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Pride, they teach you at school, is one of the deadly sins. And it's not so difficult to understand what they mean - the smug self-satisfaction that prompts the like of chief constable Anderton to spout about cesspits is a prime example of how pride can become deadly.

But the Pride we are celebrating is very different - a Pride that insists upon our right to a visible existence. It's a Pride that was born, 20 years ago this year, when the police in New York raided one gay bar too many. And every year, despite the obstacles and the laws thrown at us, its a Pride that shouts its name yet louder.

On the following pages we take a glance at just some of the high and low points in 20 years of lesbian and gay liberation.....

#### YOU NEED PRIDE

"We want you to enjoy your pageant", the chief inspector told us, explaining why the policing of the parade will be 'low key'.

But this means that Pride needs to steward its own march - keeping people close together so that cars don't attempt to drive through our ranks, or helping lost children - and that means we need your help.

We will also need stewards during the carnival in Kennington Park - all those lost children will pop up again no doubt.

The police have been quite tough in negotiations over the march this year claiming the right to halt the march if there are insufficient stewards. You need Pride, and Pride needs you, as a steward. To prevent any problems on the day, please help by being a steward on the march.

Think of the advantages. One, you get to wear a trendy and very, very

becoming vellow plastic overshirt. Two, you have a ready-made excuse to approach anyone you want on the march and ask them silly questions. Three, you get a free ticket to the Pride party at the Hippodrome.

Convinced? Please become a Pride steward.

If possible please come to the Pride Stewards meeting, at the Paradise Club in Islington, on Wednesday 21 June, 8pm.

If you come from out of London or can't make it to the meeting then, for the march: report to the PA system near Speakers Corner in Hyde Park before 1.30pm, for the carnival: go to the Pride stall or office at Kennington Park as soon as you can - the stall will be open from 12 noon.



It was Friday 27 June 1969, the day they buried Judy Garland. Neil McKenna recounts the birth of Gay Liberation.

Deputy Inspector Seymour Pine and his eight detectives from the NYCPD (Public Morals Section) had no reason to believe that tonight's raid on the gay Stonewall Inn was going to be any different from other raids in Greenwich Village that had led to the closing of two bars. As reason for raiding the bar the police claimed that the Stonewall was selling liquor without a licence. But the patrons of the Stonewall and other bars in the Village thought differently They knew the bars were only allowed to stay open by express permission of the

New York's crime syndicates extorted large sums of protection money from gay bars. Any who could, or would, not pay were either 'persuaded' or closed down after a visit from Public Morals, who enforced the Mafia's strangle-

The raid on the Stonewall was brief and businesslike. The police arrested two barmen, three drag-queens and a lesbian. The customers were allowed to leave one-by-one as the police set about smashing up the Stonewall a bit. A crowd of these customers quickly gathered, augmented by the people who thronged Christopher Street and Sheridan Square. As each customer emerged from the Stonewall, cries of defiance and cheers went up from the swelling crowd.

But the mood of the crowd changed as the police escorted the barmen and the dragqueens to the waiting paddywagon. They booed and uttered defiant catcalls. A cry went up to overturn the paddywagon, but it was loaded and away before this could happen.

The anger subsided only temporarily, flaring again as the lesbian was escorted to a patrol car. She fought the police, managed to break away briefly but was recaptured and dragged to the car. Sensing the danger Pine ordered the car away.

The jeering crowd had become an angry mob. Shouts of 'pigs' and 'faggot cops' went up accompanied by a hail of coins and beer bottles Hemmed into a small clearing immediately outside the Stonewall the police decided to seek sanctuary inside, bolting the heavy wooden door against the crowd outside.

From within they could hear the sound of breaking glass and the thud of bricks and cobblestones hurled against the door, which suddenly flies open. A rain of missiles pours into the bar. As police rush to and starts to bleed.

The police are angry now. Pine rushes out towards the crowd and grabs a man who he drags into the bar. The police secure the door again and beat the man senseless before handcuffing him.

Outside the mob is howling for blood. An uprooted parking meter is used as a makeshift battering ram for the door which flies open again.

The police draw their guns and one says, "we'll shoot the first motherfucker that comes through the door". As they wait for the mob to surge forward someone pours lighter fuel through the broken window - a match is thrown and the bar is in flames as police reinforcements arrive. It had lasted about 45 minutes.

When they woke on Saturday the gay community of Greenwich Village found notices, put up by the Mattachine Society, the city's 'homophile' organisation, appealing for calm. But the atmosphere was tense throughout the day and violence was to erupt again that night.

There were an estimated 4,000 gay men, drag queens and lesbians on the streets that night. For the next few hours civil war raged in Greenwich

The mob fought the police with everything they had molotov cocktails, bricks, cobblestones, sticks and parking meters. Trash cans were set alight adding to the flashing sirens of police patrol cars. In Waverly Place a large block of concrete landed on the hood of a patrol car which was surrounded by dozens of men shaking and pounding it.

At the intersection of Greenwich Avenue and Christopher street the riot police were viciously clubbing a young gay man. A detachment of queens, some in drag, rushed over screaming "Save our Sister" and rescued him.

By 3.30am, Sunday morning, the riot had burnt itself out. Intermittent small incidents took place on the next four nights but the pent-up anger and fury of the gay community had been exhausted and replaced by an emotion they had never experienced before -

Gay poet Allen Ginsberg visited the scene, remarking that, "You know, the guys there were so beautiful - they've lost that wounded that fags all had 10 years ago."

Within a month the first Gay Liberation Front meeting had been held in New York. The rest is history. Commenting on the significance of Stonewall just afterwards someone described it as, "the hairpin drop heard around the world."

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#### "Being a dyke is the best life for any women keen on self-respect."Gill Hanscombe, a founder member of Onlywomen Press, explains why.

It's 20 years old this year," she explained, meaning Pride, "so if you could write something about what's changed, or how things are now."

God, I thought, she's asking me because I'm one of the old ones. I must have a historical perspective - though 20 years ago I hadn't even discovered the Gateways, let alone Pride.

But yes, there have been changes. It didn't take long for 'gay' to mean male, so they added 'lesbian', and then the dykes wanted a celebration not a march. And I know we all fudged where we had to, for solidarity's sake, against the common enemy - how to explain to gay men, for example, that 'women-only' doesn't mean the same as 'men-only', or how to explain to onlookers that lesbian feminists choose what we are, we recommend it, we want to promote it.

Livingstone's GLC came and went, but the funding seeded many dyke projects.

Onlywomen Press got born and remains. Sunitit Namjoshi and I set up Jezebel Tapes in 1986 to promote lesbian verse, and that too is still going strong.

And Sappho is still there, and Gay Sweatshop, and the

Lesbian History Group, and the bookshops and meetings, and the ubiquitous discos.

Many of us have had children and will go on having them, despite section 28 and in defiance of both Thatcherism and Kinnock's family promotions

And we've laid enough cultural foundations to be able to find each other when we want to, and to be able to avoid lesbian porn, lesbian SM and lesbian-anything-else we may find disgraceful.

Being a dyke is the best life for any women keen on selfrespect. I regret nothing about choosing it.

And we're geared up just fine for another 20 years of lesbian books, films, music, parties, discussions, gossips, scandals, polemic, politics and promotion.

Good, if they ask me when I'm old about the last 40 years of Lesbian Pride maybe by then one of the royals will have come out and Valerie Singleton will have stopped saying 'no'.



#### Young and Old, Out and Proud, John Beeson and Howard Johnson were both alive in 1969.

1969 was the year I came to London. Out of the blue my father announced that he proposed to remarry and move from our family home in Nottingham.

In the few months between my father's leaving and my being booted out by the landlord my German boyfriend, Gerrard, moved in

Always a Labour voter I had been pushed further left by the demonstrations, led by Tariq Ali, in 1968 against the attempts of the world's richest nation, the US, to bomb back into the Stone Age one of the world's poorest, Vietnam.

Being evicted (the landlord claimed that he was worried that I wouldn't look after the place, but really it was my turning up in an open top sports car with different men that upset him) seemed to offer the opportunity to make a complete break and get a job in London.

But first I spent a month in Malta, being part of the island's Dolce Vita, and observing Dom Mintoff, then leader of the opposition, suround himself with a group of fabulous looking young men.

Then it was back to London and its thriving but invisible gay life. In New York the Stonewall bar incident was taking place, though I knew nothing of it until Gay Lib started some two years later. Twenty years on, and now aged 55, I'm still active in the gay movement, and fit for another 20 years if I'm here to enjoy it.

I don't remember much about 1969, the year of my birth. I do recall coming out in 1985, aged 16, though.

My mum discovered that I had a rather unpleasant infection in a private part of the body. She insisted that I explain where 'it' had come from. As I could hardly claim I picked it up in the bargain basement at Woolworths, I kept quiet.

"Your're gay aren't you" she shouted, adding, "I didn't want you to be gay - I wanted to be at your wedding."

"Well, tough luck, ma" I replied and stormed off upstairs.

An uneasy truce lasted a year until I brought a friend home one day.

We had met through a friend at work, and gone to Hyde Park where we kissed and cuddled. Nobody stopped us.

I took him home for dinner and then we went upstairs and had just undressed when I heard my dad come in. He stormed upstairs and told my friend to leave.

He told me I was no son of his and I, too, had to go.

A short time later I went on my first Pride march. It was not at all what I had expected. It was great. Lots of people shouting '2-4-6-8, is that copper really straight?", and '3-5-7-9, lesbians are mighty fine"

I joined in with the shouting and marching, remembering the words of Eleanor Roosevelt; "nobody can make you feel inferior without your consent".

## No/stalgia, Yes/talgia. Jackie Forster, an editor and co-publisher of *Sappho*, a lesbian/feminist magazine from 1972-81, makes the distinction.

No/stalgia for me about 20 years ago. 1969 was an ordeal of coming out convincingly to myself, to my family and to other people.

Lesbian was a no-go word, so homosexual gatherings in London sported clueless names like Gay Liberation Front ('Gay' at that time meant male), Arena Three, Gateways, Kenric, the Robin Hood, the A&B, the Colony Room, among others. The Campaign for Homosexual Equality formed area groups in London by a number. Of course, male gay lifestyles, language and role-play dominated in these ghettos.

Politically, men made the running and lesbians went along with it. As you can imagine, furtiveness, closet conditions and confusion of sexual identity created stress and tensions which more often than not were temporarily dissolved by drink - too much drink. I was heavily into all of it.

GLF meetings out-grew the largest lecture hall at the London School of Economics and moved to an abyss basement called Middle Earth and we sat on polythene sheets spread over the black, hard floors for hours - so in need of contact were we.

Alongside, the emergent
Women's Liberation Movement
offered consciousness raising,
exploration of sexual identity,
analysis of oppression by patriarchal society and women
identified political issues. As a
lesbian I found myself constantly in a double bind of
clashing conferences on the
same day organized by the
women's and gay movements.
I've lost count of the time I
debated whether I was a lesbian first or a woman first? This

dilemma never phased gay men or straight women.

In the end many of us chose to come out in the women's movement and demanded lesbian recognition in the gay movement. Interestingly enough the rare meetings and conferences in London and the regions were well attended, mostly by the same people, so we got to know each other and the networking was close. We numbered only hundreds compared with the thousands involved in the profusion of events today.

Yes/talgia for today with all the lesbian and gay independent events and places to go. We now have choices to be: politically committed, socially frivolous, sexually positive, we buy books about ourselves published by lesbians and gay men or where we have paid work. We come out in the worlds of arts, Politics (with a big P), sports, medicine, industry, transport, education - you name it. Fashion, pop music, plays, radio and TV programmes created by homosexuals are supported by straights.

All in all an amazing 20 years of resurgence and emergence. We could say that Clause 28 is evidence that we are strong and are going to be stronger. Looking back over 20 years, I suppose that there is a sense of gratification in being among those few who persisted in the conviction that lesbian pride and identity have a rightful place in society on our own terms.



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#### Gay liberation in Scotland took off in 1970. Ian Dunn, a founder member of the Scottish Minorities Group, was there.

The Scottish Minorities Group was born on the 9 May 1969 when 25 people, with a mite more than one or two gay women (oh! yes, never lesbians ... then) met at the Glasgow University Chaplaincy, aiming for law reform, counselling, opening centres and social integration. Integration!

Why on earth did we select the word minoritites? Well frankly there were enough people present who were scared to use the word homosexual. Gay was just becoming popular but still meant 'frivously fun-loving, in a bright, shallow way', so that wasn't an option. And in any case we saw ourselves as a minority; it was the tenor of the times and minority rights were all the rage in intellectuals circles.

Our title turned out to be very popular and it slowly dawned on some of us that (plural) minorities was an accurate description of the folk joining SMG. Especially I mention the TVs and TSs who greatly regretted the later name change. But we contained other minorities, including a very small number, who, victims of a right wing backlash 10 years later, were to cause endless pain and lost sleep for us 'normal' gays: I'm referring to the paedophiles.

The first year was incredible, but 1970 was a real drag slow. After the euphoria of getting started we lacked the language to enspire a mass membership. It was in December of 1970, after Gay Liberation in London had ignited the beacons, when we decided to hold one last meeting.

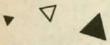
We never looked back.
January 1971 saw the
launch of SMG News which has
been in continuous production
ever since, though now called
Gay Scotland Magazine. It is the
oldest les-gay-bi publication in
the whole of Great Britain and
Ireland. It may be going
through lean times but it has
not died and I expect it will live

to see good years again.

The newsletter built the membership and our discos and dancing did the rest. God! did we dance?

Starting in 1974 we bought up the building in Broughton Street that after 15 years operation is accepted as part of the Edinburgh scene.

The Glasgow Gay Centre opened in Sauchiehall Street in 1976 and in 1978 the SMG changed its name to the Scottish Homosexual Rights group.



Gay slang from the 60s

'Advance a storm' - to work up a sweat from dancing or other form of exertion.

'Advertising bar' - bar frequented by male prostitutes and their clients.

'Afghan' - middle aged homosexual who sometimes wears the regalia of a woman.

'Bargain basement' - any place where it is easy to locate a sex partner.

Peter Burton - features and reviews editor of Gay Times celebrates the British gay press, 20 years old this year.

A little over 20 years ago I joined the fledgling British gay press. John Stamford had advertised in the 'underground' newspaper International Times

for contributions for a publication for gay men he was shortly to launch. I submitted a 'factional' article which was accepted and appeared in

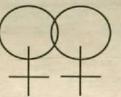
International Male Advertiser ( Number 2, May 1969), which became Spartacus. The first edition of the Spartacus International Gay Guide appeared the following year and has been published more or less annually ever since.

Shortly after the appearance of Stamford's monthly, I saw another advertisment in IT- for a magazine called Jeremy. Far more a mainstream publication, Jeremy was archetypally 1960s, dabbling in fashionable bisexuality rather than up-front gayness. I joined as theatre columnist and ended up as









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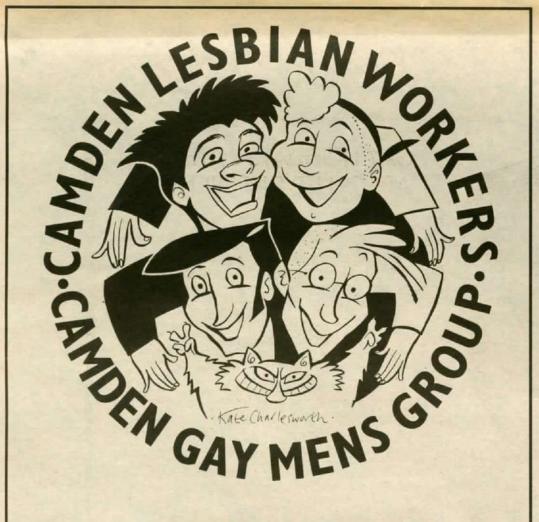
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- The ALA liaised closely with MPs, Peers and the media over Section 28, and acted as a forum for people to make their views known to Parliamentarians.
- We advise Councils on how to cope with the Section's effects, and have commissioned two authoritative legal opinions. A briefing on the effects of Section 28 has been produced.
- · A major review of Council policies will be published later this year.
- · Support was organised for a conference for lesbians and gays with
- · Fair fostering and adoption policies have been promoted
- · A national local government conference on lesbian and gay issues will be held in the autumn. A major seminar was held in Manchester and a series of seminars on Section 28 were run in London.

The ALA Lesbian and Gay Committee Co-Chairs are Jen Litherland and Graham Nicholas For more information contact Chris Baker, Lesbian and Gay Officer (job–share) ALA 36 Old Queen Street, London, SW1H 9JF. Tel 01 222 7799

The ALA represents the boroughs of Brent, Camden, Ealing, Greenwich, Hackney, Hammersmith & Fulham, Hounslow, Islington, Lambeth, Lewisham, Newham, Southwark, Waltham Forest, and the ILEA.

Little did I imagine then that the major proportion of my working life would be spent working within the gay press; I probably wasn't even foresighted enough to imagine the press surviving, let alone growing steadily stronger for two decades.

Those of us who were in at the beginnings of the gay press in this country found ourselves learning what might be termed a new journalistic language. For the first time in our careers we were able to communicate directly with an audience who shared our sexual orientation. It was a liberating experience and we grew as the gay press grew. It is a process of growth that has never stopped.

I see from my diary that I first encountered Denis Lemon to discuss the as yet unpublished Gay News in June 1972. That was the beginning of a fruitful and productive relationship that carried me through the next 10 heady

From the vantage point of 1969, Gay News was unimaginable - a fortnightly newspaper for gay men and

lesbians, widely available, taken seriously by the mainstream media; from the vantage point of the late 80s Gay News was inevitable.

Over those 20 years I have been involved with gay magazines and newspapers which have foundered and which have flourished. I have been fortunate enough to turn my way of life into a profession - and though my level of commitment to the gay press has sometimes diminshed, it has never wavered.

Today the British gay press boasts a healthy range of titles local ( Gay Scotland, for example), national (Gay Times), free (Capital Gay), fashionable ('Square Peg'), intellectual ( European Gay Review) amongst them.

Though the political wind has changed from those euphoric days of the 60s; the gay press in Britain has never been stronger or more vital. Though we may suffer reverses of fortune, we will survive.

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#### Gay Pride Week: In mid 1972, the following announcement appeared in Gay News:

"The London Gay Liberation Front is planing a week-long series of events as part of this year's celebration of Gay Pride. Theme of the activities will be both an assertion of Gay Pride and two concrete demands: repealing of all anti-gay laws and full civil rights for gay people.

The week's events included a dance in Fulham Town Hall on Friday 23

June; various events, including leafletting of

London's "gay areas", on Saturday 24; gays days in Battersea and Waterlow parks on Sunday 25; a disco at the King's Arms, Bishopgate on Monday 26; street events, including a GLF vigil outside the American embassy, on Tuesday 27; a West London gay disco at the White Lion, Putney, on Wednesday 28; a repeat of Tuesday's activities, minus the vigil, on Thursday 29; another gay pride dance at Fulham Town Hall on Friday 30, and a

"Gay Pride Carnival" from Trafalgar Square to Hyde Park on Saturday 1 July. The week finished with an evening disco at the Northern Polytechnic, Holloway Road and a gay day on Primrose Hill on Sunday 2

About 800 people attended the first Gay Pride March, but

more fun was had by the 30 or so leafleters on the previous Saturday who engaged in running fights with the customers of the Colherne and the Boltons pubs. "What is Gay? - Good! What is the Boltons? -Crap!" was the cry as the drinkers refused to leave the

In June 1972, the first issue of Gay News appeared. Its 12 pages included a "Warning to Possible Repliers to the above Personal Advertisers. There is a rumour going round that all this issues' ads were put in by the Gay News collective. They

apparently wanted to show you that ads can be fun as well as interesting." Among the ads was one for A Grand Drag Ball with the theme of Pygmalion at the Porchester Hall, and a drag dinner and dance at the Hilton Hotel, price £6.60.

May: Oxford Gay Pride Week. Eric Presland does a leather-bondage-rubber skit, but it wasn't all fun and frolicing. WH Smiths was picketed for refusing to stock Gay News and university 'officials' (ie bouncers) stopped a boat load of libbers from boarding an island known as Parsons Pleasure. The island was a meeting place for the university's closeted dons.

"The week was lacking in dynamics - it cried out for more street activity and attempt at a stronger assault on straight conceptions and gays in hiding" wrote Gay News's reporter.

"More a whimper than a bang" said Gay News's about the London Pride Pride march - "the turnout was so small (an estimated 300) that one wonders if London even noticed."

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On the eve of the march the police raided the Father Redcap pub in London - for 'disordely conduct -"men dancing in close contact, groping each other with hands in trouser pockets", said a policeman.







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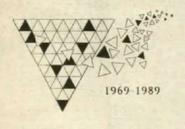
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London Lesbian and Gay Switchboard went into operation at 6pm on 4 March 1974. Tom Howarth, a switchboard volunteer, listens in.

When it opened, the switchboard expected to get a handful of calls and was very pleased and surprised to get 45. Within 5 years it had taken over 300,000 calls, moved into larger premises and extended the service both by number of lines and by going round the clock. It is a unique service and it is owned by us.

What is Switchboard's appeal? Why have 675 men and women been volunteers over its 15 year history? Why do we get over 40 requests to join every month? Can it be the perks: lousy coffee and all the herb tea you can drink. Can it be the salubrious surroundings: you could fit Switchboard into a double decker bus and still have room for the passengers? Maybe it's the variety of calls: try reminding yourself that at 4.30am in the morning when someone's asked you for all the bars in New York, and possibly Miami, just in case.

Switchboard is a compelling organisation: It compels you to do at least a four-hour shift a fortnight. It compels you to run the organisation - if you don't arrange for the phones to be fixed, or buy the loo paper, or raise the money then it doesn't happen. There is no wonderful superperson who arrives at 9am and goes at 5pm, having typed, filed and organized. There is no magic wand. You have to do it,

you have to go cap in hand to the overstretched lesbian and gay communities and beg and cajole the money out of them and there's nothing left over for someone to be paid with

Of course we could compromise and go to the big funders, but at what cost. We value our independence! We don't want to be told we can't take certain calls, or that we're not being impartial enough: since when have straights ever been impartial when it came to us? We don't want to have the plugs pulled when the political colour changes at the Town Hall. We don't like having

We don't have bosses at Switchboard, not real bosses. We have lots of people with big mouths, but no-one gets away with much and people who pretend to be boss are only boss by consensus. If they get too uppity we can ignore them, or vote them out. We're not a sort of non-hierarchical collective that's mated with hard-tory meritocracy, i.e you work hard you get a lot of brownie points, but as soon as you stop you're the same as anyone else. Is this making

But what about the callers? Most switchboard volunteers do it for the callers. They're not sure what they're doing, but whatever it is, the callers get the benefit. The callers haven't changed over 15 years. Some of them are the same callers.

They first phoned when they were coming out, somewhere beyond Watford Gap. Then maybe they phoned because they had been kicked out, or they left home, or had been caught cottaging. Then a lot of them moved to London and needed somewhere to stay, to meet people, to find a job, they phoned switchboard. They phoned switchboard because their lover was not being faithful, or because they were bored of one night stands, or their husband had just stolen the children, again. Sometimes they moved back home and wanted us to talk to their parents, or maybe their parents phoned because they were scared of Aids. They were going abroad and wanted info on bars and beaches, or they were stuck at home with a mortgage and were looking for a plumber. And then their lover died and in the dark times they phoned, because suicide seemed the only option and they wanted to talk the pain away. Now they phone because they think their nephews and nieces have usually beaten them to the phone

Why do I do it? Because this is real life, and all the campaigns and all the changes in the law don't mean nothing unless we care for our own



Gay publications included Sappho, Quorum, Lunch, Line-up, Follow-up and Adam 73. Together they had a total circualtion of Only 300 took part 18,000.

May 74 Icebreakers celebrates its first anniversary. Formed to reach isolated gays, the group received 1,607 calls in its first year - 15% of them from women.

Gay Pride 1974 "Not in a royal park – it's disgusting said 40 year old housewife Wendy Lynham commenting on the revellers.

on the 5th anniversary of Stonewall. The event,a quiet march followed by a picnic in Hyde park, was organised at short notice by the South London gay liberation group.

Belfast April 74. Belfast Switchboard opens at Queens University.

As gay libbers campaign for the same 'freedom' as the rest of the UK student union leaders describe the University gay liberation society as "an embarrasment".



#### The Onlywomen Press was founded in 1974, Lilian Mohin, a founder member is still exhilarated.

Change is in the air - again. Lesbians have always been short on safety and long on innovation. But the 1980s have functioned as a kind of murky lens behind which our daring has lurked.

Now when the mainstream labels as feminist any middleof-the-road behaviour, and sees as 'post-feminist' old-fashioned, heterosexual values, lesbians are restoring meaning to

Fifteen years ago - when the women's liberation movement had been blossoming in Britain for five fervent years - I was part of a group of radical feminist lesbians which set up the Onlywomen Press.

What the barbaric, oppressive world has inflicted on our sort of enterprise will come as no surprise, just as Clause 28 shouldn't have surprised. But the gorgeous development of a lesbian feminist culture continues to

Over the past few months I've talked about Onlywomen's books to a variety of audiences in Britain. I thought I knew what to expect, after all I've done this sort of thing often enough before. But lesbians at all these readings and meetings have astounded me with serious yet high spirited energy, reminiscent of the gleeful early

I remember those days as a time of creating theory through practice, of thinking politically and acting on it. We demanded, fought for and achieved women-only nearly everything: rock bands, poetry readings, dances, demonstrations, discos, printing presses, football teams, conferences, employment agencies and... families.

There are important differences in 1989. Aids has appeared in all our consciousnesses. Lots of other, exclusively lesbian, battles have been initiated, won and/or lost. And the media now include (their own idea of) lesbians, where once there was only an impossibility.

But today it seems absurd to feel gratitude for the condescending definitions of lesbianism propounded by the liberal media (on Tuesday evenings, for example). The Onlywomen Press puts the 'L word on the cover of all its books - 24 to date, with a further 8 planned for the next 12 months. The aim is to take radical lesbian feminist literature further 'out' and to make lesbian imagination more

Hard work? sure, but also a very great and exhilarating privilege.





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The Strathclyde Gay & Lesbian Switchboard took its first call in 1975, Keith Adamson, one of its first volunteers, has problems with the kids.

A 17 year old phones the switchboard and tells me he's fed up. He doesn't like the music they're playing at any of the discos. I stifle a yawn. Would he like to try the Gay Christian Movement.

When I was your age (I'm tempted to tell him) there were no gay bars or discos in Glasgow, at least none that I knew of. I was 25 when I discovered the scene, feeling cheated because I was already past my sexual prime. Even then there were only two bars and a disco once a month in a Corporation Hall.

How I remember those discos. We used to look forward to them weeks in advance. Somebody from the Scottish Minorities Group organised them; a record player sitting on a table on the stage, seats in a row around the perimeter of the hall, like the end-of-term school dance. The bar was in the Lesser Hall, cans and plastic cups on a trestle table, and the hall keepers, employees of the Corporation, standing nervously around, having never seen so

many 'Jessies' assembled together at the one time.

We always used to finish off with a rabble-rousing Gay Gordons, and for the sake of solidarity a final slow dance to 'Divided we Stand"

"I mean", my young man continues, "it's not as if anyone in the pubs will even speak to you. So what do you do? You go to a disco and it's just the same there.

I know, I know. Back in the days when the pubs closed at 10pm we would all go round to the Classic Coffee Bar afterwards, and there was always somebody who knew who was having a party. Folk would speak to you at parties. Come to think of it, it was at a party I met my man.

"Why don't you give the youth group another try?", I suggest, hinting that just because he didn't think much of the company the first time he went, it didn't mean things wouldn't improve. I had sauntered along to the SMG every Tuesday night for a year before things began to happen for me.

The next thing I knew I was being asked to volunteer for the Glasgow Gay Advisory Service, as it was called in those days.

Now he wants to know why they don't start a gay coffee bar you could drop into in the afternoons. Who is this 'they'? When we did it it was very definitely 'us'. A lot of hard work, campaigning and physical labour (and a little help from Manpower Services)

You should have been there in those days (I'm tempted to say to him) Wallpapering a ceiling with someone you fancy is a great way of getting to know him! We finally got our Gay Centre, complete with Switchboard's very own office.

And we had one stormer of an evening when local MP Teddy Taylor came to defend his views on why the MSC shouldn't have helped a spanking new gay club" get off the ground. Five years later the whole thing went down the financial plughole, and now 'they' are a lot of disillusioned people, less likely to put their time or cash towards helping again.

'Okay", he says finally. I'll go along to the Third Eye on Saturday and chat to the youth group again, see what happens. Thanks for talking to me - I tell him he's welcome. "At least you didn't give me any of that 'when I was your age' stuff, like they did on that other line.

Sometimes these kids can make you feel very old.

In its first year of operation, Gay Switchboard takes 22,829 calls. The switchboard opens for 24-hour operation in May

In New York, between 40-60,000 people march in the 1-mile-long Gay Pride March. In London, the only Pride celebration is a gay pic-nic in Hyde Park on 22 June, organized by the South London GLF.
"Starting at 2pm, pick-nickers are asked to gather at the park, at the eastern end of the Serpentine. Take along your own food and musical instruments (but no radios!)." 300 attempted to fill the

On 23 November, 2-3000 people marched from Hyde Park to Trafalgar Square to demand a new Sexual Offences Act.

With Issue 76 in July 1975, Gay News makes its debut in WH Smith, but only on bookstalls in London's mainline sta-

10,000 people see Gay Sweatshop's series of plays at the Almost Free Theatre.

"Nigel Goodwin, a member of the Festival of Light's prestigious Council of Reference, was fined £45 at Wells St Magistrates Court for committing an act of gross indecency in a pub-lic place with French chef Jacques Morel. The two men were arrested in a police raid on the

Kensington Kingsauna Club in december 1974. The court heard that two police officers, Sergeants Bertram and Facev (known to his colleagues as 'Bubbles'), had kept an authorized observation on the premises, dressed in towels.

Nigel Goodwin said it was a case of mistaken identity. The light in the passage outside the cubicles was "very dim and red-coloured. The curtains were very thick, of a non-aesthetic type." (Gay News)



John curry (26) wins the Olympic Gold amid rumblings among the press over whether his dancing is "manly or virile" enough.

June 1976. After David Seligman of Gay Switchboard is beaten unconscious on Hampstead Heath he

warns, "don't go to the heath, it's dangerous."

June 1976. Gay News headline, "Coleherne Gays Near Riot." Fighting broke out between customers and police after three arrests were made. Commenting on London's Stonewall Gay

News wrote, "On June 28 gays had issued a clear statement that they'd had enough. And that was liberation for them. The politics had started earlier, the law reformers versus the revolutionaries, the manifestos, the letters to Congress. But Stonewall took a personal sense of liberation to people."

Only 200 joined the Pride march to Hyde Park.



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NALGO - Working in the trade union movement for lesbian and gay rights.

Gay Pride Week opens with a march to Hyde Park on 25 June:1,000 stagger along the route. One taxi driver, held-up by the procession, remarked: "What do I think of it? I think they're all poofs - I dunno."

In the USA, 250,000 join the march in San Francisco, 25,000 in New York, 5,000 in Holywood, 5,000 in Boston, 2,000 in Seattle, with many more in Miami, Chicago, Kansas City, Atlanta and San Diego.

"On Tuesday 8 March, the Tom Robinson Band joins Linda and Eileen from the Elephant & Castle pub, and The Boys Plus, recently featured in the Union Tavern's all-male panto Cinderella, in a Silver Jubilee Benefit Drag Ball in aid of the Gay News Fighting Fund at the Porchester Hall, Queensway. Dress: Drag or Informal. " (Gay News).

Events throughout the country are held in February and March to raise money for the fighting fund.



TimesPhoto: courtesy of Gay Times

Three new Gay Rights Bills are presented to parliament during 1977. Those extending the 'freedoms' of the 67 Act to Northern Ireland and Scotland pass, but an attempt to lower the age of consent to 16 is stillborn.

No sex please you're under 21 - and you're a faggot!

September 1977: Women walk out of CHE and set up the National Organization for Gay Women.

of my life. It was a huge success, with 20,000 people transforming the city into a lesbian and gay Mecca in a way that just isn't possible in London. And it was important to note how well gays and lesbians, unusually for Manchester, worked together so well.

**Pride attracts** 240,000 in San Fransisco and 50,000 in New York, while in London the route is altered to go from Sloane Square, via Chelsea and Earls Court to picnic at Shepherds Bush Green. 900 marched and 1,200 picnic'd. The police didn't want the route, because of traffic problems.

Mary Whitehouse's instigated Gay News Blasphemy trial starts, and in February Tom Robinson releases the song of the century, Glad to be Gay.

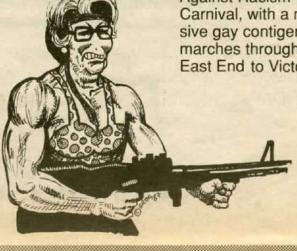
The Anti-Nazi League advertises in Gay News with photos of gays in concentration camps in fascist Germany. The logo is "Never Again".

Gay news is fined £1,000 and its editor, Denis Lemon, a further £500. Part of the blasphemous poem reads,"As flies to wanton boys are we to the Gods, they kill us for their sport".

Feb 11, 5000 march in London demanding gay rights. "How far back does it go?" asked one impatient taxi driver. A police constable shrugged his shoulders in a sympathetic gesture. The 5000 assembled in Trafalgar square singing "picnic time for heteros".

April a dozen lesbians hold a sit in, in the office of Daily Express editor, Derek Jameson, demanding columnist Jean Rook apologises to MP Maureen Colquhon for attacks on her.

May, the ANL Rock Against Racism Carnival, with a massive gay contigent, marches through the East End to Victoria.



Divine Justice Strikes Lesbian's Father. Kursad Kahramanoglu of the North West Campaign for Lesbian and Gay rights. reports.

The first time I attended a meeting of the Gay Activists Alliance in Manchester, and the first time I heard of Stonewall, was in 1977, my first year in Britain.

Bob Crossman suggested that a project under discussion be called 'Stonewall'. Everyone else in the room but me knew what it meant and shook their heads. Being bold, and disregarding it being my first meeting, I asked, "what is this Stonewall?"

Ever since then I have read many accounts of that special night which marked the birth of the modern gay liberation movement. My favourite anec-

dote is that of the song that was heard on the streets around Sheridan Square on the nights that followed the raid on the Stonewall Inn:

We are the Stonewall, We wear our hair in curls, We have no underwear, We show our pubic

Inspired by this song members of the Manchester Gay Activists Alliance wrote its own song on the way to London for Pride: '78:

Jesus wants me as a bum-

Even though she knows I

1978 saw our own clash

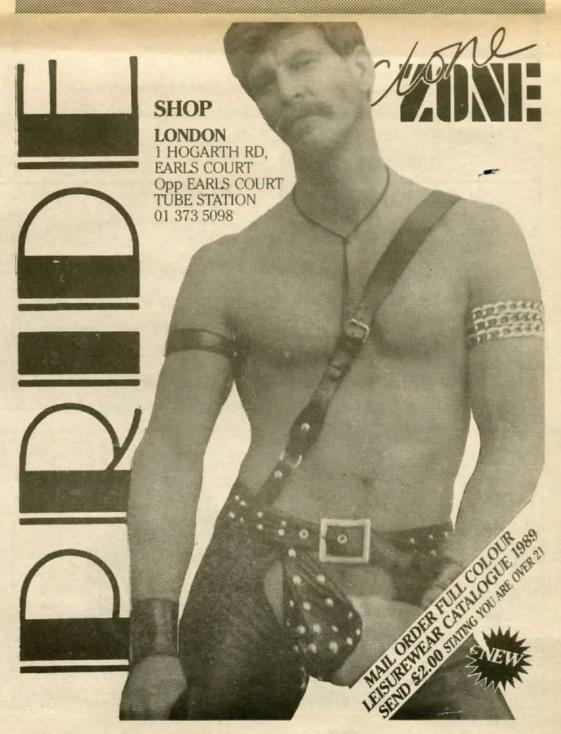
with the police. As everyone knows we suffer under the most notorious chief constable in the land. The bible thumper's boys tried to use a 19th Century bye-law to stop men dancing together - 'licentious dancing' it was called.

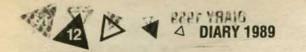
The Alliance picketed a meeting of the police committee to protest against Anderton's actions, and his police photographing customers of gay clubs. Anderton told the committee that he had decided to launch "a sudden law and order purge.

A few years later Anderton launched another 'purge' with his "swirling in a cesspit of their own making" speech. Is it divine justice that, ever since his daughter declared her lesbian sexuality, his antics have become less visible?

But the jewel in the crown of lesbian and gay activity in Manchester during the last two decades is undoubtedly the fight against Clause 28 - and especially the rally on 20 February 1988.

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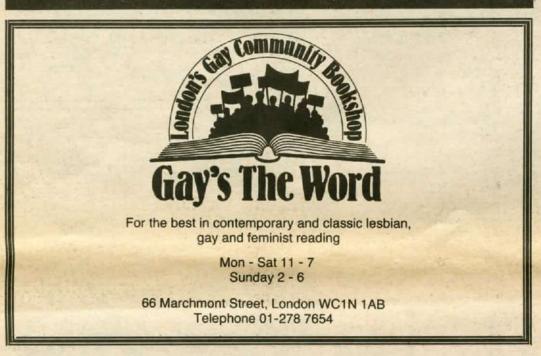
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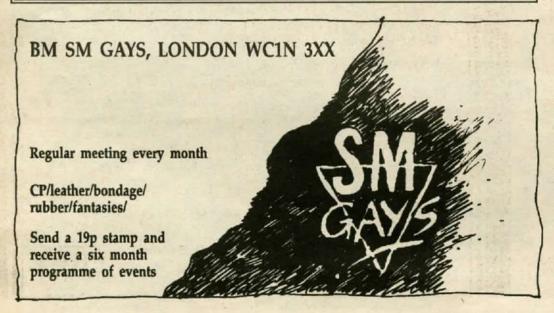


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The Junction at Friend, 86 Caledonian Road, London, N1.01 837 3337. Kings Cross tube. 7–10pm. A group for gay men who are unhappy with the scene. Everyone is warmly welcomed at the group and there is a friendly relaxed atmosphere. Author Leslie Stewart will be showing excerpts from his televised play for schools and leading a discussion. Wheelchair access.

Jewish Gay & Lesbian Group pub evening at Duke of Wellington, Balls Pond Road, London. 8.300 pm. Details 01 958 2955

#### Friday 16th June

Gay Bikers pub social. The Morris Dancer, Kelsall, Near Chester. 8pm onwards. Contact Mike 0745 336842.

Coalition Bop, New River Sports Centre, London, N22. 7.30pm. £2/£1. Creche. Cabaret and disco for black and ethnic minority gay men and lesbians and their friends. Signer, full access for people with disabilities.

Onlywomen Press reading by Anna Livia and Gillian Hanscombe from The Pied Piper: Lesbian Feminist Fiction (edited by Anna Livia & Lilian Mohin at The Bar, Gateshead Central Library, Prince Consort Road, Gateshead, Near Newcastle. 7.30pm. Ramp for wheelchair access and modern lift.

East Kent Gay Group Gala with all monies to Lesbian & Gay Pride. Cabaret with Sidewalk and special guest and 7th Avenue. £1.50 members/£2.50 non-members. Information from East Kent Gay Group Information Line Tuesdays 7.30–10pm Thanet 588762.

Outcast Theatre Company presents "Still Dancing, Wild Waltzes" Performance by women only cast at Tom Allen Centre, Grove Crescent Road, E15. Good Access.

Saturday 17th June

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#### Sunday 18th June

Service of Praise, Liberation and Thanks. 7pm Metroplitan Community Church, 2a Sistova Road, London, SW12. Tube: Balham (northern line). 01 675 6761 for information.

Caught in the Act, Eric Presland's Section 28 show at Duke of Wellington, 9pm 119 Balls Pond Road, London, N1. £2/£1.

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access.

Oval House Theatre, 52–54 Kennington Oval, London, SE11. 01 582 7680. Leaving it all Behind by Peter Burton with Philip Bliss. £3.50/£2.50concs./£1 OAPs & under 18s. 6pm. Critically acclaimed play about Christopher Isherwood's lesser known early years – school, Cambridge and his friendship with W H Auden. Also 25th June. Level access, wheelchair accessible toilet

Gay Bikers bike run from The Tate Gallery, Millbank, London to Audley End. Contact



Brian 0279 812301.

Gay Bikers bike run to Highclere Castle, near Newbury. Start from King Alfred's Statue, Broadway, Winchester, 11am. Contact Rob 0703 550913.

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Gay Outdoor Club cycle run, London Landmark Ride 3. A fun day out visiting places with gay historical interest. An A - Z of London is essential. Meet at the Queen Victoria Memorial, Hyde Park, 10am, Pub lunch, Afternoon tea.

#### Monday 19th June

'Litarary Lesbians' Celebrating Strength & pride, an evening of lesbian writers including Berta Friestadt, Bernadette Halpin and Cherry Smith - from Serious Pleasure: Lesbian erotic stories and poetry, 8.30 The Duke of Wellington, 199 Balls Pond Road, London, N1. Access Ground level.

Sussex University Lesbian and Gay Society Pride Week, contact Brighton 678152. Blue Jeans day.

#### Tuesday 20th June

Scala Cinema, Kings Cross. Prick Up Your Ears. 1.00 5.00 & 9.00. Loot 3.00 7.00.

Alan Hollinghurst, author of "The Swimming Pool " reads from his work at The St Pancras Library, 100 Euston Road, London, NW1. 6.30pm. Full disabled access

Sussex University Lesbian and Gay Society Pride Week, contact Brighton 678152. Video showing.

Young Gay Men's Neighbourhood Group, The Old Fire Station, 84 Mayton Street, London, N7.. 7-11pm. Full disabled access.

Evergreens at Friend, 86 Caledonian Road, London, N1.01 837 3337. Kings Cross tube. 7.30–10pm. A weekly group for older gay men with a relaxing coffee bar atmosphere. Wheelchair access.

Oval House Theatre, 52/54 Kennington Oval, London SE11 (Oval tube) An evening of Black Lesbian and Black Gay Poetry. 8pm. £3.50/£2.50

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Gay Outdoor Club cycle run. Meet under Centre - point, Oxford Street at 7.30pm for a leisurely evening ride around London, taking in some sights and stopping off at a pub.

#### Wednesday 21st June

Pride 89 Steward's Recruitment Meeting at the Paradise Club, Parkfield Street, off Liverpool Road, Angel, Islington, N1. 8pm. A briefing for people who wish to help steward the march.

Gay Bikers social from 8.30pm Courtyard Pub, Newcastle. Contact Alan 0670 715132.

Hackney Empire Theatre Variety Night, Simon Fanshaw, Donna McPhail, The Froots, The Pink Singers, Terri Carol, Dead Famous People. Compere Vivacious. Doors open 7pm, starts 8pm. Tickets £5 or £4 concs. Box office 01-985-

Gay Men In Britain. Tape/slide show. Central Library, High Road, Wood Green, London, N22 7.30pm. Free entry. Full access for people with disabilities.

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David Roddis presents two performances of his one-man musical extravaganza, "Mad About The Boy" at the London Lesbian & Gay Centre, 69 Cowcross Street, London EC1. 8.30. Wednesday & Thursday. Admission £3/£1.50 concs.

SM Gays monthly social and discussion evening. 8pm London Lesbian & Gay Centre, 69 Cowcross Street, London, EC1. All gay men are welcome at SM Gays irrespective of experience. We do not operate a dress

code or restrictive membership system and we endeavour to make people new to the SM scene particularly welcome at our meetings.

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#### Thursday 22nd June

Sheba Publishers present readings from Serious Pleasure: Lesbian Erotic Stories & Poetry. Sisterwrite Bookshop, 190 Upper Street, London, N1, 7.30pm.

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The Junction at Friend, 86 Caledonian Road, London, N1. 01 837 3337. 7–10pm. Video "Where There Was Silence" and discussion about life before '67. Wheelchair

Gays the Word Bookshop, 66 Marchmont Street, London, WC1. new book "Coming on Strong: Gay Politics and Culture" edited by Simon Shepherd & Mick Wallis. "A unique record and analysis of gay work and life in the 1980's". The editors and contributors will take part - entry free, all welcome, wine/soft

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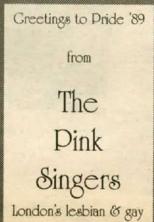
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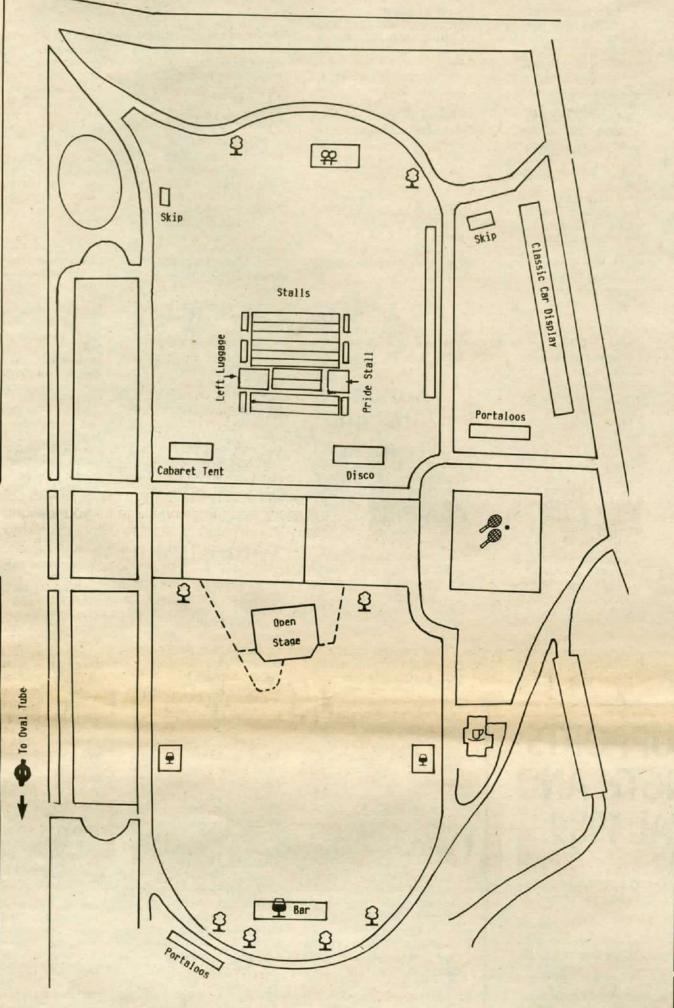
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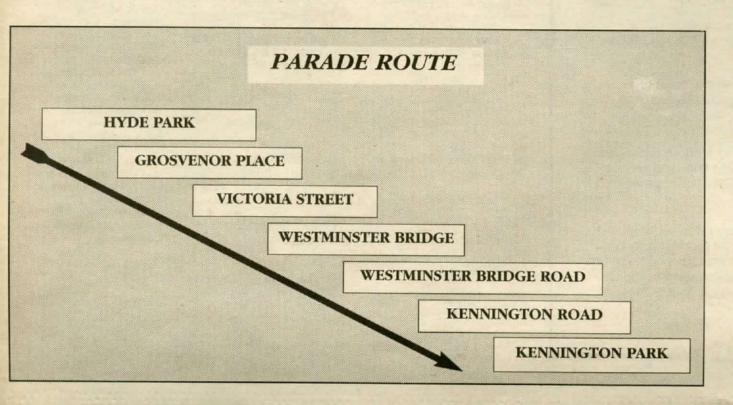


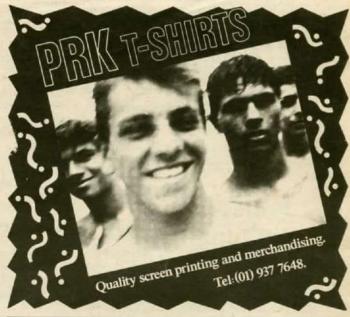
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#### Friday 23rd June

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7.30pm Jackson Lane Community Centre, Archway Road, London, N6. £2/£1 Women only. Full access for people with disabilities.

Friday 23rd/Saturday 24th Kenric At Eastbourne – Tennis Disco. 8–12 pm at The Bourne Inn, Pebensey Road. Doors open 8pm. Entry on 'first come-first served basis' No advance sales. £2 members ( must show card ) £3 others.

East Kent Gay Group Pride Disco. £1 members/£1.50 non-members. Raffle for T-shirts/sweatshirts etc. and selling tickets to the Pride Carnival Parade-only £3 to London by coach. Information from East Kent Gay Group Information Line Tuesdays 7.30–10pm Thanet 588762.

Outcast Theatre Company presents "Still Dancing, Wild Waltzes" Performance by women only cast at Lewisham Broadway Theatre Studio, Rushey Green, Catford London, SE6. Access poor.

#### Saturday 24th June

8am. Volunteers needed in Kennington Park unloading sound and light trucks.

9am. More volunteers
needed in Kennington
Park – erecting the stalls

10am Yet more
volunteers required –
decorating Park, putting
up signs, stewarding
traffic etc.

traffic etc.

1pm Assemble in Hyde
Park for The Carnival
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Fusion, multi-racial group at Friend, 86 Caledonian Road, London, N1. 01 837 3337. Raffle for a bottle of champagne. Wheelchair access.

Gay Bikers pub social. 9pm. The Rat & Ratchet, Chapel Hill, Huddersfield. Contact Mike 0484 548141

#### Sunday 25th June

Kenric meets at The Fallen Angel, 65 Graham Street, London, N1. Meet for a relaxed chat/drink at the new time of 3pm – a member of the committee will be present.

Lesbian Swim-in 3.45-5.30pm Park Road Pool, Crouch End, London, N8. 80p. Women only. Full access including hoist.

The Craven Club's 2nd National Pride Recovery Day 3–10.30pm. Free drink when presenting this programme, raffle, "Brain of Craven Quiz", 32 Craven Street London, WC2: Just around the corner from Heaven. 01 930 0331 (a private members club).

Oval House Theatre, 52–54 Kennington Oval, London, SE11. 01 582 7680. Leaving it all Behind by Peter Burton with Philip Bliss. £3.50/£2.50 concs./£1 OAPs & under 18s. 6pm. Critically acclaimed play about Christopher Isherwood's lesser known early years – school, Cambridge and his friendship with W H Auden. Level access, wheelchair accessible toilet.

"Bent" by Martin Sherman with Michael Cashman and Ian McKellen directed by Sean Mathias 8pm at The Adelphi Theatre, Strand, London, WC2. Seats only available from First Call 01 240 7200 or by post from PO Box 92, London, WC2H 9SU at £100-£8.

Pride 89 service at The Institute Room, 4th floor, Bloomsbury Baptist Church, Shaftsbury Ave, W.C.2., 7.30pm. For further details contact either Rev Hong Tan (01-485-6756) or Gill Storey (01-670-2619).

Fusion Pride Picnic behind Jack Straws Castle, Hampstead Heath, All Welcome, 3pm. For further information contact London Friend ( 01-837-3337).

Picnic in Pepys Park, Deptford for all lesbians and gays living on Pepys estate and surrounding area. Bring food & drink. Details from Steve on 01-691-4881 or Wendy on 01-691-2847.

NOTTINGHAM, 'After Pride Picnic', 2pm, opposite Baltimore Diner, Castle Marina. Bring food to share. If wet, meet inside Sainsbury's Homebase Coffee Bar, nearby, details from Nottingham Gay Switchboard 411454 ( Mon - Fri, 7 - 10pm)

#### Monday 26th June

West London Group for Homosexual Equality. Meeting at Tracks (upstairs bar), The Locomotive, Jamestown Road, Camden Town, London, NW1. 8pm Entry 50p. Speaker: Gordon Kaye, actor (of 'Allo 'Allo fame). Contact: John 01 229 0481.

#### **Future Events**

Wednesday 28th Sheba Publishers present an evening of lesbian erotic readings from the first UK publication of lesbian erotica. Grass Roots Bookshop, 1 Newton Street, Piccadilly, Manchester, M1. 7.30pm. Access, Stairs to basement level.

Thursday 29th June – Saturday 1st July Broadway Studio Lewisham Theatre, Rushey Green, London SE6. 01 690 0002. Homo Promos present Dorothy's Travels by Eric Presland music by Dave Harrod. 8pm. £4/£2.50.

Friday 30th June Sheba Publishers evening of lesbian writings including 'Serious Pleasure' and 'Charting the Journey': Writings by Black and Third World Women. Wood Green and Central Library, High Road, Wood Green, N22. 7.30. Full wheelchair access.

Saturday 1st .& Sunday 2nd July. CHE Annual Conference. Britannia Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool. Registration £5/£2 unwaged.. Disabled access.

Sunday 2nd July.
Michael Harding
Memorial Address,
Professor Rowan Williams
at St Botolphs Church
2pm. Further details from
The Lesbian & Gay
Christian Movement.

14th July, 7.30pm Library, 1st floor, Conway Hall, Red Lion Square, London, WC1. Back to 'Onward Christian Soldiers' - implications of the 1988 Education Reform Act with speaker John White of the British Humanist Association. All welcome. Help available for people with disabilities

10th September. A sponsored cycle ride for London Lighthouse and The Landmark. For registration details call 01-622-0422.

The 1989 Lesbian and Gay Pride Weeks Committee would like to thank the following people who have made this year's celebration possible.

The Oxford University Student Union, Tele Gay Line, Capital Gay, The Rio Cinema, Stephen Burton, King's College London, Jason Whittaker, Richard Kirker & The Lesbian & Gay Christian Movement, Mavis Seaman & The Drill Hall, John Edwards of Backstreet Club, The wonderful people at the Ritzy Cinema in Brixton for hosting the benefit of the year, Fiona and Living Marxism, Michelle Shocked, Maria Esposito, Donna McPhail, Reeves Hotel, Pride's Associate Members/Friends of Pride/Volunteers/Sponsors The London Lesbian & Gay Centre, L.A.G.E.R., Friend, C.H.E, ACTT, Venus Rising, The West London Group who have run the cloakroom/left luggage stall for 5 years, Fay Presto - as always, Gay Times, Palace Pictures for making the benefit of the year possible, Caroline Lewis of North London Strength & Pride, the cast of AIDS - The Musical, Pauline Campbell **Amenity Services Lambeth** and the personnel at Kennington Park, Eric Presland - this year/last year/every year, Better Badges, PRK T - Shirts, **Neals Yard Desk Top** Publishing Studio, Jo Purvis and other exmembers of the L&GPWC, Pam St Clement, Steven Lunnis, The Women of Wonga Collective, Colin Peters, Bolts Discos, Chris Peell/SLAGS/Ian Riddick/Subculture for the decks and mixing equipment/PA in the Disco Tent, Graham Nicholas - Cllr Lambeth, Pauline Watson - Cllr Lambeth, Simon Adams Liam at the Coleherne for the Backstage Tables/ Parasols and chairs, Gay & Lesbian **Humanist Association**, Jane Alston, Clea & McCloud, Vivacious, East Kent Gay Group, Hackney staff at the Rio Cinema, Copyart, Alistair Williams, Brian O'Farrell, Rojer Taylor, Chris Smith MP, Camden Gay Mens Group, Harringey & Islington Gay Group, Gay Mens Press, Chris Baker, Jan Parker, ALA, The Tofu Twins, Peter Landin, Camden L & G Unit and to

the few we may have

forgotten.

## THE LESBIAN STRENGTH AND GAY PRIDE FESTIVAL 1989.

To mark the 20th anniversary of the Stonewall Riot, Ealing is staging a number of events and activities with the theme of Lesbian Strength and Gay Pride. Events include:

- \* A photographic exhibition 'Asian Eye' and 'Someone to talk to' in the Dominion Centre, Southall (19th 23rd June) and Ealing Civic Centre (29th June 6th July).
- \* A display of literature of interest to lesbians and gay men in Ealing Central Library (27th June 3rd July).
- \* A women-only viewing of the video "Choosing Parenthood" and a discussion led by the Lesbian Custody Project at 12 noon on 29th June in Ealing Civic Centre.
- \* Poetry reading by Steve Cranfield, Martin Humphries and Stephen Gray (Gay Men's Press) at 1.30 pm on 29th June in Ealing Civic Centre.

All venues are accessible to people with disabilities.

The Council is also developing policy in the areas of housing, community services, education, planning & economic development and social services to challenge discrimination and meet the needs of lesbians and gay men.



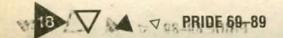
For more information about events or council policy on lesbian and gay rights contact the Lesbian and Gay Rights Workers on 01-579 2424 ext. 55028.

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The very sight of a balloon-covered lorry, empty Colt 45 cans and Carnation corn plasters sends my mind hurtling back in time to my first Gay Pride march.

The year was 1978, and I was just an innocent child, a mere neophyte, and a pupil at one of the Wirral's Premier Girls Schools, St Risley's. One day during a domestic science lesson, I was idly flicking through the personals at the back of my Melody Maker when I came across an ad with the date and details of Gay Pride.

I could feel my consciousness raising underneath my plaits and decided then and there to run away to London. After pouring a bottle of poppers into the batter mix the headmistress was beating, thus rendering that good woman of the cloth temporarily paralised (and smiling), I fled from the Social Services Home For People With Embarrasing Little Peccadilloes to release my highly disturbing sister, Vera. Scaling the 20ft wall was no problem to a budding Avenger girl (in fact, in later years I was offered the part of Purdey until Joanna Lumley stuck her big

oar in) The wall was, as they say in the trade, "a piece of piss", as was releasing our Vera from the hen house and making our subsequent escape despite the search-lights and killer whippets.

Stopping off at home first to collect suitable London outfits, two-tone loons and a Village People blouson jacket for me, and sensible seersucker for Vera, but both of us armed with the obligatory shawls, clogs, and bowls of dripping we made our way to Lime Street Station, settled down nicely in a toilet on the 10.15 am Liverpool to Euston and composed our ragged nerves by drinking two bottles of Dr Collis Brown and smoking a BR sausage.

What actually happened the rest of that day is well, sort of a blur. I vaguely remember an incident in a Threshers off-licence, and I can just recall our Vera singing "2,4,6,8 is your husband really straight?" on the back of a lorry. The lorry subsequently turned out to be a council refuse vehicle doing it's rounds somewhere in Purley. Our Vera was bound over to keep the Peace for 6 months.

Handy Hints to ensure you

1. Make sure you take comfortable flat shoes. Nothing above a four inch heel. 2. Take an umbrella. It may rain or it could be very hot and you might be bald. It's also handy in a fracas 3.Don't be a student from some obscure Poly and pelt drag queens with leaflets proclaiming that they should be burnt at the stake. Remember Drag Queens started the Stomewall Riots and some had a hand in the Toxteth ones

4.Don't get drunk, fall in love on the march declare undying love and end up on a coach to Aberdeen when you live and work in Kensal Rise. Have a good day.

An extract from Lily Savages biography "The diary of a Sex Kitten" by Shirley Conran.

In fact the only thing I can really recall, apart from having a good time, is waking up in a Dickensian Garret over a pub called "Ye Olde Vauxhalle Taverne" with an evil landlord twirling his whiskers. The rest of this tale you all know. Anyway I'd probably have failed domestic science "o"level.

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#### In 1979, Bang was 5 years old and Heaven had recently opened. Rupert Smith was a scene queen.

"As I descended the narrow, ill-lit stairway my nostrils were assailed by a curious smell, a combination of sweat and cheap scent and something more, the smell of desperation and loneliness. Dim light from a single dirty red bulb cast eerie shadows off the cracking greenish paintwork. Sick with fear and yet spurred on by a strange need, I entered the club. Suddenly all eyes were upon me: hungry eyes, coldly appraising a new face. Here and there were unmistakble dabs of kohl, touches of mascara, attempts to recapture a look of youthful innocence that had no place in this sinister environment. Taking a seat at the bar, I nervously asked the elderly barman for a beer, but before I could pay a fat, manicured and heavily bejewelled hand clasped mine and an insinuating, syrupy voice breathed into my ear 'Oh no, my dear, let me pay for this.' I knew that I was already lost ... "

If ever such places ever really existed, I have failed to find them in 10 years of fairly bizarre fantasies about the gay scene ("the twilight world of

the homosexual", "a swirling cesspit"), I redouble my efforts, but still can find nothing to compare with such lurid imaginings. Instead, on certain memorable nights, I have been more than half conviced that the London gay scene is proof (if proof were needed) that you don't need to die to go to heaven.

And Heaven was the first place I headed to when I came to London. A tirelessly political friend, campaigning around the time of the 1979 election. had spent an evening haranguing those sections of the gay community who frittered their energies away on drinking, dancing, snorting poppers and getting laid in bars and clubs: 'scene queens' he called them, sniffing derisively.

I determined there and then to become a scene queen immediately, and, although blessed with neither an independent income nor the sort of looks that inspire voluntary salivation, have been working on it ever since. Of course, I had impossible ideals. I wanted to find a place where I could take anyone I wanted,

man or woman, straight or gay, where I could dance to songs that I knew and where I could find company without resorting to too much drinking. That shangri-la may not exist, but it's been a lot of fun looking

And there have been some very near approaches. The Fridge, in both its venues, has come close; Heaven's trashier nights have come even closer. It's still possible to walk into the Pyramid and think that you're in a science fiction movie. The Lift was closer still. But perhaps the best of all were the much lamented Sunday afternoon tea dances at Stallions, where people of every age, race and sex could get down on the floor and do the rowing dance.

Clubs and pubs continues to open the close with bewildering rapidity, but as I move into my second decade of scene queenery, I can see little sign of the depression that is supposed to be driving us back underground. There are more mixed lesbian and gay places now, and the old idea of the gay men's ghetto is fast disappearing. You can still meet nice gentlemen who are willing to buy you half a shandy. Rumour has it that safe-sex backrooms are opening in New York. What the hell - it is the fin de siecle after all. I intend fully to embrace the Naughty Nineties with one eye on my walet and the other madly scanning the bar, and shall dance, drink and misbehave until I drop.

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22 May: 4,000 lesbians and gays riot in San Francisco as Dan White, the killer of Harvey Milk, gets a sentence of three years.

30 June: 8,000 join the Gay Pride march from the



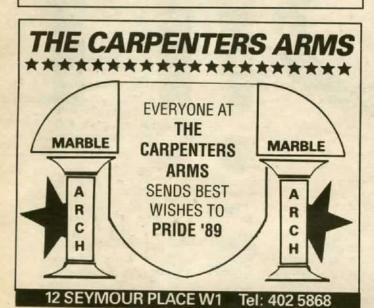
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21 June: 3,000 people join the Gay Pride march. While a petition is being presented to No 10 bearing the 14,000 names of those demanding gay rights, four people are arrested in Parliament Square, one of them, Frank Egan, for wearing a kitchen vegetable cutter in his hat as part of his drag. The march continues to the University of London Union in Malet Street, where, in much anger, a decision is made to continue to Bow Street Police Station where the four people are being held. The police barricade Malet St and more arrests are made as a group breaks through the police cordon. Eventually, the police allow a march of 1,500 people to go to Bow Street. The 10 arrested are all released without charge. One of them, Julian Howes, showed journalists his torn costume on his release: "Do I look as I'm dressed for an evening on the barricades?"

"It is an odd thing, but anyone who disappears is said to be seen in San Francisco." – Oscar Wilde. With those words, Armistead Maupin started the Tales of the City series, the first of which was published in Britain in 1980.

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### The night the Mounties didn't get their man. Dan Healey of Body Politic remembers a cold but proud night in Toronto.

Whenever I think of Pride I immediately turn to that cold night in 1981 when Toronto's lesbian and gay movement - a "ragged radical fringe" was catapulted into a struggle. From which it emerged a competent, angry and proud community.

During the night of 5
February four gay bathhouses were raided by the police.
Men were bundled off into police vans by the dozen, 309 were eventually charged with being 'found-ins' under the bawdy house laws.

The next evening the good citizens of Toronto were stunned to discover that 5,000 lesbians and gay men were rioting in the heart of their peaceable city. In the Toronto Sun they called it a 'gay rampage'

It was perhaps our Stonewall but nonetheless it was still a quintessentially Canadian riot. No burning cars, no Molotov cocktails, though someone did manage to break two streetcar windows but they escaped arrest.

We simply overran the city's main street, noisily and angrily denouncing the police. Marching from the heart of the gay ghetto we set upon the police station which had masterminded the raids, the infamous 52 Division.

There we harrangued the police who surrounded the station. With chants of "Fuck you, 52". The cops stood stiff-backed like Mounties, unflinching as we spat in their faces and hurled abuse.

I remember one academic friend of mine being so uncharacteristically unpleasant that I wondered if he had taken leave of his senses.

We didn't stop at the cop shop. For many years gay anger had focused on the homophobic Tory government that had run Toronto and the rest of the province of Ontario since 1943.

They had dragged our newspaper, the Body Politic, through the courts in a blatantly political trial over obscenity. They fired gay civil servants and used our tax dollars to fight claims for justice in the courts.

They encouraged the police to enforce a homophobic agenda, as and when they could get away with it. In short, the federal Liberal Party had decriminalised gay sex and the provincial Tories were hell bent on recriminalising us.

We left 52 division and headed for the Ontario legislature building. A grotesque Norman-revival pile that stands in the centre of a common known as Queens' Park.

That evening it truly became a queen's park, as we raced across the snow to reach the doors before the police arrived.

It was hardly the storming of the Winter Palace - not one plate of glass was shattered. But I do remember watching lesbian and gay friends flinging themselves against the massive oak doors.

The memory of that icy charge, with my lover at my side and our friends around us remains one of my strongest personal sources of Pride.

And the aftermath? It took another four years for the Tories to fall. The new following coalition enacted in the Ontario Human Rights Code protection for lesbians and gays.

But the success of the lobby could not have been successful without the influx of ordinary, angry lesbians and

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#### In July 1982, Terrence Higgins was one of the first gay men to die of AIDS in Britain. Janet Green finds strength working for the Trust.

In 1985 I was a volunteer on Lesbian Line - it was the year that AIDS became a big media story. I was angry and appalled by the hype and homophobia. When I saw one of the first jobs advertised at the Terrence Higgins Trust, I decided to apply, although what I knew about AIDS could have been written on the back of a postage stamp.

The post advertised was Director of Clinical Services. I had absolutely no idea what this meant. The interview panel weren't too clear eitherit turned out that the title was an American import.

In 1985 only three other women were involved at the THT and none were lesbians. I discovered assertiveness skills I didn't know I had, (You try being quiet and shy as the only woman in a group of 10 men!)

When I was first offered the job I had done a quick straw poll amongst my dyke friends - I wanted to know what their reaction would be. Only one woman asked me why I wanted to work with men?

A good question, perhaps. I'd never been a separatist lesbian, but had been heavily involved in feminist politics. But the times they were a'changing. It wasn't difficult to predict that the backlash fom the AIDS crisis would affect lesbians and gay men. I felt that the only way to fight homophobia was by working together. That's the political side.

On a personal level I was moved by so many young people ill and dying, and wanted to try to do something about that.

The woman who criticised my choice of job was tippexed out of my address book. Other friends were, and are, wonderfully supportive.

Our offices, in a grotty

converted warehouse, consisted of two rooms, about 12' x 8' each. Once we counted 17 people in one of them. My new job consisted of liason, helping the volunteers in a variety of ways, public speaking, replying to letters, pouring oil on troubled waters, writing texts for leaflets and washing the cups. Busy ain't the word,

My cats complained. After a five-year stint I left Lesbian Line. I didn't have the time or energy to have a lover.

Four years later I'm still at THT. Now we have many women (lesbian and heterosexual) involved as paid and voluntary workers. My job is still varied, never dull and continually demanding. I wash less cups now that we use environmentally unfriendly polystyrene.

I learnt the hard way that I couldn't continue to work a 60-hour week, after getting perilously near to burn-out in 1987. Now I make sure that I get time for myself outside of the Trust. Well, at least the cats are talking to me again.

Sometimes I hate this work. I miss the friends and colleagues who have died. Sometimes the sadness almost overwhelms, and I have to retreat into 'professional' mode with barriers and boundaries in place to protect me.

Yet, I feel privileged to be working for an organisation that I can believe in and feel committed to. It's given me a great deal: good friends, confidence, new skills, affection. And the opportunity to put something back into the lesbian and gay community.

Ask any gay man in London, who he would turn to if attacked, he would reply 'GALOP', it was formed in 1982.

Pride itself, for the only time so far, was held out of London - in Huddersfield to be precise. 2,500 travelled, after a last minute switch of place, in protest against a police raid on a club in the Yorkshire town. Back in the big city, the GLC sets up its Lesbians and Gay Men's Working Party.

600 women marched on the streets of



London in the first ever Lesbian 'Celebration' from Victoria to ULU.

But few notice the references to a "rare and dangerous disease" beginning to appear among gays.

gays in defense of the found-

The courts were clogged with brave men who refused to admit to wrongdoing and the vast majority were aquitted. In the face of adversity homosexuals took charge of their lot and sought to change it. The Tories had given us a sense of common purpose.

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In Bermondsey the press launched a campaign against the Labour candidate in a by-election. One tabloid went as far as touching up photos of Peter Tatchell to give the impression that he was wearing make-up. The right rediscovered the power of homophobia to influence elections and the political agenda - and hasn't stopped spouting shit since.



"Aids Total Reaches Unlucky 13" read a headline in Capital Gay, after the thirteenth person dies.

But Pride was celebrated on a day of "glorious sunshine"; 2,000 people, several thousand pink balloons and the Pink Singers joined the march from Hyde Park to Malet Street.

Maggie, who lives with Norman, Nigel, Geoffrey and Cecil goes to the local library and takes home an interesting new book called Jenny lives with Eric and Martin. Maggie gets all upset and Cecil wishes that all that advice about condoms had started this year rather than next.

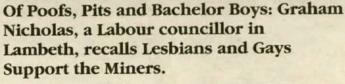
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Gays's the Word is raided by Customs & Excise and spends the next two years, and several thousands of our hard earnt pounds, in trying to argue that writings by Truman Capote and Oscar Wilde, plus a host of Yank soft porn, should not fall victim to the prejudiced VAT men (and women?).

June: Books for burning, but only 2,000 turn up to join the Pride march.

Bronski Beat releases The Age of Consent. Never forget what Jimmy told you, 'never feel guilty, never give in'.

The Gay Bereavement Project, a support group for gays or lesbians, gets its first mention on television in a party political broadcast attacking the GLC for 'wasting ratepayers' money.'



For many of us on the left in the early 1980's, lesbian and gay liberation (as it was then known) was something divorced from real politics. We supported it, but left issues such as health, housing, education, unemployment and poverty were far more important. This is probably the case with many straight people on the left today. After all, lesbians and gays want decent health services, plus decent

housing and local services too.

The event that beloed me

The event that helped me fuse mainstream issues with sexual politics was the 84/85 miner's strike. As a socialist I worked at college for support groups - collecting money, arranging benefits and raising the political issues.

We cared about the miners and their families and amazingly enough, I discovered they cared about me.

Lesbians and Gays Support



the Miners was the vehicle for this discovery. For the first time I could be both a socialist and gay, and both were important. Although only involved at the fringes, the warmth and support we experienced was incredible, from each other and from our adopted mining families

A broad cross section of lesbian and gay socialists, communists and radicals were able to present clear political choices for lesbians and gays, for or against Thatcherism outside pubs and clubs with our collecting buckets. We got some abuse but much support. Our efforts were rewarded. After twinning with and visiting our comrades in South Wales, the miners and their families came in force to lead our Pride march the following year. At this time, too, we were able to make historic strides within the Labour Party, taking its pro-lesbian and gay equality proposals way ahead of the Liberals, behind whom we had lagged for several years. That commitment and support from the trades unions and the Labour Party remains today. Neil Kinnock has publicly expounded his support for lesbian and gay equality and the Policy Review maintains a sound framework for comprehensive policies in the future if we keep up the positive work both inside the party and in the community.

The hallmark and driving force behind the success of LGSM was Mark Ashton.
Mark's passionate political vigour, his warmth and sense of fun was an inspiration to many. It seems impossible to imagine how so many disparate political groups and factions could have worked together so single mindedly.

We owe a lot to Mark and the many unsung heroes of those days. For myself, I learnt what justice and equality for all meant in practice and to respect and be proud of my sexuality as a socialist.

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#### Bi: bent, straight or just another sexuality? In 1984 Kate Fearnley of the Edinburgh Bisexual Group came out for a second time.

In 1984 I stopped leading a double life . No I don't mean I came out as a lesbian - that I did in 1979. In 1984 I came out as a bisexual. Three things made this possible: The London Bisexual Group, a bisexuality workshop at a lesbian and gay conference I'd helped organise, and a few weeks later the first National Bisexual Confrence.

For the first time I discovered that there were other bisexuals, That some of them like me also identified as lesbian or gay and that some of them lived in Edinburgh!

So I stopped being a lesbian with a rather weird private life and became an out bisexual. The Edinburgh Bisexual Group sprang into slightly shakey existence at the end of the year and is now a highly active group which runs the only bisexual phoneline in the UK, plus a penpal scheme and (so far) two national conferences

It hasn't been easy, for me or for the group. Negative images of bisexuality abound. The straight world treats us much the same as lesbian and gay men, and the lesbian and

gay world assume that our sexuality, unlike everyone else's, is a matter of choice, so that we can disappear into suburban heterosexuality at a moment's notice when the going gets tough. ( Much in the same way that the churches expect homosexuals to stay celibate I suppose?)

A particularly annoying and self-fulfilling image is that bisexuals are all hedonistic, non-political people who take the freedoms fought for by others and give nothing back. In fact we have the same need to change how the world views sexuality

There is now a growing network of bisexual groups around Britian and internationaly, and bisexuals are becoming active in lesbian and gay campaigns as bisexuals instead of as honorary or assumed lesbians and gay men. Unity is strength. If we can avoid the temptation of infighting about whose sexuality is 'pure' enough to qualify them to join campaigning oraganisations, lesbian, gay and bisexual liberation will go far!

'us and them', client and professional, barrier. Early on I realised that a sexually promiscuous young woman was someone who had at least one sexual partner. Whereas a professional who had many partners was not promiscuous because

The first hurdle was to demonstrate to the professionals that they were as much as at risk as their clients - that HIV and Aids are professional and personal issues. Only once this was achieved (and it wasn't achieved everywhere) was it possible to work towards a more positive way of looking at young people's sexuality and health.

I went into my first safer sex group session with much trepidation expecting a barrage of anti-gay abuse. Instead I received a sea of very anxious faces, masking curious minds and very genuine concern. If only adults were that easy to work with.

Before long we were unrolling condoms over our fists, testing the relative strengths of different makes, squeezing tubes of nonynol 5 products and comparing their lubricosity with good old KY, and discussing vaginal sex, anal sex, fucking and sucking, and the joys of non-penetrative foreplay.

Youth cults have a habit of leading the way and it wasn't long before it was the trend for the average sexually active South London lad to carry a wallet full of (occasionally much too crushed to be useful) condoms.

Time and again, when a young 'het' asked for individual counselling - to protect his girlfriend - he'd agree to find out about safer sex with other boys as well, 'just in case'

Of course the most vulnerable are the young women. They don't want to carry condoms as it risks them becoming called 'slag' or the like - so they have to trust the lads to have one, and know how to use it.

Talking to youngsters it is disheartening to find out what little they do know about Aids they learn not from school or the youth club, but from their own initiative; by calling Switchboard or the national Aids Helpline, or by reading, or from their peers.

Why must it always be left to voluntary bodies and informal networks to fill the vacuum?

April: The London Lesbian and Gay Centre opens amid controversy within and without the gay and lesbian communities.

Larry Kramer's The Normal Heart opens in New York. The title comes from a poem by W H Auden:

"Is true of the normal heart.

For the error bred in the bone

Of each woman and each man

Craves what it cannot have,

Not universal love But to be loved alone."

June: Pride hits the 10,000 mark and Lesbian strength over 1,000.



August: The Hippodrome sacks Donovan Patterson when it discovers he is body positive.

October: An announcement is made that blood donations will be tested for HIV infection. "Risk groups" are asked not to give blood - in several areas the number of donors drops by 40% and more. It is not known how many IV drug users and haemophiliacs are blood donors.

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Nigel Pugh of Facilitators for Aids Coordination and Training (FACT), unrolls some condoms in search of safer sex.

Four years ago a teenager was referred to our youth project. He had been in solitary confinement in youth custody, and on release social workers refused to work with him and his solicitor wouldn't see him all because he had told his arresting officer, for a wheeze, that he had Aids.

At the same time there was the beginning of a flood of young men and women referred as victims of sexual abuse, rape, or who had drifted into prostitution, and a steady trickle of injecting drug

"Have I got Aids?" was the question on many lips. The answer from the concerned and caring professionals, from behind the protective perspex screen, was "I don't know, you should have an Aids test."

So our first job was to do some pretty intensive work with the professionals themselves, on their attitudes to sex, sexuality, homosexuality, and recreational drug use.

In those days there were no training videos or packages and perhaps the most difficult aspect was breaking down the





#### PRIDE 69-89 V 7 28

26 May: 2,000 stand in Trafalgar Square in the first candlelight vigil for those who have died of Aids.

21 June: 2.500 take part in Lesbian Strength, marching from Speakers Corner to Farringdon.

5 July: 7,500 join the Gay Pride March fom Hyde Park to Kennington Park, where it rained.



1988, was the year the law finally recognised lesbians. Pity it was a law trying to do us down. Never mind, we also made ourselves rather visible - in the House of Lords and in the news too. The Strength march attracted 1,000 - but on the way to the march everywhere you could see dykes

holding hands, kissing or just being dead out. The weather was hot and tempers fairly flared at the end. Let's hope it wasn't the last celebration of our strength.





Proud to be Asian - Proud to be Gay: Shivananda Khan helped found Shakti the first South Asian lesbian and gay network in this country - to help people make that statement for themselves.

I am Indian. My parentage, culture, upbringing and colour make me an Indian. They shape my personality and identity. Being a British citizen does not take my asian-ness

I am also gay. Being gay adds its own dimensions to the fact of my being a man. It doesn't make me less of a man.

Being asian and gay brings with it its own framework of experience and perception that is different from being white

Most asian people grow up within a different context than the white community. Our community provides a nurturing space, filled with extended family networks, asian cultural values, attitude, beliefs and religions. They are often tight bulwarks against the institutional and individual racism that we encounter daily. We have strong links with our communities, history, our homelands of the Indian subcontinent, our religions, our families. In fact, the asian community can often be looked at as a vast extended family for

those who live within them, They provide support, identity, value.

And then we discover our sexuality. This sets us apart from family and community, even more so than for a white person. Gay identity and lifestyle has no specific resonance in our asian cultures. Being homosexual is relatively acceptable, as long as one got married and had children. So if we try to express our 'gayness', our families feel that we have rejected them and our community. We have caught the 'white disease'.

This creates a massive split within us. We are faced with decisions that white gays never have to make. Do we stay a part of our community, or do we leave?

More often than not, we live two lives, hiding our sexuality from family and friends in order to maintain our relationships within our community, while expressing our sexuality away from the community. Sometimes, we may reject our community altogether as we submerge ourselves into the white community. Both



13 June: 3,000 join Lesbian Strength. It Rained.

27 June: 11,000 join the Gay Pride March from Hyde Park to Jubilee Gardens, where they only drank 25,000 cans of beer.

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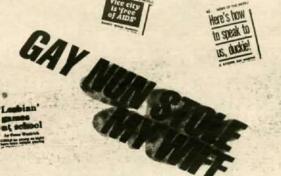
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Anne Matthews Peter Okali Southwark COUNCIL I decided that not only did I want to meet other asian gays, but also, I wanted to address the whole issue of asian gay identity.

That was why Shakti was formed. To provide a forum whereby asian lesbians and gay men can meet in safety and security in order to develop an asian gay identity that enables us to be asians as well as lesbian or gay.

Shakti is now one year old. Starting from an original group of four, we have grown with regular meetings and discos, networking with asian lesbians and gays both in London and the regions. Groups are being formed in Leicester and Bradford, Manchester and Birmingham. We have links with asian lesbians and gays in Canada and the States, as well as in India, Pakistan, Bangladesh and Sri Lanka.

I cannot speak on behalf of asian lesbians. They have their own voices. But I do know that the levels of oppression that they face within our communities are even more intense. It asks asian gay men to look at the issue of marriage, of sexism, of relaitonships between asian gay men and asian lesbians. For it is only together in solidarity that we can express our asian-ness and our sexual identities without having to leave our community framework. It is together that we can raise the issues within the asian comunities as well as the host community, and develop an asian lesbian or gay community.





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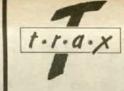
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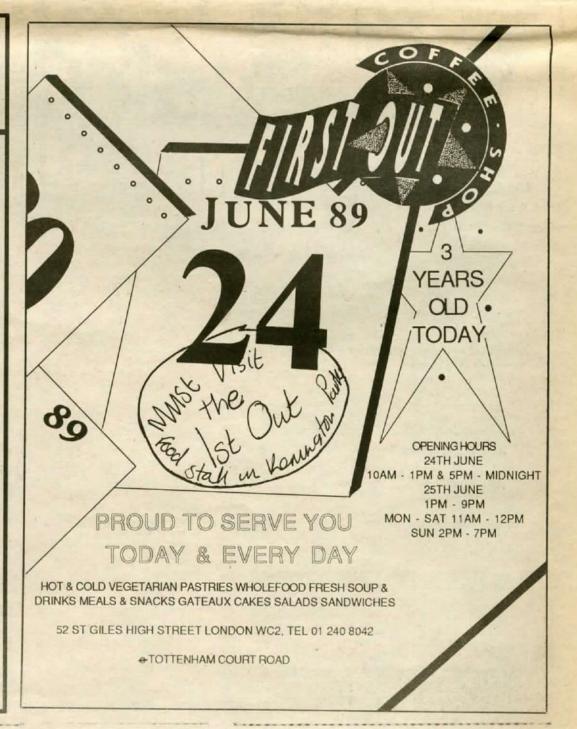
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Sex on a cold tin roof, 33 year old adolescent Simon Fanshawe recalls his acne days.

As Ethel Merman would have said, I have the body of a 33 vear old. Only she would have said it in her 70s. For people of my generation the problem is the reverse. Physically we may be in our 30s, but emotionally we're years younger. To those of who were 13 or so when Stonewall happened, being gay has given our hearts jet lag. In my case, between my first pubic hair and my real adolescence there is seven years. I didn't actually get to be 14 until I was 21.

When I was a teenager, at school, I had to kiss girls. Now let me make it plain that of course I absolutely do not hold anything against girls...which is really the point, because I'd rather hold things against boys.

Being at Public School, there was a plentiful supply (of boys, that is ... ) and I had a perfectly pleasant relationship with one called Mike ... if you can call midnight trysts twice a week on the roof of the school in the summer (freezing), and in the laundry cupboard in the basement in the colder months (boiling), a relationship.

It was more like hide and seek in alternating climates of hypothermia and suffocation. Not only did I get colds in the summer and chilblanes in the winter, but I had precious little sleep and was forced to take up smoking. This wasn't because of stress from the fear of discovery, but rather because we had to have some excuse for leaving the dorm together. The school may have been fiercely liberal about lots of things, but they still stuck to the old adage that the possibility of cancer at an early age was preferable to a blow job. Sex between consenting teenagers was still frowned on.

All this was fine and dandy as long as it lasted. But I didn't exactly feel that I was experiencing S..E..X for real. I suppose I can count my blessings about that in one way. I'd hate to have a relationship as my role model and only now be able to have sex on roofs or in drying rooms. Abseiling may be a perfectly sensible political weapon, but I don't fancy it as a way to sexual fulfillment.

One bad attack of vertigo and the earth would start moving before anything happened. This wasn't really an adolescence as all my straight friends at school seemed to be experiencing it. I now realise, of course, that I could have just lied like them. But even if I had done, I still wasn't experiencing puppy love that I could actually talk about.

This is true for a whole generation of us in our thirties.

At 14 our voices all broke. our trousers lengthened, out spots erupted and craters appeared on out faces as some kind of tribute to the American landing on the moon, we argued with our parents about sideburns, but fancying David Cassidy had to be done secretly, at the dead of night, alone with the poster in sister's bedroom. Actually finding our own David (OK..so I'm still obsessed with him) had to wait. Being "in love", waiting for the phone calls, agreeing with everything they said, going butterfly catching because they like it, mooning around like a lovesick panda...all that had to wait until we were 19, or 21 or whenever it was that we nailed our flag to the mast and had all our friends say that they had known for years and were wondering when we were finally going to say something ourselves.

I sometimes have regrets that acne and my first love missed each other by seven years, but it has meant that I've never had to lie about my age because until I was 28 I was

What is great about people actually born in the year of Stonewall is that they don't seem to understand all this. At 15 they were out in the playground, kicking shit and giving their new boyfriend Action Man as a sex toy. But they might spare a thought for us 30s queens, when next time one of us suggests slipping out on the roof for a quick one. Just grab your fags and get out



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"Michelle Shocked Gigs with Pride '89" was the headline that induced 1,100 women to pack out the Hackney Empire on 12 April. The benefit raised £1,800 towards the £40,000 needed to run Pride '89 and was a roaring success, the applause deafening.



From The Sun to Section 28, Aids to Compulsory Euthanasia, the next 20 years will see either more liberation or more repression for gays and lesbians, Paul Gannon reports.

In July 1988 The Sun ended an editorial, lauding the growing intolerance of homosexuality in Britain, with these words, "Britain is normal and healthy and the future is bright".

Section 28 woke lots of people up to that being a lie, but the press had been stoking the fires ever since they hounded Peter Tatchell into defeat in the Bermondsey byelection in 1983.

Aids, of course, could have been designed in the marketing department of some downmarket tabloid, and has given every rabid right-winger and born again'er 'moral' justification to call for some more burnings at the stake.

While we may have been shocked at the nasty little section our brothers and sisters around the world have seen much worse

The Catholic Pro-Life group in Mexico, for example, supported by several members of congress, has called for 'compulsory euthanasia' for Aids

'carriers' and the rounding up of all homosexuals.

So far Cuba is the only country which forces Aids patients to live in camps, separated from their families, but the repressive trend is gathering pace. China passed laws punishing homosexuality, drug addiction and prostitution with long spells in 're-education' camps.

Mandatory testing, too, is proving attractive to some governments, including Bavaria in West Germany, Bulgaria, South Africa, Argentina and the Soviet Union - proving that crass stupidity of those who hold the reigns of power is independent of position on the political spectrum.

Aids, however, does have a geography. While it predominantly affects gays and IV drug users in the developed world, the bulk of those affected are in the poor regions of the world. Estimates presented to the fifth international conference on Aids held in June 1989

in Montreal suggest that up to 30% of young adults and 15% of children are infected with HIV in the cities of central

Aids is not a gay disease, it is primarily a disease of the black and poor. The 'experts' think that there will be 1 million cases by 1991, and between 3 and 4 million by the end of the century, and most of them will be in the third

Back in London and the other gay capitals of the west; San Fransisco, New York, Amsterdam, Paris and Berlin, the figures show, despite what the tabloids say, that the tide is turning amongst gays. Gays no longer form the majority of new cases, that accolade now belonging to IV drug users.

This change, of course, represents a trend set in motion several years ago, and is to be credited to our own resources - our newspapers and self-help groups - and ourselves for listening to what was said. The credit is all the more due given the intense attack, the deliberate creation of ignorance by Murdoch and friends, that was the background to our life-and-death eduction

One small fact says it all: the new 1989 edition of the Oxford English Dictionary credits London's Capital Gay with the first mention of HIV in this country - three months before the scientific journal

It is this persistence that gives us the optimism that we top up each year at Pride. It is this persistence over the last years that has seen us build a campaign against the Section that shocked the life out of the Tories. Suddenly the poofs and lesbos were screaming politics in their tens of thousands, invading the mother of Parliaments and the BBC

It may have led to the banning of Benjamin Britten by Kent and Sussex county councils, but the Section also gave clear notice that we won't be going back into that pre-'69 underground without one hell of a struggle.

Aids and homophobia respect no national boundaries - anyone who saw pictures in the newspapers of Dutch lesbians and gays demonstrating against the Section, and being clubbed by their police for

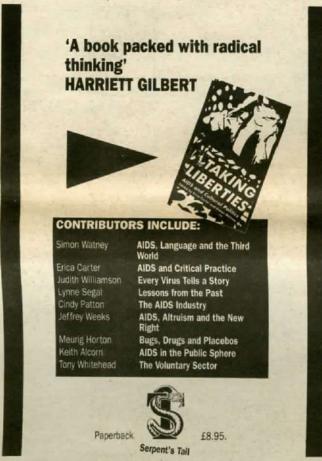
their trouble, will know that our struggle is by no means limited to the borders of Thatcher's and Murdoch's vision of a bright, family future

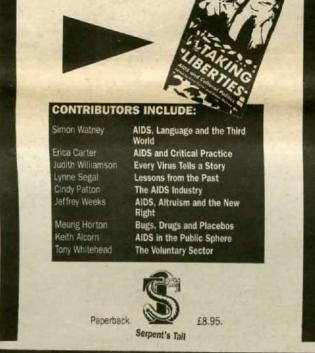
Moves to introduce a Europe-wide statute of lesbian and gay rights will provoke squeals from the press - and will only be implemented if lesbians and gays throughout the community fight together for common rights.

As one Dutch gay activist wrote of lesbian and gay rights, "our freedom is a fragile plant, that only blossoms in favourable weather, alas the weather is seldom stable in the Netherlands". That may come as a surprise to those who see Amsterdam as a homo paradise on the North Sea but the Dutch see Murdoch buying up papers and tv stations on the continent and know that the 90s could bring storm clouds from across the North Sea.

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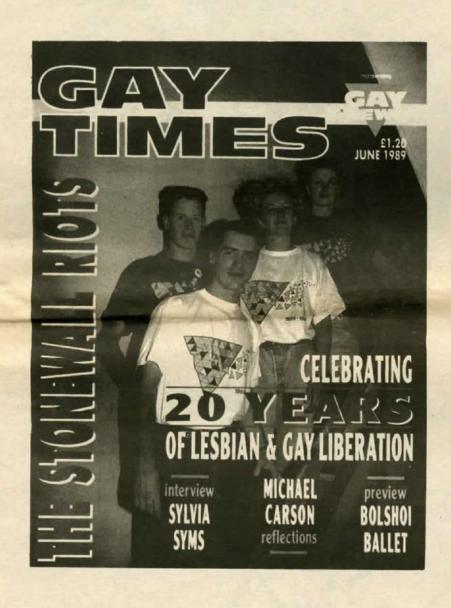
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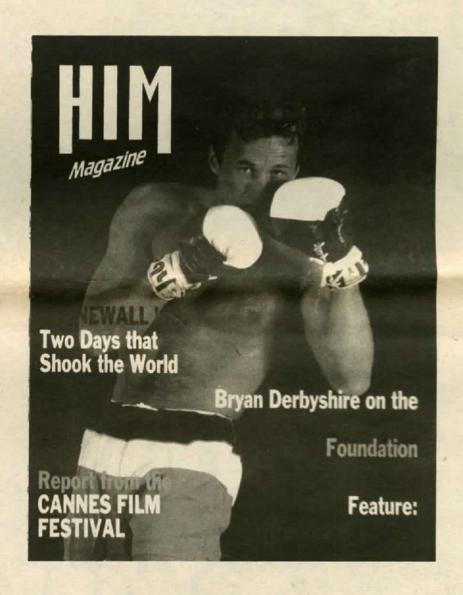
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After a gay man was beaten on Hampstead Heath in 1972 the GLF magazine, Come Together, asked, "how much longer are we going to take this shit?". A long time it seems. On the day we started to compile this programme we heard that a young gay was attacked in Camden by a group wielding baseball bats. How much longer? How much longer?

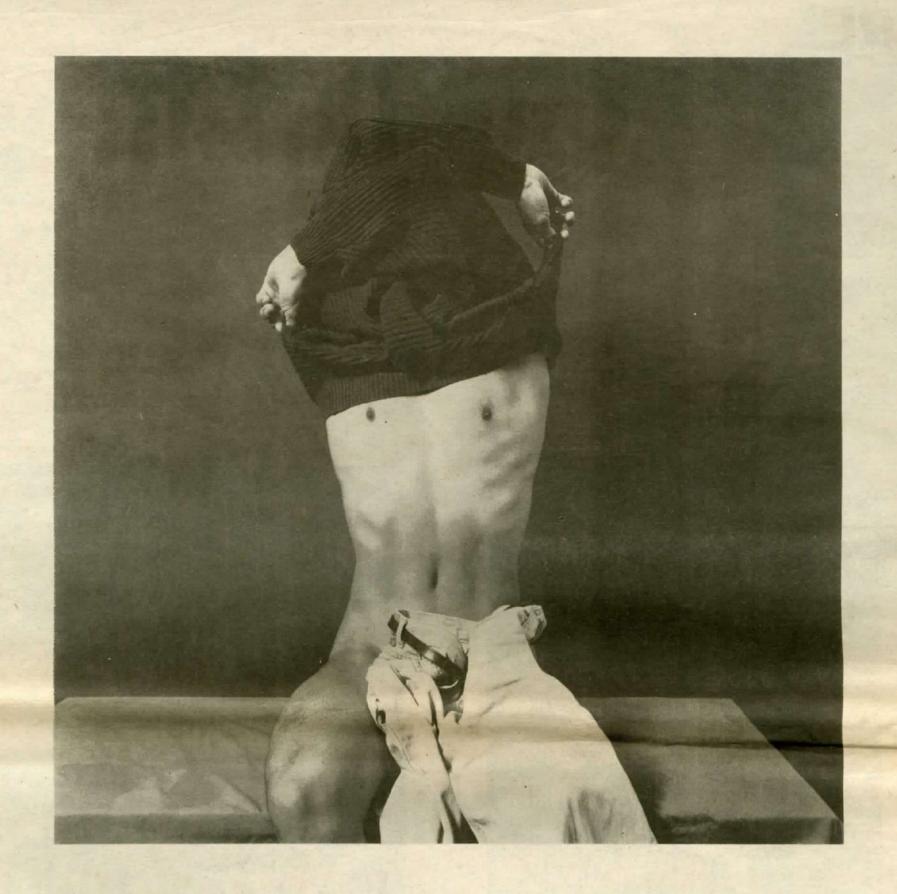
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