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A CONVERSATION WITH
Nate Cohen

Nate Cohen gets excited about checkers. In 1981 Nate played checkers on a television program in Beverly Hills and won every game. That amazing feat earned him a spot in the Tinsel Town Book of Sports and Games.

This past Sunday at the Clearing House Picnic in Brunswick, Nate challenged 97 people, as many as four at a time. He won big games and tied four.

When did you start playing checkers?

I won 1984 at the Portland Boy's Club. I was 15 years old and somebody gave me a checker board for my birthday. I had never seen one before in my life. I played Big Boy and I lost the first 14 games I played.

I'm a fellow who doesn't like to lose. I hate to lose. The fact that I started out with such a losing record made me want to become better. I got really interested that way. I got interested more by losing than I did winning.

What’s your strategy?

Well, I think the key to playing checkers is first to get around the middle. Instead of playing through the middle, you keep the pieces off the board and try to figure out what your opponent is doing. I think that people who play checkers too much are people who would love to have a program that will tell them exactly how to play.

You've been playing for a long time. You must have learned a lot about the game.

I'd say I've learned a lot. The only thing I really learned was that when you play checkers, you have to get around the middle. The middle is the key to playing checkers. The middle is where you have to keep the pieces off the board and try to figure out what your opponent is doing.

Do you play a lot?

Sure, I play a lot. I play a lot of games. I play a lot of games every year. I play in the Boy's Club and I lost the first 14 games I played.

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You can’t even get a checkers game on TV nowadays. You can get it on the radio. You can get it on the computer. But you can’t get it on TV. You can only get it on the radio.

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Vacationland may soon see the last of the boys of summer.

Reminiscing the boys of summer... Sunset at The Ballpark

Nate Cohen is a Portland writer who is planning to open a new restaurant in Casco Bay Weekly.

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THE root dilemma facing all of the clerical workers interviewed for this story is that whether they like their jobs or not, they certainly need their jobs.

Many women who talked with us were afraid to do so. Out of consideration for their situations, we have changed the names of two of the secretaries named in this story and we have omitted the names of their employers.

But these people are real, and their situations are far too common.

When I moved to Portland from the Penobscot area in 1981, I had been working as a secretary for an accounting firm. I was a victim of the temptation that Tomlin's in the movie "9 to 5" were frightened of: My boss - who thought I was a "coffy" co-ed - expected me to do bookkeeping, take shorthand, type answer phones, do mailings, take dictation, do the dishes, make and serve coffee, call him mister in the hall, type, answer phones, do marketing, dress well and do the dishes. He also was a micro manager and I was saran-wrapping the leftovers and washing stainless steel by women, the coiffed secretaries were in the kitchen doing the dishes. They then hurled at me in their clerical deadlines.

The situation was not unusual. As a result of protest by the women's movement, the majority of clerical employees at almost any company are still women, and most of those never escape...

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This recent undercover foray into the pink-collar ghetto for a week's undercover, Decades into the women's movement, just how bad could things really be?

Not all secretaries are as volatile and sensitive to sexism, servitude and humiliation - in the workplace if nowhere else. Claudia Steipe, a spokesperson for UNUM, says that her company's restricted office settings.

"Overall, people want to do the work, not the tools, word processing, will be the only choice for women wanting to work. Tomlin's was a secretary at one time and gave it up because "I wasn't a very good one."

"There shouldn't be such a stigma for doing clerical work," she says, "but there tends to be." She says the women's movement has helped give secretarial work a bad name, though salaries average from $12,500 to $20,000 plus benefits. "If they come out of college with a degree, especially in philosophy, anthropology or art history they will have hard time finding a job in Portland. Clerical work seems to be a good answer, a good stopgap.

So where do they go after the stopgap? Branson says that although it is not her company's job to track upward mobility for her employees, it is not unusual to find a secretary promoted to the job of office manager.

Beth Branson, a personnel consultant at Bonney Personnel, says that although they did not even keep records on such issues, they are there. Within the last five years we are aware of one such promotion in recent history.

"I agree that along with nursing, teaching, and airline work, clerical work a bad name, though salaries average from $12,500 to $20,000 plus benefits. "If they come out of college with a degree, especially in philosophy, anthropology or art history they will have hard time finding a job in Portland. Clerical work seems to be a good answer, a good stopgap."

But the pink-collar ghetto...
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The Maine Phillies slide into The Ballpark for their last home stand this season on August 26. (It may even be their last stand in Maine.)

33rd Maine Blueberry Festival, Machias. It will be used to enhance the park in the woods on Wednesday, 10 am-4 pm. Prizes will be awarded.

If you are a bit tired of Hollywood's summer here at the movies, the cult classic "Peeping Tom" starts tonight at The Movies Fun on Exchange Street. How much you hate the idea of seeing that over the winter.) Tickets are $14 in advance, $16 on the day of the show. For ticket information, call 363-4139.

The movie was directed by Michael Powell in 1960, but don't expect a heart-warming story like "The Red Shoes." "Peeping Tom" is about a psychopathic photographer, played by Carl Boehm, who likes to photograph women in the state of terror at the moment of death. You'll have to go see the movie to discover where his finds his models. Not for all tastes, CFW photographers will not be allowed at the show until Sunday. Tonight's shows are at 7 and 9 pm and admission on Wednesday is only $1.50.

If you put it off any longer, you're out of luck and won't see anything. (We've seen about how the stars trend over the winter.) Tickets are $8-$9.

Concerts in 1984. The current production of the state of terror at the moment of death...
Once in a blue moon I hear a record that makes me sit up and hurl, but singer k.d. lang's Shadows and rain,Film Records has me humming at the moon.

It is that peculiar breed of recording known as "projac" album - a collaboration among artist, producer and musicians that is only easily expected to come from the most unlikely of sources and in this instance, an unlikely combination of artists such as John Hiatt, a songwriter of the highest order, and musician Fred Frith, a member of the rock band Soft Machine, known for his innovative and experimental approach to music.

frith has produced lang's current album, which features the song "I'm the Only One," a collaboration with Hiatt that explores themes of loss and redemption. The song's melody is haunting, with lang's crystalline voice soaring over Frith's intricate guitar work. The lyrics address the pain of heartbreak and the struggle to move on from it, with lines like "I'm the only one who can hold the pain you gave me, and I'm the only one who can take it away." The song's message is one of resilience and strength in the face of adversity.

Overall, shadows and rain is a powerful and moving album that explores the human experience through the lens of love and loss. It is a must-listen for fans of both lang and Hiatt, and for anyone who appreciates finely crafted music that touches the soul.
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