

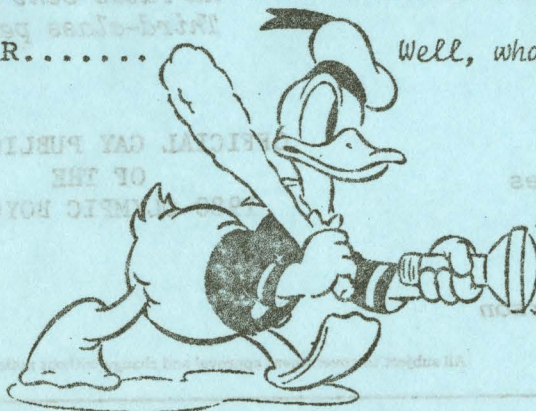
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Note To Readers

THIS ISSUE is a tad bit late, even as "Mainely Gay's" go, and here's our reason: the electronic stencil cutter folded (or, more precisely, a bearing in the motor threw in the towel), and it took a few months to find someone to fix the g.d. thing.

The good folks at A.B. Dick, who made the rig, wanted \$600 to ship it to Chicago for repairs; this scheme was immediately rejected by "MG" financial advisers as "in-advisable" (with \$18.33 in the checking account.)

Near the beginning of February, we located a friend in Bath, Maine, who was not only able to repair the machine but charged us only \$60.

After our good fortune, the only remaining problem was to decide what to call (date) this issue you're holding. We settled on "JAN-FEB-MAR" (after all, this page was typed on Feb. 27) with the next issue of "MG" to appear in time for Symposium VII, to be dated "APRIL." That's two issues in four months, as usual; the third issue of this year will be dated "MAY-JUNE," at which time we plan to return to the familiar "two-month" dating system.

Finally, we've decided to keep this issue a little shorter than usual...for obvious reasons. If you were looking for something in this issue and don't find it, which is quite possible, it just might appear in April's copy. (And if it doesn't appear there, the article probably bored us or was irretrievably lost or just didn't fit or ..?)

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ENCLOSED IN THIS ISSUE (to those who subscribe by mail) are:

--a registration form for Symposium VII

--a fact sheet on abortion from the Maine Chapter of the National Organization for Women (N.O.W.)

As some readers may wonder why a gay publication devotes considerable energy in support of the "pro-choice" movement (see the article on right-wing violence against abortion clinics, next issue), we quote Ellen Willis, writing in a recent issue of the "Village Voice":

"The anti-abortion movement is the most dangerous political force in the country. I believe--and in saying this I intend no hyperbole whatsoever--that it is the cutting edge of neo-fascism, a threat not only to women's rights and to every-

one's sexual freedom and privacy but to freedom of religion and civil liberties in general. Right-to-life propaganda leaves no doubt that abortion is only the immediate focus of a larger crusade to crush women's liberation, sexual "immorality," birth control, sex education, and all the other manifestations of "Godless humanism"--that is, the separation of church and state--in favor of patriarchal authority, the traditional family, and "Christian values"--that is, Christianity at its most authoritarian, parochial, and bigoted. (our emphasis--editors.)

As the enclosed literature says, anti-choice is anti-people. Anti-choice is anti-gay, too.

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The staff wishes to thank the friends and well-wishers who took the time to send MG the "seasons greetings" cards last December.

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EDITORIAL

As the decade of the 1970's began, President Nixon and his political functionaries (in this case, most notably one Spiro T. Agnew) made much ado about what was euphemistically called "crime in the streets."

Observers who were less than infatuated with both the style and career of Richard Nixon thought that many of the administration's speech writers were making a not-so-subtle play to the racist notions that many of Nixon's supporters among the "Silent Majority" were assumed to possess.

In any event, Nixon is finally gone from our midst, wallowing in his self-imposed martyrdom, and the issue of "crime," in the streets or otherwise, is not a hot topic these days--even as the souring economy pushes more and more people over the invisible "poverty line."

That is, unless one

happens to be gay. * Across the country and across the state of Maine an unofficial consensus among gay people is that violence against our persons and our property is on the increase.

While "Mainely Gay" has an opinion on why violence against gay people is apparently increasing (and while we invite readers to share their comments on this phenomenon), the point here is to warn others who may not be aware of what's happening.

Thus far in Maine, violence against our community seems to be, more or less, anonymous attacks on property identified as belonging to us: tires on cars are slashed and windshields are smashed; hallways of apartments belonging to gay people are defaced with hostile graffiti; and random though destructive deeds are carried out in establishments that cater to us, to list just a few tactics by the homophobes. 5

And vicious attacks on people, we think, are often regarded as "isolated." Or are they?

"Mainely Gay" is concerned that the statewide trend of violence may evolve from crimes against property to crimes against people. In the larger cities of this country, this has been the norm for a period of time, with each metropolitan area having its own tale to tell. The following letter was sent to the "Village Voice," in response to an article about a "gay-bashing spree" that occurred recently in the Village:

"...I would like to tell those of us out there that it is alright to be gay, but: (1) never act it out for everyone to see; (2) be very careful of who you tell.

I learned these "rules" the hard way. When I was only 16, I told a friend of mine that I had different desires when she propositioned me. Some months later she destroyed my life by telling everyone that I was gay. Some people understood; the

others refused, proceeded to mock me, and eventually beat me unconscious on several occasions.

Two years later, I was in the Village with my lover. We did nothing to provoke the senseless attack. I escaped from the five youths with a broken arm. My friend was in a coma for three weeks before he found a way out. He died. As for the bastards who murdered him, they are enjoying their life right now, probably unaware that Bobby died--not that it would make them realize what harm they had done--it would just make them smile.

So please, the next time you're on the streets, think of Bobby and the fucks who murdered him. Then think of how much time you have left and be careful, damn it!"

Of course, Maine is not New York City. Yet▲

--Peter Prizer

FEEDBACK

Dear MG-

We are a newly formed group of Lesbians and gay men in Northern Maine and Western New Brunswick.

Known as Aroostook Lambda, we hope to create a support network of gay women and men up north.

Would you please include our organization in the listings of your excellent periodical.

AROOSTOOK LAMBDA

PO Box 990

Caribou, Maine 04736

Thank you.

Dick Harrison

Org. representative

Dear Mainely Gay,

I am a Lesbian. I am also a compulsive overeater. I spent years battling my food addiction and on a perpetual diet. I tried everything but still remained a food junkie until I found Overeaters Anonymous. O.A.

changed my life. I discovered in this caring fellowship that I use food like alcoholics use liquor, and except for that difference, O.A. and A.A. offer the same program of recovery. I have found relief from my addiction and a new way of living through O.A.

Last summer I visited an absolutely wonderful gay O.A. meeting in Los Angeles. Two important parts of my life came together there. Ever since I returned to Maine I've pondered: there must be some more gay compulsive overeaters somewhere in the state.

Where are you? Whether or not you are in O.A., if you're interested in a gay O.A. meeting or just talking, please write or call.

My address is:

RFD #1, Box 85
East Holden, Me. 04429

(Phone: 843-5483)

DEAR MAINELY GAY,

We would like to take this opportunity to introduce ourselves to you. We are the Maine Gay Men Association and have been in exis-

tence for over a year now.

While reading your latest copy, we came across a listing for the Midcoast Gay Men (M.G.M.) and would like to inform the gay public that we are in no way associated with this organization.

We would also like to go on record by stating that we take offense at our name being reused by another organization.

Our organization is well known around the Portland, Lewiston and Augusta areas, so we are sure that the other organization has at least seen our back patches and should have been aware of our existence.

Well, enough of the peas and carrots about the club names. Our club is primarily a motoring club. We travel extensively around the United States visiting the other clubs in other cities (there are over 50 on the east coast alone.) We are masculine oriented and do not accept female members at this time. We are also primarily Leather/Levis oriented (not S&M) and are in the process of expanding our membership.

If any of your readers are interested in contacting us we can be reached by the following means: send a S.A.S.E. to M.G.M. Assn., PO Box 7301, Lewiston, Maine 04240. Also include your name, address and date of birth. You must be over 21 in order to join.

Thank you for listening to us

and we welcome any questions that anyone might have.

RESPECTFULLY,

M.G.M. Assn.

Mike Miller
President

Dear Mainely Gay,

Please put me on the mailing list for your publication.

I'm a prisoner in the Nebraska Penal Complex in Lincoln, NB. I am also exclusively gay and have found prison life both very lonely and unrewarding.

Any information that would be of any help to me would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

Charles E. Skinner
32439
PO Box 2800
Lincoln, NB 68502

PS: I would like to correspond with others, too.

[Editor's note: letters to this section are reprinted in the order in which they are received]

(continued)

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Portland, ME 04112

Dear Sir:

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- 3 Color Monitor (RCA 25")
- 1 Camera (color) (Sony)
- 3 TV Stands (RCA)
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- 1 Videotape player

We would appreciate hearing from you soon regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

/s/ Alden McPike
Principal
Ella P. Burr School
Lincoln, Maine 04457

January 9, 1980

AM/nss

Dear Mainely Gay,

I am a gay young man that has been neglected and unloved, for some strange reason. I'm serving a (5) five-year sentence here at the Indiana State

Prison. My parole/discharge date is (14) fourteen months away (Feb. 24, 1981), and I would like to meet a gay companion to obtain as strong as possible relationship that could possibly delight & benefit the two of us.

I am a retired car thief and I am by no means harmful, so I would appreciate any and all consideration taken on your behalf.

Right now, I'd like to locate a pen-pal. My "Likes" are: music, pets, art, poetry, reading, corresponding, humor, clothes and positive people. My "dislikes" are: wars, loud noises and negative people.

Sincerely,

Kenneth D. Porter
PO Box 41, #14691
Michigan City, IN 46360

PS: Thank you!

Dear Friends,

This letter is to introduce you to something I've felt has been needed in Maine for a long time. That "something" is a newsletter telling about what progressive and social change people in Maine are doing to make this a better state. It will have factual articles, lists of resources, humor, a calendar of events, and thought-provoking articles and opinions

about what is happening around our state.

There are thousands of Mainers working on issues like local and safe energy sources, decent housing, and rights/respect for women, gay men and Lesbians, elders and youth, low-income people, minorities, and other living things.

They are maintaining our native culture, providing consumer information, organizing food cooperatives, labor unions, alternative schools, and health programs, helping to develop jobs and small businesses, and preserving our land and agricultural sector. They are fighting against dangerous sprays, nuclear power, big business, excessive military spending, and legal injustices and for a new politics and new attitudes.

Most of this important work goes unrecognized. We don't usually read about it in our newspapers and sometimes we don't know it is happening even within our own city or county, let alone in other parts of the state. We are often isolated and need to get support from others involved in similar projects. We need to know information and the experiences of others to do more ourselves.

The newsletter can help us to see how different issues are connected--that military

spending is a women's issue, that spraying affects the economy, or that the Indian Land Claims case influences our energy policy. It can help people from different parts of Maine work together and coordinate activities. Many see the need for a statewide force for change, but no such force exists except for a few individual issues. The newsletter could be a first step in creating that potent force.

We expect that 1,000 people will receive this newsletter every month, beginning in late January. It will be financed through subscriptions (suggested cost: \$4/yearly.) INVERT, (Institute for Nonviolence, Education, Research and Training), with which I work, will provide help in printing and mailing the newsletter.

To make it successful, we need information and reports from all over the state. We'd like to get this from county or area correspondents each month. We expect the newsletter will generate enough money to pay correspondents a minimal amount for their time and expenses. We'll also need help in putting the publication together (typing, printing, folding), probably on the last weekend of each month. Can you donate a day or even a few hours? Again, those who help will be paid a small amount for their efforts. Please con-

tact me if you are willing to either help as a correspondent or as a production worker.

Before the first edition comes out, however, a few decisions have to be made. E.g., what should the newsletter be called? Should articles be edited? What do we do with language or opinions with which we disagree? Who will make these decisions? You should contact me with comments or suggestions about any part of the newsletter.

Sincerely,

Larry Dansinger

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February 12, 1980

Mr. Peter Prizer (!)

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Dear Mr. Prizer,

Please excuse my delay in responding, and I hope this has not caused you any inconvenience. I also apologize for the misspelled words, which you pointed out in your

newsletter. But being in the printing business, I'm sure you understand how a few errors can get by when you're dealing with a large volume of mail, even though we do try to check each letter carefully. I do appreciate your taking the time to articulate your views [editor's note: see editorial, NOV-DEC 1979]. It seems we will have to agree to disagree; but I would like to address some of the points you raised in your letter and your editorial.

I am sorry that you found my response to Mr. Harrison "evasive and patronizing"; obviously, it was not intended to be so. I don't regard the issue lightly. As I said, at present, I do not think further legislation is necessary to protect gay rights. I think the legal tools are in place to perform that function. I am not rationalizing. However, the existence of such tools does not mean the extinction of prejudice and discrimination; nor does it mean acceptance. I do not envy you in your confrontation with discrimination; it is not easy to change the "hearts and minds" of those who harbor hatred and resentment. But you have to remember you cannot change attitudes with laws. With laws you change actions. If you are being discriminated against, the law can remedy that. I feel such laws are already in place. Use them to your advantage.

Sincerely, Olympia J. Snowe
U.S. Congress ▲

LUCKY SEVENTH!

SYMPOSIUM VII COMETH!

The Maine Lesbian and Gay Symposium VII will be held this year on 21-23 March 1980, at Bangor Community College. Keynote speakers will be Steve Endean of the Gay Rights National Lobby and Lucia Valeska of the National Gay Task Force. Those who have met them say both are dynamic activists who should be well worth hearing.

Among other activities will be a showing of several gay films, including the well-received In the Best Interests of the Children, which deals with child custody issues. The Committee expects the usual wide variety of workshops. Anyone who wishes to facilitate a workshop should notify the Wilde-Stein Club, Memorial Union, University of Maine, Orono 04473. People and groups from all over the state are participating in the planning--it's almost done, however--but Wilde-Stein has taken on much of the day-to-day work.

Also on hand will be the traditional gay books--and--literature sale; hopefully a craft sale and exhibit and an afghan raffle. A rummage sale is being organized. Please bring donations (clothes to be washed and pressed, please) to the Student Union at BCC on Friday, 21 March, in the PM, or on Saturday before 9AM.

On Saturday evening, there will be a spaghetti dinner, with meat and meatless sauces, and a vegetable soup. A dance (!) will follow the dinner.

Registration is \$5 per person--including dinner and dance. For those not attending the Symposium, the dinner will be \$1 and the dance \$2. Pre-registration is urged--better hurry--so that you'll be sure of housing and child care. Games and other creative activities are planned for the children this year. Pre-registrants should use the form included in this issue, or contact the Wilde-Stein Club at the above address. Checks should be made out to the "Maine Lesbian & Gay Symposium" or simply to "Symposium VII!"



Jerry Brown Addresses Gay Rights Rally in Washington

"When they send a letter to be read at the rally, you know you don't rate yet with the candidate." The veiled reference to Senator Kennedy, who had sent such a letter, was not wasted on the audience of 900 jammed into Washington, D.C.'s largest gay bar and disco, the Pier--a space meant for one-third that number.

Each had donated \$10 toward the formation of a war chest for the National Convention Project, intended to influence the political planks of the two national conventions on behalf of America's Lesbians and gay men. Initially the crowd had tentatively booed the Kennedy letter, being read by staffer Susan Estrich, but ended up roaring its approval when he wrote of the necessity to revise policies based upon "outmoded medical and psychiatric views."

"When they send a minor staff member," continued Franklin Kameny, who had been introduced as the grandfather of the gay rights movement, "you know you don't rate yet with the candidate." President Carter had sent a deputy to Ann Wexler, one of the assistants to the president. He in particular received rough handling from the audience as he tried to defend the President's record on gay rights. The remarks of the deputy were constantly interrupted by "What about Midge (Constanza)?" "ABC...ABC...Anybody But Carter!" "Bullshit!" and other epithets.

"When the candidates of minor political parties come to the rally you know you don't rate yet because, having no chance of election, they have nothing to lose by being there."

"But when a major political candidate comes, in person, then you know something's changing." And at that point Kameny fulfilled his function on the platform which was to introduce California Governor Jerry Brown. Looking fit as a fiddle, dapper and trim, his lean good looks were hardly wasted on this audience overwhelmingly composed of gay men, with a sprinkling of Lesbians and straights. The applause

was thunderous and so sustained that for a few minutes Brown was helpless to stem it.

There was also a huge media presence. (One of the funniest lines of the evening was voiced by several among the deluge of media people who poured into the sardine-packed hall: "Isn't there a press section?" In fact, they would be lucky to find a chandelier to hang from.)

An overriding impression conveyed by Gov. Brown is one of immense seriousness. He appears to take his commitments very soberly, especially that of promoting the fulfillment of the American Dream for all minorities. The single quip he made in the course of his brief remarks was, "I hope I'm not one of those minor political candidates."

His message was unequivocal: consistent with his stellar record on behalf of women and gays in California, he said

My role is to drive the dialogue in my party on a number of issues--nuclear power, nuclear disarmament, and the issue of rights of gay and Lesbian people in society. I intend to vigorously challenge attitudes that I find anachronistic and stereotypical. Your issue goes to the heart of protecting the rights of all people in this country. The rights of gay men and Lesbian women ought to be a plank in the Democratic Party. I intend not only to support it but to debate it.

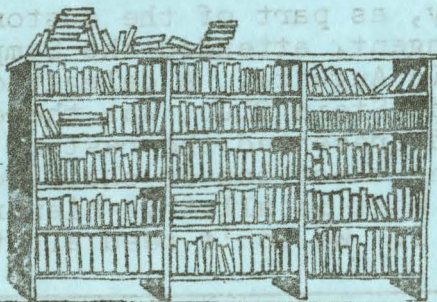
National and D.C. gay rights leaders were much in evidence. Besides Kameny there was Charles Brydon, Co-Executive Director of the National Gay Task Force (his opposite number, Lucia Valeska, was absent because of a previous commitment), Steve Endean of the Gay Rights National Lobby, Mary Spottswood Pou and Tom Bastow, Co-Directors of the National Convention Project, and Carolyn Handy, chair for the entire rally.

As reported in the Washington Star Bastow was pleased with Kennedy's statement, "far stronger than he has ever made. He's never taken such a strong position before."

Excellent coverage was provided by Washington's two leading newspapers, the Post and the Star. Among their headlines and captions were "JERRY BROWN UP FRONT ON GAY RIGHTS ISSUE," "GAY RIGHTS, LASER LIGHTS & JERRY BROWN," "BROWN'S SUPPORT OF GAY RIGHTS COULD MEAN 10-20 MILLION VOTES, BUT THEY ARE NOT GUARANTEED." The latter was a reference to interviews conducted at random with members of the audience before Brown arrived. A number of those interviewed stated that, although they appreciated Brown's strong stand on gay rights, there were other aspects of his politics which could well cause them to vote for another candidate. In other words, gay voters may well turn out not to be "one-issue" voters as in the case of many "right-to-lifers." This inference seemed very important to the Washington press.

To a half-dozen Lesbians and gay men coincidentally attending a scientific convention in Washington, the discovery that the rally was being held during our visit seemed fortuitous. The atmosphere at the Pier was very upbeat. In advance of the political rally a vast and tasty buffet of home-made foods was dispensed to hundreds (included in the price of the donation). The breaking-of-bread together contributed to a slight softening of the social difference among people. In addition to many in counterculture garb (mostly but not all young), the audience was liberally dotted with pin-stripe types, many of them professional or administrative employees of the federal government. The high visibility of the broadcast and print media could not help but confirm to the audience that what we were doing together, and what Jerry Brown was doing with us, was of some importance.

--Richard Steinman
4 December 1979



Cumberland County Curmudgeon

By Susan W. Henderson

BOTH SIDES NOW...

Way back in ancient times, 1974 B.A. (Before Anita) to be exact, the first meeting of the Maine Gay Task Force was held. The delegation from Up North, which included Yours Truly, went down to Brunswick assuming that this would be an organization like all other organizations we'd ever put together--there would be a chair, vice-chair, elections, constitution, Robert's Rules, and all that. We were quite brusquely disabused of these notions by a very vocal delegation with its mind made up from the Brunswick area. Hierarchies, we were informed, were not socially acceptable; and we were further put on notice that the group was being watched sharply to see whether it would be sexist.

Not surprisingly, we returned to the Frozen North with mouths agape at the temerity of these "Brunswick radicals;" and at the subsequent meetings it sometimes looked as if the Civil War was about to be refought with the Mason-Dixon line running approximately through Dixmont Center. Fortunately, people on both sides showed more good old Down-East common sense than their rhetoric would lead one to believe they possessed. Most of us found it possible to work together, and the Maine Gay Task Force became part of Gay history. A lot of us from Up North moved down to Brunswick or Portland. Some of us even started calling ourselves radicals. Political and feminist consciousnesses grew and ripened with time and experience.

A few weeks ago, Yours Truly, as part of the customarily colorful Portland-area contingent, attended the Symposium VII planning committee meeting in Augusta. A delegation from my old Alma Mater, the Wilde-Stein Club, was there. They had done some homework, and presented the rest of us with a proposed agenda, including elections of chair, etc., and the use of Robert's Rules. What is all this hierarchical bovine excrescence? thought I. We don't need all this

superstructure. And then, historian that I am, I saw myself six years earlier, only I was on the opposite side of the fence now. It's a little like walking down the street and meeting yourself coming back. It makes you see how you've changed, hopefully how you've grown, and it makes you feel a little old, too. Six years is a long time in this movement.

The meeting that ensued sometimes looked like a retake of some of those old MGTF four-hour marathon bloodletting sessions, but it finally got down to brass tacks. Committees were formed to do the necessary organizing. The delegates from the South will hopefully keep things simple and the delegates from the North will hopefully provide the structure that is needed at such times in a tribe of practicing small "a" anarchists such as we. The Down-East common sense is still there, and the rhetoricians have gotten tired in the past six years. It should be a good Symposium.

Consciousnesses will be raised, if only by osmosis-- they always are--I know. I've been there, or both sides now▲

WEDNESDAY, Mar.5--

Word reaches Mainely Gay that some people active in the Maine state Democratic Party are in the process of removing the party platform plank that supports legislation banning anti-gay discrimination in the state.

If you'd like to have input on this decision, IMMEDIATELY contact State Sen. Barbara Trafton of Auburn, who is chairing the party's platform committee.



Ellie

HI SALLY! I'M ELLIE, REMEMBER WE MET AT A DANCE LAST YEAR? (AND THEN A COUPLE WEEKS LATER YOU WALKED PAST THE LIBRARY WINDOW AND SMILED!)

OH GAW, HERE SHE GOES...

NO, NOT REALLY

GULP... NOW WHAT?

AH, WELL MAYBE YOU DIDN'T SEE ME THERE BECAUSE I WAS HELPING T-TO SET IT UP, YOU KNOW.

SHE'S STUTTERING, POOR KID.

HANG IT UP, ELLIE. SHE'S NOT INTERESTED.

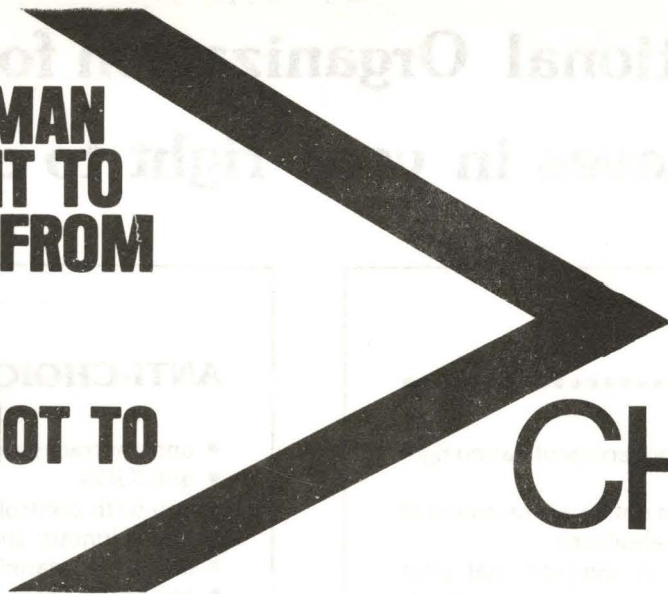
WELL, I HAD A GOOD TIME THERE.

ONLY GOOD? NOT GREAT?

TELL ME, ARE YOU POLITICAL OR SOMETHING?

WELL NO. (WHY DID I SAY THAT?) I MEAN YES, SOMETIMES. (PHEW!)

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WHETHER OR NOT TO
CONTINUE HER
PREGNANCY?**



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- consenting to sterilization should not be a requirement of other procedures (childbirth or abortion)
- the government has no right to demand that your pregnancy be revealed to either your husband or parents
- the community and government should provide information and access to contraceptive information and services
- when all is said and done, it is the pregnant woman's RIGHT to decide whether or not to terminate her pregnancy
- every woman, regardless of income, has a right to medical care during pregnancy, childbirth, or abortion
- support for research on birth defects, genetic counseling, birth control, pre- and post-natal care, and quality reproductive health care
- respect for women, our right to privacy, our right to religious freedom, our right to choose the number and the spacing of our children

ANTI-CHOICE MEANS

- anti-contraceptives
- anti-IUD's
- anti-birth control pills
- anti-voluntary sterilization
- anti-family planning
- anti-amniocentesis
- anti-birth defects research
- anti-responsible sex education
- anti-right to privacy
- anti-separation of church and state
- anti-abortion even to save the woman's life
- anti-woman's right to choose

"Right to Lifers" in Pennsylvania advocate death as a punishment for abortion

ANTI-CHOICE IS ANTI-PEOPLE. THEY MUST BE STOPPED!

MYTH: No one has to get pregnant in this day and age. Forced pregnancy is the price for being careless or ignorant.

MYTH: We can't afford to pay for the abortions of poor women.

MYTH: If contraceptive information and services are improved, it will encourage teens to have more sexual relationships.

MYTH: Anti-choice is pro-life.

FACT: It costs far less to pay for abortions than to pay for forced pregnancies, support for mother and child, and medical care for the victims of botched abortions.

FACT: One-third of all couples practicing birth control for five years has an unwanted pregnancy. Only men are secure in the knowledge that they can't get pregnant.

FACT: 5,000 women between the ages of 14 and 20 become pregnant in Maine each year. 70% are using no method of birth control. Teen pregnancies are an alarming reality. Contraceptive information and access, good pre- and post-natal care, and safe, legal abortions are all responses to the needs of our young women.

FACT: Four times as many women die of childbirth as of legal abortion. Teens have the highest mortality and morbidity rate. When your life and health are at stake, the choice should be yours.

..... did you know

- 80% of Maine people support the right of a woman to choose whether or not to terminate her pregnancy
- every pro-choice incumbent legislator identified by Maine anti-choice won re-election to the 109th Maine legislature
- even though the Democrats support abortion funding and voted that support into the Maine Democratic platform, every male Democratic senator voted the anti-choice position.

- Maine NOW testified at every hearing concerning Choice in the 109th legislature
- Maine NOW lobbied every Maine legislator on the issue of Choice, over half in person or by phone
- the Maine Legislature did not once support the pro-choice position on any piece of legislation in the 109th.

We must truly weigh what we know to be true. Childbirth can be an affirmation of life or a resignation to it.

Abortion can also be an affirmation of life, a position commitment to ourselves, and to those already in our lives.

Maine Lesbian and Gay Symposium VII

21-23 March 1980

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KEYNOTE SPEAKERS: LUCIA VALESKA, National Gay Task Force, and
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ADDRESS _____

PHONE NO. _____

NUMBER OF PERSONS ATTENDING _____

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NUMBER OF PEOPLE _____ PREFER WOMEN _____ PREFER MEN _____ ANY _____

FRIDAY NIGHT _____ SATURDAY NIGHT _____ BOTH NIGHTS _____

--PLEASE BRING A SLEEPING BAG IF POSSIBLE--

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--CHILD CARE IS FREE--

NAME(S) OF CHILD(REN) _____ AGE(S) _____

NEED CHILD CARE: FRIDAY _____ SATURDAY _____ SUNDAY _____

CHILD'S SPECIAL NEEDS _____

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Send preregistration to: WILDE-STEIN CLUB
Memorial Union
University of Maine
Orono, ME 04473

(Please make checks payable
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JoAnne Dauphinee, Treasurer

23 March St., Bangor, ME 04401

NAME _____

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YES ☐ NO ☐

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VOTING RIGHTS.**

- ☐ **Regular Dues \$27 (20 National, 2 State,
5 nearest chapter)**
- ☐ **Special dues \$10 - For those who can't afford
more (7 to national, 1 to state, 2 to chapter)**
- ☐ **Bargain Basement \$_____ (Fill in amount —
Now does not discriminate on the basis of
income)**
- ☐ **Contribution \$_____**

Thanks!





Ellie becomes assertive

I WISH YOU WOULDN'T USE THOSE LABELS. NOT EVERYONE GOES IN THE SAME DIRECTION. WE'RE ALL UNIQUE AND DOING WHAT WE CAN TO SURVIVE IN OUR OWN WAY.



The State Street Straw

By Peter Prizer

Several thoughts while waxing my VW Bug:

●MEANWHILE, BACK IN THE TRENCHES: Although this country has never fought a modern war without the presence of the draft and never had a draft without a war, the curtain seems to be rising on the opening salvos of World War III, with young men--and possibly young women--forming the All-Star chorus line. And Jimmy Carter and assorted top-level administration spokesmen (sic) have avered somewhat casually, in the general direction of the bleating media, that a few buttons may have to be strategically pushed to better impress the Soviet Union of America's intention to stay fully addicted to Mideast oil.

Reaction to news of the above seems to be polite applause with comment particularly muted, strangely enough, by those young people who might end up spending the better part of 1981 studying geographical maps of the mountains surrounding Kabul.

As is the experience when most nations prepare for war (or want to give the impression--to either their enemies or citizens--that "high-level" talks are getting especially tedious and redundant), those citizens with the most to lose will later be the most difficult to spot when it's Front and center, on the double! time at Fort Dix. A real pity, of course, when really first-class Americans like David Rockefeller--and others with proven leadership abilities--are unable to engender inspiration to other first-wave marines as they pursue cruise missiles through the Strait of Hormuz. (Back in the U.S., war bond posters will incite patriotic and patriarchal citizens with the slogan, "The New Army Is Cruising for a Killing!")

War is hell; that is, the conventional variety, and if Carter's talk turns to action, this summer may be more interesting than that of 1979, when all he could come up with was a testy call to the "moral equivalency."

●AS WORLD CLASS WARS GO, the next one will be right up

there, what with all the billions the doomsday scientists have had to play with, both here and elsewhere: around the globe, during the past few decades. On a more positive note, however, has it not been already observed that WW IV will be fought with nothing more destructive than stones?

●DEAR HELOISE: Although you may find this difficult to believe, I have been wearing sneakers, day in and day out, for over 32 years! After allowing for leap years (like 1980!), I've tied those darn shoelaces about 20,178 times! And what I'd like to share with your readers, Heloise, is the following inflation-fighting suggestion, that occurred to me just the other day: the less tight the shoelaces are tied, the longer they last!

DEAR PETER: Thanks for your idea! Incidentally, I've checked out your tip, and the converse is true, too: the tighter you tie 'em, the sooner they break!

●A THOROUGHLY CREDENTIALLED HETEROSEXUAL friend of mine recently saw the movie "Cruising," and his comments were that the film was not only blatantly anti-gay but probably deserving of an "X" rating. Never overestimate the ability of the "Hollywood film community" to place principles before profits, a sentiment that can equally apply, let the record show, to the priorities of the marquee names as well. May the Goddess help the minority group that's next in line for Hollywood exploitation, once anti-gay and anti-Lesbian films like "Cruising" and "Windows" run their gamuts.

●SOME RIGHT-WING business group like the Jaycees publishes a book entitled "Outstanding Young Americans" (or some title to that effect), and my name was included, several years ago, by a devious friend looking for some humor in life. (The Junior Jaycees, I think that's who do it, make money selling the book to the outstanding young Americans listed therein, who then, it's thought, leave it atop a prominent living room table.) Although I assume my name is listed (I keep getting their first-class mailings), I've never seen the tome up close and must assume, again, that they've printed my "biography" more or less as I described it. (Last year's update, for example, indicated that I had retired, at age 31, from Amalgamated M.G. Industries and was

currently a state senator from Portland.) This year, as usual, they've asked me for an update (along with names and addresses of friends who, in my esteemed opinion, might be personally worthy of enshrinement in "Outstanding...") and I mailed along the following biographical blurb:

Peter Prizer, after a brilliant though highly unusual career spanning over four months as a moderately successful state senator, was forced to resign in 1979 after his office was implicated in the notorious Quartergate scandal. The Legislative Resolution of Expulsion read, in part, "...a thorough profligate in principle as in practice, his life is stained with every vice--pinball being merely the most blatant--and his conversation full of blasphemy and bawdry. These morals he glorifies in, for shame is a weakness he has long surmounted." Mr. Prizer is currently employed by "The Maine Paper" as an editorial assistant. He still has no children and still isn't married.

That should give the Junior Jaycee editors something to chew on....

● A FINAL THOUGHT ON THE PROPOSED COMPULSORY MILITARY DRAFT REGISTRATION: to spare politicians like Dave Emery the potential embarrassment of explaining to others why they (being, of course, able-bodied young men) should heed the call (and not the esteemed Representative), the government should make it very clear to the soon-to-be-registered why all the ado by having them fill out registration forms in gas stations. Certainly outfits like Mobil would be happy to donate a portion of their company stations to processing and filing paperwork (providing yet another business expense for tax purposes), and the newly recruited would thus more readily make the correct geopolitical connection...▲

HELP: LESBIAN CUSTODY CASE

There's a Lesbian mother in Franklin County, Mass., Bunny King, who's been fighting for the custody of her two young children, Michelle 7 and Jacqueline 5, for over three years. A number of years ago Bunny, when she was 17, became involved in a Lesbian relationship with Maggie Pater-aude, 26. During that time Bunny became seriously ill and almost died. Unable to care for her children and afraid of dying, she gave Maggie legal custody. After getting custody of the children, Maggie tried to cut Bunny off from them and has since denied ever being a Lesbian.

This past fall, there was a custody hearing, which included numerous inquiries into Bunny's mental, emotional and physical health; her economic, educational and family background, religious affiliations, her Lesbianism, as well as her past and present associations, friendships and relationships, and anything else that could be dragged in. In early December, a 70-year-old, white male judge decided:

"...the environment in which she proposes to raise the children, namely a Lesbian household, creates an element of instability that would adversely affect the welfare of the children."

Clearly, his aim is to uphold the status quo. Bunny, her lawyers, family, friends and supporters are not willing to give up and give in to this blatant form of patriarchal oppression and discrimination. We're taking this case to the Massachusetts State Supreme Court for appeal. We have 60 days to appeal and need \$6500, \$1500 of which we need in 30 days for a transcript of the record. AND WE NEED YOUR HELP AND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE! We are in desperate need of donations and low-interest loans. Please send anything you can to:

FRANKLIN COUNTY LESBIAN ALLIANCE
PO Box 235
Deerfield, Mass. 01342

[Checks payable to Bunny King
Defense Fund]

THANK YOU!!

FUNDIES TO LICK STAMPS;

FLOOD CONGRESS WITH FLIMFLAM

WASHINGTON, D.C.--The Gay Rights National Lobby (GRNL) reports that yet another fundraising appeal filled with strident and offensive language has been issued by the fundamentalist lobby, Christian Voice, calling on "concerned Christians" to flood Congress with letters opposing the national Lesbian/gay civil rights bill in the House, H.R. 2074.

"Christian Voice" cited both the March on Washington and the record number of co-sponsors on the Weiss-Waxman bill as reasons for launching their first organized letter-writing campaign to Congress on the issue. Rev. Robert Grant, spokesperson for "Christian Voice," said "If the homosexuals can impress Congress with 100,000 marchers, then we must impress Congress with 500,000 letters from concerned Christians."

He further stated "Gary Jarmin (CV lobbyist) has stressed to me again that we are not generating enough volume of mail to Congress to be successful in our legislative battles." ("Christian Voice" literature included a quote from Rev. Jerry Falwell: "God didn't create Adam and Steve, but Adam and Eve.")

"Christian Voice," says GRNL, isn't the only anti-gay lobby now on Capitol Hill. The "Moral Majority" (which by process of elimination makes us, we suppose, the "immoral minority" --editors), directed by Rev. Falwell, has also begun operations with strong anti-gay attacks. In the December issue of the Moral Majority Report, they say (in reference to H.R. 2074), "It is commonly known that some militant homosexuals will use their positions as teachers to recruit and convince others--an activity which will be in direct opposition to

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the moral beliefs of many parents."

They also state "Therefore, if this bill (gay civil rights bill) is passed, it will set a precedent for our society. Imagine giving child molesters and rapists special preference in the law because they too have a bizarre sexual preference." The Moral Majority Report called on its readership of 90,000 persons (apparently mostly pastors who are expected to pass the message on to their congregations) to write Congress.

Steve Endean, lobbyist for GRNL, said "It is easy to laugh at the outrageous, perposterous statements in these appeals but "Christian Voice" and the "Moral Majority" have the ability to deliver on their threats of constituent letters and that's just no joking matter. To our knowledge, this is their first major attempt to generate constituent mail to Congress. If it is successful (and their lists are massive), such a large influx of mail could badly distort a Congressperson's perception of public sentiment on the issue, have a chilling effect on our progress and encourage negative amendments to various non-related bills on the floor of both the House and Senate▲

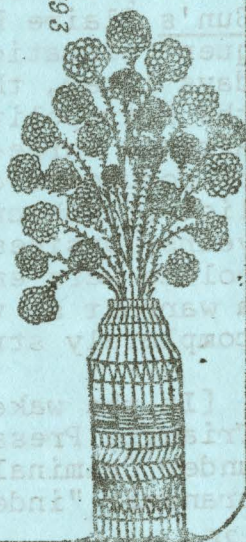
Now We Know...

The word "bride" is derived from an ancient Teutonic word meaning "to cook." --by UPI



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THE EAST SIDE TAVERN
Route 3 -- North Belfast Avenue
Augusta, Maine 04330 -- 622-4393



FREE THE PRESS!

NOT GUILTY MEANS NOT GUILTY

Canada's major gay liberation journal, The Body Politic, is being prosecuted again! Using Ontario obscenity laws for its legal basis, the government's goal is clearly to harass the gay community and to destroy the journal.

[Background to the case: In its December 1977 issue, the Body Politic, a monthly political magazine published in Toronto for gay people, carried an article, "Men Loving Boys Loving Men," by Gerald Hannon. In it, Hannon looked at the lives and characters of three homosexual pedophiles. In an introduction, the Body Politic explained why it was publishing the article: "The real lives of men who love boys and boys who love men are mysterious even for most other gay people. We are not immune from the general paranoia about children and sexuality, and many of us are willing to accept that part of the straight world's homosexual mythology even when we know the rest of it for the lie it is. A small part of the reality is presented below." On Christmas Day, 1977, a month after the December issue of the Body Politic had gone on sale, the magazine was attacked in print for publishing Hannon's article by the Toronto Sun's Claire Hoy, a columnist with a reputation for frequent, irrational attacks on Toronto's gay community. Six days later, the office of the Body Politic was raided by the Metropolitan Toronto and Ontario Provincial police. After a three-hour search, they carried off twelve cartons of documents as "evidence." Included were the magazine's list of subscribers, correspondence going back over the years, business records and articles for publication. The police were empowered to conduct this sweeping search with a warrant so vaguely worded it would have allowed them to completely strip the office of papers.

[In the wake of the raid, the magazine's publisher, Pink Triangle Press, and three of its officers were charged under Criminal Code section 164 with using the mails to transmit "indecent, immoral or scurrilous" material. No

charge had ever been laid under this obscure law before and it is believed to have been enacted simply as a protection against obscene or insulting letters. Of the dozens of cartons of papers seized in the raid, not a single sheet was introduced as evidence during the trial in January, 1979. Indeed, as the trial judge himself noted, no evidence in support of the charges was brought forward. Instead, the Crown called a succession of witnesses, such as evangelist Ken Campbell, who are noted for their prejudice against gay people. The Crown tried to put gay people, in the persons of the accused, on trial.

[The Crown's strategy did not work. In February, 1979 Judge Sydney Harris dismissed the charges. In his written judgement, Judge Harris rejected the idea that homosexuality was on trial in his courtroom. He also noted that "after reading 'Men Loving Boys Loving Men,' we know what they are, and what they are not, we know that not all homosexuals are pedophiles, we know something about how pedophiles feel." Despite the acquittal, the Crown refused to return the list of names and other papers seized in the raid. The bigots weren't going to let mere justice stand in their way. Going along with the Christian fundamentalist campaign, Ontario Attorney-General Roy McMurtry filed an appeal against Judge Harris' decision.]

We are now trying to pressure the Crown into dropping that appeal.

Clearly freedom of the press is at stake, even more directly in the appeal than in the original trial. Time is short and we need your assistance. Appeals can't be fought in the courtroom without lawyers and lawyers cost money. Make out a cheque or post office money order to

Lynn King In Trust For The Body Politic Free The Press Fund
and mail it to:

Cornish, King & Sachs, Barristers and Solicitors, 111 Richmond
Street West, Suite 320, Toronto, Ontario M5H 3N6▲

MAKING MONEY WITH ANTI-LESBIAN BIGOTRY

BOYCOTT URGED AGAINST UNITED ARTISTS MOVIE

"Windows," a feature film from United Artists, has recently opened in the U.S. and Canada. The National Gay Task Force (NGTF) and the National Association of Lesbian and Gay Filmmakers (NALGF) have encouraged all feminist, Lesbian and gay supporters to boycott this film.

Both NGTF and NALGF have joined with other organizations to protest "Windows," and plans for further action in relation to United Artists will be announced shortly.

Under the guise of producing a "romantic thriller," the film actually perpetuates and sensationalizes the most pernicious lies about Lesbianism and rape. *The plot features a psychotic Lesbian killer who hires a man to rape her best friend with whom she is secretly in love. The equation of Lesbianism with psychotic violence is an old and tired stereotype.* The film's treatment of rape is equally unreal. Violence against women has reached epidemic proportions and is still increasing. A Congressional subcommittee estimated that rape affects between a quarter and a third of the female population in this country and every woman lives with the threat of rape. The fact is that rape is a crime committed against women by men. The depiction in "Windows" of rape as a crime instigated by one woman against another is a monstrous lie, a gross misrepresentation of Lesbianism and of rape.

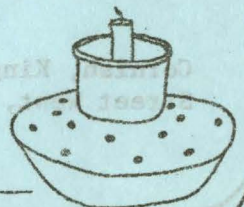
Most viewers might dismiss this film as a distasteful insult to their intelligence. But we have to respond, nonetheless, if only in memory of the pain and discrimination so many of us have suffered because of twisted images of what it means to be a homosexual perpetuated in films like "Windows."

Both NGTF and NALGF and the editors of this magazine call on all Lesbian, feminist and gay supporters to boycott this film.

For further information:

NALGF: Sheila Rohrer (212) 420-2323

NGTF: Lucia Valeska (212) -741-5800



IS YOUR GROUP LISTED?

GAY/LESBIAN AREA ORGANIZATIONS

MAINE

Maine Lesbian Feminists/
MLF Newsletter
PO Box 125
Belfast, ME 04915

Midcoast Gay Men
PO Box 57
Belfast, ME 04915

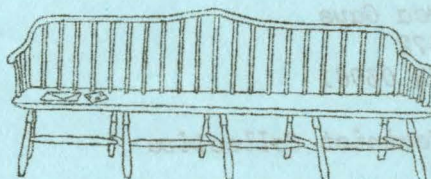
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PO Box 990
Caribou, ME 04736

M.G.M. ASSN.
PO Box 7301
Lewiston, ME 04240

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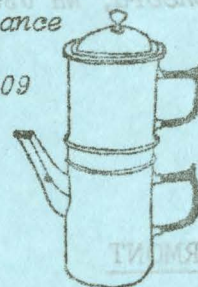
Parents of Gay People
Evelyn and Floyd Bull
c/o PO Box 4542
Portland, ME 04112



Maine Gay Task Force
PO Box 4542
Portland, ME 04112

Mainely Gay
PO Box 4542
Portland, ME 04112

Down East Gay Alliance
PO Box 594
Bar Harbor, ME 04609



NEW HAMPSHIRE

Central N.H. Men's Support Group
31 Union St.
Concord, NH 03301

Dartmouth Gay Students' Assn.
Hinman Box 5057
Dartmouth College
Hanover, NH 03755

(NEW HAMPSHIRE, cont.)

Seacoast Gay Men
PO Box 221
Portsmouth, NH 03801

Nashua Area Gays
PO Box 3472
Nashua, NH 03061

Lesbian Feminist Collective
PO Box 47
Penacook, NH 03061

N.H. Lambda
PO Box 1043
Concord, NH 03301

N.H. Coalition of
Lesbians & Gay Men
PO Box 521
Concord, NH 03301



Southern Vermont Lesbian's/
Gay Men's Coalition
21 Eliot St.
Brattleboro, VT 05301

Central Vermont Gays (formerly
Washington County Gays)
PO Box 1264
Montpelier, VT 05602

The Open Closet
PO Box 59
Putney, VT 05346

Gay People at Middlebury
c/o Sandy Levine
Box 3432
Middlebury College
Middlebury, VT 05753

VERMONT

Gay Hotline, Univ. of
Vermont: 802-656-4173

Gay Student Union, UVM
Burlington, VT 05401

Integrity
PO Box 11
Winocski, VT 05404



[Please note: due to editorial whimsy,
listings for ATLANTIC CANADA and org-
anizations' phone no.s will appear in
alternating issues]

profits and investments.

Since 1980 looks like a year-- and the opening of an era-- that's going to call for a great deal of resolution, we thought we'd make a few New Year's resolutions of our own.

1. We're going to keep speaking out on public issues.

There's just no way this country's political problems can be separated from their economic implications--and we think we're pretty qualified to speak out on those economic implications.

2. We're going to keep advocating public policies that favor growth and economic advantage.

The American Dream need not be past history. With improved national policies on taxes, trade, industrial incentives, environmental standards, energy and capital formation, large corporate entities like Mobil can keep the profit bucks rolling in. And all this trickles down: even top Mobil executives need their shoes shined.

3. We'll continue our efforts to discover and exploit all the energy sources we can, from wherever we can find it, even if this may mean sinking a well in the Desert of Maine or plunking an off-shore oil rig in the middle of Little Sebago Lake.

4. We're going to keep running this country just as well--and profitably--as we can.

People who suggest to us that it would be good public relations to return Amy Carter to her mother before the president unveils his energy policies remind us of the Fonda/Naderite/Kommie fringe that gleefully attack what's best for America. If you aren't with us, then you're against us.

5. No taxation without representation. In 1980, each of the Seven Sisters will press for two U.S. Senators, each, and proportional representation in the U.S. House. Who needs de facto Congressmen, anyway? Hail to U.S. Senator James Buckley (R-Texaco) and to Sen. Dave Emery (D-Gulf)!



News of the Politically Fragile

CALGARY, Alberta (UPI)--A University of Alberta history student who is doing her doctoral thesis on sexual deviation in the Canadian West says her research shatters the image of northern coy-boys. "There's every indication that the history of sexuality in the West wasn't always straight," said Terry Chapman, noting that from 1890 to 1920 there were "phenomenally more males out there than females. There seems to be a high incidence of homosexuality." She based her theory on research of old court records, newspapers and books and said she found enough titillating details to fill a dozen pornographic novels. The punishment for homosexual acts was severe, she said. Conviction meant life imprisonment while an attempted homosexual act would draw a seven-year prison term. Chapman also speculates that a cowboy may have been closer to his horse than previously thought. "There's no solid proof but it's expected there were more than a usual number of incidents of bestiality." She said we all have illusions about the west and the traditional history that we're taught. "In the United States, it's John Wayne and here we like to think it was all law and order."



HAVELOCK, N.C. (UPI)--Taking a cue from Debbie Shook, who kicked her crown after being stripped of the Miss North Carolina title, the local Jaycees will sponsor a "Miss North Carolina Crown-Kicking Pageant." A Jaycee spokesman said the women will kick crowns wearing swimsuits and evening gowns.

MEANWHILE, BACK AT THE REVOLUTION

Community Messages

LESBIANS DEFINING THEMSELVES:

Traditionally, research on Lesbianism has been conducted by non-Lesbians. Ronda Carlson, a Lesbian, is conducting a national survey to determine how Lesbians define themselves and their communities. She recently completed a Master's degree in Social Work and this research is a continuation of a survey done for her thesis.

She is in need of Lesbians willing to complete a fairly long and specific questionnaire (it should take about 1.5 hours to fill out). The questionnaires and all correspondence will be kept strictly confidential, but it is hoped that a distillation of the results will eventually be published. It is not necessary to be "out" either publicly or to family and non-gay friends in order to participate; all that is necessary is that you be a Lesbian and be willing to take your time and energy to explain some of what this means to you. To request a questionnaire please write:

Ronda Carlson
3014 Millmar Drive
Dallas, Texas 75228



NEWS FROM N.H. LAMBDA: "We are over 100 Lesbians with potential relay system to about 300 Lesbians and almost 100 gay men in the state--a political, educational and social organization. The address is:

N.H. Lambda (statewide Lesbian group)
PO Box 1043
Concord, NH 03301

Info lines (all area code 603):
Concord: 224-3785
Milford: 673-8348
E. Rochester: 332-4440
Keene: 399-4927



(Community Messages continue next page)

NEW TO SANFORD AREA: Wish to meet other gay men for friendship, fun, going out, especially those in immediate area. I've got no phone, so drop a line to:

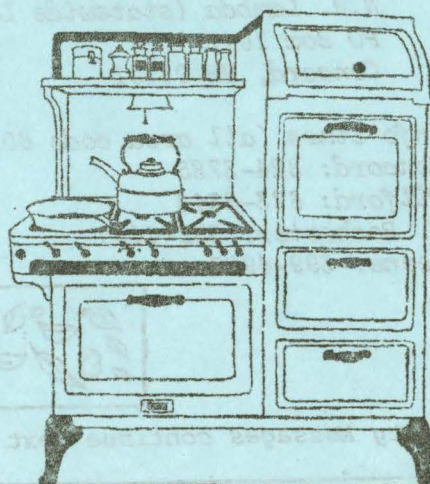
Barrows
8½ Harry Hoves Rd. Ext.
RFD#2
Sanford, Maine 04073

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THE CLINIC at Androscoggin Home Health Services is a facility for the diagnosis, treatment and follow-up of sexually transmitted diseases. If you live in the L-A area and would like more information about the above, please call the following toll-free number and ask for Marjorie:

800-482-7412

The address of the Clinic is 79 Main St., Auburn (784-9304).



HAVE QUESTIONS THAT ARE MEDICAL or psychiatric in nature? An accredited southern Maine psychiatrist and therapist will answer your particular query--with the most strict confidentiality. Write to "Therapist," in care of this journal.

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ANY MEN OUT THERE, AGES 30-50, who would like to form a support group in southern Maine? If you're interested, just write to "Men's Group," in care of "MG," and we'll connect you with other people.



LIKE TO HIKE? Then get in touch with the Chiltern Mountain Club! They schedule various outdoor activities around Maine and northern New England. Interested people can learn more about this group by writing them at:

Chiltern Mountain Club
PO Box 1015
Ellsworth, Maine 04605

(more Messages on next page)

THE GAY-STRAIGHT ALLIANCE AT BATES COLLEGE has recently formed! A dance was held at the Lewiston campus on Saturday, March 1 (it was very well attended) and more activities are scheduled for the remainder of the spring semester. A permanent mailing address has not, as "MG" goes to press, been established, but...watch this space!

DON'T FORGET THE 7th ANNUAL MAINE LESBIAN & GAY SYMPOSIUM... Scheduled for March 21-23 at Bangor Community College in the Maine city of identical name... Symposium VII will include workshops, films, guest speakers (Lucia Valeska of the National Gay Task Force and Steve Endean of the Gay Rights National Lobby) and a book and craft show and sale.

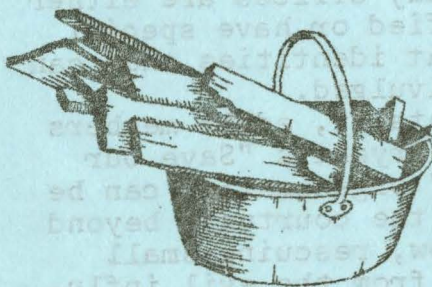
Registration fee: \$5, including dinner and dance. For those not registered, the dinner will be \$1 and the dance \$2.

Housing will be available--on a somewhat limited and/or bizarre basis, and CHILD CARE will be very adequately provided. Registration begins at BCC on Friday evening, around 8PM (or so think the "MG" editors....)



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Have an item you'd like to share with the community? Send it to MG, c/o "ACCESS," PO Box 4542, Portland, ME 04112. All listings are free!

About Our Cover...

For this month's issue, the cover features a rare glimpse of the main editorial offices of "Mainely Gay." The Tom Jones photo was shot, incidentally, on a Thursday afternoon; a time when MG's offices are generally conceded to be particularly well-organized and nonverminous.

Co-editor Susan Henderson is seated beneath the window at the right, apparently proof-reading material for the June, 1983 issue. Co-editor Peter Prizer (seated at left, in loose sandals) is busy with layout, while Guest Apprentice Tuffy Laffin (center, on knees below Susan's desk) fans the fires of revolution (actually, he's just letting off some excess steam).

The other persons inside the Mainely Gay offices are either unidentified or have special government identities that can not be divulged.

Incidentally, adult members of Anita Bryant's "Save Our Children" organization can be seen, in the courtyard beyond the window, rescuing small children from the evil influence of Mainely Gay staffers.

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Photo at right:

The "MG" Production Room,
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