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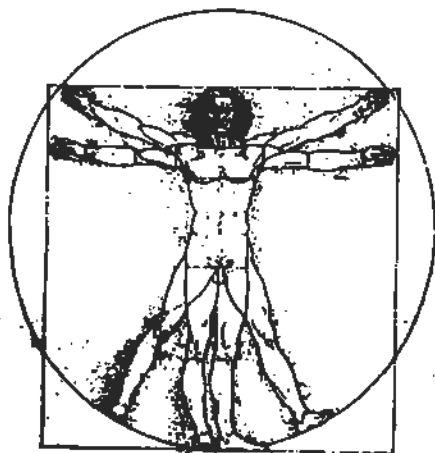
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CAUTION

AMERICAN HERO

Every out lesbian, gay, and bi is a hero.

Heroic because we stand bravely on the front lines of the deep contempt America has for its lesbian, gay, and bi citizens. Because, against all odds, we forge our identities. Because we nurture and protect and fight for one another. Because, in spite of everything we are told about ourselves, we are creative, productive and giving.

We invent the music, the literature, and the philosophy that enriches the human soul. With intellect and passion, we further the human mind. And we heal the human heart with compassion and laughter.

We are strong, we are proud, and we are here to seek justice. We are here for our rights and our liberation.

When rights are not acknowledged they must be fought for and won. When liberty is denied, it must be demanded. We do not ask for lesbian and gay power: it already exists. It lives in our wisdom, our vigilance, and our righteous anger.

Lesbians and gays in America are under attack; our jobs, our families, our homes, our relationships—our very lives are threatened. To survive, we must strengthen ourselves—as individuals and as a community.

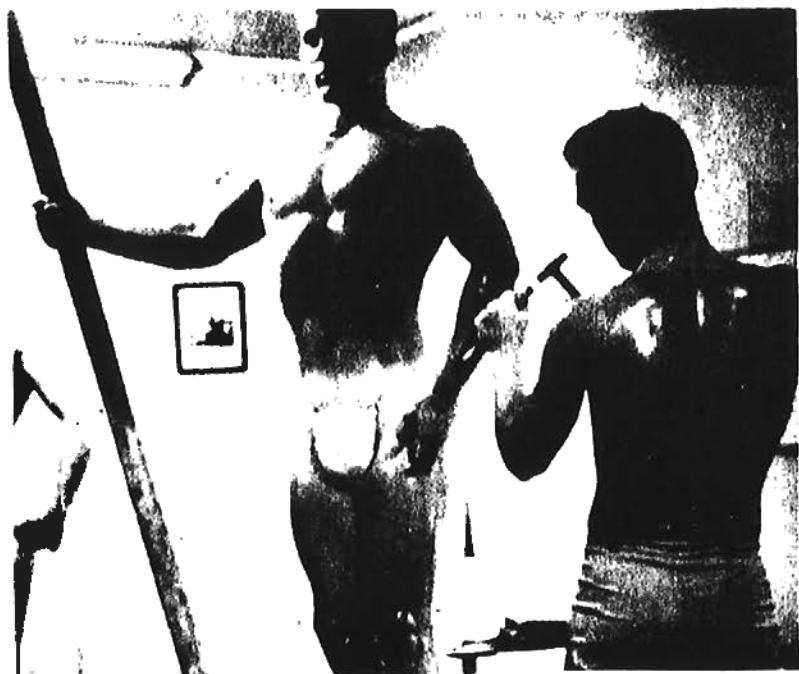
We are here today to be counted and to claim what is ours. We are here to close ranks and listen; to listen to our brothers and sisters and to learn from the stories they tell. They are speaking about our history, our cultures, our lives. They are resonant and brave.

Look around you. Everyone here is an American Hero.



SOMETIMES IT'S HARD

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE RATIONALLY FUNCTIONING CREATIVE



- self-disciplined, independent, often anti-authoritarian.
- zany sense of humor.
- able to resist group pressure, a strategy developed early.
- more adaptable.
- more adventurous.
- greater tolerance for ambiguity and discomfort.
- little tolerance for boredom.
- preference for complexity, asymmetry, open-endedness.
- high in divergent thinking ability.
- high in memory, good attention to detail.
- broad knowledge background.
- need think periods.
- need supportive climate, sensitive to environment.
- need recognition, opportunity to share.
- high aesthetic values, good aesthetic judgment.
- freer in developing sex role integration.

The Eight Fundamentals Of HETEROSEXISM

"Heterosexism" is not an everyday kind of word for most of us. Yet its presence is undeniable; its effects on our lives inescapable. Although we are much more familiar with the term "homophobia" when understanding

our oppression, the force behind homophobia—the "thing" that supports homophobic attitudes—is heterosexism. In my last column, I defined heterosexism as "the belief that a heterosexual lifestyle and values are superlative." Granted, that definition seems rather nebulous, and in an attempt to de-mystify the term and its meaning, I have developed eight features, or fundamentals, of heterosexism. These eight fundamentals, rather than being the "truths" they purport to be, are only "opinions," for they are unsubstantiated by positive knowledge or proof.

THE EIGHT FUNDAMENTALS OF HETEROSEXISM

1 Perhaps the most obvious fundamental of heterosexism is the opinion that *heterosexual practices and desires are the superior practices and desires*. This belief places heterosexual behavior above any other (non-heterosexual) behavior, and informs the "validity" of the second fundamental, namely, that

2 *Homosexuality is "wrong"—or "sinful" or "bad" or "deviant."* Whatever negative word is in our language, that's what homosexuality and homosexuals have been called over the years. But this fundamental also works in subtler ways, as evidenced by the attitudes of many of our "straight" supporters—who maintain that although it's "OK to be gay," there is something inherently "different" about it.

3 A third fundamental of heterosexism is the opinion that *a person must feel a deep, emotional bond before having a sexual relationship with another person*. This belief reinforces the "fallacy of romantic love": that the only reason two people should have sex is to celebrate their "love" for each other. This belief, paired with number five below, maintains a proscriptive attitude toward casual sexuality (such as "one-night stands").

4 *One's existence is validated by a long-term monogamous relationship.* This fundamental places an incredible value on the institution of "marriage," while at the same time condemning divorce—and fosters fundamental number five, which maintains that,

5 *"Promiscuity" is wrong or "sinful" or "bad" (just like "homosexuality" is).* I have a real problem with the word "promiscuity." After all, being "promiscuous" for one person is not necessarily the same for another person. Consequently, no one is able to empirically define what "promiscuity" is. This fundamental prohibits any sexual pleasure outside of a monogamous, deeply emotional ("love") relationship.

6 A sixth fundamental of heterosexism is the belief that *the "family" is the essence of society*. This opinion maintains that the "ideal family unit" consists of a working father, a housewife mother, and their children—thus shaming those "family units" that don't match the "ideal" type (à la Dan Quayle). Fundamental six also forms the basis for fundamentals number seven and eight.

7 *There must be a "man" and a "woman" in every "family."* This fundamental maps out "gender roles"—rigidly defined gender-based behaviors—for every relationship. It mandates that there be clearly definable "male" roles (the person who always drives the car, who goes to work daily, who mows the lawn, etc.) and clearly definable "female" roles (the person who washes the dishes, who cooks the dinner, who watches the kids, etc.).

8 *There must be children in every "family relationship."* Good old procreation. This belief states that, ideally, there should be one boy and one girl (heaven forbid there are two girls!) in every family—children that the man will provide for and that the woman will take care of.

The fundamentals of heterosexism masquerade as "reality." They are the root of our oppression. Because lesbian and gay people *can never* live within a heterosexist social structure, our very existences *will always* be devalued by the larger society. We are obligated to challenge these beliefs, for until we dispel *each and every one* of these fundamentals, heterosexism will dictate all of our lives.



MEN KNOW WHO THEY ARE!



Putting Out

hot sex, cold sex

We should have known. Otzi, that 5,477-year-old man found perfectly preserved in a Tyrolean glacier, turns out to be gay. It wasn't the fact he was dressed in leather nor that he was covered with tattoos that gave him away. It was the bodily fluids, semen in this case, that were found in his anal canal and carbon-dated. Seems that Otzi had had a little tryst before freezing to death in a flash snow storm. Blissfully passed out, we like to think. Problem is that locals, who had been fighting over Otzi's remains, are not so happy anymore. Austrian and Swiss papers report concern that the area may get nicknamed "Homo Valley." Sounds fine to us. -C. Adams

Gay men are hated because they destroy the monolithic illusion that men and women are largely dissimilar based on comparatively minor physiological differences. Gay men give up the power of the "gender myth," which is the cornerstone of orthodox masculinity. Getting fucked, sucking cock and doing drag are the ultimate violations of orthodox masculinity because they are symbols of subordination, which is the role of women.



Research finds differences in brains of gay and heterosexual men

WASHINGTON (AP)—Researchers say they have found an anatomical difference in the brain structures of homosexual and heterosexual men.

The finding supports the theory that sexual orientation is a matter of biological development, said Laura Allen, a UCLA School of Medicine researcher and co-author of the study.

"It's very supportive of the concept that [sexual orientation] is not an environmental factor, not something acting early in childhood, but probably something acting [before birth] or slightly afterwards," she said.

Allen said the area of a brain structure called the anterior commissure was clearly larger in gay males, by about 34 percent, when compared with heterosexual males.

The anterior commissure is a structure of nerve cells that connects the left and right hemispheres of the brain near the back of the skull. Gorski said the precise function of the anterior commissure is unknown.

The UCLA study follows by about a year work by researchers at the Salk Institute for Biological Studies in San Diego, who found that the size of another part of the brain, called the interstitial nuclei of the anterior hypothalamus, was smaller in homosexual men.

Gorski said the two studies suggest that there could be a whole range of structural differences in the brains of homosexuals and heterosexuals.

Robert Bray, a spokesman for the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, said the new study enforces the group's position that "it is not a choice to be gay or lesbian."

**DARE
TO
DEFY**

10 Success Secrets

Tycoons, world leaders and people who reach the top of their field have a lot in common. If you want to join them, learn to think the way they think and do what they do.

1. Think big. Dare to dream your dreams and focus on your visions. Don't be satisfied with things the way they are today or were yesterday. Develop a vision of the future in which you have a better life, more status, more challenging work and, of course, more financial security. Then plan how to make it all a reality.

2. Love what you do, and do what you love. Not everybody can be successful at everything. Some people spend half a lifetime or longer in a mediocre vocation that brings only mediocre rewards, before they finally find the career or business where they shine.

Oddly enough, people who make a lot of money often do not make money their main goal. They pick something that they do easily and that needs doing. They love doing it enough to put extraordinary effort into doing it well.

3. Don't allow yourself the luxury of negative thinking. Negative thinking is costly! Thinking "I can't" results in negative programming. Thoughts are very powerful. Look at the bright side of any situation. People may laugh at you, but you'll laugh all the way to the bank. Stay positive even when things look grim and you're far more likely to have a positive outcome.

4. Be persistent. Persistence can be your ace when you're an independent. When somebody says "no," you keep going because you know that somebody else will say "yes." When one plan doesn't work, you try another.

5. Set goals and go after them. Clarify in your own mind what you want. Spend some time thinking about this then write down your goal or goals. Decide what you need to do to achieve them and write down the steps, too. This is your plan of action. Always keep it in mind.

6. Do first things first. Once you have your goals and your list of steps toward achieving them, get busy on those steps, one at a time. Of course, other demands will intervene. When this happens, ask yourself — will doing this help me in reaching my goal? Whenever you have a choice of activities, ask yourself, which is most important? Which will help me get where I want to be?

7. Stick with the winners. From the moment you decide that you will be successful, spend as much time as possible with individuals who already are. Join business organizations where you'll meet these people socially. Don't miss a chance to talk to the owner or the manager of a store or service organization. Notice how these people talk, walk, think, dress. Then picture yourself in their shoes.

Avoid people who drag you down or bring negativity into your life.

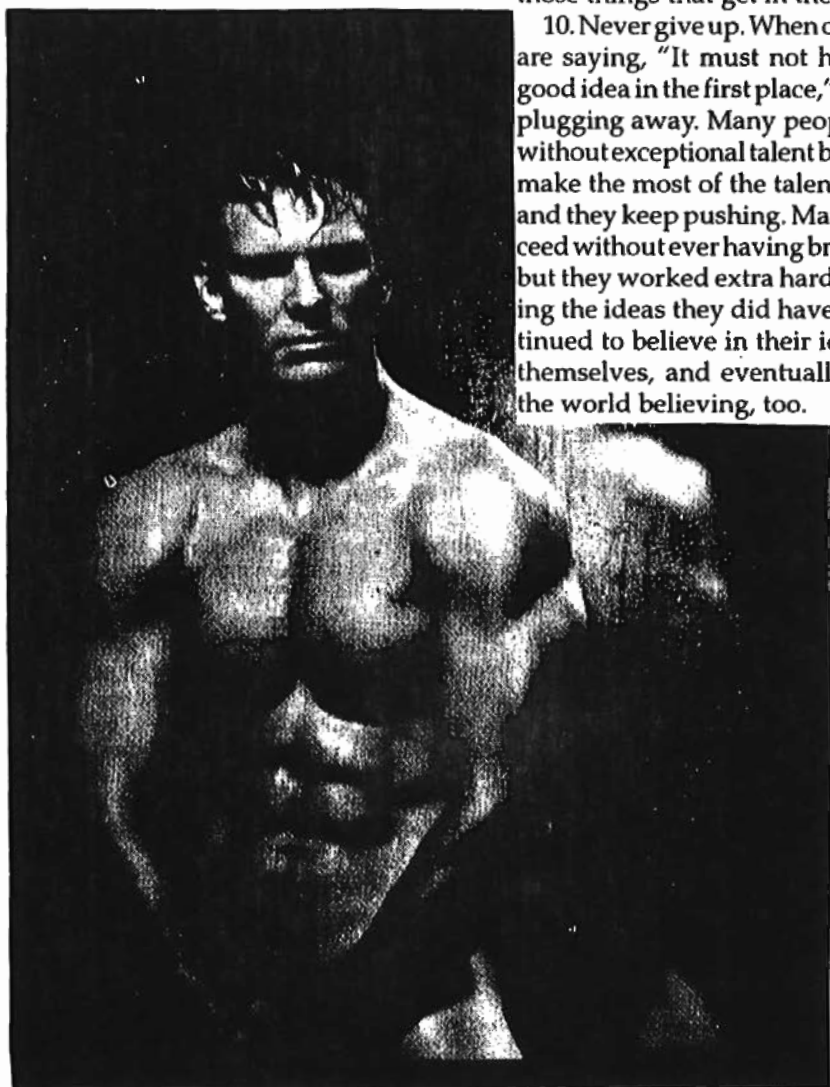
8. Be honest with yourself and others. When something is your fault, admit it. Don't pretend to be someone you're not, even to yourself. And, when you owe something to someone else, whether it's money to a supplier or time with your kids, you'll feel better if you attend to your responsibilities. What's more, a reputation for integrity is a major asset no matter what you try to do.

QUEER LIBERATION NOT ASSIMILATION

9. Discipline yourself. Get up early, if that's what it takes in your line of work. Work an hour longer every day than the next person. Return all those phone calls the same day; write those "thank you" notes promptly. Stay in good physical shape so that you're ready for every challenge.

Sometimes you'll have to say "no" to other people who simply want to lay back, live it up or take it easy. Not everybody wants success enough to discipline themselves. If success is what you want, you won't mind giving up those things that get in the way.

10. Never give up. When other people are saying, "It must not have been a good idea in the first place," you're still plugging away. Many people succeed without exceptional talent because they make the most of the talent they have and they keep pushing. Many also succeed without ever having brilliant ideas but they worked extra hard at promoting the ideas they did have. They continued to believe in their ideas and in themselves, and eventually they had the world believing, too.



Embarrassing To Be A Guy These Days

By Bill Mandel, S.F. Examiner

I'm not quite ready for the sex-change operation, but if there were a way to defect from the male gender, I'd do it. It's getting embarrassing to be a guy.

Let's start with the Super Bowl. It closes football season and kicks off open season on women. NBC actually folded anti-battering commercials. You've got to feel for America's men. The armchair stresses of the Super Bowl are a lot to handle without cuffing the little woman around. *Whaddya mean we're outta chips?!*

Modern life in general appears to me more than some guys can take without a cathartic wife beating, ex-lover stalking, or entire-family-wipeout shooting spree to let off steam.

Maybe you saw the gender breakdown of public opinion on gays in the military. Not gays serving in the military, which they

already do, widely, but being *allowed* to serve in the military.

In other words, public opinion on trashing denial and accepting the world as it exists.

According to an ABC poll, 60% of men oppose gays in the military while 60% of women support the concept. What are guys — especially some guys in the service — scared of, a little sexual harassment? Are they afraid queers in the military will scope out the bimbos and slap on a few unwelcome moves? Hey, that's a woman's problem. They know how to handle it from experience.

You've got to wonder if guys can put up with anything. According to the commander of Moffett Naval Air Station, one lone homosexual, Petty Officer Keith Meinhold, is hurting morale on the massive base just by being gay while lecturing sailors on sonar. Who knew men were so delicate?

I'll cop to it — I'm a guy, and I'm delicate. I can't read one more newspaper account
continued next column



of a man stalking and killing his old girlfriend without getting all balled up inside. I don't want to beat my mate when I hear this, I want to beat some sense into the idiots who make me ashamed to be male. Get over it and go out with someone else. Or, if you must kill, try yourself! If you're a member of an oppressable group, you'll understand when I talk about scanning the news with an internal scorecard. As I read about, say, big-time white-collar crime, I come to the names of the malfasants praying, "Please, don't let them be Jewish". Black, Latino, Asian, and Arab friends tell me they do the same about crimes stereotypically linked to their ethnic group.

There's a book on my desk called *Men Are Not Cost-Effective*. The author makes the point that guys generate more than a fair share of society's garbage: rape, 99% male; carrying weapons, 93% male; burglary, 92% male; drunk driving, 88% male. After listing men's bad deeds for

478 pages — women *do* tend to go on — the author suggests a \$100 annual head tax on men, to defray society's cost of cleaning up their messes.

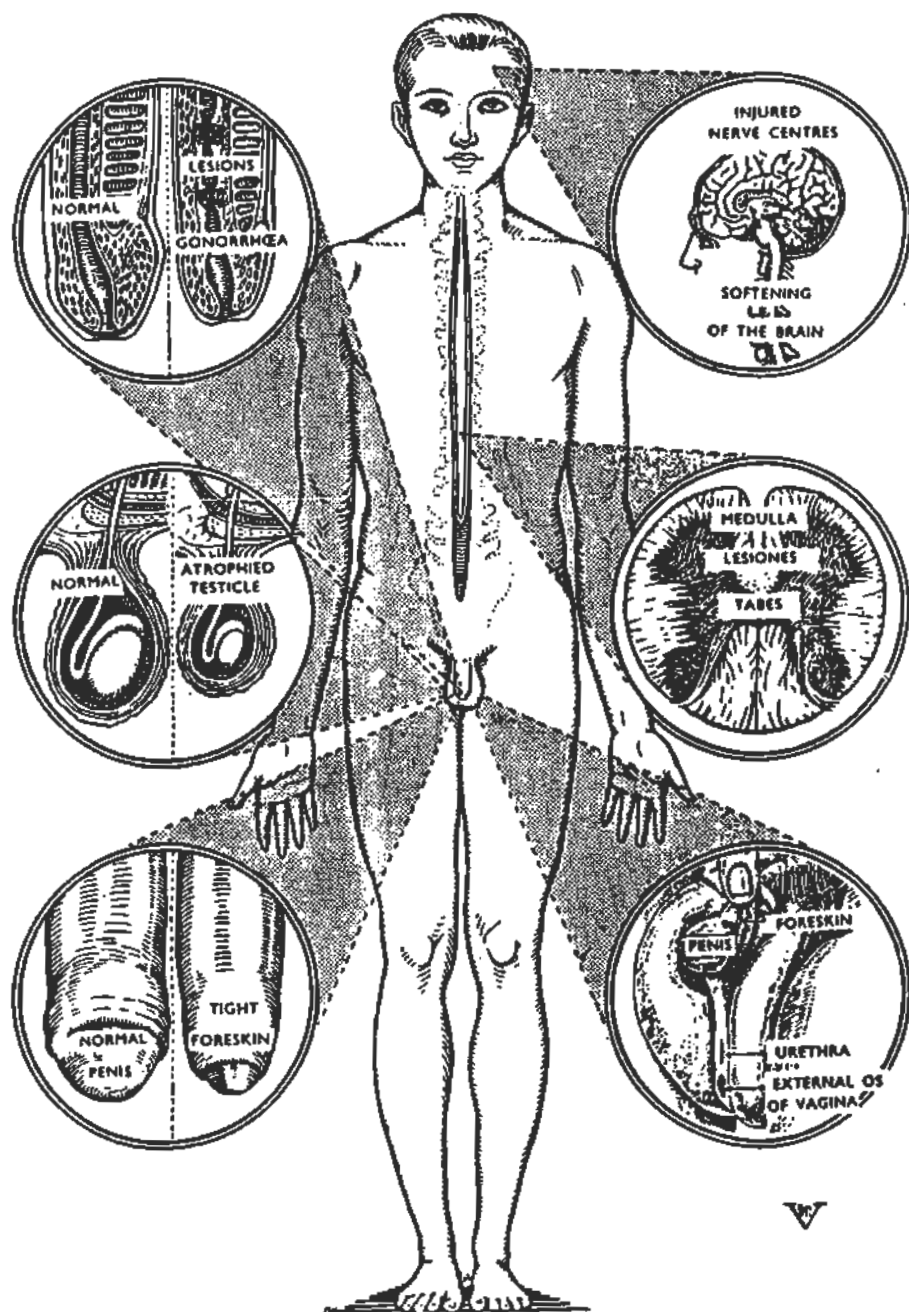
To hear many of my women friends talk, a mere \$100 tax is mild. As one friend put it: "Once the Cinderella and Show White

fantasies wear off, once you realize that one day your prince will *not* come and carry you off to Never Never Land, women's main emotion about men is anger. And it gets hotter the older and wiser a woman becomes." Children were playing nearby as we talked. "Have you noticed?" said my friend. "Boys play pretty much like dogs: toss and fetch." It was a low moment for gender pride until I realized the final, saving superiority of being a (straight) guy: I don't have to date men.
fine!!

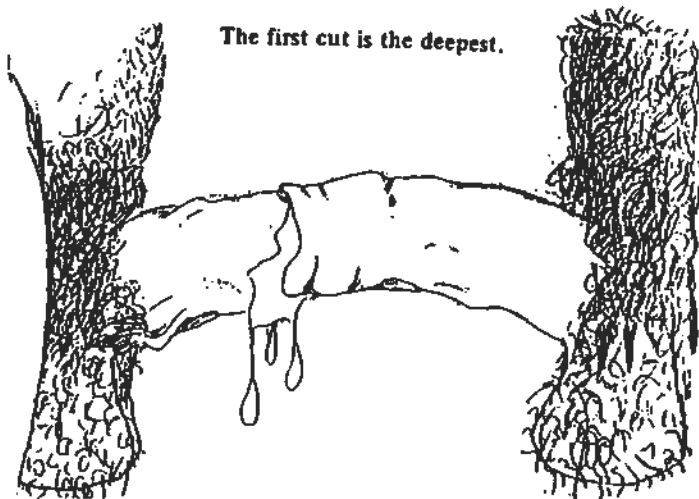
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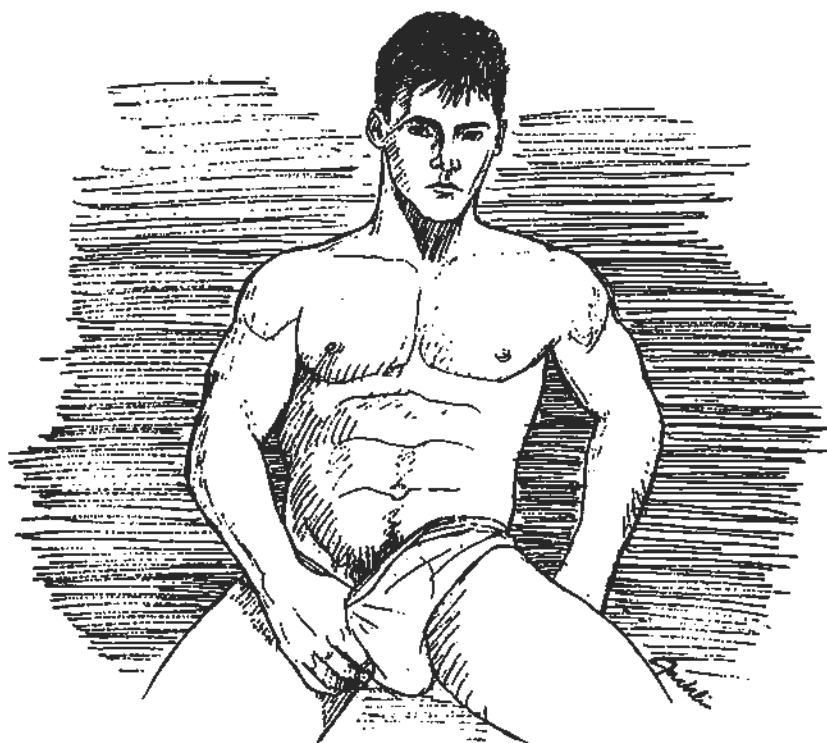
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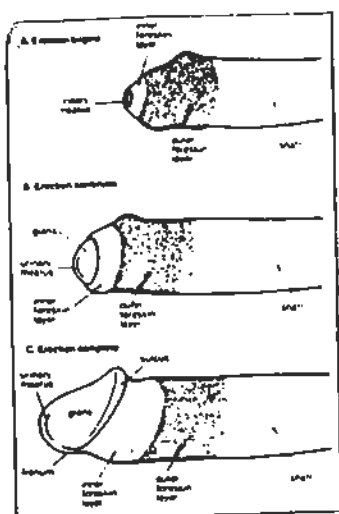
The first cut is the deepest.



Circumcision is a massive kick below the belt that never wears off! Children can't stand up for themselves. It is widely practised in nations noted for their aggression: ninety percent of all American males are circumcised automatically. It scars birth, marries the first moments of life to pain, and even when performed with the most sophisticated equipment can cause death. It has no religious, sexual, medical or aesthetic justification.

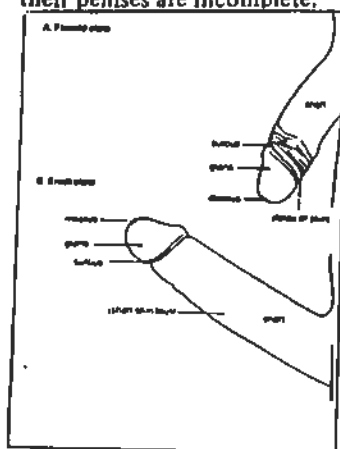


"The reason for circumcision is to stop you playing with yourself, but self-love is the beginning of love."



Erection in the uncircumcised penis.

America riddled with sublimated penises: rockets, guns, and skyscrapers because their penises are incomplete.



Erection in the circumcised penis.

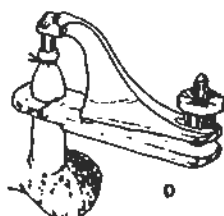
America which has six percent of the world's population, and consumes forty percent of its goods. America the rapist. In the case of ninety-nine percent of all her male offspring: their first memory of someone else's interest in their organs of love is for them to be disfigured painfully

In almost all American birth books, circumcision is mentioned with approval, and even the so-called hip ones on natural child birth have little derogator to say about it.

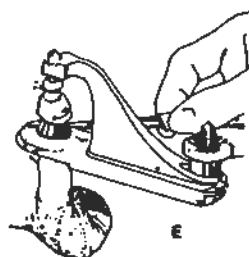
Circumcision involves the removal of a large part of the surface skin of the penis. It also involves the removal of the *frenum*, a small gland which is the male equivalent of the clitoris and the most sensitive part of the organ.



The infant is tied down securely to a circumcision board, with its



genitals exposed. Next the entire foreskin and much of the penile skin is pulled through a clamp, and as the clamp's screw is tightened the skin is crushed off.



No anaesthetic is ever used. The infant struggles and screams, and often vomits and defecates, before lapsing into unconsciousness.

Want True Success? First, Define What It Is!

by J. Stewart Caverly

Most ads and magazine articles that are written on the subject of starting a business or on money-making ideas usually inject the "S" word quite liberally.

The "S" word, of course, is success, and you'll rarely see it in print without its faithful companions: Wealth, Riches and Millionaire. They all go together like ham and eggs because success is, we are told, the highest achievement one can attain in a business venture.

We've also been conditioned to believe that for achieving success, great riches must be the reward. But is this really true? I, for one, don't think so.

One day, as I was reading one of those "how to get rich" ads, I thought to myself, "Wait a minute! I consider myself successful at what I do, but I'm not rich and probably never will be, because achieving wealth is not my objective. I'm not one of those over-achievers we hear about." The over-achiever is apparently the type of person who is totally consumed with the prospect of making money...so consumed, in fact, he doesn't take time to "smell the coffee."

This type of super money-maker usually piles up money to pay for his own early funeral, and leaves behind a wealthy widow. But is he really successful? One such millionaire, when asked how much money would ever be enough for him, glibly replied, "Just a little bit more than I already have." Of course, he's dead now.

Success is a Form of Freedom

It's only natural that most people equate success with wealth, but I prefer to think of it as a certain freedom that many people envy, but few enjoy, because they are too busy making money—more, in fact, than they actually need.

Okay, freedom from what? Well, for starters, there's the freedom from a regular 9-to-5 job. Some types of businesses don't even allow *this* much freedom, because they require the owner to be in his shop (or store, factory, office, etc.) before the "official" workday begins and long after it ends, and neither an employer nor an

That's my kind of freedom.

Are you yearning for retirement?

Aside from attaining wealth, if you ask most people what they consider success, they'll probably tell you that it's being able to retire early...not having to work anymore. That would be freedom to them. But to me, it would be boredom!

How many times have you heard about someone retiring after 40 or 50 years of regular activity...and then dying within six months? Death is usually attributed to a heart attack or some such cause, but I maintain that the underlying factor was probably a case of boredom or inactivity.

Dying is the "ultimate freedom," but we don't want that kind right away.

Real Success is *Not* the Absence of Work—It's Doing Work You Enjoy!

It's not being tied to a routine, but in having the flexibility of being able to work at our own pace, in our own way.

When we're well paid for what we do, we consider it a *bonus*.

Each of us must decide what we need and want out of life, because success is relative to the individual.

If your goal is to attain riches, then go for the gold, because almost anything is possible. Others, however, have their sights set a little lower. They'd be very happy just to double or triple their present income via a full- or part-time business. Still others would be content to merely add a few extra dollars to their paychecks.

Money Isn't Everything

In any business, the standard phrase that is supposed to indicate success is "All that counts is the bottom line" (the net profit after all expenses have been paid).

This certainly is important to every business hoping to grow and prosper, but it isn't the *only* thing. Equally important is to have a genuine love for the work you are doing and the business you are in.

Just about anything is possible.

But you will also do well to remember that true success is *not* always measured in dollars and cents.

The Many uses of Hemp

SEEDS FOR OIL AND FOOD : Hemp seeds produce oil for cooking, lubrication, fuel, etc. as well as being an excellent source of protein. Its leaves and flowers are edible.

STEMS FOR FABRIC, FUEL, PAPER AND COMMERCIAL USE: Hemp is dried and broken down into two parts: threadlike fibers and bits of "hurd" or pulp. Each of these has distinct applications:

THE FIBER strands are spun into thread, which is either made into rope or woven into durable, high quality textiles and made into clothing, sails, fine linens and fabrics of all types and textures.

THE FRAGMENTS of dried stalk that remain are high cellulose hurds, which can be made into paper, paint, plastics, sealants, methanol fuel, industrial fabrication materials and much more.

FOLIAGE FOR MEDICINE, FOOD AND RELAXATION: Hemp has a long recognized value for easing pain, relieving stress and treating illnesses from asthma to glaucoma. Its flowers and leaves called marijuana are also smoked or eaten for many other therapeutic, religious or relaxational uses.

Facts about Hemp By Mark Tuttle

*1 acre of hemp (marijuana) = 4 acres of trees and will make every grade of paper better at 1/4 the cost of wood pulp paper and 1/5 the pollution !
(Source: US Department of Agriculture)

*Hemp seed is one of the worlds best and cheapest sources of protein.
(Source: US Dept of Agriculture, U Congressional records)

*Hemp and waste paper can generate a fuel for autos and replace all nuclear power at a fraction of the cost of fossil fuel with no pollution or Chernobyl.
(Source: Solar Gas, 1980, Science Digest 1983-'84, US Dept of Energy)

*Clinical studies indicate statistically that you'll live a little longer if you use marijuana than if you don't !
(Source: The US, Jamaican, Costa Rican and UCLA studies)



BEFORE SPACE & TIME

NOTHING.



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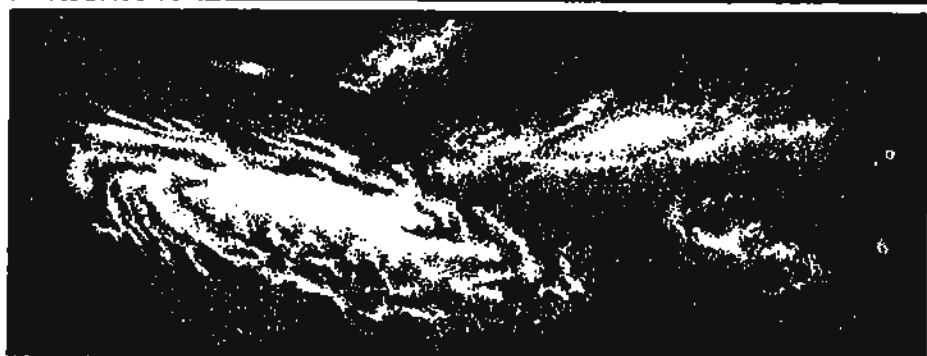
STILL NOTHING,
EVERYWHERE I LOOK.



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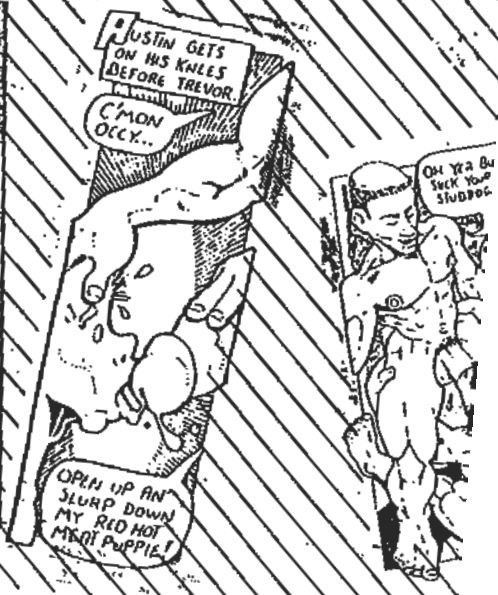
THE PRIMAL BEING DRIFTS IN THE VOID, DREAMING OF A UNIVERSE
FILLED WITH LIFE...AND OF ANOTHER, LIKE HIMSELF...





ANOTHER VERSION OF THE BIG BANG...

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You'll Cum In Your Pants!

Gay Side

by Tom Rezza



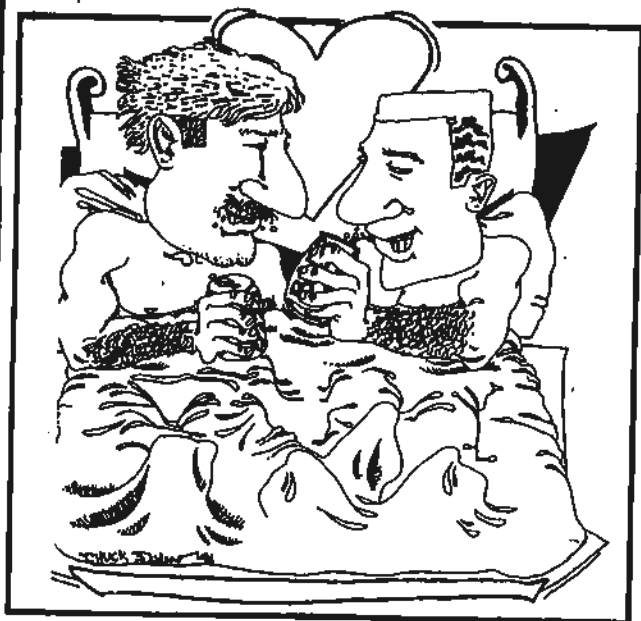
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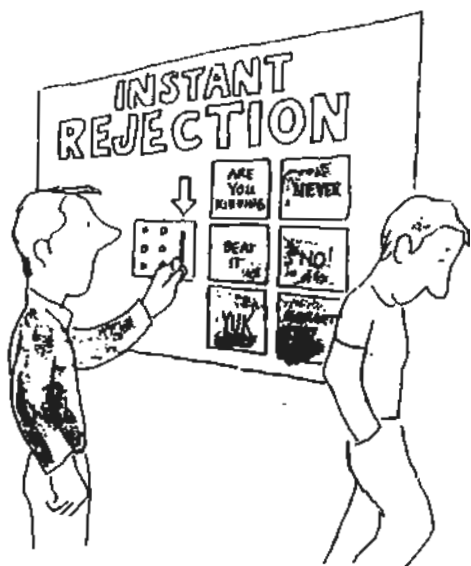
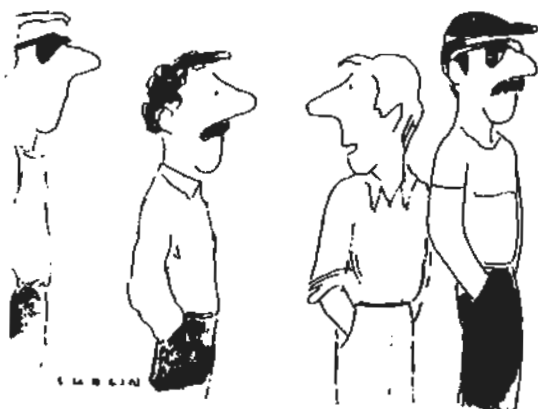
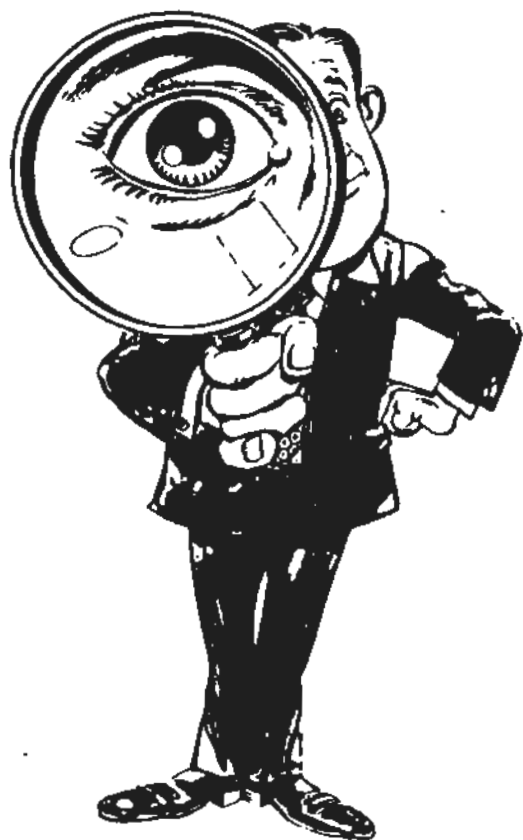
OUT OF THE DARKNESS

L.S. WELCH



BETTER
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"It's better than waiting three hours in a smoke-filled bar for it."

I try to take just
ONE DAY AT A TIME...



but lately several days
have attacked me at once

FIND YOUR FAT IQ

DO YOU...?

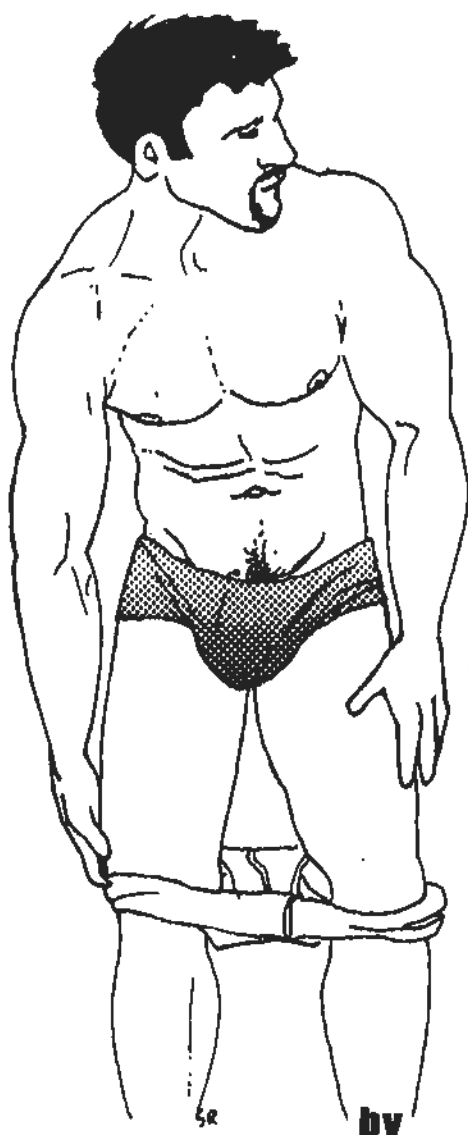
	RARELY	SOMETIMES	OFTEN
Choose lean meats, chicken and fish	1	5	10
Eat a variety of fresh fruits and vegetables	1	5	10
Eat high fat foods such as bacon, sausage, luncheon meat, several times a week	10	5	1
Limit eggs to 4 yolks per week	1	5	10
Read food labels when shopping	1	5	10
Choose lowfat or nonfat dairy products	1	5	10
Limit fried foods	1	5	10
Maintain healthy weight	1	5	10
Think "eating right" when eating out	1	5	10
Choose doughnuts, croissants or sweet rolls for breakfast	10	5	1
Choose reduced fat or fat free products when available	1	5	10
Add lots of margarine, butter, salad dressing and sauces to foods	10	5	1
Balance a high fat dinner by choosing lowfat foods for breakfast and lunch	1	5	10
Exercise (walk, run, swim, ride a bike) 3 to 4 times a week	1	5	10

WHAT'S YOUR SCORE?

14-65 YOU CAN DO BETTER!

66-104 YOU'RE ON YOUR WAY!

105-140 KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK!



by **Scott Russell**

LET'S GET RIPPED

How to talk like a muscle man even if you aren't one . . . yet

You might have heard some of these terms before and wondered if they were part of some coded lingo used only by men with tree-trunk necks and strategically ripped tank tops. Let's clear up some of the mystery.

BUFFED. A goal of many lifters. When you're "buffed" you have large, shapely muscles that are well-defined.

BULKING UP. Trying to gain body weight by lifting very heavy weights and consuming massive amounts of food. Think of it as amassing clay before starting a sculpture.

BURN. The burning sensation caused by exercising until the lactic acid builds up in your muscles. Imagine the feeling you get when your thighs get pumped after an uphill bike climb. Transfer that feeling to your arms and chest—see why strength training is so much fun?

CIRCUIT TRAINING. Doing your repetitions rapidly and moving from station to station with very short breaks between sets. Adds aerobic conditioning to your strength-training program.

CUTTING UP. Reducing body fat and water retention to make your muscles better defined. A regular ritual among competition bodybuilders.

EASY SET. An exercise that isn't close to your maximum effort. It might be used as a warm-up before doing heavier weights.

HYPERTROPHY. Boosting the size of muscle fibers using resistance training. Essentially it's an expensive word meaning your muscles are getting bigger.

LIFT-OFF. Help from a spotter in getting a weight to its proper starting position.

MAX. The most weight you can lift for one repetition of a particular exercise.

PLATEAU. A period when you level out and new physical gains are hard to come by.

PUMPED. Describes muscles temporarily made bigger when you boost blood supply to them through strength-training exercises. Usually bodybuilders "pump up" before a competition by doing pushups, curls, anything to get the blood flowing.

REPPING OUT. Doing as many repetitions as you can until you can't do even one more.

RIPPED. Having extreme muscularity and definition. The kind of over-the-top development you'd glimpse at a bodybuilding competition: rippling muscles and 3D veins.

PLAY IT
SAFE
FOR LIFE

NOTES

NUDE RECREATION

Why do people cover their nakedness?, why do they wear clothes?. Judging from most of the clothes that are worn today, it's certainly not for modesty or warmth. Modesty comes from within, not concealing one's body from one's friends. Nakedness is a form of honesty. But what then are clothes for?, what purpose do they serve?. Do clothes make the man or woman?. I doubt that they make the real human being underneath. By not wearing clothes, it erases a form of prejudice. Being naked you can't tell whether he or she is wealthy or poor.

Since the dawn of time nakedness has been universal. The ancient Greek civilization's passion for the Olympic games in the nude was a way to build character, in a natural state of being. Our Puritan heritage has done much damage to body acceptance. The Puritanical traditions fears the naked and potentially sexual flesh as perhaps the chief cause of evil. From a very young age, we are taught to cover ourselves outside; in our backyards, beaches and public parks. Parents fear that their children might be traumatized by the seeing sexual organs of the other sex. In 1986 there was a debate whether to allow women to sunbathe topfree on Miami Beach, Florida. The protestors said that it would harm the children. Oddly, that did not seem to harm the children of Brazil or Europe, where topfree and nude beaches are normal. In Germany a nudist group "Frei Forper Kultur" (free body culture) did a survey. More than 50 percent of children, men and women go topfree or nude in the public parks, beaches and pools.

Skinny-dippers
have less
body hair

U.S. Nudes & WORLD REPORT

Collected and edited by David McWhorter

MAKERS The news is more erotic than ever, and our lips to be. Please read no slippage or Kato copies of erotic material in newspapers, magazines, and books. Anything sexual - or straight - is welcome. My address is David McWhorter, PO Box 200, North City Station, New York, NY 10001.

Infidelity with a Twist
Michigan state trooper Ernest Buckle says most of the men arrested for commercial sex acts at the highway rest stops are "either married or engaged" according to the Detroit News.
The paper says many of the arrested men were "talkative" after their arrest and "told police they go to rest areas for sex, not for drugs, as police say."

Did Boss Cop a Feel of Men's Buttholes?
Finally it's official: that he picked up a man, as he allegedly did a woman, and threatened to turn him upside down to see if he was wearing "crotchless underwear" or that he dropped papers down men's shirts as he allegedly dropped them down women's blouses, and "when tested to tell love them."
Another Twin Cities bureaucrat, the director of the Minnesota Department of Safety and Health Division, allegedly wrapped his pants and pushed one woman's hand down to his groin, says the Minneapolis Star and Tribune.
The woman, who was not named, was not arrested.

**Sixteen women employees of the Ramsey County (Minn.) Jailhouse Bureau filed suit in Ramsey County district court charging that senior bureau told bargained them sexually, says the St. Paul Pioneer Press Dispatch.
The bureau's assistant manager claimed that what the women told was not true and that they were not in the bureau.**



IT'S THE SEX STUPID!

Pentagon studies have shown repeatedly that sexual orientation is irrelevant to military service. The ban wastes at least 27 million dollars each year in replacing personnel discharged in compliance with military policy. The ban has been ruled unconstitutional in a federal district court. The United States is lagging behind most NATO countries including Canada which have dropped their policies with no adverse results.

RULES FOR RADICALS

1. REMEMBER THAT YOUR DESTRUCTION OF THEIR PROPERTY WILL ALWAYS RECEIVE MORE PRESS COVERAGE THAN THEIR BEATING OF YOUR BODY.
2. REMEMBER THAT YOUR ASSEMBLING AS A COMMUNITY TO SHOW YOUR STRENGTH IS A RIOT TO BE BROKEN UP, AND THAT THEIR ASSEMBLING AS A COMMUNITY TO PLOT YOUR DEATH IS A RELIGIOUS SERVICE NOT TO BE DISTURBED.
3. REMEMBER THAT BLOCKING A BRIDGE IS A CHILDISH ACT, BUT BLOCKING ENTRY TO AN ABORTION CLINIC IS TAKING A MORAL STAND.
4. REMEMBER THAT ONLY STRAIGHT VIRGIN GIRLS AND SMALL INFANTS HAVE DONE NOTHING TO DESERVE THIS DISEASE; THE REST OF YOU HAVE MADE A LIFESTYLE CHOICE.
5. REMEMBER THAT THOUGH YOU ARE DISCRIMINATED AGAINST, YOU DON'T NEED RIGHTS BECAUSE YOU ARE PROTECTED UNDER EXISTING LAWS, BUT WHEN THEY SUFFER AT THE HANDS OF BOSSES AND LANDLORDS, THE LEGAL SYSTEM NEEDS A MAJOR OVERHAUL.



WHAT YOU CAN DO

- *1. Write and call your Senators and Representative TODAY urging them to speak out against the military ban during the upcoming congressional hearings and in floor debate. Send letters to:**

The Hon. _____
United States Senate
Washington, D.C., 20510

The Hon. _____
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C., 20515

Call 202-224-3121 and ask to be put through to your Senators and Representatives.

- *2. Mark your calendars to call your Senators again before the floor vote in late spring and remind them of your opposition to the ban.**
- *3. Visit your Senators at their district offices during an upcoming recess. Senators are often home on the weekends and should be home from April 5 - 13 and again from May 31 to June 4.**
- 4. Write and call General Colin Powell, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, to urge him to support President Clinton's efforts to end discrimination in the military. Call General Powell at 703-697-9121. Write him at the Joint Chiefs of Staff; The Pentagon; Washington, D.C. 20318-9999.**
- 5. Write and call President Clinton to thank him for his efforts to end the military's discriminatory policy. Call 202-456-1111 to register a comment at the White House. Write the President at 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue; Washington D.C. 20500.**
- 6. Ask friends, family members, neighbors and co-workers to call and write letters as well. People with military experience are particularly effective on this issue.**
- 7. Write a letter to the editor in opposition to the military's discriminatory policy. Here's a sample letter:**

"I am writing to express my support for ending the military's policy of discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation. I am also deeply concerned about the inflammatory rhetoric now being used by some groups defending discrimination.

Pentagon studies continue to reveal that sexual orientation is irrelevant to military service. As the debate over the military ban continues, I am counting on you to side with this evidence and stand up against discrimination. Thank you for your consideration on this important issue. I look forward to your response."

Information supplied by People for the American Way Action Fund

SWERVE

ZINE

Swerve-\$1

photocopy 30 pages

Queerzine. Of course queer issues, lots of health info, pot stuff, funny heterosexual questionnaire, poems, art and collage clippings. Its neat check it out.

Dan Cox/ 2655 Aldrich Ave./ MPLS MN 55408

SWERVE #1 / \$2 ppd.

5 1/2 x 8 1/2 - offset - 48 pgs.

Supposedly written by a brother and sister, both queer. One writes bad poetry, the other tells cool stories and wants to tax penises. Comics and clippings are great. Music? There's a gay marching band here. But exercises? Recipes? I dunno; they take submissions. (TJ)

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MAXIMUMROCKNROLL



Apology to:

Dan Cox and Swerve—sending you new and old soon; Gene Kim—We'll find your photograph....

REVIEWS

SWERVE #1. \$2.75 ppd. Box 8416, Minneapolis, MN 55408-0416. Forty four pages of interest to Queers 'everywhere. Political news, prose, poetry, photos, and drawings. Funny articles by Sister Sin. A very open minded zine yet non-extremist, so as to accept all forms of Queer consciousness.

SWERVE (\$2)

Mpls., MN

55408 Another First Issue! "What I Did Last Summer by Sister Sin"
= good humor

International Pen Pals

International Gay PenPals (I.G.P.) is about to publish its spring newsletter. The forthcoming newsletter will carry informative material on more than 330 gay men and lesbians from England, France, Japan, Sweden, USSR, Denmark, Australia, Ghana, Malta, Guyana, Germany, Thailand, South Africa, Hong Kong, Canada, and the US.

The newsletter provides a unique way to start international correspondence for a hobby, a forthcoming vacation, to practice another language, or to establish and friendship or romance.

Those interested should send a stamped, self-addressed envelope to I.G.P., Ste. 320, Box 7304, North Hollywood, CA 91603.

The editor has some nasty habits, and I feel compelled to expose him. I'm Sister Sin. Really his sister - and admitting it! Because I live 1000 miles away all our collaboration is done through the mail. It would be easier to do by phone or fax but Dan is cheap. So I send him stuff, some mine some not, and he uses what he likes. So now the nasty habit. He attaches *my name* to things that aren't mine. I believe this is a deliberate act to deflect all potential legal culpability away from himself. He's blamed me for things that were his fault for years, that's what brothers do.

For the record, I DID NOT write or create 'Male Taxpayers', 'PMS World', 'In Search Of...', or Vikings Football. In issue #2 I DID NOT write 'Tease' or the 'Poopie List', though Poopie List is one of my personal favs.

And while I'm bitching, how come you readers asked to see a skin shot of Dan (gross!) and not me!? Big mistake. Come on women. Where are you?

Raise your voices and let me satisfy

your needs. Men do not have the market cornered on queer.



Sister Sin



'SISTER SIN'

Dear SWERVE,

Picked up your zine at A Different Light and read it cover to cover. I don't get all of it, but it was some read.

The reason I'm writing is because I have some information to blow the cover off of a kettle of mess so hot the tabloids like the Nat'l Enquirer won't even touch it. I think it's right in there with the stuff you do so you probably won't be afraid to print it.

STREET BOYS

I'm a 19 year old light skinned (mixed, mulatto) queer. I'm 6' 2" and weigh 195 lbs. I didn't get the best education but I did get blessed with a face and a body. Real early on in life I learned to make the most of my face and body. I've hustled since I was about 12. I started out playing the parks and the Boulevard but that didn't last long. Real quick I earned a rep and started getting passed around by lots of rich white guys who had a thing for little carmel boys. Some of these rich crack-ers had rich friends who was brothers and guess who I got passed on to one day? Earvin Johnson. Magic to you. You got that right. I fucked Magic Johnson. I packed that brother's fudge but good. And I know I ain't the only one. He talks about pool parties and hot tubs full of women. Well I been to his crib plenty of times and there wasn't no women there when I was there--and that hot tub was full. All boys. That nigger needs to come clean. I'm HIV+. I could be the one that gave it to him but like I said, I ain't the only one. I talked to an AIDS expert at the clinic and she told me that for a man to get it from a woman during intercourse, the chances are like one in 500. I don't think Magic's that unlucky. What do you think? He's a fucking hypocrite. He needs to say where he really got it from and stop playing it off like he's totally straight when it ain't like that at all.

I saw him on Arsenio and I started to cry--him sitting there saying he's "far from homosexual." I couldn't believe he could sit there lying like that to millions of people. And Arsenio sitting there shaking his head agreeing, when that motherfucker is the same. And Eddie Murphy and Isaiah Thomas and a whole lot of other lying sacks of shit. If one of them's HIV+ then they're all HIV+ because I fucked them all and they all fucked each other.

Anybody who says what a great addition he is to the fight on AIDS is wrong because he's living a lie. When he comes out and tells the truth and puts it on his mother's love, then he'll be squared. Until then, why should anyone believe anything he says?

He used to treat me real right, took care of me when I needed help. Now I can't get near him. I won't rest until that house nigger stops denying my existense not to mention his own.

That's it. That's what I have to say. Hope it's not too risky for you to print. Let me know if you want pictures of me and him to print. I know they don't prove nothing. It's just me and him together. No nudes or sex or like that. But it does prove I know him at least to get my picture taken with him more than once.

Keep cranking out issues and make the most of the time you got.

D. Chusalle
Box 1182529
L.A., CA 90086

Letters like yours ruin my day. If it's for real, my heart goes out to you --if not, then I'm doubly fucked for printing it, know what I'm sayin'?

Dan Cox

"WE THE MORONS..."

Poetry

Did someone say choice?
What choice have I got?
What color underwear I should wear today?
Just stay the hell out of my backyard!
Why shouldn't I torch your colored rag?
Why are you so concerned about who I screw?
You're just pissed because it can't be you!
Soviet Union went down & so will you!
Who's the cement chick?
Statue of what we ought to be?
Come on, suck my money.
Suck me harder.
Suck it fast, that's right!
What's it to you what the hell I smoke?
You're just mad because you have to protect your rep.
That sweet, intelligent soul you are.
But we know better, don't we?
I saw you in drag a week ago.
I don't pledge...what's that word?
"Operation Desert Scam", thank you.
"United Snakes of America", thanks again.
"We the morons..."
Somebody help!

by Mike Brenton



WON'T THEY EVER UNDERSTAND?

By: *Dan Cox*

Won't they ever understand
That we could live hand-n-hand?
We could give of ourselves, dismiss with demands,
We could please one another, cause joy to expand,
And jointly agree to change the plan?

But rejecting the thought's a conditioned behavior
Even with the help of our saviors.

It's society's coldness that has me enslaved
And society's ignorance that has me enraged,
And only it's acceptance can make me uncaged.
So what can I do about their fear?
They say it's bad, they call it queer,
They wisper it in every ear.

The direction they stear is caused by demand,
I hope someday they'll understand!

And they're afraid to look me in the eye,
Afraid to give a little smile,
Afraid of what they might desire,
Afraid of what they knows required,
Afraid to even be inspired.

THERE IS NO
GREATER COWARD
THAN HE WHO
RETREATS FROM
THE TRUTH.
NO MORE CERTAIN
VICTOR THAN HE
WHO ARMS HIMSELF
WITH IT.

WE MUST ALL UNITE!



The human race has something to say,
Part of mankind is well on the way,
To accepting others more each day,
And putting all our prejudice away!

Let me hear it from you Brothers!
Let me hear it from you Sisters!
Let me hear it from the People!
Let me hear you all together! WE MUST ALL UNITE!

Everyone must stop the fight,
Violence is never right,
Equality should be kept in sight,
For a peacefull world, WE MUST ALL UNITE!

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By: **Dan Cox**

Bill of Rights

Article I

Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.

Article II

A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed.

Article III

No Soldier shall, in time of peace be quartered in any house, without the consent of the Owner, nor in time of war, but in a manner to be prescribed by law.

Article IV

The right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers, and effects, against unreasonable searches and seizures, shall not be violated, and no Warrants shall issue, but upon probable cause, supported by Oath or affirmation, and particularly describing the place to be searched, and the persons or things to be seized.

Article V

No person shall be held to answer for a capital, or otherwise infamous crime, unless on a presentment or indictment of a Grand Jury, except in cases arising in the land or naval forces, or in the Militia, when in actual service in time of War or public danger; nor shall any person be subject for the same offense to be twice put in jeopardy of life or limb; nor shall be compelled in any criminal case to be a witness against himself, nor be deprived of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law; nor shall private property be taken for public use, without just compensation.

Article VI

In all criminal prosecutions, the accused shall enjoy the right to a speedy and public trial, by an impartial jury of the State and district wherein the crime shall have been committed, which district shall have been previously ascertained by law, and to be informed of the nature and cause of the accusation; to be confronted with the witnesses against him; to have compulsory process for obtaining witnesses in his favor, and to have the Assistance of Counsel for his defense.

Article VII

In Suits at common law, where the value in controversy shall exceed twenty dollars, the right of trial by jury shall be preserved, and no fact tried by a jury, shall be otherwise re-examined in any Court of the United States, than according to the rules of the common law.

Article VIII

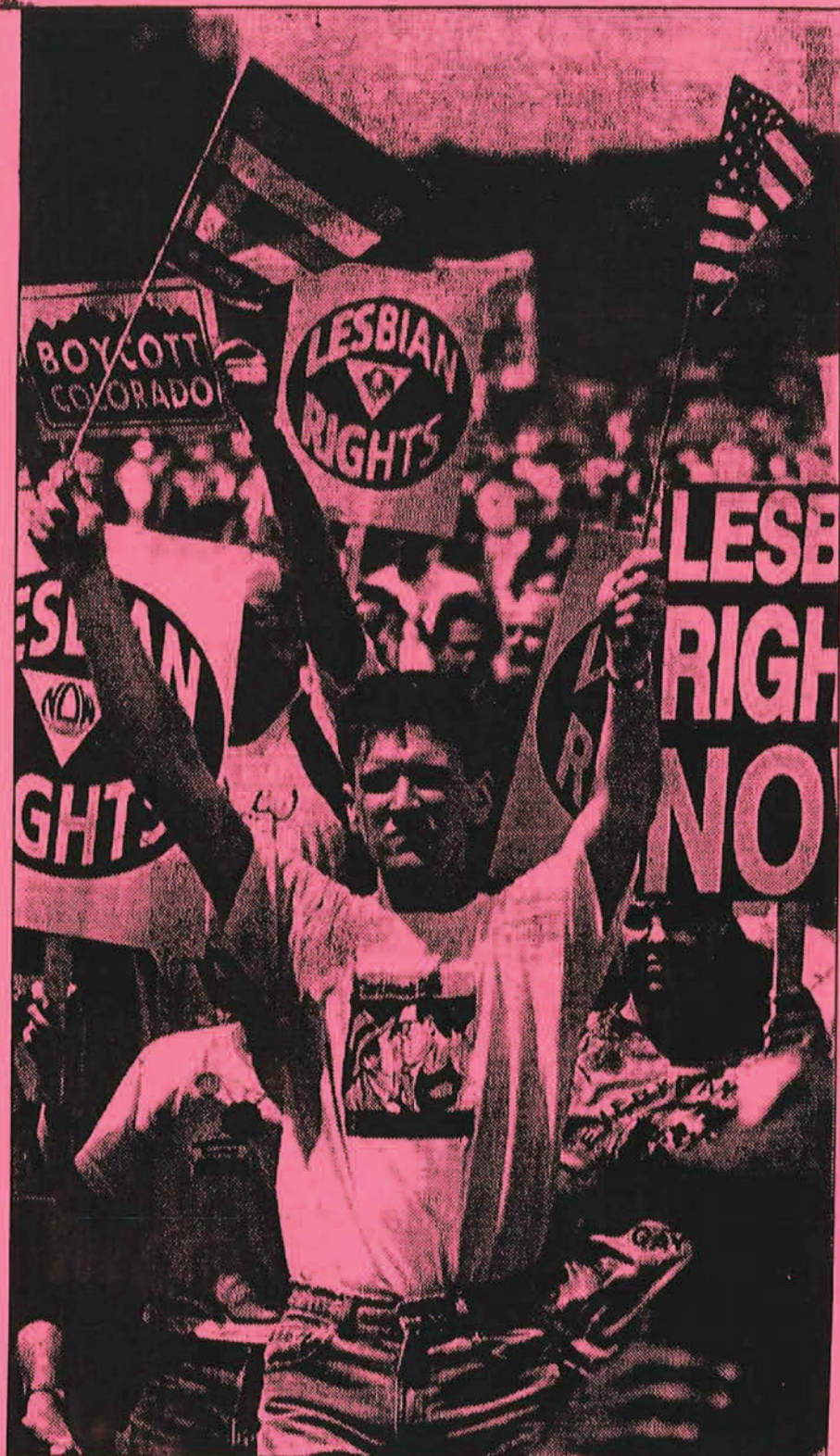
Excessive bail shall not be required, nor excessive fines imposed, nor cruel and unusual punishments inflicted.

Article IX

The enumeration in the Constitution, of certain rights, shall not be construed to deny or disparage others retained by the people.

Article X

The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the States, are reserved to the States respectively, or to the people.



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