambox is a worthwhile and expedient way to go. Here are its advantages over tuned rabbit ears.

Since it is smaller, it nestles into your set-up less obtrusively. It is easy to install and live with. The increase in number of stations received is small, maybe half.

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**THE AURAL COLUMN**

By: Joseph Shaper II

(Editor's note: This month we continue Joe's discussion of FM antenna strategies which he started in the January edition of the FIFTH FREEDOM.)

Step one means making the commitment to go shopping with a ten dollar bill in your pocket. Practically every tuner or receiver comes packed with a simple "folded dipole" wire. All too many listeners screw it onto the back of the tuner and cuss when WBLK bops in and out at sixteen places on the dial. How many of us would treat our cooking utensils or cars in this fashion? Stretch that wire out and you will notice immediate performance improvement.

And you saved ten bucks.

Nevermind. Get to a K-Mart, Brand Names, or soemuchlike. Spend your money and buy a pair of TV rabbit ears. That's right, TV rabbit ears! But get the type that has a multi-position click-knob on the front. What this knob does, when both elements are fully extended and at a greater than 90 degree angle to each other, is electronically rotate the antenna by changing the element's interactive phase relationship. Voila! Directionality in a small space. Incidentally, all those starwarslike contraptions on the more expensive antennas of this type are $5.44 cosmetic. Forget them. All that trim gets in the way of an unobstructed installation and it's ugly. Look instead for an indoor antenna that has a fairly heavy base for stability and the longest lead-in wires (those that connect to the tuner).

Place your rabbit ears as high in the room as possible. The higher you put them, the closer you come to the theoretical ideal. This is where long lead-in is handy. Of course it goes without saying that if you live in a fourth floor apartment, your chances for good reception are better. As a matter of fact, I look for height when apartment hunting.

You would be surprised at the difference one floor makes. My brother's audio system is on the third floor at home while mine is on the second. Though tuners both SUNYs at this point have comparable specifications, he gets about a 5% increase in reception. And those that are marginal on mine are very good on his.

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