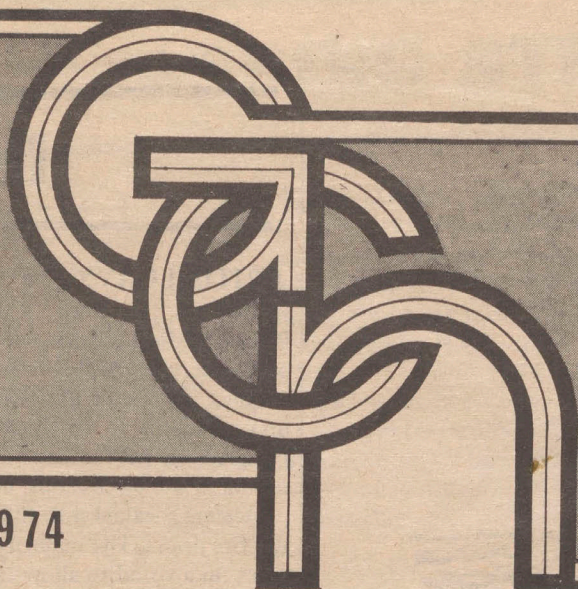


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100 Attend Lou Crimmins Concert

By PAMELA BLEVINS

Friday evening, November 22, Lou Crimmins performed at the Charles Street Meetinghouse in a benefit concert for GCN. She paced her audience through nearly three hours of music that recalled shattered dreams, lost love, the struggle of being a woman and the humour that somehow always manages to surface even in the darkest times.

At 24, Lou Crimmins is confident, and in control of her art. She obviously enjoys what she does, and she does it well.

"Background," she turned the word over for a minute. "I have no real musical background. I sang in high school. I've been fiddling around for about seven years on and off. If you pulled together all the time I've been singing, it would probably total two years," she said.

Last spring, Lou stopped "fiddling around" and began to perform seriously for women, particularly gay women.

"I gear my performance toward women," she explained, adding "my music is for them, but a lot of it is me." She writes some of her own music—"Juliette," a song that discusses the pain of being in love with a woman and knowing that your love will not be returned because the other woman is straight or "Amazon Woman," a birthday song for a friend. Her repertoire also includes songs by Dylan, Cat Stevens, Leonard Cohen, Jessie Winchester and Andy Gillespie, her manager.

Ms. Gillespie's songs drew some of the heaviest applause of the evening. "Sweet Singer," a bluesy number reminiscent of the kind of song Maria Muldar sang when she was Maria D'Amato in the Jim Kewskin Jug Band, and "Wonder Woman," a quick paced song that tells how Wonder Woman finally meets her downfall, both delighted the audience.

As Lou went into the last song on her program "Orgasm," she explained, "I was standing on a street corner in Greenwich Village singing this one when the police came along and asked me to move." It brought the house down, and it brought her back for an encore.

GCN cleared about \$150 from the concert and sold about 500 raffle tickets. Winners of the raffle were drawn Friday night, but none of them were present. Paul Bently won \$50, Mary Buscher won a \$35 gift certificate at the Cuttery. John Malone won a \$25 gift certificate to Syzygy. Linda Nicholas won a \$25 astrology chart. C. McEacheen won a Kodak camera outfit. Earl Lucia won a \$15 gift certificate from the Green Leaf Florists and Chip Murphy won a dinner for two at the House Restaurant. Rich Briton won a \$10 gift certificate to the Jamaica Trading Post and Linda Gagnon won a free pass to any Esquire movie theatre good until the end of the year. Movie passes to the same theatres good one time only went to ten other winners.



Lou Crimmins

photo by Pamela Blevins

GAY FIRED FROM 'REAL PAPER'

By STAFF

Last Monday, Stuart Byron, film editor for the Real Paper, was fired by David Gelber, who had just begun as a new editor for the paper. Byron believes that he was fired because of his outspoken opposition to the previous editor, Paul Solman and to the managing editor, Tom Friedman, and that Gelber fired him on their recommendation.

When he was originally hired, Byron understood that he was to add a gay point of view to the paper and that he was to review gay films and artists. After a few months on the paper, according to Byron, whenever he reviewed a non-gay film, all references he made to gayness were cut by the editor, who was at that time Paul Solman or by the managing editor Tom Friedman. Byron cites as an example that when he reviewed the film *Serpico*, he drew comparisons between *Serpico's* struggles with the NYC municipal government and his own as a gay activist in New York. Solman declared that the article was unacceptable, so Byron revised the article removing every specific reference to the gay movement, but leaving the basic article intact. The review was then accepted and printed.

Byron recalls overhearing Solman continually encouraging the staff to write in a social context, but as he was never approached in this way himself, he concluded that gayness was not considered a relevant or appropriate social context. In the spring of this year, Byron heard Solman remark on several occasions that the paper would print no more gay stories. Byron continued with the paper despite the restrictions on his freedom of expression because he believed that he would outlast both Solman and Friedman, and that the new editor

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GAY NURSES MEET WITH MASS. NURSES ASSOC.

On Tuesday afternoon, November 19, Laura Rood, co-chairperson of the Mass. Chapter of the Gay Nurses Alliance, attended a meeting of the Human Rights Committee of the Mass. Nurses Association. The meeting was held in Boston. The committee expressed interest in the GNA and offered professional support, especially in the areas of education of nurses and student nurses.

This is the first overt recognition of the GNA by any division of the state professional organization. The offer of support is viewed as a positive gesture from the organization, which has to this point ignored all attempts to bring gay issues to their at-

tention. The committee will meet again in February, at which time gay issues will be a primary topic. The Mass. Chapter of GNA plans to have at least two representatives at that meeting.

For those unfamiliar with the Gay Nurses Alliance, it is a national organization composed of RN's, practical nurses, nurses aides and attendants, and student nurses interested in bettering health care for gay people. More specific purposes include acting as an advocate for gay health care personnel who encounter problems in hospital situations, and educating nursing personnel about the gay community and its special needs by working through national

and state professional organizations and schools of nursing.

The Mass. Chapter of GNA will have its next meeting on Wednesday night, December 11, at 7:30 P.M. Items to be discussed include: 1) determining the direction members would like to see the group take -- where to concentrate energies, activities; 2) establishing a speaking program for nursing schools; and 3) organizing a forum for presentation at the next Mass. Nurses Association convention. All are welcome, out of the closet or not. Call 232-6323 or 354-4169 for more information and directions.



MAINE LINE

By STURGIS HASKINS

WESTBROOK — The Maine Human Rights Commission has asked Gay activists to compile documented evidence of discrimination. At a public meeting held this past week on the campus of Westbrook Junior College, seven members of the Commission and its Executive Director, Ms. Terry Lund-Aucoin, met in open session. The Commission has been holding other such meetings throughout the state. Except for the President of the Maine NOW Chapter and black legislator Gerald Talbot, only members of the gay community attended.

Peter Prizer, a coordinator for the Maine Gay Task Force, and among those present, termed the meeting "excellent." Prizer said the Executive Director of the Commission indicated that she might be willing to approach the legislature in support of favorable legislation. He added that several members of the Commission said they had not been previously aware of the problems gays face. No formal complaints have been received by the Human Rights Commission. Last spring members of the Gay Support and Action in Bangor contemplated action against the Bangor House who some felt was harassing gay customers in the hotel's bar and exchanged several calls with Ms. Lund-Aucoin.

AUGUSTA — The executive director of the Maine Civil Liberties Union has invited members of the Maine Gay Task Force to participate in a symposium this winter. The symposium, for which a specific date has not yet been set, will concern itself with changes in the state's sex laws and victimless crimes.

Gilbert Zicklin, chairperson of the MCLU Board, is known to be sympathetic to the gay rights movement. Zicklin, who is also a sociology professor at the University of Maine, was instrumental last spring in finding an attorney for the schools' nascent Gay organization, the Wilde-Stein Club. The club encountered difficulty with school authorities when it scheduled a state-wide gay symposium to be held on the campus.

Several of the state's gay organizations have joined the Civil Liberties Union as supporting members. Last June the Union announced that it could handle no additional cases for want of adequate funding.

PORTLAND — Tom Maxwell has been released from the Kennebec County Jail where he had been incarcerated for writing a threatening letter to Gov. Kenneth Curtis.

Maxwell was released in large part by efforts of Stanley Fortuna and other members of the Maine Gay Task Force. The Task Force had earlier voted \$70 toward bail monies.

Members of the Task Force voiced disappointment that Maxwell had failed to honor the terms of the release. Ms. Susan Henderson, of the Wilde-Stein Club, had volunteered to board Maxwell until his trial which is scheduled for mid-December in Portland, Maxwell's home town. Ms. Henderson lives in Bangor. Shortly after his release, Maxwell decided to return to Portland. People close to the situation reported Ms. Henderson had no recourse but to inform Maxwell's attorney that she could no longer hold herself responsible for Maxwell since he had broken the terms of the release.

BRUNSWICK — The Maine Gay Task Force Newsletter in its three months of existence has acquired over 250 paid subscribers, including some from four foreign countries. A writer for the paper credited the weekly ad in the MAINE TIMES for much of the volume. A report of this week's November meeting will appear in the next issue.

GAY FIRED

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would be more sympathetic to the gay movement.

When Solman resigned in early September, the stockholders of the paper altered the firing procedures so that the incoming editor would have more control over the paper for the first few months of his or her tenure. Byron protested at this time that these changes were in violation of the agreement made between the paper and the individual employee, and went on record as refusing to accept them.

Byron intends to sue the paper for breach of contract if he is not immediately reinstated.

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BRITISH GAYS ZAP CONGRESS

London, Gay News—A recently held British Medical Association Congress on psychosexual disorders was disrupted by 60 gays, protesting the classification of homosexuality as a medical problem. The Congress initially refused the group participation in the discussions, but most of the protesters sneaked into the assembly by the fire doors. The majority of the delegates then voted to allow the gay group to stay and a 1½ hour discussion ensued. A spokesperson for the participating gay groups considered the disruption highly successful and educational for all involved.

VICE SQUAD LOSES

In the past seven months, the District of Columbia's vice squad has suffered court defeat twice in two separate cases brought against Joseph V. Stewart. Stewart was arrested in April for alleged sodomy, but D.C. Judge David L. Norman dismissed the case on the grounds that sodomy laws apply only to acts which are forced on an unwilling participant. The case is likely to go to the Supreme Court and set a nationwide precedent in sodomy cases.

Stewart's second arrest occurred in August in an area used for cruising by gay men. When Stewart noticed Richard Rockey, the plainclothesman who had arrested him on the original sodomy charge, he shouted a warning to the other gay men in the area. Rockey arrested him for disorderly conduct and after beating Stewart, charged him with assaulting a police officer. When the case came to court, D.C. Judge Halleck dismissed the charges against Stewart and charged Rockey with perjury. The cases are considered victories against Washington vice squad's harassment of gay men.

B'nai Haskalah Chanukah Party

On December 14th, B'nai Haskalah, Boston's Jewish Gay Congregation, will hold its first fund raising Chanukah party from 3 p.m. until 11 p.m. Featured will be a full course catered dinner, a candle lighting ceremony and traditional Chanukah songs and games.

For those of you who are unfamiliar with the Chanukah tradition, it commemorates the victories of ancient Palestine led by Judah Maccabee, over the Romans. Although the Israelites returned to find their temple in ruins, they were inspired to light the lamp within it and offer praises to God.



Despite there only being enough oil for one day, by Divine miracle, the lamp glowed for eight days. Chanukah, which means "dedication," has been called the Festival of Freedom and the Feast of Lights.

Come and share (whether Jew or non-Jew, Gay or straight), the simcha (joy) of this holy season with your brothers and sisters. See you at the Charles Street Meetinghouse, 70 Charles St., Boston, at 3 p.m. Price: \$5.00, admission by ticket only. For more information or to reserve tickets, please call 265-6409.

GAY ACADEMIC UNION

Under the leadership of its new officers, the Gay Academic Union of New England met November 10 at MIT. Charles Bonnell, author of the GCN article, "Kinsey Report: On Homosexuality" (Vol. 2, No. 14, Sept. 28, 1974), gave an in-depth talk on the activities of the Summer Program on Human Sexuality, including the interpersonal dynamics of the program.

The union will meet again Dec. 8 (at MIT 14E-303) to hear a report from those who attended the GAU conference in New York Thanksgiving weekend.

LESBIAN ARCHIVES SET UP

Lavender Woman—A newly-formed group is gathering all literature and materials by and about lesbians. If you have any contributions, please send to: Lesbian Herstory Archives, P.O. Box 1258, NYC, New York 10001.

GAY CIVIL RIGHTS RALLY

On November 23, 1974, at 1:00 p.m. in Sheridan Square, New York City, the Committee for Gay Civil Rights sponsored a rally to organize support for the passage of Intro 554. This new City Council bill, like its predecessors Intro 2-A and Intro 475, has been referred to the General Welfare Committee, which has so far refused to schedule it for a vote. Politicians generally assume the bill will pass in the full City Council if voted out of committee. The bill prohibits discrimination in employment, housing, and public accommodations on the basis of sexual orientation.

The November 23 rally was the opening step in the committee's campaign to pass Intro 554 before Christmas. Other committee activities will include lobbying, leafletting, community organization, and raising the consciousness of the public that the struggle for gay civil rights is an affirmation of self-respect and a demand for human dignity.

DRAG IN DENVER

DENVER--(GCN)-- Transvestites -- men dressing as women -- have begun appearing in many Denver gay bars and cruising areas, following the repeal of a city ordinance prohibiting the wearing of clothes of another sex on city streets. That was reported to the *Gay Community News* this week by a gay Denver resident. And the State of Colorado has had for about two years a consensual sex law, permitting sexual activities between consenting adults. But recently, in the community of Boulder, a controversial gay civil rights ordinance was defeated by public referendum. The Denver gay explained, "they've got a lot of red-necks down there." Several large U.S. cities, among them Detroit and San Francisco, have city ordinances forbidding discrimination on the basis of one's sexual orientation.

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A LANDMARK FILM: "PASSING STRANGERS"

By LEE ATWELL

The joyful revelation of what must be the very finest personal and artistic success in the history of gay erotic cinema fills me with ecstasy: Arthur Bressan, Jr.'s *Passing Strangers*. Technically and thematically this film fulfills some of the goals of all good film-making. But beyond this, it expresses with great poignancy and feeling a positive level of gay consciousness (without being overtly political) totally absent in the history of cinema. In this sense it is a landmark and a cause for rejoicing! A real movie about real gay people that is a real movie!

Passing Strangers is the work of a man who openly and proudly celebrates his gay awareness and his love for movies and moviemaking. First and foremost, it is what we have rather casually come to refer to as "pornographic movies." It is not, however, a film that exploits gay sexuality but gives it a true human dimension as the honest expression of giving and receiving physical pleasure. In the very first shot, as the camera pulls back through the porthole of a projection booth of a straight porno theatre, we see the relatively mechanical closeup of a couple fucking. Later, when we see a gay arcade loop the director creates similar moments that project little of the feelings involved in real sexual encounters. The humorous commentary of a radio spot announcing the theatre's current program gives an arched perspective on the routines and rituals and stock phrases of the porno profiteers. Contrasting with the sex loops, the sexuality in the main body of the film is full of passionate abandon, warmth and beauty, especially during the second section.

The story as such is simple and has occurred in the lives of almost all gay people. The characters are introduced via the device of a projectionist (played by Artie Bressan) who works in a straight porno house, whose friend, Tom (Robert Carnegie) places an ad in the *Berkeley Barb*, signed "box 1154" seeking a boyfriend for fun and good times. The ad, opening with the words "passing strangers..." is cribbed from a poem of Walt Whitman. Tom is an attractive, affable, boyish young man, very much into the gay routine of bars, baths, and street cruising on the weekends while remaining close to a straight-laced exterior during the week for his job at the telephone company. He feels good about his sexual encounters and we see him involved in balling with a casual stranger, but it is clear from the ad that he is looking for something more substantial, if not necessarily a heavy relationship. Finally, he receives a reply that interests him. We meet Robert (Robert Adams) as he is writing the crucial letter that opens up a series of written communications between the two.

A young high school student who has often fantasized about having sex with a man, but who has never acted on his impulse, Robert is lonely, dissatisfied with school, hungry for sexual experience and friendship. He is seen masturbating twice before he meets Tom: first, in his bedroom at home, while watching Griffith's *Broken Blossom* on television, and later, in a beautifully photographed and edited fantasy sequence in which he conjures up a roomful of nude men who applaud at his sexual release. Amid a cloud of soap bubbles he joins them in laughing and jumping that conveys joy, solidarity, and togetherness. He contemplates magazines at a porno bookshop and views a brief action scene, but these only intensify his longing. In his last letter, in which he decides to meet Tom, Robert expresses his hesitation and fear of not being appealing to Tom. He is concerned about facial blemishes, about his thin

frame and adolescent awkwardness, and in a brief expressionistic excursion, he imagines his face as others might see it.

The second section of the film moves from black and white to color photography for the first encounter at Land's End, a favorite meeting spot for gay people in San Francisco. While Tom is absorbed in flying a kite, Robert catches fleeting glances of his striking profile (which can be observed here in frame enlargements from the film). They trip around the beach area together

riding techniques, enjoying each other and the picturesque beauties of San Francisco streets and byways. At a playground high spirits are captured on a slide, swing, and a carousel ride. An evening interlude of love-making begins with considerable foreplay building to 69, atmospherically enhanced by golden candlelight and the sultry tones of a saxophone scoring. (If this scene doesn't convince you that pornography can be transformed into art, nothing ever will.)

The climactic sequence of the film, and

The entire sequence is given an additional momentum by an infectious song, "Great Expectations," composed and performed for the film by Jim O'Connor. Of all the songs about liberation and coming out, it is the best and deserves to become a hit.

Ending a film is often a ticklish and difficult problem for situations involving a dramatic conflict. Since *Passing Strangers* avoids any kind of conflict, it concludes quite naturally with Tom and Robert on the pier at Aquatic Park. Robert's thoughts are revealed in a succession of memory images, slightly tinted, of Tom and their experiences together making love and fulfilling a dream fantasy. An unexpected pull-back from the pier reveals a breathtaking aerial view of the Bay harbor and Golden Gate bridge.

As this last shot suggests, Artie is a man who loves movies and loves to make them. For him, going out to shoot a film is inspiring and exciting event; editing is a wonderfully magical way to give form to moving images; and sound (he's a better than average singer) is an expressive, evocative way of giving shape to words and music. Artie is not what you would call a professional movie maker; his real profession is living, just living and keeping people high and turned on. But he has the passion and instincts of an artist, an artist who is in love with film and with people. I don't think that even he realized what a fine film he had made until he saw, for the first time, the answer print with a group of friends—straight as well as gay—myself included, that early morning in May. It was real, lyrical, sexy as hell, happy, visually beautiful...

Although it will be opening soon throughout the country in gay porno theatres, I wish that *Passing Strangers* could be shown everywhere; but considering the recent crack-down on pornography in America, I doubt that it will. This is the kind of film I have wanted to see for so long and couldn't get together myself. It may be, as Artie says, technically equivalent to what was happening in 1928—a silent with talkie sequences—but it makes most other porno films—gay and straight—look like cold, calculating amateurism. It is a landmark, a beginning for an alternative cinema that celebrates rather than exploits homosexuality as a positive way of living. Without standing on a soapbox, *Passing Strangers* is ultimately a political movie, a movie that could begin to change people's perceptions of themselves and of the world. And it must begin with us if we are to liberate ourselves and others.

After having said so much that is negative in my *Gay Sunshine* film reviews, it is a genuine pleasure to praise and recommend a film of such honesty and integrity as this, and I hope that gay people everywhere will take the opportunity to see it and dig it. It has something for everyone: hard-core freaks, politicians, blacks, women, drags, and just plain gay people. *Passing Strangers* is a labor of love conceived of by one man, and although he had much technical assistance from straight as well as gay people, including an original music score by Jeff Olmstead and Ed French which is planned to be released as an album, and some fine photography by Jim Block, it reflects the world and perceptions of its author, Arthur J. Bressan, Jr. Thank you, Artie, for making such a together, beautiful film! Thank you for giving us something we can be proud of! May you make many more!

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establishing an aura of warmth and growing intimacy. Then, on the distant verdant shores of Angel Island, Robert has his first sexual encounter with Tom. It is a warm, sunny day and tender kisses and caresses lead to eager, passionate love-making, initiated by Tom, then reciprocated by the younger Robert, who at the older man's request, fucks him. Following an intense orgasm, the boy's face is flooded with happiness and tenderness, matching variations on Satie on the soundtrack.

Back in the city, the two friends, experiencing the rush of first love, bicycle around together, showing off bravura, daring in

literally its highest moment, is the Gay Day Parade which actually took place in San Francisco on June 24, 1973. As a participant in that parade, I can truthfully say that Artie Bressan and his two additional cameramen Joseph Cicio and William Smart have captured more completely than anyone has previously the overflowing good feelings and dionysian flavor of that marvelous day. From a variety of angles, gay men and women of all sorts, beginning with drag queens and a female couple embracing, storm the streets and Tom and Robert join a male chorus line to openly celebrate their love and solidarity with brothers and sisters.



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EDITORIAL

We are genuinely grateful for the response we have so far received in reaction to last week's front page editorial, but we are still unsure. Why?

Those who have responded thus far are mostly a part of the "organized" community. Some have cancelled meetings to be at our emergency one scheduled for December 3rd. Others have set up contacts to try to arrange benefits. Some in the performing area have volunteered to perform at a benefit. These are splendid and we would be rude to say we were not grateful—we are sincerely appreciative of their immediate response and support. However, not to devalue their help, we want more than that, not greedily, but anxiously.

This community, as with so many movements, runs on the commitment of the community. The greater the number of commitments, the stronger and more powerful that community becomes, we believe. Many people who have come to us to offer

think again...

help are already involved in so many other parts of the gay struggle. They want to do what they can, but simply have too little time or too little money to even continue their own specific activities. This newspaper honestly wants to serve the entire community in its vast number of facets, not just give to a specialized side of it. We cannot give, however, to people we never know of, or hear from, in anyway.

People eventually cannot continue when they are spread too thin in activities. Movements often die out when the people simply cannot continue. And in this implication we mean to speak not simply for the newspaper. Liberation is a struggle for all the people—it must also be of and by all the people. No, you are not all born activists nor are you all able to come out. We would be making judgments to tell you to change your particular way of being gay. But there are many ways of supporting something if you believe in it and care about it. There

are many ways of giving without changing that life style, if you look for them. There are many ways of being a part of this community. There are jobs to be done that certainly receive no glory or fame—but anonymity is important to many people, understandably, still. There are jobs that require little time, perhaps an hour a week, for those who, rightfully, feel they cannot commit 40 or 50 hours.

And the benefits of the work? Well, they come to all, no matter how large or small a contribution was made. But if you sit there and think it's all going to get done anyway, and that someone else will do it if you don't help—think again. Then sit down and let us hear from you, or send a check to the organization you feel is doing things from your point of view, or call them and find out how you can help in whatever way you are able, or come to the community meeting Tuesday, December 3 at the GCN office, 22 Bromfield St.

We will all be there. Will you?

LETTERS

mother pride

Dear GCN,

I just read a copy of your paper. Because GAY folded up and THE ADVOCATE is in the process of being sold, I went to our book store here in N.Y. to find a gay paper. I was deeply impressed with yours. It's my conviction we need a national paper that will keep us all informed of the growth of the gay movement all across the country.

I'd better tell you a bit about myself. I am active in the New York "Parents of Gays". I did not know my son was gay until he was well past 30. After his third suicide attempt he "came out". He had married and had four children. He was a beautiful and talented man. He was a gentle and wonderful father. I know now he knew the world better than I did and that is why he never told me younger. As soon as he was divorced and had straightened out his life, I went to San Francisco and lived with him and his lover John in the heart of the gay ghetto.

When Charlie told me he was gay I had only two thoughts; "Oh my darling you have been through so much without me beside you!", and "I would never be a closet mother." So I read all the books he told me to read, told all my family and all my friends at once!

Twice I lived with Charlie and John...we spoke freely, and they were fair and good

and taught me many many truths.

I've read the gay press for years now and was in the first gay parade in New York. Finally, I found "Parents of Gays" so I'm not alone anymore.

Two years ago this past September I lost both Charlie and John in double suicide. John had been in the closet all of his life, he was a top man for 15 years in his job. But when they bought a house together to be near Charlie's children, John was exposed and his company demoted him from what he had been doing for 15 years. Also my Charlie's job was threatened—so there they were, 46 and 48, and four children to support and they could not take any more, so they went into the garage, sealed it, and turned on the motor.

So I pick up the torch they had to put down. I speak all over New York when asked to. I spoke to 40,000 people in Central Park at the last Gay Pride parade here.

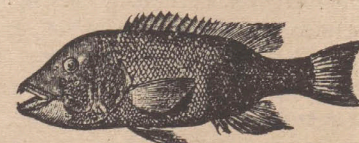
Although I am now 76, I've fought bigotry and injustice all my life and it's no time to stop now.

I'll carry on as long as I am able and I'm in the fight for gay liberation so long as my strength holds out.

So I need your paper until a New York or a national paper comes out. We who fight must have both our heads and our hearts.



Sarah V. Montgomery
New York City



Fathead (*Pimelomelanon pulcher*).

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Dear GCN people:

First let me thank the GCN staff, especially Linda & Dennis, for the help and advertising for the gay cruise on November 8th. Although the cruise was not a financial success for either of us due to the small number that finally sailed, I am finding it was a success in ways that were not expected.

When the gay cruise idea was first conceived, 50 cabins were held for the proposed group with hope to fill at least 16 cabins. It was never represented as a totally gay ship. I want to apologize to the two men who went under false impressions about the size of the group or the nonorgy attitude of the group. However, these are the only two complaints received and the rest of the comments have been praises.

BUT THE MAJORITY OF PRAISES FOR THE GAY GROUP CRUISE HAVE COME FROM THE STRAIGHT PEOPLE WHO WERE ON THE SHIP. They have called me to tell of the friendliness, openness and the excellent entertainment the group provided. Most of these people did not get to know any of the gay men and women well but want to go on the next cruise with the Boston gay groups. And proudly we should announce that six men won the costume contest with the portrayal of Cleopatra and "her" four slaves. When a 60 year old matronly client of mine mentions that she and her group were impressed by everything - even the dancing - I know it must have been great.

I am very happy about the cruise and the great people that went on it. They represented the gay community in a way it has not seen before and returned with praises from the entire ship. Yes, it was only 19 people, but they were able to generate goodwill feelings towards the gay community from over 300 people.

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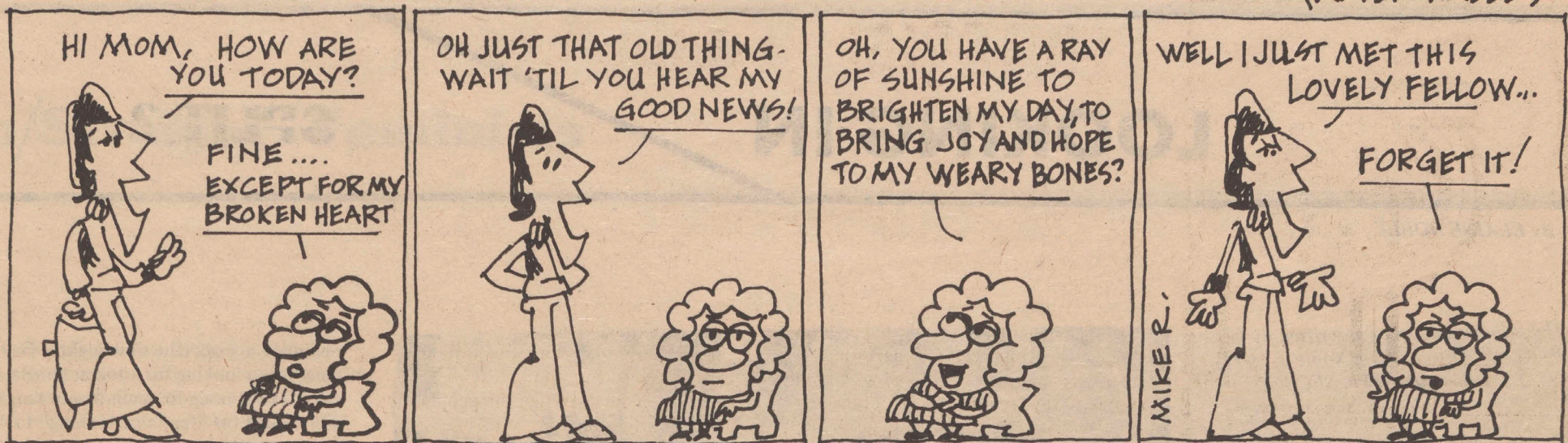
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(Vol. 2, No. 21, November 16, 1974, page 3) Our apologies to Diana Rabenold for misspelling her last name. Also, as stated, she has been involved in both the Boston Feminists and Female Liberation, but her identification with the Women's Center in Cambridge was in error.

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Talking Politics

By DAVID P. BRILL

The political climate of the Massachusetts State House in 1975 is beginning to show up. Although there have been numerous appointments since Michael Dukakis was elected Governor on November 5 (he won't take office until January 2), it is still a little early to make any concrete predictions on how we can expect the 1975 package of gay rights bills to be received.

The appointment of Rep. John R. Buckley (D-Abington) as Secretary of Administration and Finance, and the probable appointment of Rep. Barbara E. Gray (R-Framingham) as Secretary of Consumer Affairs by Dukakis have good and bad connotations. On the plus side, Dukakis will have as two of his key advisors two legislators who have been in the forefront for gay rights bills in the legislature.

On the minus side, the gay community will be losing the support of two of its most eloquent spokespersons with Buckley and Gray. Buckley, who was one of the leaders of the House debate in favor of an anti-discrimination bill this year, also has supported the repeal of the sodomy laws. Rep. Gray was the floor sponsor for the 1974 bill prohibiting discrimination in state civil service positions. The Buckley loss is more important, as he was a member of the House leadership (the only liberal member) and carried considerable weight as Vice-Chairman-to-be of the Ways and Means Committee as well as Chairman of the Taxation Committee.

Assistant Transition Director for Dukakis is Dolores Mitchell of Watertown, who is also one of his top policy aides. Mitchell, who is a national officer of Americans for Democratic Action (an organization which sponsors gay rights legislation annually), is also active in the Civil Liberties Union, and her role in the new Dukakis administration should guarantee a strong voice for gays.

There has been some concern voiced over a small sentence in the *Boston Globe* in reference to what the Dukakis administration would do in the area of gay rights. Well, you should know that the article caused a great deal of commotion right in the Governor-elect's office. I went directly to the press office and obtained the remarks in context, and found that what I had thought to be true, was, the *Globe* which doesn't like Dukakis, was trying to portray him as anti-gay.

The original Dukakis statement referred to which bills the Governor would actually file. That means budget reform agency reorganization, etc., etc., ad infinitum. The assistance which the new Administration will give to the gay rights bills will be from the cabinet secretaries and department heads, according to Dukakis Press Secretary David Sugarman. This is why having sym-

pathetic, pro-gay cabinet secretaries (like Gray and Buckley) is important.

Lucy Wilson Benson is the new Secretary of Human Services, the cabinet secretary whose agencies (Corrections Department, Welfare Department, Mass. Commission Against Discrimination) affect gays most. A wealthy former national president of the League of Women Voters, Ms. Benson can be considered a liberal (she was active in the Guzzi-for Secretary of State campaign), although she's definitely not a feminist. Ms. Benson obtained the reputation as being "Mrs. House Cut" as she led the fight to reduce the size of the Massachusetts House.

Ms. Benson's support will be crucial to the success of the anti-discrimination legislation during 1975. The best way to let her know this would be to clip out this column, and mail it to her, in care of the Dukakis Transition Office, 18 Tremont Street, Boston 02108. I'm sure Ms. Benson will reply soon if enough people pressure her.

Almost every gay person has experienced some kind of discrimination. Fired from a job? Been denied a job? a mortgage? an apartment? If so, the Gay Legislation '75 Committee needs your support. Please send your report of discrimination, along with all necessary details, to Gay Legislation '75 Committee, 419 Boylston Street, Room 509, Boston 02116. Everything received is confidential. However, without actual case histories in discrimination, the presentation of testimony for the anti-discrimination legislation next year will be totally ineffective.

The elections are all over--finally--and there have been some rough projections as to the degree of gay support at the State House. In the Senate, there may have been a net gain of two, making it 16 out of 40 Senators. (Just five more Senators must be successfully lobbied to attain a majority.) The Senate, however, is going to be a real problem, even with a majority, since Senate President Kevin Harrington hates Barney Frank, hates gays even more, and holds the gavel, we can expect some parliamentary trickery.

In the House, there is a net gain of about ten members, bringing the total gay support there to 89. An analysis of last year's House vote has been made, and it has shown some interesting points. Of those who did support us in 1974, only two lost, and both of them lost to pro-gay challengers (not counting redistricting). Also out of those 79 representatives, two moved up to become Senators, one Congressman, one Lt. Governor, and one Secretary of State.

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By ELAINE NOBLE

The following article was written by now Representative-Elect Elaine Noble in 1973. It was originally published in SECOND WAVE, A Magazine of the New Feminism, Vol. 2, No. 3.

I am a woman; I am a Lesbian; I am a feminist. A simple enough statement to make in 1973, a statement acceptable and even praiseworthy in some quarters. To make it so simply, to declare it so publicly now belies the pain, fear, rejection, and humiliation attached to that statement for the past four years. As I sat down to write this article about my own evolution from affirmation of my sexual preference to gay activism to involvement in the women's movement, remembrances, people forgotten, small incidents, pain, and hope flooded back to me so vividly that for a time I was unable to write, or even to talk.

My "coming out" . . . 1968, and there I was, girl wonder. Advertising executive. . . well-coiffed, well-dressed, well-fed—and well-hidden. Hypertense, creative, on a manic high when I wasn't on a manic low, wondering, fearing, having doubts and anxieties about my self-worth, life style, validity. Hearing snide little jokes about dykes and biting my lips, fuming with anger, frustration, and shame. But I had it made. . . right? Chic apartment, woman that I cared about, business trips, expense account. All I had to do was pretend to be straight for 8 to 10 hours a day. The mind might have been willing, but the body ultimately rebelled, and I ended up in the emergency ward with a case of bleeding ulcers. The weeks I spent in the hospital were a period of intense soul-searching. . . could I live the rest of my life as girl wonder, or, just possibly, could I work out a lifestyle in which I could honestly be me, whatever the hell that was. The decision to be me, and take my chances on whatever that was, cost me my job, my lover, and at least for a time, a certain portion of sanity.

And so there I was, a self-defined Lesbian with little real understanding of what that meant or how it would effect my life. "Coming out"—acceptance and affirmation of the fact that one prefers to relate emotionally and sexually to members of one's own sex. And initially, the most devastating responses I got were from other Lesbians, still in the closet. I threatened them. To be seen with me; to live with me, to go to the god-damned movies with me threatened them with public recognition. Friends that I had known, women with whom I had shared intimately, avoided me; and I was alone, isolated, and frightened.

At that time there seemed to be only two options for gay women—to keep one's sexual preference confined to the bedroom and appear "straight," or to do the bar scene with its heavy butch/femme role playing, degradation, sense of isolation. . . the meat rack. Daughters of Bilitis was formed in Boston in the late '60s as an option to the bar scene, and it was through D.O.B., which I investigated only as a last resort to alleviate my own alienation and paranoia, that I began to move tentatively toward gay activism.

D.O.B. had its own difficulties organizing in Boston (one of the radical underground newspapers which prided itself on its avant-



garde approach refused to accept notices of meetings), but eventually, the few brave souls who cared pulled together by-laws, elected officers, and became legitimized. Somehow those formal mechanics meant a great deal to us not only because they established a D.O.B. chapter, but in some way they also established our own validity as people. If our initial activities centered around softball games and business meetings, nevertheless the sense of solidarity and communality I felt gave me a temporary lease on sanity.

And here I must digress, overwhelmed with memories I thought I had hidden away forever. I remember Gail King, a gentle and fearless woman who was then president of D.O.B., whom I would call late at night overwhelmed with terror. Gail, whose compassion held me and countless others together in times of crisis. Dear Gail, and Diana, and Aggie, Andy, Ellen, Laura. Few of us remain in D.O.B. or even in Boston. Some retreated to New Hampshire and Vermont, broken-hearted, bitter. Others have gone, vanished without a call or a note. A few remain, and some feel it is easier now. But I remember and weep for us all.

Just writing this small article makes me remember so much, and I am crying for the strong ones who had to hide, the less-than-strong who could endure no more, and for those who disappeared utterly. I am crying for Gail, whose health failed, for both of us lost women we loved because they could

take no more. And I am shaking with the pain of watching blank, uncomprehending, hostile faces in an audience as I expose the deepest parts of myself trying to make them understand, shaking with the horror of seeing myself as they saw me. . . a freak, a tattooed lady. And the humiliation of those soft male voices calling in the night to whisper obscene horrible things, and of the dirty words written on the car and the punctured tires. If all that has ended now, the scars have not quite healed. And during that whole troubled time, we had only each other.

As I sit here, I wonder, if we knew the cost, would we still have done it? I guess we would have, for our speaking out came of a desperation which admitted no other alternative. We could not go back; we could only hold each other and murmur words of comfort as we went forward into god only knew what.

If initially my feelings of identification were with the gay movement, it became rapidly apparent that Lesbians, like women in every other situation, were the brownie baking, coffee making ladies' auxiliary of the gay movement. Gay men had the same hangups that straight men did about dykey broads, and only after the most militant of confrontations did they accede to minimal demands. When the Homophile Community Health Service opened in Boston, only the extraordinary tenacity of D.O.B. women enabled us to use the facility for counseling

one night a week (the slow night). Gay men, when looking for a token female or two to take along for a confrontation, invariably asked for "feminine-looking" Lesbians (who were then ignored). At one confrontation at the Mayor's Office of Human Rights, an assembled group of 10 men and two women were told that certainly the office "understands your plight. . . it is important for men to be able to hold their heads high and walk proud." Outcasts? You'd better believe it.

Feeling so isolated, so cutt off as women, the logical place to look for understanding was in the feminist movement. After all, many Lesbians, even if they were closeted, had worked long and hard in the women's movement. The issues being raised by feminists were certainly issues gay women knew on a gut level; and to some extent, oppression of Lesbians was and is, in a very deep way, related to the oppression of women in a male-dominated patriarchal society.

Over the course of several months of intensive reading and discussion, my own feminist consciousness was raised to a fever pitch. As I read and discussed points with other gay women and feminists, my own ideas came into sharper focus. I heard, I believed, I was saved. . . almost. When I began to discuss Lesbianism and its feminist implications, I was confronted by outrage. Gay and straight feminists alike told me that the issue would destroy the women's movement, that we had to go one step at a time, that people just weren't ready for it yet. . . but sometime, sometime. The feminists who supported a positive stand, as the N.O.W. people who wanted everyone to wear purple arm bands in the August 26 celebration, were few and far between. And so there I was, with other D.O.B. women, having experienced so much pain and wanting to work in the women's movement, and being told that I was acceptable only if I could play it "straight." Wasn't this where I had come in?

Well, feminists just needed a little information—they needed to know that we were people who had integrity, people who were kind and honest and decent, people who had mothers and fathers, sisters and brothers. We were, after all, people just like a lot of other people. . . we went to the supermarket, started diets, and sent out Christmas cards. Concerned about the hostility we had heard about from California and New York, we decided that D.O.B. would try to formulate an education policy which would be non-threatening but firm and straightforward, and that its major thrust would be to feminist organizations and women. Gail did a presentation for N.O.W., where the response, if not hostile, was certainly not enthusiastic. I decided to establish contact with Female Liberation and went over to the old office on Boylston Street. I knocked at the door, received no answer, went down the street, called the office, and was told I could come up. An indifferent sleepy woman who kept wiping back her tangled red hair let me in reluctantly and showed me where the literature was. She then dialed a phone number and remained on the phone until I left. There was no literature on Lesbians, no material on women relating to women, and apparently vast indifference to the subject if this woman was any measure.

Lesbian/Straight Feminists

Sisterhood? Hardly. I went back to the Female Liberation office two years later to visit some new friends, and one of the women remarked that they had recently held several intense meetings on Lesbianism. I felt I hadn't missed too much in the two years.

In the spring of '71 we held a series of forums on gay and straight women in the faculty lounge of a local college, an environment we felt convenient and non-threatening. It was our hope that we could air some of the hostility and create understanding amongst women as feminists. Female Liberation, N.O.W., and several other organizations were contacted; they sent representatives, and the forums got under way as weekly rap sessions. The series ran for almost two months and was an exciting process to observe as well as participate in. It might have lasted longer, but for one woman brought by a friend. We were all into the stage of feminist consciousness where God forbid we should dump on another woman even if she was acting oppressive, and when this woman began dominating the discussion and coming down on everyone, gay and straight alike, we were afraid to react. When I finally got together sufficiently to confront her, it was too late. The evening had been ugly, and the group was demoralized. I was the only Lesbian to attend the next meeting, for my sisters had felt ripped off and didn't want to come back. Both gay and straight women learned a great deal from these forums, some attitude changes were effected, and those gay women, including myself, who were willing to continue working with straight women learned that for better or worse, it was *our* responsibility to articulate our needs clearly. In general, Lesbians who attended those forums were so much more vulnerable than the straight women (after all, accepting homosexuality is a totally different thing from understanding heterosexuality, which is the cultural norm) that they were also much more easily discouraged. I understood their feelings but continued to be committed to the concept that we must confront straight feminists with information, facts, and ourselves.

It was during a business meeting of D.O.B. in January of '72 that we first began to formulate political strategy. The Women's Political Caucus was having its first plenary session, and Gail felt that it would be important to send as many D.O.B. women as possible. We assigned at least two members per workshop and planned that each of us who entered a workshop would go armed with as much material and information as possible. Each workshop would come out with a segment of the platform of the Caucus, and we were determined that Lesbianism be dealt with. I was assigned "Women and the Law," and I must have looked very intense coming into the room with books, papers, and pamphlets under my arm as if I meant to teach a seminar. It paid off; that workshop, as did all the others, came out with a strong statement on Lesbianism. We really kept it together those two intensive days at Boston College. We forced ourselves into conversations with the more condescending straight women. One black female lawyer (whom I later found out was gay!) asked me if I knew what I was doing. She was

about to go into the "jeopardizing the women's movement" harangue. I stopped her by saying, amidst gasps of horror, "I don't tell you to keep quiet because of the color of your face; please understand that I won't be quiet because of my sexual preference." She looked as if she wanted to hit me, and said I was like a Black Panther coming before a Baptist congregation demanding equality now. I told her I wasn't demanding anything, just asking that my positions, situation, and issues be treated with respect, and if that made her uncomfortable, well that was where the hostility was coming from and I was sorry.

By the end of the two days, those of us from D.O.B. were confident enough to put two candidates up for steering committee of M.W.P.C. I was one of the candidates. We didn't seriously think that either of us would win, but as the returns came in, it was obvious that the women there had taken our presentation seriously enough to elect me. The M.W.P.C. had a token Lesbian to deal with, and that token Lesbian was scared shitless. What the hell did I know about politics? The last thing one of my Lesbian sisters said to me as we left the plenary session was, "Volunteer, woman, volunteer for every fuckin' thing. Now that you're in the same room with them, don't let 'em forget us." So, at the first steering committee meeting, I allowed my name to go in to nomination for one of the three directors' slots. When the votes were counted, Ann Lewis from the Mayor's Office, Lena Saunders, a black woman who heads up "My Friend the Policeman," and I had been elected. The shock on some faces around the room was obvious.

The steering committee met monthly, and after the initial awkwardness, the "political" women dealt with the issue straightforwardly and emphatically. Although I was the first live Lesbian many had ever met, once they realized that I was not going to attack, they began to realize that we had many more things in common than differences. One of the more sincere memories I have is that of three steering-committee members standing shoulder-to-shoulder with me at a fundraising party as we backed John Kerry into a corner asking him his stand on gay rights. The hostess of the party, also a steering-committee member, felt a little awkward as her candidate turned down a request to appear on the "Gay Way" radio show, but she too remained stalwart.

Another humorous moment occurred when one of the same three women, who has repeatedly told others she was "very close to me," attended a small planning meeting for a possible fund-raising with Bella Abzug. As we were sitting around informally drinking coffee, this same "close" friend turned to me and said, "I've always wondered, Elaine, what do Lesbians do? They just feel each other up, right?" As I sat trying to refrain from giggling, one of the other women there began to chide my "close" friend for the paucity of her fantasy life and the limitations of her sensual imagination. Gently and in a right-on way, the second woman made it perfectly apparent that women who hadn't had Lesbian fantasies were a little odd. I sat silently while a consciousness-raising session on Lesbianism went on, feeling that at last things were



beginning to move in the right direction.

Things have not been all rosy, however, for I've had my share of flak both from gay and straight women. Some of my more militant Lesbian sisters felt that at times I was selling out or overidentifying with straight women, and on one occasion, I experienced an emotional ripoff by a straight woman which still leaves me shaking. One young liberal woman decided to befriend me, and meetings for lunches, dinners, drinks ensued. I was being pursued and was amused by it to a point. One evening she offered me a smoke—a joint which must have been treated with nitroglycerin. My own paranoia level rose at least 75 points as she began to get warmer and more affectionate. I thought I must be imagining things. I wasn't, and when we woke in the morning, I was almost about to apologize...until I heard her saying she wanted me to meet her black boyfriend. Christ. I had been taken by a collector of oddfolks and now she wanted to get her collection together. I was flabbergasted. She has since managed to manipulate situations so that I have met her black boyfriend, as well as her new wizard married boyfriend, and the whole experience and its aftermath have left me feeling sick, used, and dirty. She calls occasionally to ask when we can get together, and I am still so ashamed I cannot simply tell her to Fuck Off. I plead busyness, hang up, and let her

believe that I am into a million different things now instead of telling her the truth, that I am a million light years removed.

In 1973, straight women in the movement are slowly coming to a gradual, if sometimes uneasy, acceptance of Lesbianism as a valid lifestyle. But then, it really doesn't cost them too much to pay lip service to an idea; in fact, it's really liberal of them. It is still the Lesbian whose life and self are on the line every day. The straight woman has nothing to lose if she can bring herself to some kind of acceptance, but it is *me* she is giving acceptance to, me and my sisters, and we are so much more vulnerable than she. If straight feminists can understand, if the gay feminists in the closet can come out and be counted, we have gained much, my sisters and I, and perhaps the pair has been worth the result. But I must end by asking, "When will we have finished proving and paying and trying? When will the desperation end?"

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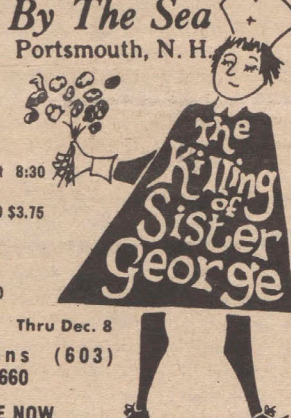
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TALKING

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Of those in the anti-gay majority, fully ten lost, and four of those replacements have already answered questionnaires stating they will support the gay rights legislation in 1975. This all disproves an assumption that many legislators have: that supporting gay rights may cost a House seat. Not only is that philosophy wrong, but in fact, the opposite may be true.

The time to start talking to your legislators is NOW. They are on Beacon Hill because they are supposed to represent you. Well, it's time to let them know who you is. A personal hello from a constituent asking for the support of the pro-gay legislation before all the tension from the press begins, will go a long way in helping the success of the legislation. Without your active support nothing can or will be accomplished.

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The View from the Closet

THE AGEIST MYSTIQUE

By A. NOLDER GAY

Gays over thirty make up about half the gay community, potentially. Yet we older (male) gays have traditionally been mistrusted, ignored, or put down with such stinging phrases as "aunty," "old faggot," "closet queen," and "dirty old man." The underlying reason is, of course, the phrase-monger's paranoid fear of aging, of "losing one's looks," of not being able to "make it" any longer in the youth-sodden, merry-go-round, perpetually adolescent gay subculture.

Prior to Stonewall, we are told, the only way the older gay could make it in the gay underground was to be unusually wealthy, talented, influential, or good-looking. Now we have entered the Age of Liberation and lo, nothing has changed! Ageism, the devaluation of personhood by reason of age (as sexism is to gender, and racism to skin color), is so pervasive within at least the male segment of the gay world that it has not yet been faced openly. To do so would further expose the failure of "the movement" to broaden its original young, white, male-oriented, somewhat radical constituency in any significant, inclusive way.

Yes, as William James remarked in *Pragmatism*, the potentest of our premises is never mentioned." This newspaper, for example, has been well ahead of its counterparts in its dealing with gay sexism. Yet, in its year and a half of publication, I can recall only one article facing up to gay racism and nothing whatever on ageism. Gay liberationist books typically ignore the question, with the exception of two gay-produced anthologies, both of which reprint the same article (Ralph Schaffer's, *Will You Still Need Me When I'm 64?*) as the token older gay gesture. And Schaffer's summary of his experience in the gay lib-

eration movement is negative enough to scare off older gays permanently.

Gay ageism has always been the skeleton in our collective community closet. It now appears to many older gays in new guise, as the grinning death's-head at the feast promised us by our liberated younger brothers. And, given that it has been five and a half years since Stonewall, some of us wonder just when on the agenda of movement concerns the human plight of the aging homosexual is due to come up? We all share equally the need to be needed. But, on other than checkbook matters, the gay liberation movement has developed few effective ways of making the older half of its natural constituency feel either needed or wanted.

From the standpoint of his self-image, it is still true that the most damaging and oppressive experiences an older gay can undergo are those he encounters within the gay community itself. (I say *he* advisedly, for gay women appear to have their heads together better on this, as on most matters.) We all need some form of support and recognition and even love in order to survive with a measure of sanity in a distracted world. But how can the average older gay expect to find these within our community when he is either ignored or treated as a non-person by our own media and leadership, as well as by most younger homosexuals?

Laying guilt trips on my generation has been a popular indoor sport for about ten years now. But before younger gays do any more of it, I suggest time out for self-examination. We all need a cleansing of consciousness regarding the phenomena of ageism, racism, and sexism in the gay movement. And then we need some concrete commitments with respect to the older gay, not walling them/(us) off in separate new groups, but discovering him and her and bringing him/her/them/us into the full life of the community.

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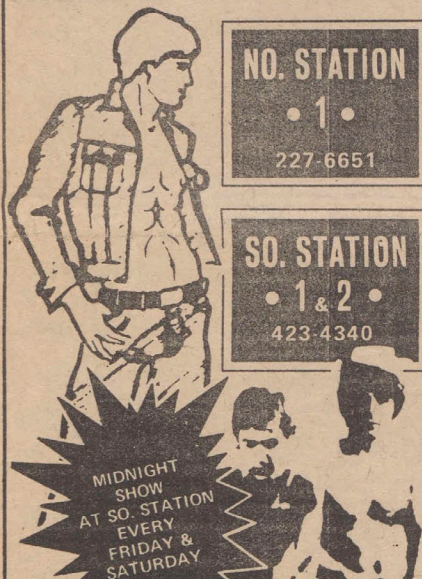
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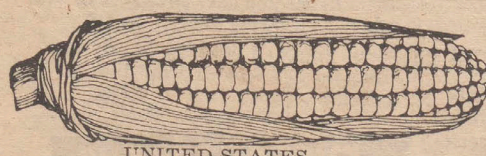
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Brunswick Gay Women's Group, 136 Maine St., Brunswick 04011
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Gay Support and Action, 183 Main St., Bangor 04401
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Lambda, 7 Nancy Rd., Brunswick 04011
Maine Gay Task Force, Box 4542, Portland 04114
The Bridge, Box 901, Roberts Union, Colby College, Waterville 04901
Wilde-Stein Club, Memorial Union, University of Maine, Orono 04473
Maine Freewoman's Herald, Box 488, Brunswick 04011
Maine Gay Indians, c/o Deanna Francis, Passamaquoddy Library, Pleasant Point 04667
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Lewiston Gay Rights Organization, 147 Park St., Lewiston 04240

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27 wed

A Thanksgiving Eve Celebration will be held tonight by the combined congregations of MCC/Boston and Old West Church. The shared service will begin at 8 pm in the sanctuary of Old West Church, 131 Cambridge St., Boston, with special music provided by the Castalia Consort. By worshipping together we can prepare ourselves for the joyous and meaningful holiday season before us.



1 sun

Dignity/Boston will hold its monthly meeting today at 1:30 pm in St. Clement's Church, 1105 Boylston St. This is Dignity's 2nd anniversary celebration, and also a celebration of the Mass by Bob Boufieri, who will be the first Dignity member to be ordained to the priesthood. The newly elected officers of the Boston chapter will also be announced. A potluck supper will follow the Mass. Hot dishes will get cold by the time the services are over, so plan to bring something cold unless you have some way of reheating.

2 mon

The Club LaGrange Baths will hold the last in its current series of free VD clinics for its members today from 5 to 7 pm on the premises at 4 LaGrange St., Boston. Confidential testing will be provided by the staff of the Tufts-New England Medical Center. Get it while you last.

The Wilde-Stein Club will hold a "Fruits and Fruitcakes Sale" today and tomorrow, Dec. 3, in the Memorial Union of the University of Maine at Orono. All manner of edibles with fruit in them will be for sale. If you would like to donate something, please contact Susan Henderson, Wilde-Stein, Memorial Union, U. of Maine, Orono, Maine 04473.

3 tues

Community Meeting with GCN to rally the support we so badly need. If you have ever thought of giving your energies to help this part of the gay community and have not got 'round to doing so, or if you want to do more than you already have, this is the time when we need you to be with us as never before. If GCN has been of value, if you think there is still a place for it in our life, it is now that we must all put the pieces together. Please make a showing at 7:30 at the office, 22 Bromfield St., Boston. The paper you save will be your own!

4 wed

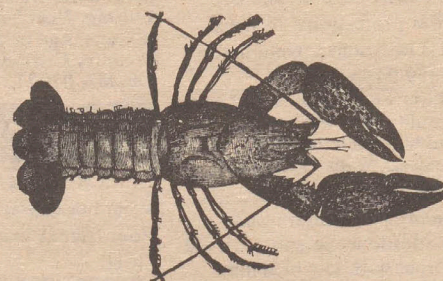
The Charlestown (Mass.) Gay Neighbors Association will hold its monthly meeting today. For time and location call (617) 241-8357.

A day long film benefit for GCN will happen today at the North Station Cinema I, 276 Friend St., Boston. Film will be highly acclaimed art/porn film "Passing Strangers" by Arthur J. Bressan Jr. The film, whose premiere this will be in Boston, has been heralded as "... a well polished story with excellent photography, touches of humor, good sound, exciting sex ... unusual technical polish ... a great sense of style." Screening will begin at 12 noon and be continuous about every hour and a half, with the last show at midnight. Admission at the door will be \$4.00.

5 thurs

Gay Support and Action of Bangor, Maine will hold a discussion of *Food Co-ops* today at 7:30 pm at 138 Main St., Bangor. If you've ever thought about how you get your food, you may be interested in being at this discussion. If you've never thought about how you get your food, you should start.

Please submit calendar items to Calendar Editor, GCN, noon on Thursday prior to the date of publication.



River-crawfish (*Astacus fluviatilis*).

6 fri

MCC/Boston will sponsor a Couples' Pot-Luck Supper tonight at 7 pm at Old West Church, 131 Cambridge St., Boston. "Vir Amat", a film about a gay male couple made by the Glide Memorial Church of San Francisco, will be shown. All gay couples of whatever sex are welcome, and ought to bring a hot dish, salad, or desert to share.

7 sat

Bill Homans Jr., singer-musician-songwriter, and Esso Kugush, poet, will perform their respective specialties today at 8 pm at the Stone Soup Gallery, 313 Cambridge St., Boston. This will be an open party in honor of Esso's one full year of poetic editorial broadsides, published and dispensed on alternate Saturdays on the Boston Common. Bring a donation, eats, drinkables, and good vibes.

Boston area Active Gays will hold their monthly brunch today at 11 am at the Charles Street Meetinghouse, 70 Charles St., Boston. All are welcome.

A meeting will be held today at 2:30 pm for all persons concerned with the upcoming 1975 session of the Great and General Court of Massachusetts (Mass. State Legislature), and the proposal and abettment of pro-gay legal reforms, including anti-discrimination bills for the areas of housing, employment, and so forth. Also attempted again will be the decriminalization of those old bugaboos, "unnatural acts." Any wishing to work in any aspect of this campaign are urged to come to the Charles Street Meetinghouse, 70 Charles St., Boston for this afternoon's organization meeting.

8 sun

Gay Academic Union of New England will present a program entitled "Towards Community—an account of the New York City Gay Academic Union Conference" held over the Thanksgiving weekend. Will start at 2 pm in room 14E-304, at the Mass. Institute of Technology, Mass. Ave. and Memorial Drive in Cambridge, Mass.

11 wed

Mass. Chapter of the Gay Nurses Alliance will meet at 7:30 p.m. Open to gay or straight RNs, PNs, nursing aides, attendants, and student nurses interested in improving health care for gay people. See article elsewhere in this issue for more info. Call (617) 232-6323 or 354-4169 for directions.

12 thurs

Gay Support and Action, 138 Main St., Bangor, Maine, will present a discussion entitled "Celery and Exercise" on losing weight at 7:30 pm. John Croxford will lead the discussion.

13 fri

GCN will hold a dance for its financial benefit tonight at 9 pm at the Charles Street Meetinghouse, 70 Charles St., Boston. Featured will be the women's band "Whitch." Donation at the door will be \$2.00. Beer in cans will be available for sale at the dance. Y'all come.

14 sat

Boston's Gay Jewish congregation, B'nai Haskelah, will hold its first fund-raising Chanukah party this afternoon starting at 3 pm and continuing till 11 pm at the Charles Street Meetinghouse, 70 Charles St., Boston. Share the joy, Jew or non-Jew, gay or straight. Donation will be \$5.00, by ticket only. For more information call (617) 265-6409.

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WEDNESDAYS

12 noon-8 pm—Provincetown Drop-In Center has these hours especially for gay problems. Come in or call. See Quick Gay Guide.
2:00 pm—SMU Gay Alliance gay/straight rap, group one, Rm. 108
7:00 pm—SMU Gay Alliance Men's Rap, 2nd floor, campus center
7-10 pm—MCC Health Center, 75 Empire St., Providence
7:30 pm—SMU Gay Alliance, Student Senate Chambers, Campus Center, North Dartmouth, Mass.
7:30 pm—Waltham-Watertown Gays, meet and "hipp. Box 7100 c/o GCN (2nd and 4th Weds.)
7:30 pm—Worcester Singles Rap, (617) 756-0730 for details
8pm—MCC/Providence, prayer and rap group, 75 Empire St.
10:15 pm—"Gaybreak Radio," on WMUA-FM, 91.1 mc. (1st and 3rd Wednesdays)
7-11 pm—MCC/Providence Coffee House, 75 Empire St.
THURSDAYS
6:15 pm—WBCN-FM "Rhinos" radio show, 104.1, Boston

7:30 pm—Gay Support and Action Group, Bangor, Maine
7:30 pm—Pioneer Valley Gay Union, Lord Jeffrey's Hair Salon, Amherst Inn, Amherst
7:30 pm—MCC Ecumenical Choir practice, Old West Church, 131 Cambridge St., Boston
7:30 pm—Gay Women's Caucus and Rap, UMass/Amherst, Campus Center
8:00 pm—Otherfund Inc. meet at GCN office, 22 Bromfield St., Boston
8:00 pm—DOB Rap for Older Women, 419 Boylston St., Rm. 323
8:00 pm—Lesbian Liberation meeting, Women's Center, 46 Pleasant St., Cambridge
8:30 pm—Harvard-Radcliffe Gay Group, Phillips Brooks House, Harvard Yard, Cambridge
9:00 pm—Gay Way Radio, WBUR 90.9 FM
7pm-?—MCC/Providence Coffee House, 75 Empire St.
Evenings—Gay Rights Organization, Portland, Me.
FRIDAYS
11:00 am—SMU Gay Alliance lesbian rap, Gay Alliance office
12:30 pm—UMass/Boston Gay Group, Columbia Point, College II, room 620
7:00 pm—Wilde-Stein Club, Univ. of Maine, Memorial Union
8:30 pm—B'nai Haskalah, Old West Church, Boston

8:30 pm—UConn Gay Alliance, Inner College Trailer, 'R' lot, off N. Eagleville Rd., Storrs, Conn.
7pm-?—MCC/Providence Coffee House, 75 Empire St.
SATURDAYS
1:00 pm—Boston Gay Youth, 536-6197
2:00 pm—Boston Gay Youth, open rap & meeting, 419 Boylston St., Rm. 509
3:00 pm—Worcester Gay Union Radio, WCUR 91.3 FM
8:00 pm—Gay Support and Action, dance at 23 Franklin St., Bangor, Maine
7pm-?—MCC/Providence Coffee House
SUNDAYS
10:30 am—Closet Space, WCAS, 740 AM
1:00 pm—DOB softball, Magazine Beach, Cambridge
2-4 pm—Gay Women of Providence rap, etc. 942-2094
2:30 pm—Gay A's" Alcoholics rap, Old West Church, 131 Cambridge St., Boston
4:00 pm—MIT SHL meeting, Rm. 1-132 (first & third Sundays)
4:00 pm—MCC/Worcester services at Central Congregational Church, 6 Institute Rd., Worcester
5:30 pm—Exodus Mass, St. Clement's Church, 1105 Boylston St., Boston
6:30 pm—Gay Church Services, 23 Franklin St.,

Bangor, Maine
6:30 pm—MCC Boston hymn-sing, worship and fellowship, Old West Church, Boston
7:00 pm—MCC Providence services, 75 Empire St., Providence. 831-3733
7:30 pm—MCC Hartford, St. Paul's United Methodist Church, 1 Amity St.
8:00 pm—Worcester Gay Union, 82 Franklin St., Worcester, Rm. 31
7pm-?—MCC/Providence Coffee House
MONDAYS
10:00 am—Gay News, WCAS, 740 AM
5:30 pm—Women's Community Health Center open house, 137 Hampshire St., Cambridge, Mass.
7:00-10:00 pm—Bisexual Phone Line, 266-5347
7:30 pm—DOB Lesbian Mothers Rap, 419 Boylston St., Rm. 323
TUESDAYS
7:00 pm—Lesbian Therapy Research Project, Women's Center, 46 Pleasant St., Cambridge
7:30 pm—DOB Women's Rap, 419 Boylston St., Rm. 323
7:30 pm—Transvestite Rap, 419 Boylston St., Rm. 415 (first and third Tuesdays)
7:30 pm—MCC prayer group, 75 Empire St., Providence, 831-3773. Rap session follows

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