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(photo: R. Sherwood)
GAY BROTHERHOOD OFFICERS ELECTED. (Left to right) Lamont Downs, Secretary; Rick Caves and Tim Mains, members-at-large; Seated: Wayne Alber, Vice Pres; Robert Crystal, President; Howard Cullen, Treasurer.

GAGV BOARD OF DIRECTORS HOLDS FIRST MEETING

To the casual onlooker, the small group of people assembled in Tim Mains' living room (three on the sofa, and 5 or 6 more sitting on the floor) might have appeared to be just a chance get-together of friends, but in actuality the Jan. 8 assemblage was the first preliminary organizational meeting of the "new" Gay Alliance of the Genesee Valley Board of Directors. GAGV, in its new role as an incorporated umbrella organization for Rochester gay groups, must fulfill certain legal requirements, and those requirements were the main topic of the relatively informal meeting. The incorporation papers were the primary center of interest as various objectives and priorities were discussed for future meetings.

As might be expected, no specific business was transacted; however, it was agreed that a new constitution would be drawn up for consideration at the next meeting. Also placed on the agenda were such matters as election of officers, discussions of funding sources, and consideration of just how best to utilize the "umbrella" nature of the new GAGV. It was also agreed that an annual report would be requested from each of the three groups presently making up the Gay Alliance - the Lesbian Resource Center, the Gay Brotherhood and the Gay Task Force. The board will be meeting approximately every two weeks until the most important matters are settled.

OSBORN, JEWELL REPORT ON WORLD GAY CONFERENCE

Homosexual behavior of any kind is illegal in Scotland.

A member of the Edinburgh city council, expressing the prevailing view in Scotland, declares that a woman's place is in the home, and there is no place in the home for homosexuality.

The first World Gay Rights Congress was held from December 18 to 22 in Edinburgh, Scotland. Why Edinburgh?

With a rapt audience of about twenty, Rochester delegates Bruce Jewell and Bob Osborn held forth at the first 1975 meeting of the Gay Brotherhood of Rochester for over two hours, presenting a comprehensive, occasionally amusing, and at times challenging view of the largest meeting ever held of an international organization devoted SOLELY to the subject of homosexual rights. Being passed around were the usual mementos of any conference: the official guidebook presented to each (unconventional) conventioneer, some Scottish currency, a pen bearing the gold legend "FIRST

INTERNATIONAL GAY RIGHTS CONGRESS 1974," and a copy of a London gay publication, GAY NEWS.

But to return to the subject - why Edinburgh? According to Bob Osborn, the reason was quite simple - two people, aided by members of an organization (the S.M.G.); decided that 1) a conference was needed, and 2) they were willing to work for it. The choice also served to dramatize the plight of many gays living in countries hostile to the concept of sexual freedom. In spite of all this, however, the city as a whole gave the Congress no trouble, one normally straight dance bar even agreeing to rent itself to the convention for one evening. There was admittedly a certain amount of incomprehension by some as to the exact nature of the participants occasionally people would be seen parked in front of the discotheque (with doors locked) just plain gawking (imagine that in L.A.). And a protest march, involving some 150 of the delegates, certainly raised

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GAY BROTHERHOOD ELECTS OFFICERS FOR 1975

Gay Brotherhood membership elected Robert Crystal as President at their annual election of Officers held Jan. 19th. He succeeds Michael Robertson who held the post for the past year.

Other Officers elected were: Vice-President, Wayne Alber; Secretary, Lamont Downs; Treasurer, Howard Cullen.

President Crystal, 25 is a native of Michigan and has lived most of his life in New York State. A graduate of Cornell, he was active in that University's Gay Liberation Front. He came to Rochester in 1971, was active in its Gay Liberation, and

founded the Gays for Political Action. Crystal has been a member of the Coordinating Council of the Gay Brotherhood of Rochester, a former vice-president for a portion of a term and is a member of the Rochester Gay Task Force. Several months ago, Bob succeeded Bruce Jewell as producer of the Gay radio program "Green Thursday" on WCMF-FM.

Among the many challenges Bob sees as President, his foremost objective is "...Seeing the Gay Liberation Movement take its rightful place among other respected Community service civil rights groups

WHAT'S NEW AT THE GAY BROTHERHOOD

The Gay Brotherhood of Rochester's Co-ordinating Council held its monthly meeting at Michael Robertson's home on January 14. Besides the outgoing officers, most of the candidates for the 1975 election were present, including Robert Crystal, Lamont Downs, Tim Mains, Mark Schork, and Rick Caves (for the election results, see our special election article). The meeting was much less formal than most, with no motions presented and no votes taken.

The main issue for the evening was the budget, including a discussion of last year's and a general consideration of specific items therein. Whitey LeBlanc suggested that the committee chairpersons present individual budgets for their departments, which would then be boiled down by the finance committee into a unified budget to be presented to the co-ordinating council at its next meeting and then presented to the total membership for approval. A major item was this month's phone bill, which was horrendous.

A letter from Ted Aldrich was read to the co-ordinating council which presented various ways in which Rochester gays could contribute to his efforts as legislative consultant in Albany. Ted would like to receive letters from gay people detailing any abuse or harassment they have suffered on account of their sexual preference. Also suggested by Ted were a telephone tree and letter writing campaign (the tree is currently being organized by Rick Caves), the establishment of contact with local prisoners' rights groups, and the appointment of a liaison man between Ted and the organization.

The Gay Brotherhood's monthly business meeting (held on January 19) was primarily devoted to discussion of the co-ordinating council minutes and the budget. Before the election voting took place, Michael Robertson, outgoing GBR president, was accorded a prolonged ovation by the members present.

The Gay Brotherhood office has acquired two more pieces of furniture, thanks to the AM/PM Club - a chair and couch, both quite attractive and VERY comfortable (personally tested by your ever-present CLOSET reporter). Thanks, AM/PM - and apologies for the marks left on your doorway during the moving.



ROBERT CRYSTAL, newly elected President of Gay Brotherhood

CREDIT FOR JAN. COVER

The cover of the January EMPTY CLOSET was taken from the FIFTH FREEDOM. We inadvertently omitted the cover credit. Our apologies to Buffalo's FIFTH FREEDOM, and to artist David L. Wunz.

Portions of our article on the world gay conference (Jan 75) were also taken from a FIFTH FREEDOM article by David A, who credited Gay Community News, Boston. We failed to credit the Fifth Freedom, although author and original source were credited.

ALBANY POLITICAL EFFORTS

Exerpts from a letter from Ted Aldrich, lobbying consultant for the NY State Gay Coalition in Albany.

"Dear Sisters & Brothers -
"This is more a hasty note to send my affection to each of you and my gratitude for your trust and confidence than it is a report formally on my activities.

"A week's activity, settling into an office, finding my way through the halls of the Capitol and the streets of Albany, has dispelled the insecurity

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Gays plan lobby for equality

By LOIS UTTLEY

In the first few days of the legislative session, Gov. Hugh Carey and members of the legislature will be urged to repeal the consensual sodomy section of the state penal code and enact a variety of laws banning discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation.

Ted Aldrich of Rochester, the newly hired fulltime lobbyist for the State Coalition of Gay Organizations, is compiling a legislative package to be presented to Carey and legislators next week.

While several of the proposals have been defeated in previous sessions, Aldrich is encouraged by portions of Carey's "state of the state" address.

He cites Carey's pledge "to end every vestige of discrimination, whether racial, religious, sexual or ethnic, in the operation of government itself."

"Based on Kinsey reports and other studies, we can conservatively estimate that about 10 per cent of the state population, or 1.8 million people, have homosexual experiences for a least a substantial block of time during their lives," Aldrich says.

"The self-worth of all these people is seriously damaged



New York State Coalition of Gay Organizations lobbyist Ted Aldrich displays gay rights bills that have been defeated in previous sessions of the legislature. (Staff photo by Bob Richey)

by the limits imposed on their lives by our laws. As long as the penal code tells us we are criminals, our moral character is subject to question, we fear for our jobs and we hold back from becoming involved in the community."

Aldrich, 34, arrived in Albany on Monday. He will stay at local homes and receive a minimal salary donated by individuals across the state.

He will press to have the Human Rights Law amended, banning discrimination on the

basis of sexual orientation.

Other legislative priorities will include:

- Reform of laws dealing with solicitation.

- Reform of prison practices of isolating known homosexual prisoners.

- Prohibiting state and local agencies from compiling and disseminating information concerning the sexual preferences of employees, welfare recipients or persons accused of unrelated crimes.

- Repealing laws making it a crime for men to wear women's clothing.

- Reforming court practices of denying child custody to parents who have engaged in homosexual activities.

Section 130.3a of the state penal code prohibits "deviate sexual intercourse." The definition of "deviate sexual intercourse" under the law "would make criminals of all heterosexual or homosexual persons who favor anything but one standard position," Aldrich

says.

He cites the penal code section as a source of corruption within law enforcement agencies, "which have a long history of demanding payoffs from gay bars."

"A great amount of time and money is spent on rounding up homosexuals and closing gay bars," he says. "That is a misplaced expenditure that New York State can't afford right now."

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Elaine Noble of Boston won election to the Massachusetts house as a lesbian running on a gay liberation rights ticket.

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ed some eyebrows, including those of some of the marchers themselves, to whom the event was the highlight of the Congress.

Bob and Bruce headed first for London, where they were hosted by one of London's two main gay organizations, Gay Switchboard, and met with representatives of the other, CHE (Committee for Homosexual Equality). According to Bruce, London has much less of a gay subculture with its attendant organizations than does New York or San Francisco. A cause (or result) of this may be found in the fact that the vast majority of gay pubs (and straight ones) close at 10 p.m., the exceptions being gay private clubs.

Early Wednesday (Dec. 18) morning the two delegates entrained for Edinburgh, in cars carefully stickered "National Gray (so soon?) Task Force." In Edinburgh they were lodged in converted Victorian stone houses minus central heating, a common situation. About two hundred of the delegates arrived Wednesday, with another hundred appearing as soon as school release dates permitted.

Representation of various countries was, not surprisingly, quite uneven. There were no delegates from the Iron Curtain nations, and virtually none from South America, Africa or Asia. Most Western European countries, the U.S., and to a lesser degree Canada were well represented (though Gore Vidal's expected appearance failed to materialize), with a large portion of the U.S. people being from the New York/Boston area, with some from Chicago, Buffalo, Indianapolis and Los Angeles among others.

The Congress featured two main sessions each day, as well as various workshops. Subjects of the sessions were: Thursday - International Laws, Status of Gay Women; Friday - Persecution of Gays, Counseling and Befriending; and Saturday - Youth and Aging, International Action. Among the workshops featured were Gay Attitudes Toward Feminism, Social/Psychiatric Research, Gays and Religion, Unusual Sexuality (sodomasochism, bestiality, etc.) and Gay Scholarship.

But why bother? What's the point of all this? What did the conference do anyway? Plenty, that's what. Aside from the obvious publicity value, a number of concrete resolutions did emerge from the conference. Among others:

The Lambda symbol, originated by the Gay Activists Alliance of New York City, is now officially recognized as the international symbol of gay liberation.

Feminism was recognized as a central theme of the congress.

There would be an International Lesbian Rights conference to be held sometime in 1975, probably in Oslo.

Incidentally, the International Action Workshop - responsible for getting main resolution

to the floor of the conference - was composed of about twenty delegates, among them Rochester's own Bob Osborn, and Bruce Jewell are proud to say that Rochester did contribute many of the ideas and goals acted upon by the Congress. And the main creation of the conference, incidentally drawn up by Bob Osborn and adopted by the Congress with only two amendments, was a proposal for the 1975-1976 operating plan. The main items:

The next conference to be held in April of 1976, probably in Puerto Rico.

Establishment of various Task Forces on:

1) 1976 Gay Rights Congress - to do the necessary groundwork.

2) Organizations - to communicate with such international organizations as the United Nations, UNESCO, Amnesty International, etc.

3) Communications - to develop an international gay news service, and prepare lists of gay news publications.

4) Oppression - to establish the status around the world of anti-gay oppression.

Each of the above task forces is to be composed of at least 10 people, with a maximum of two from any one country.

Bruce Jewell's evaluation of the Congress' overall success was that it suffered from a lack of cohesion, not surprising in such a varied group, particularly in its first meeting. For the most part

there were few international declarations, and a certain amount of disruption was created by the large number of "hangers-on" present - persons determined to rehash old issues long agreed upon (a sexist film was immediately denounced as such at length by one delegate, while the rest of the Congress tried to gently explain that that was why it was being shown in the first place).

Although the Congress voted on the first day to make feminism the central issue of the convention, there was nevertheless considerable dissatisfaction from the women present, a not surprising situation in a basically male-dominated conference (of the delegates, only about 30-40 were women). Bruce felt that the situation was inevitable in a conference where the women were basically invited by the men, rather than the other way around. The resolution establishing an International Lesbian Rights Congress was the logical result, and helped calm down all concerned (somewhat).

And the challenge? U.S. immigration laws prohibit the entry, for any reason, of homosexual persons into the United States. And, as we all know, Puerto Rico is currently busy harassing gays with a brand new gaggle of persecutory laws. With a little under two years available to make the necessary changes happen, U.S. gays clearly have their work cut out for them.

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ities and doubts that were dragging on me during late December.

"The whole thing is real and our goals are possible. Some this year. Others next year.

"The process of government may be slow & flawed but it is responsive....

"Now, for the means and the material to substantiate our arguments on issues....

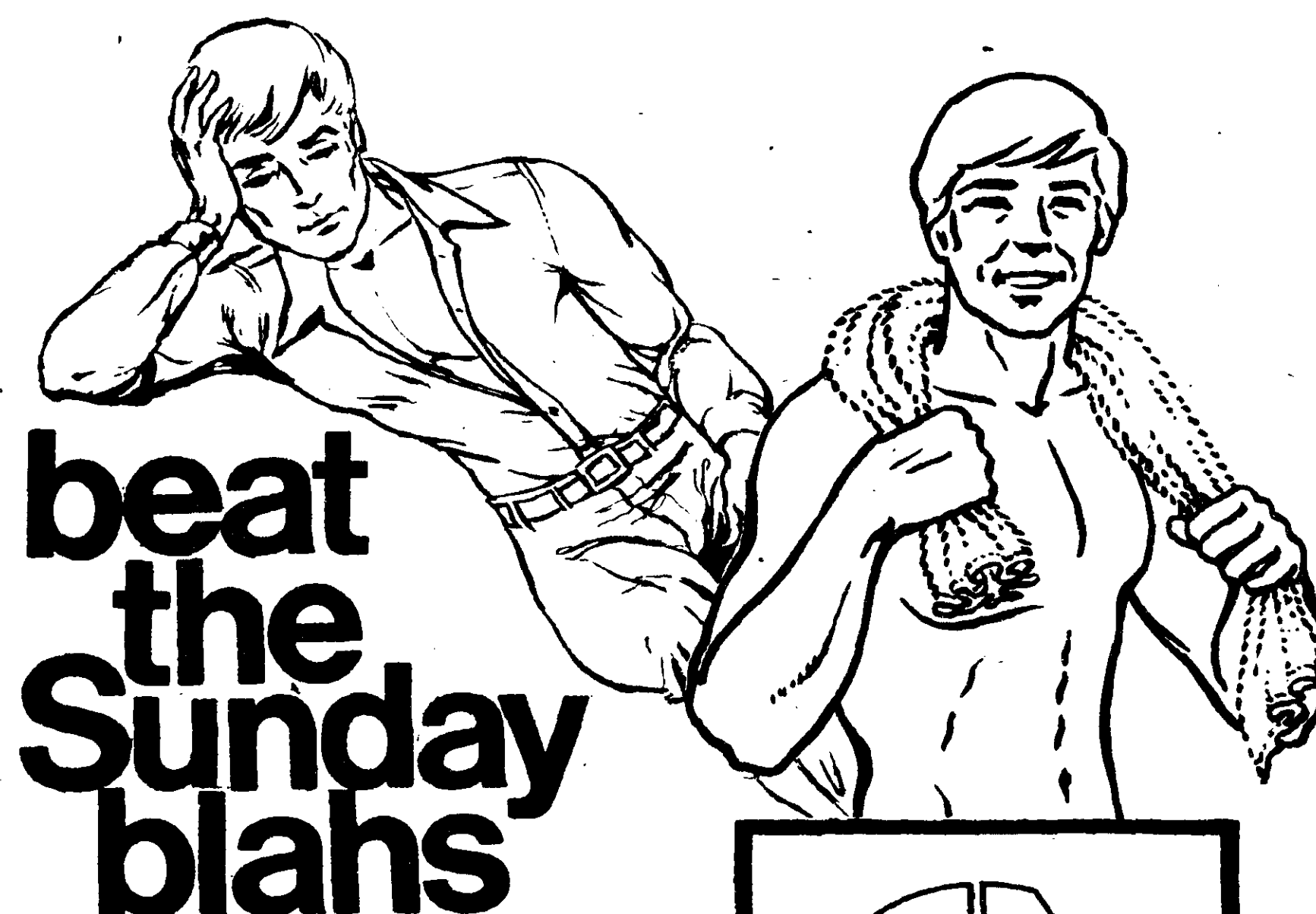
"I will report next week specifically on the standing of our bills, the direct efforts and procedures I will be asking of gay people in Rochester & elsewhere, and any developments of concern to our issues....

"Here (see Gays plan lobby for equality p.2) is an interview from "Knickerbocker News" & an issue arising the same day (see State agency probing Albany County Jail) - I am uncertain how I will proceed to respond to this best - it could be leverage for investigation & change to more human conditions in our prisons....

"Letters to me outlining any experiences of abuse: discrimination, mental anguish, theft, extortion, blackmail, denials of custody or employment & promotion.

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GAYS IN THE MILITARY

I have been asked many times what it is like being gay and in the military. I guess the only way I could answer was to reply to that question by describing what it is like to be in the military. Why should it be any different just because I'm gay?

I have never really changed my life that much for the military. My parents allowed me to be what I am and so I have become fairly comfortable with my life and the idea of being something I'm not is just about impossible for me. I am me and I have to face life as it relates to me, not to someone else. Actually, I think that in some ways it is a little bit easier being gay in the military. Of course, you always have to worry about your clearance for classified material, but I have found that being in the military makes you part of the group and you really have to push things before people will go against you. Navy, Air Force, Army, Marine - it's all the same. You are part of the same family and one way or another you belong.

It seems to me that many people, gay and straight alike, believe that the homosexual is

looking for something different than the average heterosexual is. Perhaps I'm living under some awful misconception, but I don't think I'm doing any more or expecting any more than any other man or woman who is in the Service.

I originally enlisted for a variety of reasons. I was stalemated in my job because of my age, I was in a patriotic mood, I wanted to do something different, etc. I was a little uncomfortable when I checked the box saying that I didn't have any homosexual tendencies but it was the only way I could get in. I went through recruit training with a company of fifty-nine other men and eventually I wound up being stationed overseas.

I was assigned a job based on my merits and abilities and I've done my best with that job. I've experienced the same successes and disappointments as any other person holding that particular assignment. No one I work with knows I'm gay; they just know me for the job do and the person I am.

I've had a few good friends who know that I am gay. I have also had some very beautiful sexual experiences here which would be difficult to equal no matter where I might go. Of course I cannot go out into the streets and say, "Look

at me, I'm gay!" I don't think many people can do that in the States either. What does it matter? The important thing is that I'm being judged on my merits, not on my sexual preferences. For me that is what liberation is all about.

A few straights have learned about my homosexuality after they have known me. At first they didn't believe it because "that is such a horrible thing to happen to anyone." But since we talked about it they have come to understand it and accept it as an everyday normality. The women know that I am not out to put the "make" on their husbands or to try to threaten their femininity. The men, with the understanding that there is more to homosexuality than just sex, have become fairly comfortable with it and no longer fear it. We are much closer friends now than that my act has ended and I know that I can always go to them if I need help.

I'm starting to investigate the military laws concerning homosexuality. Many of them are pretty and sound as if you could be prosecuted for waking up with a hard on. The laws are pretty archaic but they still survive. There is a debate going on within the military between the medical authorities and the lawyers. Military doctors insist

that homosexuality is a medical problem to be handled by them and the military lawyers insist that it is a legal which they should handle. They concur on one point - that it is a problem. I tend to agree with the lawyers that it is a legal problem only for different reasons. Our government is too narrow-minded to let people live as human beings. It seems that the gay movement is at least making some progress, so hopefully we'll see the day when being gay is no longer classified as a "problem".

So, I'm not totally liberated. I still have to fear discovery of my homosexuality by the military authorities and the type of discharge that can result. Yet I have learned an extremely important lesson. It is much more important being myself and having people accept me for that than having people accept because I'm gay.. I've found that it's impossible to live in a closet any longer. I have found out how much more important it is to be myself and find acceptance through that than to go on acting out what I think others will accept. I don't want to be known as being straight; I don't want to be known as being gay. I only want to be known as being me.



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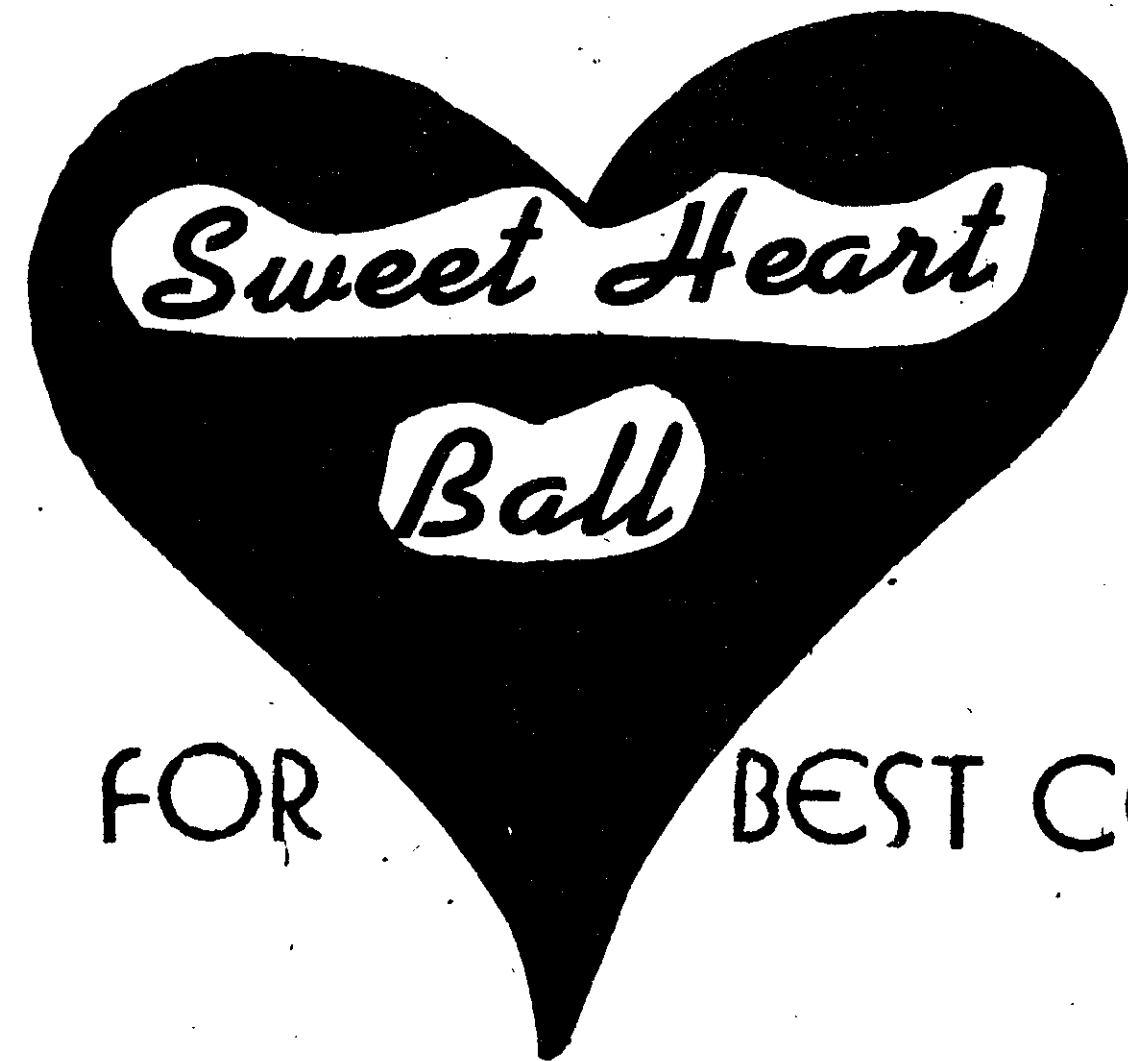
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Who are the counselors? To begin with, all members of the office staff (overseen by office staff chairman Vince DiSchiavo) are given a certain amount of professional training donated by the Genesee Mental Health Clinic. In addition, the office staff holds regular meetings, in which almost any imaginable type of situation may be acted out by two counselors playing the roles of counselor/counselee, with the remaining staff providing critical comments and suggestions. Occasional training may also be donated from time to time by professional counselors from other organizations. And, of course, all counselors receive briefing in the fine art of referral.

The office staff provides both phone and face-to-face counseling, with a total of about eighteen real counseling phone/office calls each week. Not surprisingly, more people (10-12) phone each week than drop in (6-8 a week), and that's not including the crank calls. Occasionally callers will ask to meet with a counselor someplace other than the office (such as a bar or bath), a request which is invariably declined to their great disappointment. The ethics of counseling, of course, don't permit a counselor to become emotionally (or physically) involved with their counselee.

The various calls received in the course of a day's shift fall into several neatly distinguishable categories. First, and of least importance, are the crank calls, whose ingeniousness is usually limited by the low mentality of their perpetrators. Next are the callers simply asking for information - when do the gay groups meet, where are the bars, and so on. To provide this information the Gay Brotherhood subscribes to a publication called The Gay Yellow Pages, published four times a year, which lists organizations, publications, bars and baths for every major city in the U.S. Unlike some gay information centers, the office staff generally does not provide information on "cruising areas" - parks, popular street corners, etc.

The office staff receives about three calls each week, at any time of the day or night, which are quite justifiably considered Most Serious. These

are the threatened suicides, or carry implications of same, and are treated with all the respect they deserve. Like the other above types of calls, these are usually phone, not office calls.

Understandably, the majority of phone calls and almost all office calls are made by ordinary people (who happen to be gay) with ordinary (gay-related) problems. Although an occasional problem may actually be solved by a counselor's ingenious solution, in most cases people ultimately talk out their own problems, with the counselor doing the listening and sometimes gently leading the conversation around to what may be a relevant but overlooked point. Men with the realization of their gayness, young people confused about transvestism and transsexualism - almost any problem that being gay in a straight society can cause ends up sooner or later in front of the counselors.

As mentioned before, the office staff is kept informed on referral possibilities. Most gay women are referred to the Lesbian Resource Center. The Gay Brotherhood does counsel youth, but young people with serious problems are generally referred to Walt Szymanski, as are most religious matters. And, of course, transsexual and transvestite problems can be referred to the Wilder Foundation. Surprisingly, most gays with alcohol or drug

difficulties call elsewhere although one member of the office staff is on a referral list for alcohol-related problems and helped set up a gay AA chapter.

Understandably, many potential callers are concerned about the confidentiality of their counseling. The Gay Brotherhood never asks a caller for an address and usually not a name (though most volunteer it), and does not call back. Generally, one caller in five will call again, and for this reason the staff does keep a record (open only to the staff) giving the time of the call, a very brief description of its nature (deliberately kept vague enough to insure that no caller's identity could be ascertained by an outsider) and the name of the counselor. In this way, if a person calls a second time the counselor can determine whom he spoke to before. This also helps weed out the very occasional caller who tries to play "games" with the staff, claiming that a previous counselor, for example, agreed to meet him at the baths, and would you do likewise, etc.

The Gay Brotherhood office staff is composed of human beings with a sincere desire to help anyone with a gay-related problem. Don't hesitate to call us (244-8640) if you need someone to talk to. And it's a heck of a lot more friendly than TWA.....

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Ted Aldrich of Rochester, NY has been selected as this year's consultant. He works part time from October to December at \$50.00 a week, and full time during the legislative session, at \$100.00 per week, working principally in Albany. Total cost for the legislative year is about \$2500.00, raised entirely from individual and organizational contributions. Please help.

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2. SHOWTIME AT THE RED CARPET.
3. PATTI AND BOYFRIEND JIM ENTERTAINING AT THE TREEHOUSE
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6. A HAPPY CREW ENTERTAINING AT THE BACHELOR FORUM.
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- 8-10. MAURICE LEE, SHIRLEY BASSI, AND VALLEY SIMPSON ENTERTAIN AT THE RED CARPET'S NEW YEAR'S EVE CELEBRATION.

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VALENTINE WEEKEND '75

The stated purpose of Pisces & Libra Corporation is to bring the best in professionally performed, provocative entertainment to all elements of the Rochester community, demonstrating that female impersonation can be an art, providing the best in pleasurable, tasteful showmanship. The Valentine Weekend at the Rochester War Memorial on Friday and Saturday nights, 14 and 15 February, should create a more lively theatrical atmosphere in the Rochester area.

The Valentine Weekend show will include many of Rochester's most famous theater personalities whose names will conjure up in the minds of many electrifying performances from past productions. Following are just a few examples: Sean Michael, who does a vibrant impersonation of Gladys Knight; Brandy DeFay, whose breath-taking impersonation of Shirley Bassey rivets the audience's attention. Maurice Lee performs his audience grabber version of Kaye Stevens, and last, but not least, Jae Gordon electrifies the audience with his talented and sensual impersonation of Valerie Simpson. These and many more talented people will display their creative abilities at the Rochester War Memorial, producing a delightful melange of talent, color, beauty, and motion.

Friday night, February 14, will have a Follie's Review with various scenes from the well known Broadway show "Funny Girl." The review will be performed in a modern format with an all-male cast. The dancers, costumes, brides and excellent choreography, combined with Maurice Lee's comic rendition of the "Funny Girl" lead will make this a memorable entertainment experience.

Saturday night, February 15, will be the Miss Cosmos Contest extravaganza, including such well known variety acts as The Supremes, Kaye Stevens, Gladys Knight and the Pips, Shirley Bassey, Valerie Simpson, Love Unlimited, etc. The Miss Cosmos Contest will progress throughout the evening

with various stages of competition and elimination until Miss Cosmos is selected. Climaxing the evening will be the grand coronation ceremony. A panel of judges will select the winner in a contest which should prove to be the best yet, with intense competition for the \$1,000 prize.

To complement the talent for the Follie's Review, Variety Show, and Miss Cosmos Contest, the War Memorial will be entirely converted by professional decorators to a night-club atmosphere with multicolored lights, full length draping, and various sized tables arranged in Greek Theater fashion around the stage, with a seating capacity of 5,000 people. The tables will be decorated with colored tablecloths and candles to give an additional zest to the festive mood. Various colored hearts freely hanging from the ceiling will also serve to commemorate the Valentine Weekend. There will be dancing on the 1500 sq. ft. stage to music by a fantastic DJ who hails from Cleveland, with extensive experience as a radio station DJ and programmer. Along the periphery of the auditorium will be eight bar setups for ease in acquiring drinks. Food will be available from a concession stand.

Inquiries from other areas regarding information about the show, tickets, Miss Cosmos applications, and accommodations here in Rochester indicate that people will be coming from all over the Northeast--Boston, New York, Washington, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Detroit, Syracuse, Buffalo, Toronto, etc. The combination of talent, professionalism, music, and atmosphere is most definitely going to make the Valentine Weekend one of the most talked about and memorable entertainment productions ever held.

Information, tickets, and Miss Cosmos applications are available by writing: Pisces & Libra Performances, Ltd. P.O. Box 364 Pittsford, NY 14534 or contact: Michael Deak, Talent Director Jim's Bar, 123 North Street.

NEW GAY PUBLICATION NOW AVAILABLE

To those of us who are into reading or writing gay movement newspapers, the appearance of a new one is like a breath of fresh air - when a really good looking one appears it's like a windfall... Well, the NEW WOMEN'S TIMES made its debut last month and for women, it really is a windfall. Most movement newspapers start off with a cranked-out mimeo sheet not so with the TIMES. It's loaded with news, letters, reviews and listings of events; all written and published by, and directed at, women. It seems to be a paper with a clear direction and purpose and holds to that conviction to the last word.

THIS MONTH'S NATIONAL NEWS

A Minnesota State legislator, Senator Allan Spear, has publicly declared his homosexuality, becoming the second openly gay solon (after Elaine Noble) in the U.S. Spear, whose support comes from both a large blue-collar Minneapolis district and the huge (45,000 students) University of Minnesota, has been active in various gay rights groups for some time but reserved his public "coming out" for a lengthy interview by the MINNEAPOLIS STAR.

The Los Angeles Gay Community Services Center, recently the subject of headlines because of its receipt of a \$1 million grant, is suffering a severe drop in private contributions, even though the grants may be used only for certain services and not overall operations. Financial problems have already resulted in the demise of its transsexual-transvestite counseling program, as well as its program of interim housing for released gay parolees.

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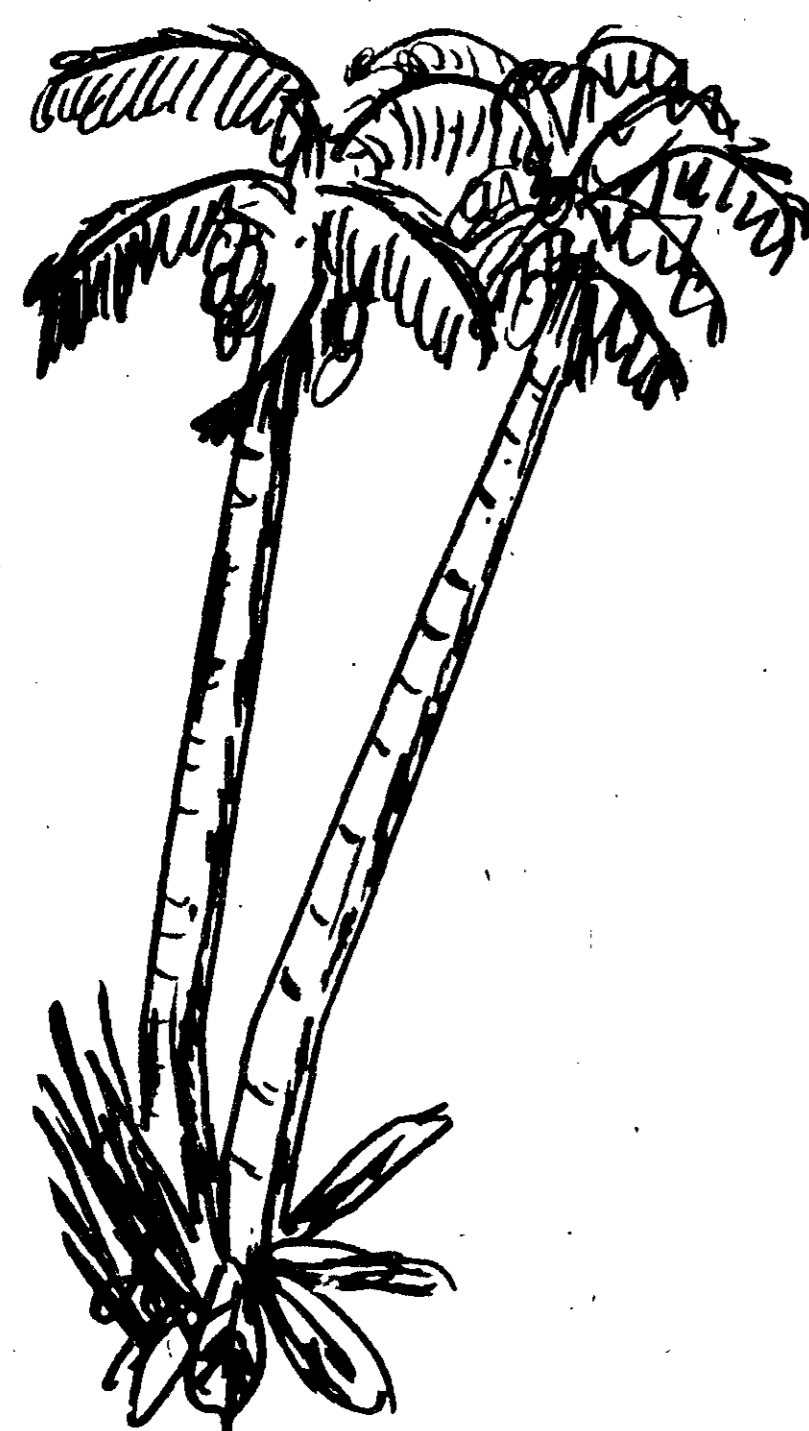
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A Very Natural Thing: Directed by Christopher Larkin, starring Robert Joel, Curt Gareth and Bo-White.
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An accurate, non-pornographic presentation of contemporary gay life, told through the story of a twenty-six year old ex-monk's quest for a meaningful relationship. Beautiful technicolor photography on-location in New York City, Fire Island and Cape Cod provides an exciting back drop to this powerful story.

"And especially I wanted to make a film which would tell it like it is about gay people and gay life, both the sad and the beautiful, and try to say something about the direction in which I think we have to go to discover the fully self-accepting and responsible life-style of the liberated gay person."
—Christopher Larkin, Producer-Director

"...one doesn't have to get too involved in the arts and politics debate to appreciate *A Very Natural Thing*... The film never becomes just a consciousness-raising session with pizzazz.

"You don't feel guilty about laughing at *A Very Natural Thing* the way you might feel guilty about laughing at *The Boys in the Band* or *Faggot*. At last a film has come along which separates the humor from the gayness. We're funny because we're

funny, not because we're gay... *A Very Natural Thing* might end the era of the one-dimensional gay character. Larkin doesn't cheat gay people of their depth.

"There is a degree of thought and analysis at work in this film which won't settle for an unreal happy ending. The film does end on an 'up' note, but at the same time it posits that the future is more dynamic than riding off into the sunset."
—Chuck Ortleb, Out

"He has lifted the gay film out of the porno class and given some depth and feeling to the gay's way of life. *A Very Natural Thing* is an excellent film for straights and non-liberated gays to see as the impression is a good one from the gay's point of view."
—Gay Scene

"...a film maker has finally dared to say with artistic and moral integrity

"Gay is indeed *A Very Natural Thing*." As a constructive, emancipating identity-forming experience, one could hardly ask for more."
—A. Nolder Gay, GCN

"...a first rate evocation of humanity — a movie to make you remember your own loves whatever your partner preferences, with greater clarity, and depth than ever before. Poetically photographed and directed — an eye opener and a heart-opener."
—Norma McLain Stoop, After Dark

"Sensitive and realistic in its approach. Impressively natural."
—A.H. Weiler, The New York Times

"...a film which offers an innovative and perceptive evaluation of homosexual relationships as well as an interesting tour of the gay subculture of Manhattan."
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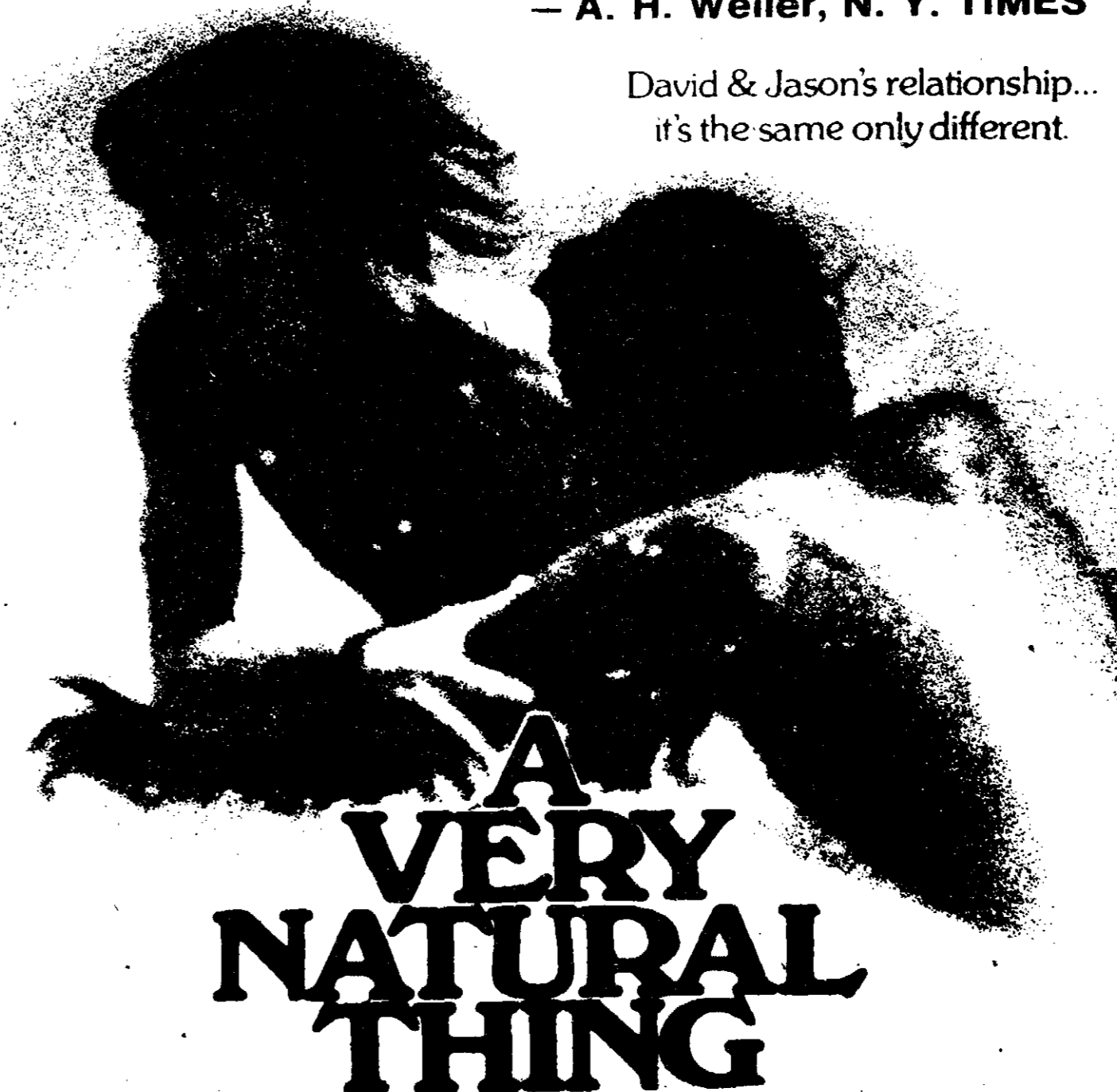
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All this information, along with information gleaned from draft, employment and arrest records of many more people, finds its way to vast public and commercial data banks where it becomes available for public perusal and use with relative ease.

In May 1973 the ACLU founded the National Sexual Privacy Project in response to these problems, and in response to the growing needs and demands of the gay community and of prostitutes who are clamoring for equal rights throughout the country.

The project's activities expanded greatly during 1974 with the addition of many important cases to the sexual privacy docket.

In *North Carolina v. Eskin*, now on appeal, the national office and the affiliate are defending two adult males against criminal prosecution for consensual sodomy in the privacy of the home. In *Rock v. Kissinger*, the Northern California ACLU is challenging the constitutionality of the state sodomy laws because a homosexual was denied security clearance for violating the law of sodomy in the privacy of his home.

Last year the ACLU successfully defended the rights of gays to organize gay campus groups and the rights of lesbian mothers to maintain custody of their children while living together. The Union also challenged government employment discrimination of homosexuals in civil service jobs, federal security clearances, and the military; discrimination in immigration and naturalization; and police harassment of gays, prostitutes, transvestites and transsexuals.

CIVIL LIBERTIES
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LESBIAN RESORT WEEKEND

A new, non-profit organization, Women on the Move is planning a weekend for gay women in the Catskills, March 14-16. The group has rented an entire hotel for the weekend and there will be entertainment, three meals a day, cocktail parties, candlelight dining, etc. The cost of the weekend is \$65-\$75. Inquiries should be directed immediately to Barbara or Sandy; call collect at (201) 865-2948.

No homosexual policy

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — The American Medical Association postponed taking a stand on homosexuals yesterday, after some doctors expressed concern that move might be misinterpreted as an endorsement of prostitution.

The 247 delegates, meeting to set policy for the AMA, also rejected the New York Medical Society's request to seek a federal ban on media advertisement of nonprescription drugs. The delegates also said that the facts and time of death are to be determined by doctors according to the concept of brain death.

The homosexual stand would have supported the American Law Institute's contention that private sexual behavior between two consenting adults should not be subject to criminal penalty.

Doctors feared the proclamation could be construed as an endorsement of prostitution and asked the Board of Trustees to consider the question.

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GAY ALLIANCE SUNY ALBANY. Box 1000 DD SUNY A Sta. Albany, N.Y. 12201.

CAPITOL DISTRICT GAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL, Box 131 Albany, N.Y. 12201. Center at 332 Hudson Avenue.

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STONEWALL COMMUNITY CHURCH, 25 Calumet Pl., 14222.

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GENESECO GAY FREEDOM COALITION Office: Room 312 College Union. Open 7-10 P.M. weekdays. Box 38, Student Union, Genesee, N.Y. 14454. (716) 245-5891.

GENEVA GAY LIBERATION William Smith/Hobart, Geneva, N.Y. (?)

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LESBIAN FEMINISTS OF SYRACUSE meets Wed. at 7:30 at 113 Concord Place.

Meeting times, addresses, etc. are often subject to change. Please let us know of any incorrect information, or any difficulty in contacting the above groups. GAGV, 713 Monroe Ave., Rochester, N.Y. 14607. (716) 244-8640 evenings.

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SUN. 16 FEB. TRANSEXUALISM
TUE. 18 FEB. COORDINATING COUNCIL
SUN. 23 FEB. BUSINESS MEETING

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Friday: Fish Fry at Jim's
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9 Feb (Sun): MARDIGRAS PARTY. Jim's 9 pm
14 Feb (Fri): MASQUERADE BALL. Forum.
14 Feb (Fri): POLLIS REVIEW. War Memorial. 8 pm
15 Feb (Sat): MISS COSMOS CONTEST. War Memorial 8 pm
16 Feb (Sun): SNEATHART BALL, Jim's
23 Feb (Sun): BEST STARS OF '74 AWARDS. Rathskeller
28 Feb (Fri): "A Very Natural Thing". Gay Film. RIT
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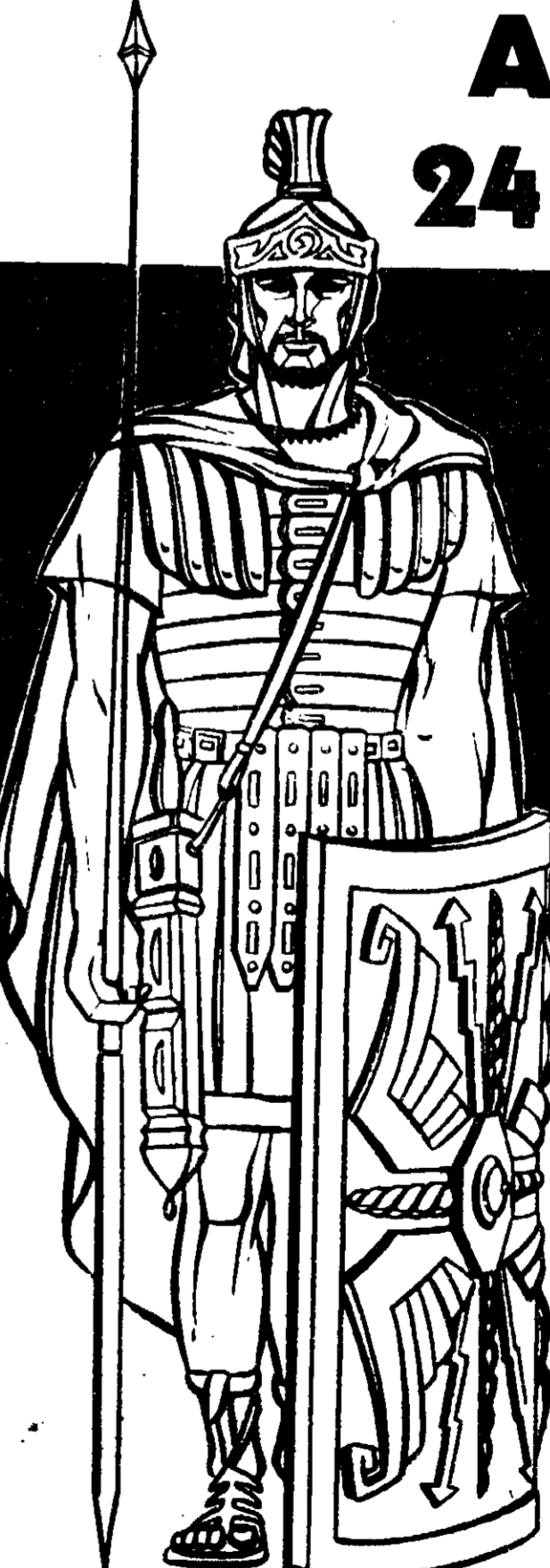
**NATIONAL NEWS
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A study by an Ohio State University psychologist has demonstrated that gays are no less capable of forming deep emotional bonds than are straights (we needed a study to establish that?). In addition, lesbians tend to be more alert, responsible and self-confident than straight women, according to the report, which added that "as a result of the present day women's movement...women in general will become less apt to be enculturated into a non-competitive, non-domineering, and submissive individual." The study, conducted by Dr. E. LaMonte Ohlson, included the stipulation that none of the subjects studied had undergone any kind of psychiatric treatment (including psychoanalysis), this forming one of the first serious psychological gay research projects built around normal, emotionally stable gays.

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