interest. Watch this space.

We look forward to the new debate with stop people badgering buggers!" gering badgers and the other is to ests in life, "One is to stop people bug-He stated in an interview that he had two intersponsored a Bill for the Protection of Badgers. introduced the Bill had earlier in his career Lord 'Boofey' Arran, who courageously

19mil adl le sues 691/2 at the time! amendment that the Age of Consent should be under my command". Monty proposed an that nothing of that sort occured in any unit and I can confidently assure your Lordships million men under my command in the last war assured the House that "I had four and a half Lord Montgomery of Alamein, who solemnly By far the most ludicrous speech was

more likely - had got no offers. been hard at it in Eton or Harrow, or else - and only assume that their lordships had either Sodomite Societies' was going high. One can conutry would be awash in 'Buggers' Clubs' and and buggery was fascinating. The fear that the obsession of their nobel lordships with sodomy Bill called William", chronicled that debate. The in '67. A recent documentary on Channel 4, "A House of Lords; they were absolutely hilarious speeches. Watch out for the debates in the will undoubtedly have its quota of homophobic hysterical reaction to the 1967 Bill, the debate While we'll hardly get a repeat of the

basic human right be a matter for 'conscience'? three-line whip on the issue. Why should a have again failed to bite the bullet and have a of 21 which passed in 1967, the Labour Party legalise Homosexual acts for those over the age males to 16. As in the case of the bill to reducing the age of consent for homosexual case by offering an open uote to M.P.s on in the face of an impending European Court The British Government has backed down

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# The Pink Pub Crawl

The following bars are among the most welcoming in Cork when it comes to the lgb community, and while none of them are strictly "gay", they are the most open and adventurous parts of Cork's nightlife at present. For sheer openmindedness, the following four bars are the ones to visit when in Cork. Enjoy!!

Loafers - a small, 'olde worlde' type pub with several rooms rather than one large space, great to go for a quiet pint midweek but heaves at the weekend. The beer garden at the back is the place to be when you fancy a cool drink outdoors, without having to leave the city. A place to go for those without the usual hang-ups, Loafers enjoys a mix of people who know how to enjoy themselves.

An Síol Broin - A dark, warm bar with as much a mix of people as you're likely to see in any one place in Cork. The atmosphere of the place is created by the clientele as much as the decor, with most of the crowd simply out to have a good time and wonderfully lacking in pretentiousness of any sort. What you see is what you get. Worth going there just to meet Mother, who entertains from her perch there most

Bodega - Cool, open spaces. Cool, open people. The decor in the Bodega is nothing short of classic. Sparse but tasteful, it's pleasing to the eye. Relaxed in the afternoons and picking up into the night, the Bodega offers a night out that include Bingo and the odd Jazz session. Obvious camp overtones in a classy environment.

Isobar - Cavernous but comfortable, the low-ceilinged, floor lit Isobar, is decadent in its design and quite over the top in presentation. Looks as if it takes its ideas from a wonderfully deranged photo shoot for "Interiors" magazine, it truly is on it's own in Cork when it comes to this kind of colour and vibe. Worth going just for a look.

James

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 (A support Internet web site devoted to helping gay youth in Ireland). Profits go towards my 'Gay Information Ireland' Web Page. Five Day Course - One Hour Class - Price £50 in Total.

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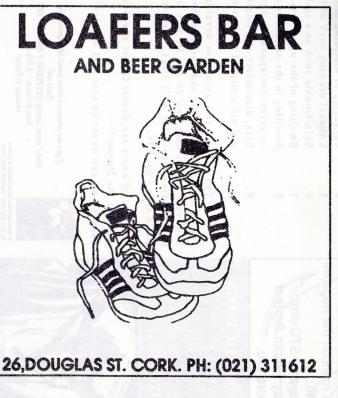
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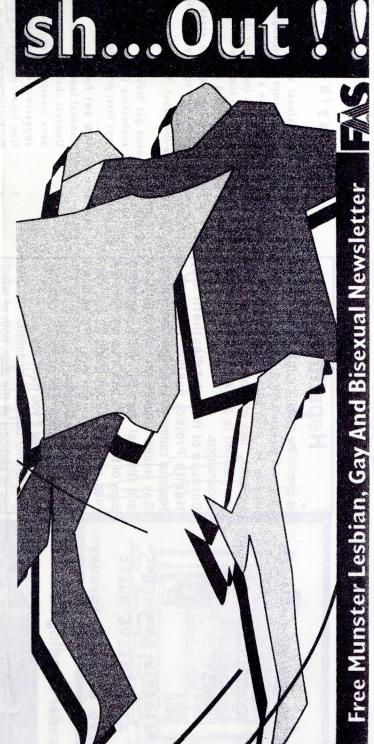
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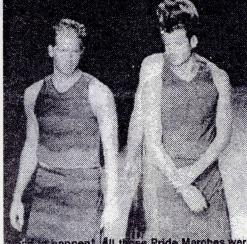




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Gender Bending Fashions!



and it happen! All those Pride Marches were bound to attract attention from the Fashion Designers. Lest weed's Menaweer shows in Paris and Milan saw hunky male models strutting their stuff in dresses, skirts, blouses and handbags! All very well for those members of the Gay Community who want to integrate but what about those of us who want to be different? Business suits? Wellington boots? Me....I've borrowed a nice plain number from the local Friary!

### Rage Rent

Dear Editors,

Dt's that time of the year again. The Spanish Onvasion is on. Outclassing us in looks and undercutting us in prices, they are seriously undermining our trade. D'm sick of standing like a spare prick in Sesame Street while my regular clients drive past in search of their Spanish Onions.

Me and my comrades in RAG (Rentboys Action Group) are off to Killarney for the summer to ply the American Trade, and when we come back in September we are going on Strike!

And when ye come begging for our ser vices ye can bugger off to Barcelona and see how friendly Francesco or José will be then! Unkind Disregards,

> Ronald Rent, P.R.O. - R.A.G.

# **Hepatitis B**

is one of the most common STD's among gay and bisexual men and the only one which is preventable by vaccine However, lack of information on the subject has led to more infection and less vaccinations.

Because of this, the Southern Gay Health Project has just launched a Gay Health Network on Hep B for/Gay and Bisexual men. So when you/see a copy of the leaflet, pick it up and give it a read and think about going for the vaccine It's free from the local STD clinic for

gay and bisexual men.
If you don't think xou need the vacaination, then see if you need this:

(in extreme cases) hospitalistion or cancer or cirrhosis of the liver, both of which can be fatal, not to mention the negative effect on your sex life.

See listings page for STD clinic or Southern Gay Health Project for more info.

BEFORE BROKE BUILDING "Could CIH be described as a 'Rent Boy',"



# The End of Section 28?

The BMA (British Medical Association) recently called for the abolition of Section 28 in the U.K. They believe it to have an extremely bad effect on sex education in schools. Gay activists and education experts hope, that with the recent statement from the BMA, the government now in power will get rid of Section 28 and improve sex education. However, it may actually be anything up to two years before there are any further proposals for a new Local Government Act.

## De-myth-tifying Breast Cancer

In this occasional series of features on women's health issues, The Lesbian Health Project will attempt to highlight some of the issues of which we all need to be aware and address them in a clear factual light. After all, our health and our bodies are important and if we don't look after them how can we hope that they'll do all the things we want them to when the time comes. The first subject I want to look at is (are?) breasts. However we may feel about our own breasts (and I'm a perfect example of a woman less than in love with certain squidgy areas of her body) their health and maintenance is important, and really takes up very little time, considering the rewards possible!

What are the risks? What to look for - Breast self-examination for beginners!

Myths: You cannot get breast cancer from: A knock or blow, fondling, breast-feeding, sunbeds, topless sunbathing (in this climate?), an active (or rough) sex life, large breasts are neither more, nor less, prone to breast cancer than small breasts.

### 9 changes to look out for:

- Unusual lump or thickening
- Unusual change in the size and shape of the breast. Most women will have breasts of unequal size and shape - get to know what is normal in appearance and feel for you.
- One breast unusually higher or lower than the other.
- Puckering or dimpling of the breast skin.
- 5. Unusual drawing back of the nipple.
- Skin trouble such as a rash in or around the nipple.
- Swelling of the upper arm.
- Swelling in the armpit or above the breast (enlarged lymph nodes), or veins that appear to have enlarged.
- Pain, discomfort or a tingling feeling not felt before, and not confined to the time just before or just after a period.

The highest risk group for developing breast cancer is amongst women over the age of 35 who have never had children, therefore a particular concern to many lesbians, however, for women who do not fit this 'lesbian profile', i.e. are younger, or who have had children, there are still risks. Breast examination is a good habit to get into, and could save your life.

Nine out of every ten Breast Lumps checked out by G.P.s are NOT Cancer so why bother going to the Doctor?

Because we can never be sure that we aren't the unlucky sod with the tenth lump.



If you are concerned about breast self-examination Irish Cancer Society HELPLINE 1 800 200 700 from 9.30a.m. - 4.30p.m.

Breast Self-Examination

three easy steps.

### 1. In the shower or bath:

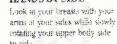
Fungers stude easier over wet skin - so with the flat of your hand, move gently over each breast in a circular motion. Check for any lump, hard knot or Hickonine

2. In front of a mirror:



# HANDS BY SIDE

HANDS ON HEAD Next, put your bands on your head and look for dimples or bulges in your breasts, particularly underneath. Dimples which are equal in size and shape and occur in both breast are



### HANDS OVER HEAD

Then, raise your arms high above your head and look again for any changes especially in the nipple area.



### HAND ON HIPS

Finally, test your palms on your hips and press down firmly while holding the shoulders back so that your chest muscles are flexed. Check for any changes in appearance.

During each of these four steps you should rotate your upper body from side to side. By regular inspection you will see what is normal for year

### 3. Lying down:

Put a pillow or folded towel under your right shoulder and place your night ann behind your head. Using the fingers of your left hand press gently in small circular motions around an imaginary clock face. Start at the top of the breast for 12 o'clock and move in a dockwise circle until you return to 12 again. Then move in one inch and repeat. Keep doing this until you reach the nipple. This procedure should take at least four circles in total. When finished, put your arm by your side and feel under the ampit for any lumps. Repeat this process with the pillow under your left shoulder and your left arm behind your head. Examine the armpit for

Finally, press each nipple using pads of the fingers. Any secretion, particularly if it comes from a single pure, should be reported to your doctor. All changes in your breasts should be reported to your doctor. Breast self examination should be carried out on the 7th day of the menstrual cycle.

Gay, Male, and Drinking Too Much? Try: 'Living Sober'

Alcoholics Anonymous Group Presented by Gay Men

### 'The Other Place'

Saturdays at 7pm Gay Info Line (021) 271087

## Counselling Research

LesBeWell in Birmingham pub lish a bi-monthly publication called 'Dykenosis'. It provides comprehensive health information for dykes. They are currently seeking lesbians who have been, or who are in counselling/therapy and would be willing to be interviewed as part of an independent research study.

Contact: Box 13001, LesBeWell, P.O. Box 4048, Birmingham, B13 8DP

# Married Gay Men

A support group is being set up in Cork for gay/bisexual men who are or have been married. It is run by men who are themselves married or separated.

> For further information please contact the 'Gay Information Line' on (021) 271087 Wednesday 7-9pm Saturday 3-5pm

Or write to: The MGM Group, c/o 8 South Main Street, Cork.

All enquiries will be treated in the strictest confidence.

# Jawal In The Crown

Jewel, a new woman singer from Homer, Alaska, has recently taken America by storm. She's already managed to be the cover star for Rolling Stone magazine and has sold over three million copies of her debut album "Pieces Of You". Her music has been described as a collection of 'hauntingly as 'controversial' because of its exploration of beautiful lullabies', all from a girl who grew up yodelling and carrying a box of earth around with her. (Yes, it's true -I'm not making it up). Definitely one to the unity between queers and feminists to share watch out for!

### Ani Difrome Midnight at the Olym (Publin June)

I ha bee force fed will hard Diffranco (Self-littled debut) Dilate and 'Not a Pratty Girl' all albams by Ani (plonounced 'on E') Di ranco, and still wasn't coninced. Some of her songs I found syself singing along to and liking Them, my favourite has to be Flav urs', along with 'Northy', still they didn't reall, grab till they didn't unity out then the opportunity ee her live at " " be the opportunity of the Olympia (Dublin) was me to decide ke her as an artist

Now here we go... nce blew me away, has a really big fol surprise as I thought a really big fold the was note perfect, not always fect as the audience would ren the next line, which was a was able to laugh at herself; And the way she plays her guitar, well so me she doesn't play her guitar, she fights it! was mesmorised, absolutely blown away It's hard to describe the overall sound of Ani... Folk in sound, Funk in words, i what she is described as by some, but after my experience I would definitely say Punk in sound as the energy is that o

To capture the experience live, thought was going to be difficult, as li tening to her albums didn't have the sa effect on me. But I was relieved to hed that she has released a live double C 'Living In Clip' (technician slang for overloading an amp) which says it a Over 2 hours of music costing around i and worth every penny. I still would call myself a big Ani fan but I definik appreciate what she does as an artist without a doubt go and see her live a as that is an experience not to be up

by Teresa Ja

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### Tasty, Tasty, Very Very Tasty

"Finger Licking Good - The Ins and Outs of Lesbian Sex". by Tasmin Wilton

is now available from

# The Other Side Bookshop.

As it states, Wilton covers many different areas of lesbian sex. It is fresh and forthright, dealing with topics like lesbian S.M., dyke porn, dildos and butch-femme. The book has been described the political struggle around lesbian sex inside the lesbian community, setting out to show the damage the sex 'police' have had and argues for a political commitment to transform the current notion of gender. Buy it or borrow it!