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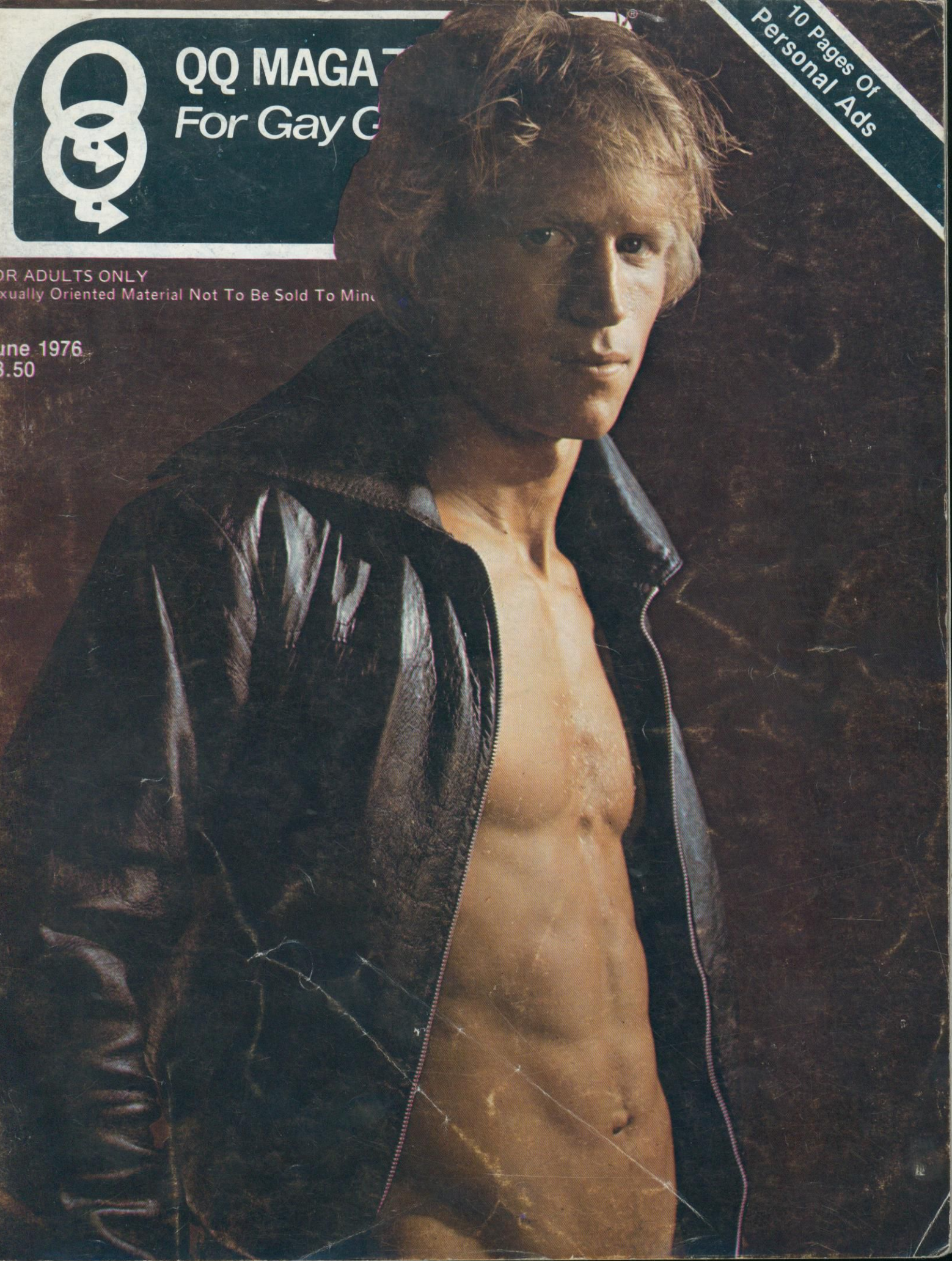
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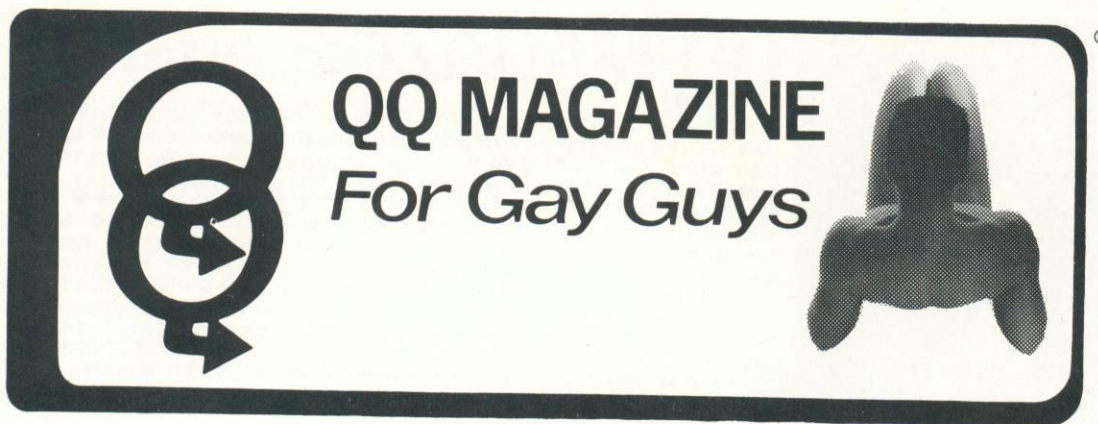
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GAY PHILADELPHIA '76

BY RALPH W. DAVIS

A gala, \$172.4 million birthday party is planned in Philadelphia this year to celebrate America's two hundred years. The city will have over 200 major events to get the visitors to spend an estimated \$1.5 billion. Starting in spring, for eight consecutive months, there will be entertainment from a star-studded cast of famous actors, singers, musicians, dancers, athletes, and dignitaries. Such guests as Pope Paul VI, Queen Elizabeth and President Ford are among the expected 20 million people arriving sometime in '76 for the celebration.

There will be bands, strolling troubadours, street theatre, clowns and acrobats. New museums will open; great sports and theatrical events will be scheduled; and historic landmarks will be rebuilt and refurbished. For nearly one glamorous year, Philadelphia will be the most exciting city in America. Whatever your love—historic landmarks, museums, athletics or theater—Philadelphia will have it in an abundance which probably won't be topped again for another one hundred years. Since there are too many events to list, it is advisable to write the Bicentennial Committee at 12 S. 12th Street, Philadelphia, Pa. 19107 for details. Confirm your hotel space well in advance to avoid disappointment.

Between the months of May and September, it is estimated that close to two million gays will visit Philadelphia. They will be coming from all over America to participate in the events. Since there'll be such a wide variety of types, it will probably be the cruisiest city in America this summer.

First-time visitors will find the city easy and comfortable to get around in. The bars popular with gay guys are either east or west of Broad Street, with the largest number on the east side. All of them are within walking distance of one another and require little effort to find. A city map is available almost anywhere for about 35 cents, and it will identify the main streets and tourist sights.

EAST OF BROAD STREET

BARS & RESTAURANTS

P.B.L. Club, at 204 S. Quince Street. This is an after-hours bar, and it is always packed on weekends. There are two floors, three cruise bars and two lighted dance areas. It is open from 10 p.m. to about 3 a.m. Since it is private, it is necessary to have a member sponsor you. Sometimes this can be done by merely waiting outside and asking a stranger to take you in.

Drury Lane Bar, 1304 Drury Street (off 13th, between Chestnut and Sansom Sts.). Allegro bought the bar, and it attracts mostly gays. The restaurant, though, is mixed. The bar is open weekdays from 4 p.m. to 2 a.m.; Saturday and Sunday from 1 p.m. to 2 a.m. Dancing.

Flippo's, 211 S. Quince St. This is a popular restaurant with a nice clientele and decor. There are three bars, a piano player and dancing. Bar open from noon to 2 a.m. Dinner is served from 5:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. daily.

D.C.A., 204 S. Camac Street. There are three separate bars . . . men's, leather, and women's. It is supposed to be the biggest bar in the city. Since it is private (membership costs about \$5 a year), it will be necessary to be sponsored to enter. Hours: 10 p.m. to 4 a.m.

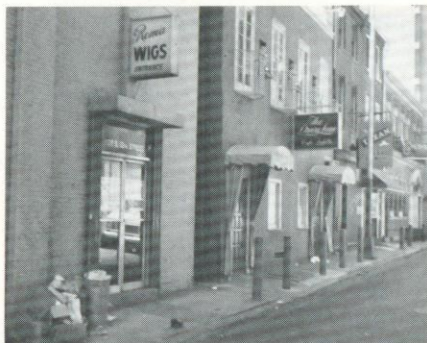
Scarlet's, 206 S. Quince Street. This is a show bar with drag shows on Wednesday, Friday and Saturday at 10:30 p.m. and 12:30 a.m.

Camp Williamsburg Inn, 251 S. Camac Street. This is a very charming private bar and restaurant. Food prices run to \$9.95 and specials about \$6.95. Membership costs \$10 for social; \$35 for special charter; and \$100 for unlimited privileges. Brunch is served on Sundays from noon to 3 p.m.

Boom-Boom Room, 1330 Walnut Street (between Juniper and Broad Streets). This is a no-cover, no-minimum bar with a second-floor drag show. It is one of the newer bars in Philadelphia.



P.B.L. Club



Drury Lane



Comeback



Maxine's



Pepper Box



Venture Inn



Allegro



Miss P's



Steps



Merry-Go-Round

Land of Oz, 254 S. Juniper Street, has a large dancing disco bar that attracts a younger crowd of men and women. It is on the corner of Juniper and Irving Streets, and it is open from 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.

Comeback, 1308 Drury Street. This bar is next door to the Drury Lane and it attracts a nice, conservative crowd. The Comeback is celebrating its sixth year. Open from noon to 2 a.m., and is especially popular during the cocktail hour.

Maxine's Restaurant and Bar, 243 S. Camac Street (near Locust Street, between 12th and 13th Streets). It tends to be elegant, although coat and tie are not necessary. Dinner from 5 p.m. until 11 p.m., from \$6.75 to \$8. It's open from 5 p.m. to 2 a.m.; Sundays from 1 p.m. to 2 a.m. An older crowd comes here.

Pepper Box, 256 S. 12th Street. It is rumored that this will become private soon and will change its name to the *Cobber Club*. I wasn't able to confirm this with management. Hours will be from about 8 p.m. to 4 a.m. Disco bar upstairs; jukebox downstairs. It costs \$5 to join, with a \$3 cover toward drinks.

Pitts, in the alleyway near 211 S. Quince Street. This is one of the leather bars.

The corner of 13th and Locust Streets, where the Club 13 is located, is favored by drag queens and men who like their boys dolled up. The *Club 13*, though mixed and rough, is one of the favorite places for such a mixture of types.

Venture Inn, 255 S. Camac Street, has recently changed ownership and has refurbished the old bar. Although it isn't anything special, it is popular. The food is ordinary.

Ritz Bar, corner of North 13th and Commerce Streets; half a block from Market) is mainly a black bar. It gets some roughs, and it's mixed. So use caution here.

Dewey's, South 13th and Chancellor, is popular with gays after the bars close. It is a typical hamburger-and-coffee place. So is the one at South 17th and Chancellor. Both are strictly eat and run. No outrageous behavior here.

Hasty-Tasty Deli, 260 South 12th Street. This is a very nice place to stop for a sandwich. You can also get take-out orders here. The management is planning to open a cabaret which will have a dance floor and a disco. Hours of the Hasty-Tasty are from 9 a.m. to 11 p.m., Monday through Saturday; Sunday from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Other places for food which attract gays are *Lickety-Split* at 401 South Street (after 11 p.m.) and *La Banane Noire*, 534 S. Fourth Street (good food).

BATHS

Philadelphia Club, 120 S. 12th, is part of the Club chain. It is a very new baths and is taking away some of the business from the Club in nearby Camden, N.J. at 1498 Broadway. The facilities are standard. Membership is \$5, and it's open 24 hours. There are two rates. Day rates from Monday to Friday (7 a.m. to 3 p.m.) are \$3 for locker and \$5 for room. Night rates on weekends are \$5 for lockers and \$7 for room. A new baths is promised by the time you read this—at 1230 North 13th—by Tom Kat (see below). Should be great!

BOOK STORES

Adult Book Barn, 942 Market Street, is a good place to stop for 25-cent movies. It's on the second floor. Hours: 9 a.m. to 11 p.m. daily. There is a private peep show (for members) and a public peep show. To enter the private show costs 50 cents. New members are screened by management. Lots of gay material on sale.

Tom Kat Book Store, 120 South 13th Street, is a 24-hour peep show, book store. Great selection of books. To enter the peep show area there is a 50-cent charge. Both the Tom Kat and Barn are recommended for gays who like to see movies with no complications and frustrations.

WEST OF BROAD STREET

BARS & RESTAURANTS

Roscoe's, 1511 Spruce Street, is a small and popular no-dancing, neighborhood cruise bar. Although it gets a few straights, it is essentially popular with young gays. There

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down on his.

Jerking my head up and holding him firm, I whispered, "Let's fuck . . . more fun . . . I love you, goddamn, hot beauty."

He squirmed free of me and fled for the stair-landing, barking out, "You are a fuckin' liar rapist!"

He stumbled down to the door, breaking it open and hollering up at me. "I'm gonna rip your tires, you prick! You . . . goddamn . . . queer!" Sucking in his breath, he slammed out the door and down the front steps.

Good riddance, I thought, not really believing it . . .

He didn't rip my tires, of course, and I didn't hear from him for several weeks, nor did I see him on Castro Street, or anywhere else, not even in the bars . . .

It's Saturday morning. I just hung up the phone. It was Brock.

"Come on over for a cup of coffee," he said. "My friend's gone for the day . . ."

We small-talked for a few minutes, and I kept waiting for him to say what he really wanted from me. I knew what I wanted from him, but I wasn't gonna let him in on it.

But he gave no hint. To hear him, you'd believe he was gettin' by just fine with his big daddy, Norm. Their life together, as hot as ever.

So I'm goin' over to say hello to him, and pretend I love him all over again, and maybe get some of his ass.

I wonder what he looks like? I wonder if he's got a cut lip or a couple of black eyes . . . or maybe his buns are black and blue.

Maybe I'll tie him on the bed face down and crunch my dick into him . . .

Illusions . . . fantasies . . . games.

Hell—face it—what I really wanna find out is, what does he want to get out of me now?

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is food (sandwiches and the like). Mostly men, though some women visit. Hours are from 10 a.m. to 2 a.m.; Sunday from 1 p.m. to 2 a.m.

Allegro, 1412 Spruce Street. This is considered Philadelphia's most popular bar. Three floors, three bars, game room, disco, d.j. and feature films (every other week on Tuesday and Wednesday at 8:30 p.m.). Closed Sunday. Hours are 4 p.m. to 2 a.m. Monday through Saturday. Sandwiches served.

Miss P's, 418 S. 18th Street. This bar gets some drags with their johns. There's dancing and a show. Open from 7:30 p.m. to 2 a.m. To enter you must know the lock combination.

Westbury, 271 S. 15th Street. This bar attracts a young crowd, occasionally some leather. Chuck is still the bartender here and he still makes good sandwiches. Ask for him. Entrance is under the sign, and not through the hotel. Open Monday through Saturday from 11 a.m. to 2 a.m. Lunch is from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Closed Sunday.

Post, 1705 Chancellor Street, is a new leather and western bar, and is the home of the Vanguard motorcyclists. Hours: 11 a.m. to 2 a.m. Monday through Friday; Saturday from noon to 2 a.m.

Steps, 1526 Delancey Street, is popular with a young crowd. There are two floors, plus a balcony. The sound and electric lights are timed together to make dancing in the disco a real trip. Hours: 4 p.m. to 2 a.m. daily; Sunday from 1 p.m. Food is highly recommended.

247, S. 17th Street. A western bar with ranch-type decor. Popular with the western and S&M crowd—although it attracts many people in western and leather as well as Bill Blass duds.

Penrose Club, 1415 Locust Street

(second floor). This is a private, after-hours bar, popular with older men. Yearly membership is about \$5. There's a minimum on weekends. To enter, wait outside and ask a member to sponsor you. No cover on weekdays. Open from 11 p.m. to 3 a.m.

C.R. Bar, 6405 Market Street. This bar is a distance from center city. It gets a nice neighborhood crowd and is open from 8 p.m. to 2 a.m. Dancing.

Astral Plane, 1708 Lombard Street, is an excellent restaurant for gourmet-type food. It's decorated with antiques, and dress is casual. Late at night gays stop in to eat. Best hours are usually from 11 p.m. **Day's Deli**, at 18th and Spruce, is also good after the bars close on weekends.

OUTSIDE CRUISING

Merry-Go-Round (some call it "The Promenade") is cruisy by car or foot. Start at 20th and Spruce to 21st and Spruce, to Delancey and 21st to Delancey and 20th, to 20th and Spruce Streets. Spruce is also good from 12th to 20th Streets. The corner of South Broad and Spruce Streets (corner of the Atlantic Building) is the spot for hustlers.

Rittenhouse Square, inside the park, is good in spring and summer.

Penn Center Skating Rink is cruisy during the day and sometimes at night. But be careful here. There are many cops in the area.

Another cruisy area, though some distance from center city, is the **League Island Park** at night, near the Philadelphia Navy Yard. This is the place to go for navy men. Although it is very cruisy, it is rough and dangerous.

TOILETS

University of Pennsylvania Library, **Sears Department Store** (the second floor), **Strawbridge & Clothier Department Store** (basement, fourth and sixth floors). Gorgeous cops work at the latter and at the **Penn Center** toilet (suburban station). Both places are especially dangerous.

MOVIES

Arch Street Cinema, 1308 Arch Street, is sometimes cruisy. Sort of hit or miss. Straight films.

If you haven't been to Philadelphia before, or haven't visited for some time, you'll be in for a fantastic experience. The city is all spruced up and waiting for you. Join the nation in having the time of your life. You may not have another chance for a hundred years!

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SEX AHoy!

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on the high seas. But that's what May/June 1976

makes sex ahoy so intriguing when you get the hand of how to go about making out—"skirting" the law by making your own opportunities, or seizing upon obvious others.

To those who expect sex opportunities to be as abundant and as pluckable as cherries on a tree, such a cruise may, at first, seem pointless . . . if no action, ergo, why go? Pity . . . you'll miss so much.

First, there are the obvious intrinsic healthful benefits afforded by a couple of weeks in the tropical sun . . . shaking off tensions, hangups, old lovers and bad trips; getting a bronzy, sexy, Caribbean tan that will be the envy of all your paleface friends; feeling systemically more juiced-up from all that good food and unaccustomed exercise in the ship's gym (even if you just 'go through the motions' because it's something to do); and the biorhythmic shifting of gears to a more relaxed lifestyle—however brief—that will put a new cadence in your life once you're back home.

Next, there are the unique sex opportunities one finds in the 'a port a day' stopovers at various islands. And here you will find it helpful to bring along your copy of "Private Stock," because the new edition of this popular international gay travel guide, published by the QQ Publishing Company, will open doors more quickly to where the action is—such as the famous *boy brothels*—wherever you stop over in the Caribbean. It's such a ready-made help, because while others are just *hoping* to stumble on gay places in a new area, you'll already be in business!

CRUISING PLOYS ABOARD SHIP

A practical way of determining who, and how many, are gay aboard ship, is to check such likely convocation areas as the sauna or Turkish baths. Stop by at various times of the day and you'll get an accurate picture. On some ships the sauna is free—others charge \$5 per visit. So if it's 'charge', keep strolling by the baths, noting who goes in, and when. If it's free, of course you can simply hang in there until what you're looking for arrives. You'll find there are gay guys aboard you've missed seeing—something that's not so apparent elsewhere in the more general areas. This is particularly true of ship's officers—who are permitted to use the baths, and all public rooms, with the passengers. Also, the gym. Usually it's free, too. You'll have a chance to make connection with the younger gay crowd, since it's usually the younger guys who are more muscle conscious. And the gym could be very productive after the workout!

THE HOMOSEXUAL HEALTH GUIDEBOOK



Another FIRST from QQ Magazine—the most valuable guidebook ever published. HUNDREDS OF QUESTIONS ANSWERED covering every aspect of gay health. FULLY ILLUSTRATED to help you spot ailments and cure them or aid your physician in his diagnosis. Typical subjects covered are syphilis, gonorrhea, crabs, hepatitis, circumcision, aphrodisiacs, drugs, exercise, diet, hygiene—all covered from the gay point of view.

The Homosexual Health Guidebook measures 5 1/2" X 8 1/2" and is printed on heavy glossy stock. It is sent via 1st class in a heavy, carefully sealed plain manila envelope.

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wouldn't be seen with in the city become quite acceptable at 'nice' places such as Fire Island. Trash is trash, of course, but locale and its relationship to gay life give it instant status—all dangers magically removed . . . all faults transformed. How naive we sometimes are! In spite of the many major changes that have resulted in our favor in recent years, gay people remain essentially vulnerable (thinking in terms of gay groups, rather than as more assertive individuals).

We gays are still the victims of intimidation. That our way of life, and our sex patterns, are wrong, is so deeply ingrained in the thinking-core of straight society it will take more than the bravest militancy to eradicate such wrongheaded intolerance. Although we have time on our side, and *are* overcoming much of this prejudice/intolerance every day, still the powerful thrust of such disapproval, as it pervades straight society—leaves us fighting through the fogs of a cloudy area—and so we are weak and vulnerable in so many situations where we should be strong. How often, just when everything is coming up roses for us, we find ourselves defenseless and alone. And so, may we mention again, if a certain strength and shield are not at our instant command, caution should be the watchword. Stay alive, to fight another day!



On Sunday, March 7th, several days after the article you have just read was sent to the printer to be readied for publication, Pier 48—the 730-foot abandoned pier at the foot of West 11th St. on New York City's west side—went up in flames. The five-alarm blaze, which began at 1:30 P.M., was not declared under control until 24 hours later—and as we prepare this late insert three days later the fire is still burning. Was it caused by a cigarette? Was the fire started by someone desiring to cover a crime? It's anybody's guess. Other abandoned piers and vacated trucks along the Hudson River are still being cruised—but Pier 48 was the grandest meat rack of them all. Heavy action went on 24 hours a day—in spite of the dangers pointed out in our article. The picture above shows Pier 48 before the fire.

Four important steps for Gay America from the National Gay Task Force

1 Let the media know your feelings

If something offends you on radio, TV or in newspapers or magazines, complain to the media people in charge. For broadcasting, contact station General Manager, News or Program Director; for print, contact Managing Editor or Publisher. Call immediately. Be exact, concise and coherent in your complaint. Follow with a letter and carbon copies to the Federal Communications Commission (1919 M St. NW, Washington, D.C. 20554) for broadcast stations. Note on your letter "cc: FCC, Senator, Congressperson." Use the same techniques to compliment the media if coverage was good. Ask your friends to do the same. Inform your local gay organization, gay programs and papers of the problem you saw/read/heard. Join a coordinated action if one exists. If not, help form one. Always include both gay men and lesbians. As a group, ask for meetings and awareness sessions with media management. Work on public relations for the local gay community. Support the gay media. Send letters to the editors of papers and magazines. Get on radio and TV "editorial opinion" spots. Call in to radio and TV talk shows with gay questions and comments.

*For more specific information, contact NGTF.

2 Back up gay legislation

Write letters urging support for gay rights legislation to federal, state and local legislators. Focus attention on gay rights in religious, professional and community groups. Make it a campaign issue.

3 Support local gay organizations

Contact and join local groups. Support them with time, money or professional expertise. Start or join a professional gay caucus.

4 Join The National Gay Task Force

In MEDIA we have: coordinated the national protest of "Marcus Welby, M.D.—The Outrage"; obtained non-discrimination employment statements from all 3 major networks; assisted local gay groups in learning techniques for publicity and public relations; circulated information on FCC ascertainment procedures for local organizations to become involved in challenging station license renewals; served as a national clearinghouse and reference center for news and programming media; developed standards of fairness for treatment of lesbians and gay men on the air, in print and in films.

But so much more needs to be done! And we need your help to continue our work. NGTF's financial support has come solely from memberships, donations and fund raising events. Without your support, we can not continue our current activities.

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