

GAY MAYOR STARTS WITH MAGIC
brought up in the borough and has been a frequent performer on the London gay scene. On Tuesday night she was assisted in some of her tricks by the new mayor.

Before the mayor-making there was an unsuccessful attempt by a few right-wing councillors to ditch Bob Crossman, but the attempt failed because no one could be persuaded to run against him for mayoral office.

I think it's important to say that I am not London's first gay mayor", he said. I'm just the first who's said 'so what?'

He is particularly keen to get more young people involved in the borough's affairs. He will hold an "open house" on Saturday mornings when all Islingtonians are welcome to come along and talk with him at the Town Hall.

Cllr. Crossman's lover, Martin McLoghry, will now play the official role of "the Mayor's companion". He was originally going to be dubbed Bob's "consort", but they decided that this was "too regal".

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Leicester hosts its own lesbian & Gay Pride Festival on Saturday 21st June.

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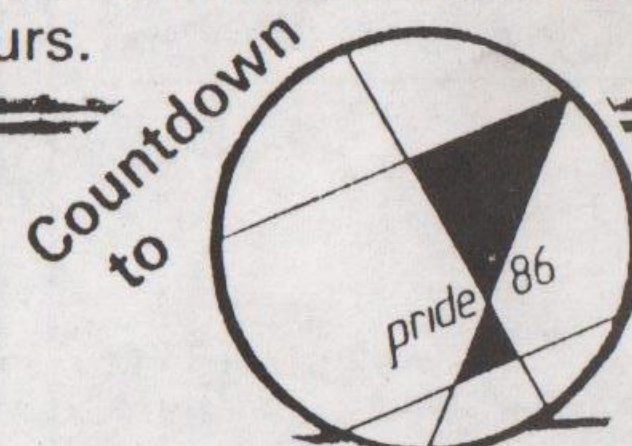
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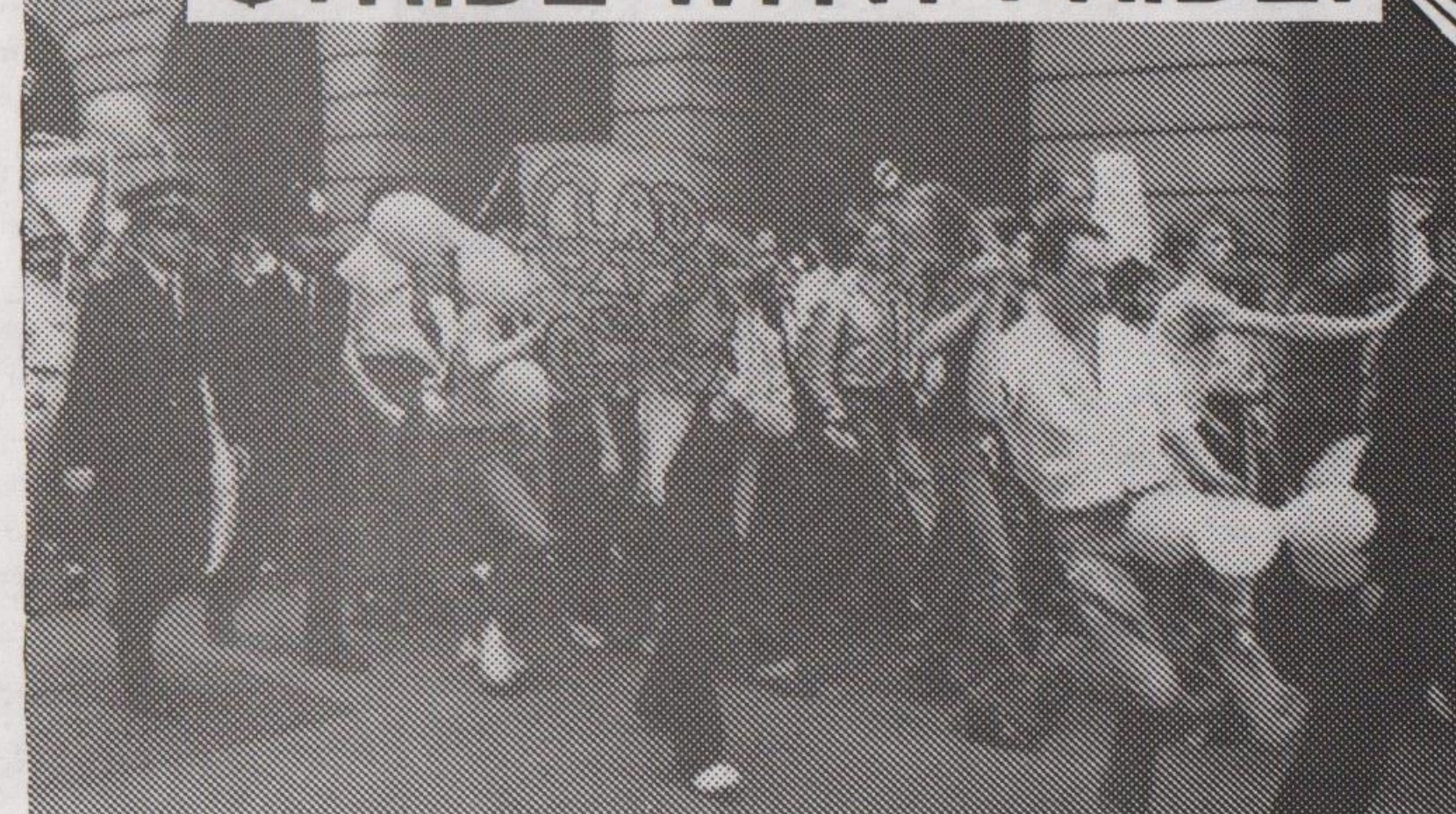
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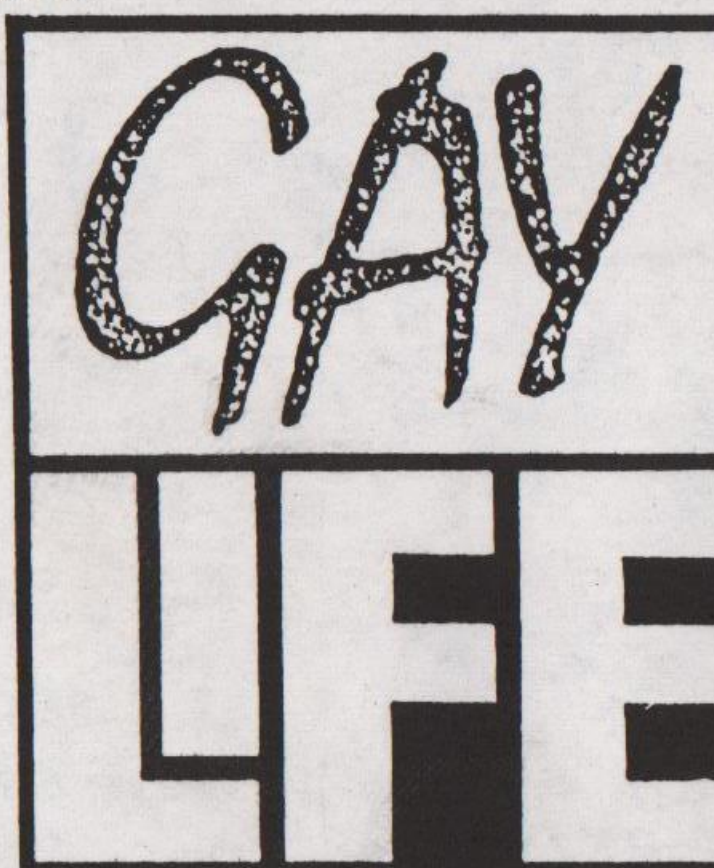
'Gay mayor starts with magic'



London's first openly gay mayor was sworn in on the 23rd May in an historic ceremony at Islington Town Hall. Looking forward to his year in office Bob Crossman promised: "We're going to have some fun!" The mayor-making was followed by entertainments featuring magician, Fay Presto, who is a particular favourite of Bob's. She was (continued back page)

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Brief Intercourse . . .

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The lives of the rich, famous and glamorous fascinate us all and there's no-one more glamorous or fascinating than DAME EDNA EVERAGE. PAUL GRAHAM sought an audience.

Speaking with a Melbourne Megastar was, quite frankly, one almighty experience. Dame Edna Everage — housewife superstar — chatted incessantly one evening on life, men and her husband Norm and was rarely prompted into expounding on these and other far reaching conversation stoppers.

"I was born with a precious gift in Melbourne — I'm Australian incidentally — Dame Nature must have stooped over my little basinet and gave me the gift. It was the ability, the priceless ability, to laugh at the misfortunes of others, and it keeps me cheerful 24 hours a day I can tell you." And so that set the tone of the ensuing dialogue with one of 'Barry Humphries Life-Enhancement Facilities'. This was to be an hour I was not to forget for a very long time . . .

A WOMAN'S URGES

"Unfortunately, I mean fortunately my husband is still with us. Strangely enough I'm wearing Norm's watch — I think I must be the only woman in the world who wears her husband's watch while he's still alive. Isn't that wonderful?" Undeniably, but our Aunt Edna exudes that aura of happiness. In her presence you cannot help but smile as you stare at those horn rimmed glasses.

Conversely, it was interesting to find out if Dame Edna's eyes had strayed from the straight (hmm) and narrow

"I am attracted to other men — you asked me a direct question, and I'm answering you very, very directly for you and all your little readers. I'm a woman and I have drives and I have juices — as I have mentioned before, and my husband has not been a well person for many, many years."

And what type of men, Dame Edna? "I rather like short men — in a way you can't get enough of them, can you? I like men I can look down upon — like little Roman Polanski — he's a precious little thing in his spooky way. Lord Snowdon, he's of diminished stature, and little Charles Aznavour — sometimes I dream of him as a matter of fact. But Norm, (at this point I sat back and relaxed. After all, have YOU ever tried to stop a Dame in full flood??) I have to tell you, I felt a little while ago that I hadn't made enough sacrifices somehow because I'd been given so much. What had I given — I often think. That's what I'm here for, for heavens sake — but what had I given for the conservation of energy,

for example, and I thought I'd given nothing. Then it hit me — there's one thing I can do. I could have Norm taken off his life support system. It was a BIG decision, but I did it gladly. In a way gratefully. The spooky thing that happened after that was that he came good. He'd been using that as a crutch, if you don't mind me using that word. He's now getting around the hossie on a frame and there's talk of him coming home. Now this is a big shock — a big adjustment that I have to make, because he's asked for his clothes and I gave them to the Salvation Army YEARS ago! His masonic trowel — I wouldn't know WHERE it was!"



APRIL FOOL, DARLING!

Now with her husband prostrate with his prostate down under, how does Dame Edna find the time for visiting him?

"I've been there — sitting by him in my track suit, looking at my watch. I have darling, but there's a limit to what you can do. For Christmas, I must tell you, we had his bedside drip rechromed. The nurses put holly all the way up his tubing and filled it with brandy butter — apparently that doesn't do them any harm. I must also tell you because there will be people with institutionalised loved ones — and what do you do? What jokes do you play on them for April Fools Day? It's a problem isn't it, because you want to amuse them but you don't want to necessarily finish them off. We pretended to him that he was

going to be discharged from hospital!!!! The sister packed his case!" Dame Edna continued with tears of laughter flowing down her cheeks, "in his private room so that he could watch her doing it in the mirror above his pages turning machine! They got him into his dressing-gown, the one we thought he'd never wear; apparently they can put the pins back in it, they got him down to the front steps of the hossie about three-quarters of an hour later, and just as Norm practically fell into the ambulance it WHIZZED off, and all the doctors and nurses leant out of the windows shouting 'April Fool!!!' I only wished Norm could have laughed at that as well."

LIKE MOTHER, LIKE SON

We've heard how Norm is, so I then turned the conversation round to Edna's son, Kenny . . .

"Bless his heart, Kenny. He's been my favourite — it's wicked in a way for a mother to say that isn't it? He's had many jobs — he's been in the coitture business for some time. As a matter of fact when he kisses me goodnight his mouth's still full of pins! He was in the airline steward world for a little bit. He was with the Qantas people then he went into the British Caledonian because he liked the tartan. Lately he's been working in a blood bank in Australia. I don't know quite what he does — he's a scrutineer. I said, 'Kenny, what exactly do you do?' He said, 'I've been trying to tell you that Mother for years!', but he said it takes one to know one, so I left it at that." Finally, as the discussion was drawing to a close, I commented on the books surrounding her.

"Yes, I am a bookworm. Even as a youngster and I first started to grow hair I could sit on, I was always under the bedclothes with a torch. I was, and when one day our family doctor suggested I give that up and take up reading and I've never looked back." To which we raised our glasses and bid each other goodbye, until the next time I could sit and listen to the preambles of Melbourne Megastar, Superstar and housewife — Dame Edna Everage.



Gay Pride in..... NEW ZEALAND

The New Zealand Government will make gay sex legal for over 16's shortly. This momentous decision was made by MP's in spite of a concerted campaign by moral and religious groups, particularly the Salvation Army. The new law in New Zealand will place it ahead of this country in the civil liberties stakes.

....NEW YORK CITY

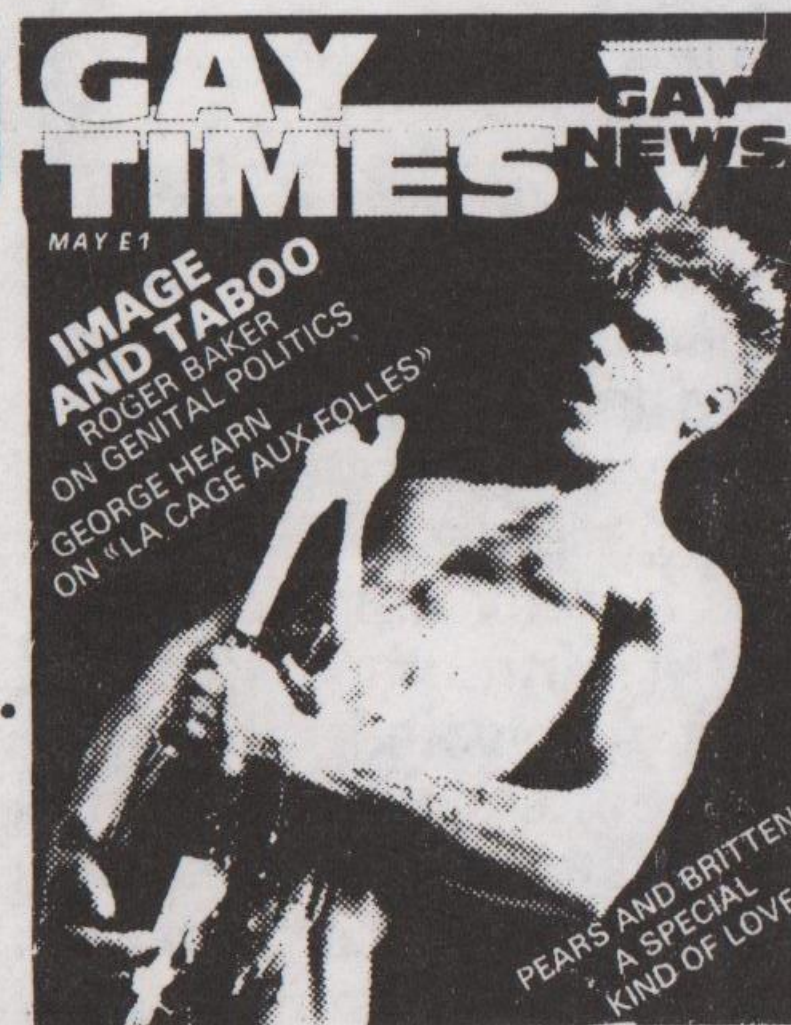
After fifteen years of sustained campaigning New York City passed a Gay Rights Bill which provides a morale boost for the rest of the U.S. In 1974 the Bill just missed being made law. The message to the gay community is that the civil rights agenda does not need to be derailed by the AIDS crisis.

....CANADA

In Canada the Conservative Federal Government has been forced to implement positive action nationwide in favour of lesbians and gay men in response to the findings of a judicial enquiry.

COVER UP

This is the GAY TIMES cover — described by its editor as 'highly suggestive but not sexually explicit' — that the magazine distribution trade refused, to, um, handle. It is replaced by a wrap around depicting two blokes in jeans, braces but no sparkling wine.



Thursday June 5th TIMES SQUARE (15) USA 1980

Director Allan Moyle
Tim Curry, Robin Johnson.
The prissy daughter of a politician and a 42nd Street punkette team up as the Sleaze Sisters in this contemporary fairy tale "about and for those urban creatures who walk the streets hugging huge tape players." Variety. Music by The Ramones, Talking Heads and many more.

June 15th PRETTY BABY (18) USA 1977

Director Louis Malle
Keith Carradine, Brooke Shields. 109 mins.
Inspired by the photographs of E.J. Bellocq, Malle's first American film deals with the delicate subject of child prostitution, in New Orleans, 1910, with all the director's customary charm and sensitivity.

June 22nd THE DISCREET CHARM OF THE BOURGEOISIE (15) France 1972

Director Luis Bunuel
Jean Pierre Cassel, Stephane Audran. 101 mins.
Posing the question—Some people want to dine together., They cannot. Why not?, Bunuel's imagination leaps around wildly, improbably and hilariously in search of an answer. "Arguably the first contemporary masterpiece to have come from France in the seventies." Sight & Sound.

June 29th ATLANTIC CITY (15) France/Canada 1980

Director Louis Malle
Burt Lancaster, Susan Sarandon. 105 mins.
As the crumbling resort of the title is transformed into the Las Vegas of the East coast, Lancaster's beautifully played ageing hustler dreams of the 'last big deal', in a bitter-sweet story of love and broken dreams.

Programme details and information: Nottm. 583184

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GAY LIFE COMES TO CITY New Northern Gay Mag

May 31st this year sees the launch of 'Gay Life', a new magazine for gays in the North of England. Published by Manchester-based Medlock Publishing Co-operative the new title will replace this magazine, Mancunian Gay, but will continue to be produced by the Collective of people who have run Mancunian Gay successfully for nearly eight years.

'Gay Life' will continue to cover Manchester news, views and personalities but it will have a much more regional outlook devoting as much space to Merseyside, West and South Yorkshire, Lancashire and the North East as it does to Greater Manchester.

Plans for the launch of a 'northern' gay magazine have been under consideration since last June when the Mancunian Gay collective and Medlock Publishing got together to ensure the magazine's continued expansion.

The new magazine will look significantly different from the present title but will continue to be published monthly at a cost of 40 pence. Its thirty-six pages will cover news, improved 'scene' coverage, more in-depth articles, better listings and a new 7-page 'magazine-within-a-

magazine' incorporating pre-views, reviews, travel articles and coverage of all aspects of the 'gay lifestyle'.

The Mancunian Gay Collective has been working hard to finalise preparations for the launch and the magazine's professional graphic designers are hoping that 'Gay Life' will be the most attractive gay magazine on the market.

Current advertisers and subscribers will have their present commitment to Mancunian Gay honoured by Gay Life and the new magazine will be gearing its initial advertising towards encouraging readers to subscribe regularly to the title.

For those not wishing to subscribe the new magazine will be sold through a network of pubs, clubs, shops, cinemas and newsagents throughout the region.

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Young Libs act on Aids

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The motion, which Body Positive secretary Jonathan Grimshaw helped to write, urges the government to provide a co-ordinated response to Aids and calls for proper training for those whose work brings them into contact with people with Aids or who are antibody-positive. The motion also demands that the Department of Education and Science prepare a programme to educate school pupils about Aids and HTLV-III.

An amendment to the main motion, which was also passed, calls for hypodermic needles to be made available, free of charge, to intravenous drug users.



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