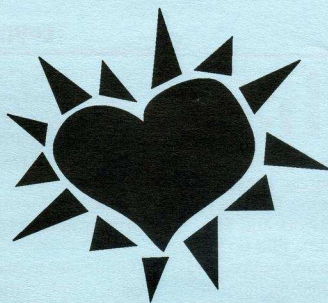


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Tales from the Trail

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After living together in Hawaii and California for two years, Alice and I were married in Hillsboro, Oregon on August 26th of 1977. It was the hottest day in this century for that city, 117 degrees Fahrenheit. Setting out on a journey of love and optimism that we would and could create a new social system, using marriage and our family as an "art form," we hardly noticed the heat at all.

Ours was a "politically correct" wedding. We wanted to take a public stand and outline our clear intentions to our community as responsible members. We wanted to go on record and have society bear witness to our desire to uphold our vows. We married to ritualize our agreement, a contract that confirmed our efforts at focusing our co-creation and clarity. Marriage for us was an opening, a definition of what we were available for, a true forsaking of all other options.

Being Liberals, we rejected the traditional, conservative social and religious ceremonies, and carefully wrote our own vows. We were married in a sparsely furnished house by our lovers at the time, and took no honeymoon because our life was charmed. After the brief and intensely moving ceremony, the four of us celebrated with a buffet of simple, elegant home made foods, and then went off to the movies to see *Star Wars*.

The people who married us, although good friends and former lovers, were not a couple themselves. Even though we had all slept together and made love right next to each other just a week earlier, they did not want to get it on with each other, and were quite separate from each other.

This represented a problem for our budding marriage and social experiment because we were almost always at odds with them. He wanted to go off alone with either Alice or myself, rarely all of us together. Occasionally, he wanted to sleep with both of us while he kept other girlfriends who he didn't share with us. She tried to pull me off alone without Alice and really wanted to be monogamous.

Since neither one of them wanted to build anything resembling what we had in mind, we thought it best that we cut it off and go out on our own. I brought a social activist's perseverance to the marriage with my romantic visions of social reform as a means of achieving paradise on earth. Alice brought beauty, truth and a playful sense of sexual fun to our common goal for security and liberation.

We wanted to know, love, live with and maybe marry other couples like ourselves who were committed to each other and who also wanted the pleasure of sharing in creating a social transformation in the institution of the Family.

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Plan Ahead

PEPCON's Coming

For those of you who plan your futures, here's a hot tip. Late this summer, August 30, 31 and September 1st to be exact, PEP will host its 5th annual conference. This time we're going to gather up the tribe in the big city: Berkeley, California, a place where any true, cutting edge type can bask in the social tolerance and diversity (similar to Eugene). We'll have more space and easier air travel access, as well as the help of friends in the Bay area to make this a great chance for more of us to meet and talk story. All members will receive a conference mailing complete with every important detail during April. We'll leave the light on for you...

Aloha!

1991 promises to be a year jam-packed with exciting adventures. The newsletter has changed its name, its look, and now includes the Network and Resources (See page 9-13). PEP is receiving more calls, letters and notice. Old friends and new are getting more involved and collaborating on projects. Perhaps those of us who prioritize inclusive, conscious, loving relationships in our own personal lives can influence the world with what we learn about tolerance and acceptance, sharing and collaboration. ☺

Ryam

Renewals

Your mailing label holds a wealth of information. Most importantly for you, it tells you when your subscription expires. If the date on your label is highlighted, read the numbers following your name. They should tell you that it is time to renew. Renewal rates are lower than new rates and are only available to those who do not let their membership expire! Take a moment now to see if it's time to fill out the form on page 14 and mail in your check to PEP. It'll keep us in touch for another year.

Network

For those of you who have never seen our member network, we are now publishing it as part of each and every issue of the newsletter. As you can see there are many members who are enthusiastically

Deadline for next issue is May 1

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cally interested in meeting others for friendship and more. Write them or call. If an ad you're interested in has no contact information, but instead has a number (ex: #123), this is their PEP blind box. We are offering this blind box service for those who wish more privacy in their contacts. Details page 9.

If you want to place your ad in the *Network*, simply write down your personal description, details, and desires, then mail it in to PEP before the next deadline (May 1, 1991). Remember that you must be a Subscriber or Patron (or have paid the equivalent fees under the old member system) to be eligible for ad space. If you have questions, please write us with an SASE and we'll mail you a form to help make the whole process easier.

Survey

Please notice the white Member's survey that's been enclosed with this issue of the Newsletter. In our last survey, we asked for lots of numbers: ages, years, dollars, etc. This time we are asking for your thoughts, feelings, experiences.

Look over our questions and write in your answers. Be as long-winded or brief as feels right to you. Your comments will be included via quotes and summaries in an upcoming newsletter. Let your opinions be known!



News Briefs

SOME ARE USING AN OLD TOOL for new purposes in California. A 60 year old state law allows two or more people to declare themselves officially as an unincorporated, non-profit association with the word "family" in the title. It costs \$10 and you get a colorful certificate, but it gives you no legal rights. It is a way to register your family's existence and may document your intentions to be considered a bona fide social unit. Some cities in California also allow for registration of domestic partners (Berkeley and Laguna Beach). These laws are being used

mainly by hetero couples who do not wish to get legally married and by gay couples who can not legally marry. Perhaps a bunch of registered group marriages would let the world know that marriage laws are religiously biased and out of date.

THE WONDERFUL FOLKS AT THE IRS have decreed that tax-free health coverage does not extend to nonspouse cohabitants. In other words those working for enlightened employers who give spousal health benefits to their unmarried partners will have the cost of those benefits included on their payroll stub as part of their gross income. (If they were married these benefits would be tax free.) On the other hand, a nonspousal partner may qualify as a dependent and thereby be entitled to tax-free coverage, but would have to meet all the IRS qualifications for a dependent and be approved for this status on a case by case basis by the IRS.

IN B.C. CANADA, FUNDAMENTALIST Mormon polygamy is making headlines with enforced marriages and sexual assaults. One man on trial had three wives and 22 children, another in the Kootenay colony had five wives and 45 children. Polygamy is punishable by up to five years in prison under the Criminal Code, but no one in Canada has been prosecuted for practicing Polygamy for religious reasons. A Canadian Advisory Council on the Status of Women has stated that Polygamy and slavery have many parallels and charges should be laid.

PEP WAS RECENTLY MENTIONED in an *Insight* magazine's article on "The Fringes of the Magazine World." We are described as one of the refreshing, occasionally lunatic voices that the public rarely gets to hear...for example...PEPTALK, a magazine devoted to the joys of group marriage. Lucky for us, more of the public got to hear about us.

A SHARED LIVING COMMUNITIES Workshop will be held May 17-19 at Kalani Honua, an educational retreat site on the Big Island of Hawaii. PEP will be doing a presentation about Polyfidelity during the workshop. For more info call (808) 965-7828.

SALON, A JOURNAL OF AESTHETICS plans a Spring issue on the themes of love, sex and relationships, including polyfidelity. For details write them at 305 W Magnolia, Ste 386, Fort Collins, Colorado 80521.

Local Groups:

For folks in the East, near Frederick and Baltimore, Maryland; Northern Virginia; and Washington, DC, there is a support group forming for like minded individuals interested in polyfidelity, extended families, multipartner relationships and WICCA. For specifics, write to POB 1050, Inwood, WV 25428.

In the Seattle area there is a women-only polyfidelity support group for lesbians and bisexuals who are interested in multiple relationships and group marriage. Meetings are the second Saturday of each month and include a potluck and conversation. Call SBWN at (206) 783-7987 for the time and place.



Polyfidelity hits network TV

Small Minds in the Big City

It was, I suppose, everyone's dream come true. A last minute call from friends in California who told me that a national TV personality needed a group marriage for her show. Were we interested? You bet! Anything to get the word out. Plus the show would be shot on location in Orlando. Oh boy! Disney-world here we come. I called and talked with the producer in NYC and he decided we would be ideal. Touchdown! We'd fly to Florida in a few days.

Another late night call. From the producer. Uh-oh. "Don't worry," he said. "The show's still on. Only it'll have to be in New York City, due to technical problems down under." Oh well, there went our visions of balmy skies in Fantasyland. New York, huh? In January? Eight million pushy people jammed together in a crumbling city of despair and greed. Oh well, I bolstered myself, at least it was home to sophisticated urbanites who revered social tolerance, intellectual vigor, and artistic freedom. Hah! I would soon find myself immersed in a genuine fantasyland, where my assumptions proved false, and my hopes for kindred human intelligence gave way to a bounty of ignorance.

Okay, so maybe I'm being a bit dramatic. We arrived at the studio of the *Sally Jessy Raphael* show at 11:45 am. Within an hour, the three of us would be sitting in front of a live studio audience, taping a show that would air about a week later on national television (Feb. 6). The theme of the show was "Torn Between Two Lovers." The idea was simple: two "couples" were present in situations where the woman was torn between her husband and boyfriend (in one case), and between two boyfriends (in the other). We were brought on as the sensational third choice of not having to choose between lovers at all. We were the group marriage option.

Far fetched? Sure. It's been our experience that people who back themselves into an emotional corner of tangled relationships are not prepared to consider group marriage. It usually takes deliberate thought based on rational choice and emotional maturity. So while we presented a logical sort of option to consider, really what these "torn" people needed was a methodology of therapy and decision making. Group marriage wasn't in the cards for them at this particular point. But so what; at least we were there bringing up an interesting idea for those level-headed adventure seekers who were ready to explore new relationship territory. Right? Wrong!

Maybe someone at home watching the show got something from the new ideas. But if the studio audience was

any barometer of thought and soul in America, we all better start praying. If audible gasps and groans were any indication, the audience was either suffering from massive indigestion, or they couldn't fathom what we were all about. Of course, I don't mind so much that others can't understand me, or don't think that what I'm doing is right for them. But since today's average person is exposed to more information in one day than someone in the Middle Ages was exposed to during an entire lifetime, I assumed, erringly, that such a person would be more astute and more understanding. In short, more sophisticated.

Instead, what we experienced was a random and collective grouping of small minds guarding their turf of chauvinism and moral righteousness, governed by first chakra fears. The worst offenders were those who held up the Bible as their badge of authority and condemnation. How does one respond to this? Dialectic argument is futile. Instinctive anger is wasted. Compassion, though ultimately difficult, is the only loving solution. It is ironic that we often learn life's most difficult lessons from those people who utterly disregard those same teachings. Maybe their turn is coming. Or maybe they're just assholes. Who am I to judge? Not everyone was like this. The show's other guests and their friends were articulate and receptive, as were many of those on the production crew.

So, you ask, what are the great lessons here? OK, we covered compassion. Always a good idea. Remember, people are doing the best they can. The next lesson is that the level of fear and anger in other people is in direct proportion to the clarity and peace of mind that you possess. The last lesson is the most important. For all its size and incongruities, New York City is full of many warm and loving people, and the best Mexican food is in a little restaurant on West 44th Street between Broadway and 6th Avenue. —BARRY NORTHROP

(Editor's note: more about the show, the viewing audience's response and how to see the show through PEP's video rental coming in the next newsletter!)

The Social Evolutionary Theory Behind Our Actions

By FRANCESCO AND ALICE PATRICOLO

Desmond Morris' book, *The Naked Ape* and the Frenchman Briffault's *The Mothers* go into great detail about how the roles of "Man, the Provider" and "Woman, the Nurturer" may have occurred naturally from technological and biological evolution.

According to them, anthropological research has discovered the period of human gestation (pregnancy) evolved in stages from three months to six months to nine months in order to accommodate the enlargement of the human brain. The female body also transformed in order to adapt to this change: wider pelvis area for carrying the infant and larger mammary glands to feed it. These changes slowed her down and made it harder for her to run or hunt and the period of her dependence on others was prolonged. From these biological changes came changes in the interpersonal relating, and a division of labor based on sex and strength took shape and formalized.

Men and women coming together for the sake of mutual survival is as ancient and primordial a reason as can be found. It all had to do with staying alive in a prehistoric world of superstition and unknowing. The idea of men and women coming together for love and compatible companionship is really recent: the end of the eighteenth century. And it isn't until the later part of the twentieth century that we find the female of the species able to re-enter the "hunt" with any sense of equality and independence.

Sociological premise #1: The Family is the basic unit of society, a microcosm of the larger macrocosm; #2: Institutions are extensions of interpersonal relationships; #3: Occurring in an historical context of fear, scarcity and competition, the underlying assumption of interpersonal relationships are those of dominance: submission; power: subordinate; master: slave.

The assumption of premise #3 is relatively new. It's only about 3,000 to 5,000 years old and it is simply that the man is an earthly agent of God (e.g. the divine right of kings and a man's house is his castle). A man's wife is answerable to him like he is answerable to God. God created Adam, then created woman from Adam's rib. In the ten commandments it states "Thou shalt not have any other God before me," and "Thou shall not covet thy neighbor's wife." The children are subordinate to both the man and the woman, although managed by the mother.

Another point from the top ten: "Thou shalt honor thy father and mother." Paternalism (I'm the boss because I'm older), Sexism (I'm the big shot because I'm a man), Racism (I'm white so I'm right), and Capitalism (I'm richer so I'm the master) in various combinations, deviations and reversals are direct social outgrowths of this simplistic assumption.

A historical context of scarcity and competition provided the prime organizing principles for the family, and society at large generally shared a "dog eat dog," "I win and you lose" perception of reality. With the domestication of animals, urbanization, culture, a general certainty of paternity, changes in inheritance laws, and the rise and sophistication of organized militarism came the solidification and institutionalization of certain social roles, attitudes and structures.

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We were young and in love and thought it was all so simple: change the form and people will be different.

Wrong.

It took us many years to realize that Function precedes Form!

Fifteen years and two children later, and we have been chasing those illusive other people who will bring us happiness and freedom to the point that we are exhausted and disillusioned. We have learned, the very hard way, a valuable lesson: that no one will or can make you happy or free and that we, ourselves, are the source of those feelings of happiness and freedom.

The mistake of putting Form in front of Function is the same mistake most people make anyway; looking at the picture of their goal, evaluating from that criterium, rather than perceiving reality and discovering what really works and what really doesn't work.

Form Chasing

We had plenty of hope and enthusiasm and no clear strategy for obtaining our goal. We thought we'd be spontaneous and adopted a king of "know as you go," trial and error approach to it. Lots of single men and women have wanted to sex with one or both of us, openly or covertly over the years. Other young couples we met were either not stable, struggling to arrive at a decision to marry or not, or just into dating until the right person came along.

Divorcees and serial monogamists were plentiful, failing marriages in desperation were plentiful. Polygamous scenes, one man with more than a couple women appeared occasionally, as did several triads of one woman and two men or one man and two women. There were married couples who were willing to do mate swapping and sport fucking, not to mention the vast number of possible married couples where either the wife was far out and the husband a turn-off, or the husband was a hunk and the wife was a dump. ►

In a few years it became obvious to us that our spontaneous approach was too accidental and muddled, so we put some plans together. The first thing we tried in our "Foursome fixation" was to make our own couples out of attractive or eager singles. The single people who were willing to fuck us and said they wanted to create a family with us we put together with another single of the opposite sex. As soon as they would meet, they went trotting off into exclusive monogamy without us!

It was a shockingly similar result. The single guy or gal was hot to trot with us in a *menage a trois*, then when we put them together with someone else for a foursome, the new couple went monogamous and exclusive, and we lost friends. Our thinking after this experiment was that the trick to finding what we wanted was in the numbers so to speak. The more couples we asked, the more likely we'd find those special people we were looking for.

In the early 1980's we were encouraged by Will Mahoney's "Beyond Monogamy" newsletter out of Colorado, and were disheartened when it stopped and Will went to work for a porno mag. We put ads in that newsletter looking for a couple or two to create a kind of group marriage. Neither Alice nor I liked this phrase, group marriage, however we couldn't find a better one at the time. We got some strange responses from the ad we placed. Besides lots of information for swing clubs and escort services, we got to meet liars, old folks who wanted live-in nurses, druggies, masochists, and herpes ridden psychotics. To say the least, we got gun shy from the ad scene.

In 1981, while in San Francisco, we visited Kerista commune. Their literature was sensible, intelligent and fun. However, the extent of their relating in a group was too radical a jump for us, we wanted to expand our "coupleness" not dissolve it. Ultimately, we realized that their radical approach might be correct,

however, it was just too much of an outgradient for our liberal tendencies.

By 1983 we both realized that the sociological form that we sought was actually preceded by our psychological functioning. We were not able to create what we wanted, so we had to learn how to do it. Like most people we learn best by imitating, so we decided to find some people who had what we wanted and were making it work, then study them. The only thing was that we couldn't find anyone who was doing what we wanted!

In the liberal circles of Boston-New York-Washington D.C. that we traveled in, there were a number of couples who had discretely reached an "understanding" of sorts that allowed them to have extra-marital lovers. Still, politically, socially and emotionally this wasn't good enough for us.

So we decided that if there wasn't anyone in ready access to copy, then we would create a curriculum of learning for ourselves that would at least give us skills to get a better shot at what we wanted. In order to control and direct our minds and bodies more effectively, we studied a variety of disciplines from Yoga to wheatgrass therapy, and still we found ourselves alone.

In October of 1985 we moved from Ulster County, New York to Portland, Oregon. Alice opened a small shop on Bybee Blvd in Sellwood-Moreland called the "Willow Sap Studio" so she could pursue her desire to create art quilts and art banners, and I got accepted into a creative and substantial PhD program at Union Institute to pursue a doctorate in psychology. We had helped create a Waldorf school back in NY and were really pleased to find a good Steiner community and Waldorf School in Portland for our children.

We consider ourselves as part of a conscious social transformation, a spiritual evolution, a psychological revolution of which free and responsible sexual expression is a small, yet important part. It has occurred to us that this social transformation may take, say, 200 years!

It is 1991, and for 15 years, Alice and I have been persecuted and ridiculed for being nudist, freelove-anarchists, unreal idealists. Close friends have told us to "grow up, the 60's are over," "get our heads out of our crotches," and "be Yuppies, not hippies."

We have had such little support and encouragement for our goals for multiple relating, that our tendency at times to give up hope, feel victimized and complain has been great. There have been times we have gotten so caught up in the whirlwind of imploding circumstances that we actually forgot the reasons why we started out on this journey. In our confusion and frustration, we turned our anger first on ourselves, and then each other. There were a number of times we seriously considered

divorce, thinking that individually we could make it without the other.

By the late 1980's, people didn't think of us as radical, they just thought we were crazy. We had our doubts too, so we sought outside professional feedback and help. We had one counselor tell us that our efforts to create an alternative structure was because we "hated our fathers and mothers for being working class, and that we held the opinion

that the working class sucks and we really wanted to be upper class." And, of course, since we don't believe in our own capacity to achieve wealth and success, we want to turn the whole social system upside down, still rebelling against mommy and daddy!

Another therapist told us that all "this political and social mumbo jumbo" ►



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is only a "justification" for our guilt ridden desires to have "sex slaves." We've even been disowned by relatives for being "possessed by the devil."

Fortunately, God has blessed us with both Love and a sense of humor. Our love and our children give us strength to go on and we laugh at the absurdity of our journey. We realize the importance of being happy with who you are and what you have now rather than to be sad about who you are not and what you do not have.

We started this journey for fun, happiness, more freedom, love and social transformation. Basically, that is still our point of view, and we feel great about it. Over the years we have spent an enormous amount of our life's energy, time and money in pursuit of our family goal and now times and things are different. I'm 43 and Alice is 36. We have two wonderful daughters 7 and 5 years old. Bills need to be paid; children need to be cared for; laundry needs to be washed; health, knowledge and art need attention. Life goes on and we finally agreed to put our polyfidelity efforts on a backburner and just wait for a wonderful situation to present itself and most importantly, to be ready when it comes.

Also, we realize the importance of tolerating impurity. Trying to be pure about "only relating to attractive married couples with children" is a way of setting ourselves up to fail. Asking other people to be pure is a way of setting them up. We had gotten a bit fanatical about couples, and like Einstein once said, "Fanatics are enthusiastic bores."

Finally, we agreed that it was time to communicate through the PEP vehicle and take advantage of its networking to create support and like-mindedness. In 1986 we first discovered PEP and have been supporting members ever since. We even attended the very first PEPCON for a day and met some very interesting and likable people. The PEP newsletter is the most sincere and pure effort we have seen in this country to present, educate and validate alternative relating and family structures. ♥

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In a primitive sense, when there were enough people with a vested interest in the maintenance and perpetuation of this status quo, they began to enforce their will and conditions on the rest of the tribe. The seeds of Social Darwinism were set in an historical context of fear and ignorance. "Only the strong survive!" "I must pass on the wealth I have accumulated to my son so that I can survive through him and we can grow stronger and stronger over time." The female body was viewed as a kind of pleasure factory to produce soldiers and field hands.

When the underlying assumptions of traditional interpersonal relations and the organizing principles of the traditional family unit are extended to their logical social conclusions, we have a competitive social system maintained by a hierarchical social structure of superiors, inferiors and competitors. For example, in religion: Pope, Cardinals, Priests. In the military: General, Captain, Private. In business: Chief Executive Officer, Manager, worker. In Education: Chancellor, Faculty, student. In Political entities: Nations, cities, your house. In Social Pyramid: Upper class, Middle class, Lower class.

The Theory: As people begin to transcend their roles and identify themselves as human beings, the underlying assumption of interpersonal relationships will move from one of power struggle to one of trust and knowing, and then social institutions, which are extensions of interpersonal relations, will begin to organize around principles of cooperation and surplus ("I win; you win; we all win!"). The Program: Monogamy, one man and one woman tied together for life, is the existing dominant, socially implanted, conditioned and reaffirmed form of marriage.

Most of what it means to be monogamous is not pure or functional monogamy, but rather dirty or dysfunctional monogamy. Generally, children inherit a patchwork quilt of borrowed beliefs, half-baked ideas and outmoded, useless prejudices as a definition of monogamy, and spend their lives trying to conform to an abstract picture of *Father Knows Best*: perfection that isn't even their own creation. Unable to make their natural urges work under these social conditions, the only alternative is "The Devil" or a criminal reaction: cheating, lying, breaking promises that could never be kept in the first place. Of course, "Fallen angels" need to be redeemed.

Liberal Beliefs: Work for change within the system. Working with your social conditioning is better than working against your social conditioning because most often you actually create what you resist. Swimming with the current is better than swimming against the current. Work with the historical form of marriage and shape it into a futuristic model, customized marriage, and you can have infinite variations. ♥

“ The only two things that motivate an enlightened person are love and curiosity. ”

—UNKNOWN

Community Notes

Ganas Update

A group of six friends formed the Foundation for Feedback Learning in San Francisco in 1976. We moved to NYC together in the spring of 1979. Our combined resources were just about enough to buy and remodel a comfortable, old, 14 room house, located in a lower middle income, integrated neighborhood in Staten Island, one half hour ferry ride from downtown Manhattan.

By 1988 our numbers had grown six-fold. We acquired six more buildings and developed retail businesses in two of them. In retrospect it seems almost miraculous that five adjacent houses became available to us, one by one as we needed them, at prices we could afford at that time. We remodeled our seven buildings to suit the needs of our businesses and our lifestyle. They're all nicely furnished, attractively decorated and very well maintained. We expect soon to add a country community that will be housed in a 40 room hotel on 25 acres, about 100 miles north of the city. This property will be developed as a fitness and cultural center. Growth workshops will be added eventually.

In 1990 we changed our name to GANAS and our numbers grew to about 45-50. Some of us have been together for up to 25 years. Expansion will probably stop at about 55 people in any one location. Eventually we hope to spread by establishing other small communities as affiliated, self-governing cooperatives. The ages of GANAS members have ranged from 1-80. The majority at this time are between 30 and 50. Few children live here at the moment, but they have in the past and will again.

Many of us are either in monogamous or open couples. The rest engage in the whole range of social practices usual for single people. We are sometimes thought of as polyfidelitous, but probably don't qualify for the title. (*Editor's note: They're right, they don't!*) We have no requirement for any kind of partnering behavior.

People of almost every race, nationality, religious or other belief system, and socioeconomic background have lived here, shared a lot, gotten along well together and enjoyed the experience. The differences are fascinating and enriching. Animosity is remarkably minimal.

We talk to each other all the time about whatever is happening, particularly when there is conflict to confront or plans to make. We try to hold back as little as we can of either fact or emotion. It is important to us to disclose fully and respond to everything disclosed. Closeness to each other has even higher value. Nobody who lives at Ganas is required or even necessarily expected to engage in any of the group's conversations or activities, except the core group. Everyone who lives here is invited to most meetings, and encouraged to make input to decisions. All opinions are welcome.

Ganas has only Three rules that are also its only requirements for residence in the community: 1) no violence to people, things, or privacy; 2) no exploitation (that is, everyone carries their own weight economically); and 3) no illegal activity.

We govern ourselves and our businesses with participatory management systems. Decisions are made by people in charge of specific areas of responsibility, after hearing all available input from everyone involved. Anyone can have an area of authority, if they want it and can handle it responsibly. Consensus or majority vote of the core group is used to arrive at decisions that affect the whole community.

There are three categories of membership available. Anyone can apply for them. 1) The core group consists of four men and five women who serve as the Board of Directors. They consider themselves a family, love each other deeply, and plan to spend the rest of their lives together. Each is committed to doing whatever needs to be done, whenever it is needed. All resources are pooled including talents, time, energy, etc. Those who work outside the community contribute their income, and help out at home when they can. If one leaves, they take out what they put in, plus what the group decides they've earned. Most overall decision making authority requires membership in the core group and full sharing of resources. The core group is open to, but not looking for, new members.

The second group consists of about 20-25 people who live and work in Ganas, but don't share their resources. They have varying degrees of involvement and sometimes form subgroups with their own philosophies and activities. Everyone in this group shares in the community's income to one extent or another. Each expects to earn more as the cooperative businesses prosper. We try to offer opportunities to learn skills and to enjoy the experience. Some in this group will eventually join the core group. Others will leave when their life directions change.

The third group consists of between 10-20 people who don't work with us. Instead, they contribute \$400-550 a month to cover all of their in-house expenses. They may work in the city, or they may be students, tourists, or retired people. They are here because they are interested in some form of feedback learning; or they are new to the US or the area and need help adjusting; or just because they enjoy living in community. They also have varying degrees of commitment. Probably a few will eventually join the core group as well. Any of them are eligible to work at Ganas if they want to and are qualified.

Economic support comes mainly from our two retail businesses and other income producing activities. Some ►

specific undertakings are supported by contributions. Our stores sell a variety of refinished and recycled items, as well as some new or consignment products. All of this happens in our two large, commercial buildings a few blocks from our residences. One houses our furniture store; the other markets everything else. Basic work arrangements are approximately the same for everyone, regardless of the job they do. Full time is about 30-35 hours a week, depending on the space selected. People can opt to work part time, on a very flexible basis. Full time people get \$200 a month plus in house expenses. In addition, everyone shares in the community's profit, but not equally. It is distributed according to complex criteria that involve commitment, contribution, productivity, etc. Occasionally unusual need or necessary skills are a consideration.

The core group has no fixed time or money arrangement. They take what they need, report what they used and what it was used for, and have agreed to spend as little on personal things as possible and to use all available resources for projects.

We hope to earn enough soon to provide everyone at Ganas with as much or more income than they could expect to earn in the general marketplace meantime, we all enjoy the equivalent of a middle class standard of living and an excellent quality of working experience. Our equipment and facilities include an excellent book, audio and video tape library; cable TV, VCRs; stereo systems; biofeedback equipment; computers, software, and copy machine; video and sound filming and editing equipment; a carpentry shop; an exercise room; and a small swimming pool set into a large deck.

Because we are situated on top of a hill, far back from the street, we have a view of the bay and unusual privacy for NYC. The land between the houses is large enough for many trees, some fruitbearing, berries, flowers, vegetable gardens, and fireplaces. We have several living rooms, six open porches in which to sit around and talk, party or just retreat. Also we have three laundry rooms, three dishwashers and 15 mod-

ern bathrooms. Personal spaces vary in size and include two small apartments.

Food is excellent and our meals are well balanced. We try to cater to everyone's preferences whenever possible. Most of us eat dinner together most of the time. Well stocked pantries, freezers and refrigerators in two of our three fully equipped kitchens are available at all times for people who prefer to do their own cooking, or who snack a lot.

Our major interest is better communication and new ways to improve learning skills. We work with areas as diverse as health education; relaxation, mind quieting and imagery language, particularly ESL; and self-determined behavior change. We are currently involved with creating animated and live videotaped instruction and a number of feedback approaches to extensive patient education and relaxation programs. Feedback learning methods use experiential or learn-by-doing approaches that offer on the spot performance information and recordkeeping for awareness of changes over time.

Projects in the larger local community relate to clean up, beautification, improved quality of life, and youth programs. Our networking activities include a proposal to help establish a central communities service office in NYC that would bring available information and resources to communities who need them everywhere.

For contact information for Ganas, check the Resource Section of the PEP Network on page 13 of this issue. ♥

Have Community Experience?

Many people who grow into polyfidelity have experience living in intentional and voluntary communities. Some, for example, have found that after living in community, they still desire something more intimate, and more family-like, so go on to build a polyfide group. If you have experience or thoughts about the larger relationship called community, write them down and send them in!

Letters

Dear PEP,

I have some questions for Allan Jensen regarding his article on Spiritual Polyfidelity in the Jan 91 issue. Your mention of "rebirthing" breath exercises as a way of reaching or releasing subconscious pain rings a bell with me. I have done some rebirthing. Could you suggest any general breathing exercises? (And I am going to look for a rebirther.) I am also curious as to what sort of diet modification and fasting you find useful to help get you more in touch with your sensitive part. I have some "macho defenses" that need a push too. Thanks for writing *What is Spiritual Polyfidelity*.

I have been doing "dreambody work" also called "process-oriented psychology" developed by Arnold Mindell and others. His latest book *Working on Yourself Alone: Inner Dreambody Work*, Arcana Books 1990, seems to be the most useful to me.

—CANADA

I'm glad you enjoyed my article. As far as general breathing exercises, I find the basic rebirthing breath, connected inhale and exhale, is simple, easy to do, and works best for me. Early mornings are a good time to do some breathing due to increased body energy that's been stored up from the night's sleep. Also, a way to really clear emotional blocks is to use this breathing pattern right when you're in the middle of an upset. It helps you get in touch with the core issues behind your upset feelings; they're frequently different from what you think is making you crazy.

*My diet is based on the Life Science teachings. Many people are familiar with these through the Diamond's books *Fit for Life I & II*. I eat mostly fruits, vegetables, nuts and seeds in their natural state (raw). I also fast (eat nothing, but drink distilled water for a period of time) to allow my body to cleanse. I've noticed that the more healthy my diet and body, the easier it is to access my true feelings instead of defensive justifications. I hope this info is helpful!*

—ALLAN JENSEN

Dear PEP,

I enjoyed the humor of Jack L's letter (Jan '91) about attending PEPCON and his list of reasons for wanting polyfidelity. I'd like to share some comments here. First, I realize many who are interested in polyfidelity may not write down or get clear on their family desires, goals, and consensual guidelines. Still, most people who are in families do have specific agreements. Just start talking about joining them or ask about any of the big areas of life (children, money, sex, decision-making) and you'll certainly get an earful. Singles have just as many must haves and must avoids in their lives. Getting these written down can feel too much like homework for some people (though as you mentioned it is a useful exercise!).

I also wanted to respond to the overall letter. It was a great job of reflecting on all the changes in daily life and in attitudes that adding another partner would require. The only way I can see someone making the leap is to uplevel. Successful polyfidelity, in my mind, means a total transformation of the self and relationship beliefs. Only this level of change has the potential power to sweep aside, replace and upgrade many of the concerns you mentioned in making the shift from having one to having more partners. Best of luck to you and your family!
—NEW YORK

Dear PEP,

Regarding the PEPTALK article on open coupling in the Summer '90 issue, I doubt I'll ever reach the stage of polyfidelity. First of all I'm frustrated by not even getting to the point of fooling around on the side because it adds too much dishonesty to the relationship. Second, I haven't had a significant, open, inclusive or (preferably) communal relationship because the women I become intimate with tend to fall in love and want a one-to-one relationship, though I make it clear what I want from the beginning. I guess I'm just too perfect. I have long been interested in "poly-intimacy," but somehow haven't significantly reached such a state. I see several possible reasons for this. One is that I support some poly-intimate values too strongly, such as intentionality,

and honesty in the extreme, which some people don't feel comfortable with. Another is the difficulty of finding excuses to bring up the subject among "non-believers." And another is the ease of getting into a dyadic relationship and the difficulty of transforming it. At least in my present relationship, we can talk openly about it. Third, I doubt polyfidelity is what I want.

Your analysis of the primary-secondary triangle is good when talking about an isolated group, but we should be examining the possible structures of a neighborhood, or household network of lovers. As we increase the numbers in an intimate community, comparing our status in any one relationship loses its meaning (if it ever had any). This is particularly so in a group where people aren't limited to connecting with just one other person at a time, only of the opposite sex; in other words when we treat sex more as a form of communication, with the guidelines we use for good conversational and intellectual relationships. Can you explain why this should be possible for one kind of relationship and not the other? Sometimes it seems like I'm the only thinking person to whom it seems possible for both. I would like to "normalize" sex, to treat it much as we treat other kinds of relationships. To me this suggests an open, but with multiple intraconnections, intimate network. Your diagrams in the *Primer* all seem oriented toward groups, with no indication of infinite networks beyond. I don't see how polyfidelity, a closed group of people who attempt artificially equal involvements, can work toward the goal of "normal" sex.

I think I detect a contradiction between your "desire to legitimize differing forms of relating" and the seeming value judgment: "a polyfidelitous group...most clearly represents the ideal family relationship for many people" (and especially for you). I agree more with "Canada's" view about the flag carrier. Different strokes for different blokes.
—CALIFORNIA

I like your comments on looking at any triad, couple, or whatever as not an isolated group, but rather a part of the larger whole. Most social configurations I've been in have

*included such a web of sexual connections and other types of friendships that it becomes quite complex. I choose in much of my writing to focus down to the "family" group. The diagrams in the *Primer* show the basic intimate relationship forms and don't go beyond (for lack of space and because it is not the theme of the book). I use the social unit of family because most folks can relate to the concept in some manner. In fact, it is fairly widespread among humans to feel a desire for belonging to a specific group which is their family. Beyond that, many long for a larger group sometimes called a Tribe. There simply are differences in the levels of relationship intensity between people. This is borne out through behaviors and attitudes. While many people would go all out for a family member, they are only willing to exchange energies on a lighter level for a neighbor or acquaintance. I see these differing levels as a decentralized system of human interaction and relationship rights and responsibilities.*

Your desire for "normal" sex can be interpreted two ways. First, I agree it would be a calmer, saner universe if sex wasn't repressed and perverted by religions and social systems which fear its power. On the other hand, I think that sex is not an energy that is typically equivalent to a conversation. My belief system about it is best expressed through the Tantric vision. Sharing significant sex blends lives in a way that can rarely be casual or without significant emotional, spiritual, and pragmatic consequences.

I said in the article you mention that the ideal for many is polyfidelity and I stand by it. My comments come from my past 15 years of personal experience in polyfidelity and from talking to a very large number of folks about their relationship experiences. I have repeatedly found that people really do want stable, committed relationships, family if you will. Most affairs and secondary contacts are attempts at getting some sort of human contact rather than remaining isolated or celibate. People frequently get involved in these with the hope that the relationship will develop into something more in the future. Although for those with other priorities, these types of relationships may feel sufficient.

To repeat, what I am saying is that many people ideally would like a stable group of

loving best friends to live with. Upon achieving this type of home life, few people are drawn towards outside affairs. Rather they look for more people to include in their committed group (assuming the group is healthy instead of dysfunctional) up to some practical limit. Now obviously this isn't true for everyone or in every case. I love hearing success stories from folks who are living in all kinds of lifestyles. Any freely chosen and conscious form of relating is to be supported.

Finally, I don't find polyfidelity an "at-tempt at artificially equal involvements." The point of polyfidelity is to allow each partner access to as great a level of intimacy as each other partner (equal rights and responsibilities in the relationship), and also to only come together with mutually compatible people. While this isn't an easy approach, it doesn't feel artificial to me either. Most people confuse the word equal with meaning "the same as." Obviously the relationships are not "the same," but they are of equal status. My partners are both equally important to me. Nothing could feel more normal in my love life.

Also as another family I know expresses it, by living this way you really learn how to love. This makes it easier to love each new partner when/if you come together. It's a wonderful and natural skill. —EDITOR

To Answer a PEP Member Ad

1. Check for an address or phone number in the ad itself. Use it if it's included.
2. If the ad only has a number like this: #123, then write your response and put it in a stamped envelope.
3. Seal the envelope and write the ad number on the upper left hand corner of the envelope above where your return address would go. (We will address it for you and send it on.)
4. Now put this envelope and \$1 (for each letter) in a larger one which you address to PEP, POB 6306, Captain Cook, HI 96704-6306. Please include your return address on this envelope for safe mailing. That's it! Write someone today!

PEP Network

ALASKA Adventuressome Alaskans seek partner(s). Rustic cabin life/Fairbanks. We're Woodstock vintage; spiritual, not "religious"!; Earthstarweds/bioregional/Green. Stable, relating couple (Pices/Libra), family circle enriched/extended. Non-TV. Kids: (13, 12 F and 10, 9 M), outdoorsy, self-reliant, independent, learners, voracious readers, huggable! "Mush" dog-team, camp tipi style. You're whatever age! (60+) description; seeking family, fullness, polyfidelity, simplicity, spiritual enlightenment, growth, COMMITMENT. You accept self-responsibility/karma, live-in-the-moment, love cats, laugh a lot. You/we together: "Chop wood/Carry water," are open/warm, bi-sexual, meditative, centered. #764

ARIZONA We are Titus and Nere, each 44 years of age. We now live and work in the Phoenix, Arizona area (yes people, we know it gets hot in Phoenix). We like horseback riding, hiking, metaphysical activities, movies, travel, flying airplanes, hugs and long talks. We are not into drugs, smoking, drinking. Sorry, but we are not vegetarians though we do try to eat some healthy foods. We place a strong emphasis on intimacy, communications, support, understanding, trust, having fun, sharing, spiritual and emotional growth, and most of all commitment. We are currently seeking a single female with similar values and goals to form a triad; however, we enjoy corresponding with or meeting and sharing ideas with others. Will share complete information and pictures. (#577) Titus and Nere: Haynes (Infinity Circle), 4542 West Monte Cristo Ave, Glendale, AZ 85306

CALIFORNIA Triad, 7 years old, 2 women, 1 man, living in a specially designed communal home with swimming pool in East Bay near San Francisco, would like to meet or correspond with other group marriages to share lifestyle ideas and companionship. #502

43 year old male seeking open relationships and/or marriages. Not sure about polyfidelity or if it is right for me. Willing to talk about it, willing to experiment. Interested in New Age philosophy, spirituality, live on West Coast. Travel a lot due to job requirements. #803

Hello! We're 39, bisexual, feminist, pagan, bookkeeper and 40, musician, writer, graphic artist, social anarchist. We're self-employed, non-smokers, politically conscious but not correct, and we pursue personal growth and desire community beyond the immediate family. We'll consider relocating; we'd be happy to exchange letters, social contracts & photos; and we'd love to hear from you if you think we sound like potential family members. #519

Attractive androgynous couple (WF48 & WM50), 6 years together, seek 1 to 3 healthy, physically active, forthright people for permanent, polyfidelitous family. Each member to build primary personal and sexual relationships with all others. Plan to relocate to Northwest acreage with equal shared and separate personal assets. Emphasis: health; communication; trust and intimacy; personal, intellectual and spiritual growth; feminine interpersonal relationships; masculine attitude toward survival and adventure; environmental concern and animal friends. No smokers, drugs or sociopaths. We eat meat, and drink very little alcohol. Need people who can help build a dream without losing their way and can share that dream without losing what they are. #526

Non-linear, creative-edgetwosome (WM55, WF41) seeks a lively bi lady or M-F twosome (kids fine) to "marry" us. We are a nurse/bodyworker; an evolutionary-leap researcher; veteran adventurers in psycho/sacred inner spaces (rough psychodynamics, too), using mystical and chemical technologies. Please, no smokers, solipists, terminal niceness cases. (#808) POB 11542, Berkeley, CA 94701.

Woman, man, and newborn seeking others to build love, family, and life. We've discovered the joy that comes from reaching out to others. We're non-religious but spiritually oriented, vegetarian, idealistic, practical, both bodyworkers. We're committed to honesty, openness, self-expansion and the hard work that these will require. From the Northeast, living in Northern California-ready to relocate to begin a new life. He 38, she 36. #763

I am a shaman and scientist who is attempting to actualize a vision of an interspecies family. A family including humans, dolphins, elephants, apes and possibly extraterrestrials. I have land in the tropical Pacific and practical plans for love

trees, undersea habitats and translating computers. I hope to establish a "human Pod," a dolphin family structure based on a group marriage. I am male, 172 cm, 66kg, 42 years, Irish/Danish ancestry, new age eco shaman. (#810) Jerry, 1425 W 221 St, Torrance, CA 90501, USA.

We're Darcy (33 years, bisexual, feminist instructor) and George (38 years, musician, poet, instructional designer). We're loving, open, growth oriented, healthy and drug free. We're interested in forming a polyfidelitous expanded family with either a single bisexual lady, or couple with same. We'll consider relocation, to wherever meets our joint needs. Let's explore the possibilities of forming a new family together. (#744) Darcy and George Ebaugh, POB 224 Lompoc, CA 93438-0224

I'm a 40 year old, white, nudist, single hetero male who has learned much about myself from past relationships and who feels a strong desire and need for a relationship with others that is very open and honest in terms of communication and genuine intimacy that could reach beyond just shared sexuality. Music and art in many forms is of great importance to me as is an awareness of a good diet (mainly organic vegetarian and some seafood). Prefer no drug use; light wine, coffee or cigarette use O.K. Have purchased land in Hawaii now for future relocation. (#584)

Back in about 1973, a few of us got tired of using phrases like "nonpromiscuous, nonmonogamy" to describe our new lifestyle. We wanted to state it from the positive, so we brainstormed until the word "polyfidelity" was born. Now it's 1991 and those same few of us have been joined by others...today there are 26 members of our commune, Kerista, subdivided into five polyfidelitous families. All the groups are interested in expanding. We're looking for intellectual, verbality, rationality, adventurousness, idealism, nonpartisan feminism, desire to work on yourself, religiosity and the ability to party. Kindred spirits (or potential kindreds) #593

Life's an exciting journey! Sweet, joyous man of many talents and gifts, 30, who embraces his intimacy, wears his heart on his sleeve, passionately pursues his his (gender), and balances work, learning and play, seeks beautiful, gifted woman to joyously explore our (too long denied) sexuality. I have a wonderful non-sexual, primary relationship. (#774) Michael, 236 W. Portal, #163, San Francisco, CA 94127-0901.

Grandfather seeking Family! Considerable experience in polyfidelitous relationships since before the word achieved current gibbness. As a child encouraged to omnivorous reading. Re the tragic traumas of triangles: "Mother, I asked, "why CAN'T one man love two women, or one woman love two men?" Profoundly do I believe: Love is infinite. The more you give, the more you get. The more you share, the more there is. #795

48 year old male seeks polyfidelitous natured companions. I'm mostly heterosexual, but sometimes I seem to be bisexual. I especially enjoy menage a trois with a woman and her other partner. My other interests and skills are in the fields of music (Jute), computers (programming), brain machines, psychology, and communal living. I'd love to find a nonmonogamous woman to play music with. (#605) Robert Manny, 294 Rio Lindo Av #9, Chico, CA 95926. 916-893-8752.

I'm 49, a half-time, single parent (boys 7 and 9), and self-employed as an environmental/planning consultant and part-time university teacher. I am interested in relationships that emphasize with rather than for, and being connected with people who honor individual differences rather than ideological conformity. I don't fit into neat categories. I love rock'n'roll, down'n dirty blues, and classical music; sports and dancing, passionate discussion and quiet togetherness; bodies, skin, sensuality, and sex; photography, art, films, and good food. I'm looking for women/people who are open to life, joy, self-discovery, and sharing. #607

We would like to meet others whose basic priority is personal growth and the well-being of children. Currently a family of four and seeking to expand into intentional community and/or polyfidelity. Our current employment is in Southern California and our hope is to move to the Pacific Northwest. Interests include volunteer work, science fiction, NLP, rebirthing, and hypnosis. We would welcome someone who

could bring more physical activity and music into our relationship. #608

Vasectomized purple male, 43, who enjoys keeping fit (running, biking, vegetarian diet), groks the goddess in nature and women, craves intelligent Ganian community, and whose artistic temperament finds expression primarily through touch (massage, juggling, music, writing) seeks friendship (possibly more) with an honest, playful, communicative woman who can embrace paradox and the possibility of a partnership evolving in include others. #609

Redwood in a forest of bonasi trees. Single, 26, writer, would-be filmmaker. Passionate, non-dogmatic, responsible, loves books, movies, music. Creating a good life is tough. Any Emma Peels, Morgia Addames, Barbarellas out there willing to help this young Don Quixote battle giants and celebrate dreams? Nick, 12228 Venice Blvd. #446, Los Angeles, CA 90066 #719

Pragmatic-Utopian (Capricorn-Aquarius) 33 year old, white, single male, red hair and beard, into exploring new forms of family and relationship, much experience already with alternative divorce and co-parenting (2 kids), into music, dancing, mental challenges, physical shape, country homesteading, pagan rituals, seeks new, interesting people to expand our horizons, possible exchange with Bay Area folks? My rural Northern California place for your city house? Write Charlie #633

Married couple: Cindy, student in Ornamental Horticulture, lives in Southern California with her heart in New Mexico; Kenneth, liberal in Louisiana. Both love plants, nature. Michael with eclectic tastes lives in Southern California. All love free spirits, sensuality, kids, exploring life. Looking for friends to share the stimulation and challenge of group living. Call or write Cindy. #641

Do you value creativity, responsibility, and hedonism? Do you enjoy reading (especially business, social philosophy, religion, science fiction), communication, writing, swimming, hiking, biking, partying or cooking? If so, I'd enjoy hearing from you. I work as a computer engineer and am a Director of Synropy Institute (a non-profit using cooperative creativity to develop projects open to all people). My major plans include moving to a small college town, starting a business, and establishing a large cooperative household and a polyfide family. #685

Age 57, height 7'1", weight 185, eyes blue, complexion ruddy, blue eyes, and 13 years old. I have traveled a lot in my younger days and lived in many social orders. I would like to learn more. #655

Year-old triad, expanded from eight-year dyad: one woman, two men. Our emphasis is on communication, understanding, support, trust. Love and passion are our essential binding and motivating forces. We use skills-based leadership, consensual decision-making, integration of approaches and perspectives, emphasis on feeling as well as thinking. Other interests include science fiction, computers, martial arts. Interacting relocation to Pacific Northwest. (#687) Trantonnate, 49 Showers Dr #438, Mountain View, CA 94040.

Male partner, 44, white. Doctor of Veterinary medicine, owner of hospital and horse ranch in Sonoma County, north of San Francisco. Many interests, including all music from Mozart to Madonna, writing relationship poetry, etc. Female partner, 37, white, has become expert business manager for our enterprises. Enjoys riding and training 3 horses, jogging, entertaining, hiking, bicycle touring & camping. We seek as our next member an energetic woman, earthy and a country girl, pretty and intelligent, enthusiastic about life and compassionate to all its forms on our beautiful planet. #659

I'm 42, she's 22. We enjoy camping, swimming, traveling, massage and naturist beaches. We're a warm, loving, communicative couple desiring to grow in love with a special lady under 45. We own a small family business and a large home with a pool and hot tub on 1/3 acre in San Jose, California. Whether you live near or far, have children or are alone, write us and let's become friends soon. #664

We are James and Connie, 46 and 43, living in the San Jose, California area. Married twenty two years (fourteen have been an open marriage). We are the jeans and tennis shoes type, down to earth, non-smoking, no drugs, light drinking, positive, kids at heart type. We'd love to meet other like-minded folks! (#699) POB 18724, San Jose, CA 95158.

CANADA I am 36, male, firstborn, ACOA, heterosexual, patient, accepting, compulsive/obsessive, non-drinking, divorced and currently celibate, both without wanting to be, good natured and deep. I am honest when not threatened,

loyal beyond belief, sensitive to criticism, and function better in a loving, fun-loving group family environment. Spiritually I seek to attract others willing to commit to Christian millennial concepts, basically, living the ten commandments and ordinances (Passover, etc) instead of Christmas, etc. #507

Forty year old professional magazine writer seeks contacts as possible article subjects, polyfidelity related writing contracts and feedback about polyfidelity oriented fiction. Consider myself a polyfide by temperament, but I'm unavailable for courtship because of marriage commitment made before unbinding identity. (See PEPTALK letters: January 1990, #1, #6, July 1990, #8, #9, and anything similar.) Don Y. B. Y. E basic: utopian, spiritual, new age, communal, ethical, feminist values. (#726) POB 1768, Stn. A, Vancouver, BC V6C 2P7, Canada.

He, 65, 6', 180#, retired geologist, ex U.K., divorced, much traveled, raquet sports, photography, horticulture (2nd career); she, 49, 5'7", 125#, European intellectual, educator, straightforward, independent, gardening, reading, arts, absurdity; both like classical music and jazz, outdoors, hiking, nature, good food and wine; live in Alberta, moving to Vancouver Island '90; non-smokers and avoid it; no casual sexual contacts; interested in meeting educated, self-sufficient and mature people to discuss polyfidelity issues. #610

We are still trying to get a group marriage going in Toronto. One family has given a nibble but not through PEP. Is anybody out there? We now have a son 5, and a daughter 1 year old. Is anybody out there? (#628) DeB and Dan Patrick, 15 Grenadier Rd, Toronto, Ont. Canada M6R 1R1 (416) 553-0160

Happy, outgoing, N/S male, 40's, free spirit, slim, athletic, 5'9", 140 lbs, rural alternate lifestyle, self-employed designer-builder. Interests include sailing, travel, yoga, gardening, dancing, photography, paganism, astrology, massage, clothing optional lifestyle, holistic healing, metaphysics, eroticism, and the French language. (#629) Frank Pallister, 361 Island, Hwy, Victoria, BC, Canada V9B 1H3. (604) 479-3860.

Health oriented, mid-40's male, hetero, pagan/toist spiritual leanings, vegan, carpenter, enjoy country living, travel, reading, outdoor activities, inner exploration, and would like more friends and lovers in my life. #642

Deep friendship and love are top issues in my life. Personal and social (when possible) growth is a non-stop process for me. Love health: physical, emotional, intellectual and spiritual. I try to stay in the Northwest and would love to hear from the rest of the world. And, freedom makes me fly... (#653) Pepe Romero, Bental POB 48200, Vancouver, BC V7X 1N8.

I am seeking possible partners to create or join a polyfidelitous family or group marriage, desire modest growth free of jealousy and possessiveness, not afraid of intimacy, freedom of all kinds on a voluntary basis, and loving, frank commentary on one another. I am open to any ground rules that the group works out mutually for all concerned. I am a tradesman and financially independent. I would like to feel free to meet all of you nice people. Have a clean bill of health, AIDS free, etc. Open to the Pacific Northwest and would love to hear from you. (#658) Pete Schultz, RR 2, Chase, BC, Canada V0E 1M0

COLORADO Hi Everybody! I am a composer/sound designer/musician (and a bunch of other stuff) aged 32. Favorite things include: authors like Robert Anton Wilson, Heinlein, Rimmer, Crowley. Subscribing from philosophy to astrology to music to computers. Can enjoy most of it. Other interests include theatre, Broadway musicals, sound recording, computer programming, electronic engineering, roller skating, mountains, hypnosis, yoga, and (of course) polyfidelity. #674

CONNECTICUT 37 year old intelligent vegetarian, anti-sexist man. Values are paradoxically spiritual and humanistic with a touch of the mysticism. My interests are varied, but I like hiking, museums, and especially being with friends. My name is Joe and I'm interested in finding out about different alternatives. Please write me. #547

FLORIDA I have only ever lived as a couple or, of course, alone. I got to know and visited many times a group of polyfidelitous people living on Staten Island. And one of the people I met there encouraged me to get in touch with PEP. I have a sense that there are many Polyfides out there and growing in numbers all the time. (I hope so anyway.) I am a single female and would like to know how or if other singles are finding they could arrange to develop into a group. I have just recently moved to Tampa from NYC and I do appreciate for a living. I would like to network with others who are interested in group marriage. #601

GEORGIA White couple, clean and sober and highly powered, looking to share spirituality and hoping to find others interested in corresponding in order that we can learn together. #529

Spiritual marriage: sharing from deepest profound self in perfect harmony; mutual adoration and healing; total openness and honesty with all Beloveds; surrender of additions and harmful ways of being; inclusiveness; enhancing serenity and joy; egalitarian circles of meaningful and moving song, dance and shared wisdom; and honoring and treasuring Pastors' sacred life within each of us. Mailing address only: (#561) Ray Fry, 224 Athens St, Harwell, GA 30643. (404) 376-4889 (call 8-9 pm Eastern)

Intelligent, WM, 6'2", 200 lbs, brown/blue, looking for couples and trios who desire another male in their lives. I'm 34, a very discrete medical professional in my last year of school (formerly a D.D. Great sense of humor, basically a humanist, well read (Heinlein is my favorite author), and someone who has decided to live life to the fullest. (#604) A.M.E., 2655-C N. Decatur Rd #150, Decatur, GA 30033

HAWAII I am interested in people whose basic priority is evolution and the well-being of children. I am a mind-type person, but after years of living with children in wilderness environments and in Asia, I have learned to intuit through feelings and physical activity. I am a survivor of the Haight-Ashbury 60's, but am not into either dirty feet or BMW's. In living situations I am uncomfortable with privately owned rooms, but believe that "alone" time is essential for anyone's health. At present I live alone with a 2 1/2 year old, which may account for my writing about sanity. #635

Are you humorously serious, psycho-spiritually adventurous polyfide who likes to hang out with others in the lifestyle? Whenever you are (distance means nothing to us!) if you think we could do anything entertaining, exciting, or even merely pleasant together, give us a call or send off a letter. We build, garden, write, computer, converse, snorkel, read tons, eat mostly vegan, and have a rich and rewarding fantasy life. If you're curious, we'll send you a copy of our latest family agreements (including individual personal statements) and a complete photo set. Ryan 37, Allan 43, & Barry 37 (#684) SYNTONY, P.O. Box 96306, Captain Cook, HI 96749-6306. Call us at (808) 929-9691 (Remember, it's 3 hours earlier in Hawaii than California!)

ILLINOIS We have moved from the cold of Illinois to the warmer temperature of Florida. The opportunities for employment, sailing, and fun in the sun are all much greater down south. We are continuing to explore the possibility of establishing an extended loving family. If you are a couple or a single who has a sincere interest in an expanded relationship, drop us a line. The best way to describe us is to say that we are University kids who have an unusual bent. She is in her very early fifties, and he is in his middle fifties. This year will be in Illinois in the summer and fall and in Florida in the winter and spring. Drop us a note so we can get to know you better, and we will see if we can arrange a time to get together. #621

INDIANA Place: something alive and different in Southern Indiana. We are four or more adults and a passed of kids who live in a semi-extended family. We are warm, loving, sensitive, spiritual, philosophical, intellectual, educated, freedom oriented naturists. Interested in community, alternative lifestyles, personal growth, and family activities. (#513) For information, write Flame, POB 6161, Bloomington, IN 47407

KANSAS Single, male graduate student in the process of realigning and clarifying values and goals. Committed to staying put until May 92, then ready to relocate. Seeking understanding of real world experience, seeking also (and more importantly) to make new friends. Interests include classical, Celtic, new age music, sunsets, sunrises, myth, process. Let's get together in more time for each other. (#643) R. E. Ramcharan, POB 132, Topeka, KS 66601

Our goals are health, self-sufficing, love, caring and sharing for a longer life. We're an egalitarian co-op into polyfidelity on a small farm in SE Kansas. Need more people over 35 for farm food production and health retreat operation. Let's make life stress free and there is more time for the pursuit of a happy fruitful life. Mary & Billbert. #775

LOUISIANA DWM, 34, (hetero; no children) seeking relationships leading to PGM. Am 6'3", 180#, brown hair/eyes, very attractive & youthful in appearance. Own two businesses (retailer, and wholesaler), am a non-smoker or drink, and am 18 year old aficionado of yoga and TM. Weight lifting. Read extensively in wide variety of non-fiction subjects (business, natural sciences... metaphysics). Los Angeles raised, now live in Louisiana. College grad. Aries sun; Capric

Rising. Very loving & attentive. #760

Couple, both 38, seeking additional partner(s) to create polyfamilial family. Searching for someone(s) that is family oriented and desire a long term commitment. Someone(s) that enjoys family style activities, music, long talks, and is compassionate toward all ages. Health conscious. Have four homeschooled children (14, 12, 6, and 1/2 year) Would enjoy corresponding with fellow networkers. #580.

MASSACHUSETTS Single white male, 45, 5'9", 170 lbs seeks a triadic or 4 member polyfamily relationship. My values encompass fidelity, honest sensual sexuality, gentleness, and simple but artistic/intellectual lifestyle. I am equally interested in polyfide structures of 1) 2 males and 1 female or 2) 2 females and 1 male; or 2) 2 males and 2 females. I enjoy outdoors/nature—canoeing, sailing, surfing, cross country skiing; acoustic and folk music; am a member of Amnesty International, Greenpeace, and NORML; raised a son and daughter, now grown and on their own, as a single parent; practice meditation and yoga; and seek gentle, quiet but richly alive life/partners. #565

MARYLAND Dream of loving community: join us in pushing our social, intellectual, political and spiritual growth to the limits. We are feminists, bi, 30ish. Wide-ranging interests include earth-centered religion, the Arts, sci-fi, bicycling, massage, computers, tantra, much more. He: attorney working as reporter; history of peace, safe energy activities, co-founder of Cornell U. Against Rape and Sexism; tall, stocky. She: former union steelworker working on a B.S. in environmental engineering; active in labor, women's and anti-racist issues. Tied to D.C. area. #583

MAINE Looking for two wonderful women, 45-50 who are already good friends, willing to explore possibilities with a common man. Hope you are capable and caring, taking care of your bodies and minds. Live in far away Maine, will travel, and am early 50's. Love city or wilderness, Dixie or Dvorak, travel or quiet times. Please write about yourselves! (#814) Steve Clark, PO 350, Sanford, ME 04073

Dreaming of a committed intimate multi-racial group marriage with 2 or 3 bisexual women? So am I! I am a SWM Hetero nudist polyfidelitous artist (37). Kind, considerate, warm, sensual, passionate lover, I love sharing love. Extremely creative and indulgent in sex. I love doing it for hours at a time. Eager to give and receive an abundance of pleasure. I love hiking, vegetarian food, yoga, spirituality, massage, reading, writing, drawing. More! Let's exchange photos. #784

Dear Sir, you are 30-43, quiet, gentle and concerned about the well being of the earth. You seek a home in the country with a willingness to work toward a healthy interaction with the land which nurtures us. Though no genius you are reasonably intelligent. You don't smoke. You eat little or no meat, are comfortable living a simple life, yet enjoy good clean fun (hiking, canoeing, sailing, cross country skiing). Principally heterosexual you are open to mild bi contact. This couple would love to hear from you. #668

NEW JERSEY Professional, fiscally responsible, Ivy-League graduated, 34 & 35 year old interfaith white married couple seeking a female and/or empathetic, non-aggressive guy, singly or in couple to explore the possibilities of a long-term polyfidelitous family. Neither of us is promiscuous, yet we have lots of fun in and out of bed. A polyfidelitous relationship would be great for sharing childrearing, and family economy. We are health conscious: no AIDS/ARC, do not smoke or do drugs, little alcohol and we exercise frequently (aerobics, volleyball...). We enjoy music, movies, discussions, literature, board and card games... Interested? Drop us a line about yourself(s)! #787

I am interested in getting to know people in the Polyfidelity network. I am attracted by the idea but would like very much to meet like-minded people to talk things out and perhaps meet a family in person. I am available to travel in the East over the next few months. I am a married man and in my youthful 50's. Please write to me #697

NEVADA I am looking for two females for a close loving relationship aboard a sailboat. I am planning on retiring mid 1992 at age 58 and sailing from Marina Del Rey, through the Panama Canal to the Virgin Islands to work and cruise. Presently am looking for a larger sailboat and putting my affairs in order for retirement. I am ready to start interviewing warm, loving ladies who would like to sail. Time will be required to develop the relationships and to equip and shake down the sailboat for long cruising. (#581) Gordon Herpst, 1518 Golden Arrow Dr., Las Vegas, NV 89109 (702) 731-5455.

Autocratic caucasian businessman seeks sincere long term relationship with females only (25-35) with goals toward building a future. Race no barrier, but you must be exceptionally sharp, physically, mentally, with well defined business acumen. Professional, accomplished, qualitatively superior intellect; yet possessing a submissive attitude, willing to serve, work and be owned. Sincere only, no dopes, phonies, gamers. Send letter, photo. (#782) TR, POB 29083, Las Vegas, NV 89126-3083.

NEW YORK Senior citizens retired on 80 acres land-fIELDS, woods, pond for skinny dipping, 8 miles from town, super markets, etc. Nature lovers, campers, bibliophiles (thousands of books in library every subject from Nature to Cooking. Would welcome "settlers" who liked homesteading idea, were fond of outdoors and liked gardening and raising own food. A circle of friends and a dream I have cherished, though wish we had observations about ever finding such a place. I'd love to correspond. (#508) Lyman & Affie Barry, P.O. Box 331, Dansville, NY 14437.

I'm a 38 year old white male librarian. I'd like to meet people in my area (Syracuse, NY), and correspond with others. I'm hetero, but open to bi exploration. Relocation probably isn't possible, but I like to travel. Many interests: movies, current affairs, travel, most music, ballet, theater, folk/musicals, reading (history, SF). Anarchist/libertarian, vasectomy, non-smoker. #622

In my early 40's, I am finally beginning to accept my sexuality and am attempting to shed the culturally induced guilt feeling associated with any relationship other than a monogamous marriage. I am male, never married, intelligent, well educated (3 college degrees), a lover of foreign films and classical music. I would like to find a supportive social arrangement in which I can feel comfortable. #640

Passion is intelligent and interesting conversation. Balance between survival of self and survival of species instincts is goal. Independent income supports me making my managing household's ideal. Cohabiting currently and discussing polyfidelity. Two cats. Male, 41, hetero. #657

OHIO WMC, mid-30's seeks couple or singles under 45. Interests include skiing, flying, scuba, science fiction, travel, and exotic birds. We are degreed professionals, non-smokers, warm and loving, who want to build a shared life centered around co-housing and alternative technology. No drugs. If we sound right to you, please write. (#805) Leigh and Randy, POB 31271, Dayton, OH 45431.

DWM, 41, Hetero, drag free, 5'10", 155 lbs, fit healthy, financially secure, attractive, liberal education, active recovering adult child, serious student of shamanism, artist, writer, strong interest in psychology, philosophy, mythology, metaphysics. Love good company, good food, talking, walking, dancing, music, travel, reading, erotic and playful endeavors. Creative, passionate, sensual, intellectual. Treat self and others with dignity and respect. If you can relate, I would love to hear from you. (#796) Henry Tracy, 666 Islington, Toledo, OH 43610-1336. 419-244-0866.

OREGON Stable couple of ten years desires to add another woman to our loving partnership. We're seeking a hardworking person who values honesty and equality, to share our Cascade mountain home. Interest in year-round gardening and love for animals essential. Goals of triad to include creativity, commitment, sexual enhancement, and growth. Please write welcome. Kraig (34) and Barbara (40). Please respond! #509

Harmony extended family: polyfidelitous singles, couples, research team forming. Semi-vegetarian, self-sufficiency in food and power; goal to discover how to create peace & harmony on earth with gardens, solar power, greenhouses. Wanted: creative pioneers, hands & hearts, dreams! Aware future changes: economics, climate, geophysical, world aggressions. Grow it = eat. Solar power = electricity. Prepare now = survival. Interested? (#769) Richard 7902 Taklima, Cave Junction, OR 97523.

She (52) and he (56) being of sound mind, firm of body, tall (5'8" & 6'1"), reasonably attractive with an active lifestyle, continue to enjoy hearing from others interested in inner child work and quality of life relationships. We have no chemical addictions, non-smoking, eat healthy and lean toward vegetarian. Our dear pets are 4 cats, and the forest animals in our valley visit our front yard. We would like to create a lineage (mixed age), polyfidelitous family WITHOUT small children. After 10 years of committed relationships we are quite serious about an expand'd family that can develop into a linear family marriage. The feeling is a need for experience in group living before taking the "NESTLE" plunge. Our home site on 46 acres just 38 miles from Portland in the Coast

range may be adequate for beginnings but we feel that an urban setting on acreage near Portland may better support the financial needs and interests of an Expanded Family. Please write #730

Heartsum Family—we are a polyfidelitous family of one woman, two men and an 8 year old girl, together for 2 1/2 years. We value New Age Spirituality (Sufism, neo-paganism, Buddhist meditation), political awareness, playing, healthy diet (no drugs or addictions), co-counseling, Harari, and other natural therapies. Income is from artwork, carpentry, publishing and counseling. We are open to adding another woman or couple. We also welcome any new friends who would like to contact us, although our lives are busy and correspondence may be slow. #578

We are...two cubby, cubby chasers looking for a cubby to chase; needing a loving, special lady to join us as a second wife; looking for a life-long commitment not a fling; desire and drug free, over 30, white and adamant nonsmokers; not putting up restrictions or expectations, as we will know our lady when we meet her. Now who are you? #585

A family life rich with projects, plans and children gives our 4 year old triad a passion for new friends and networking with others interested in polyfidelity. We're exploring adding new members. We are two women, one man, two daughters, 3 cats and one log home in the process of being built. We'll write if you do-let's share! (#586) K, K & G, 15178 SE 130th, Clackamas, OR 97015.

MLT Family is a ten year polyfidelitous triad that includes two men, one woman, our 11 year old son, a golden retriever, two cats and two turtles. We are a lawyer, a manager of information systems (computers), and an insurance agent. Our interests include basketball, stained glass, scuba diving and fishing. We are interested in talking or corresponding with anyone. (#612) MLT Family, 7270 SW 173rd, Aloha, OR 97007 or call (503) 591-1690.

Single mother, 46 (but guessed at 33), with 3 year old Down Syndrome son (blind handed sweetie) seeks polyfidelitous family. I'm attractive, active (cross-country skiing, windsurfing, hiking), highly intelligent (valedictorian/high school, B.A./math honors), interested in writing, music (have synthesizer), alternative approaches to healing, New Age consciousness. Now building blue-green algae distributorship. Planning Waldorf education for son. (#777) Lila Nelson, 3195 Potter, Eugene, OR 97405. (503) 683-3821.

I love to dance, talk with friends (especially on walks), sing, experience the earth through gardens and trees, and get to know people by doing work projects together. I'm ready for a co-housing development and hope that at least five other families are interested in coming together as neighbors. Let's live near each other and develop our friendship! #647

Sensitive, loving, communicating, intellectually curious, financially independent hetero couple in 8 year fidelitous, growth directed relationship seeks woman to share polyfidelitous rural (but not remote), healthy Central Oregon lifestyle. Interests include reading, midwifery, fiber arts, spirituality, French, woodworking, sailing, cycling, skiing. #676

PENNSYLVANIA I'd sure like to hear from you who would be quadragimatis out there. This is Norwegian bachelor farmer Dave in Philadelphia. Wherever you're, I'll bet there are some trees and hills interested in these garbage streets. Give me a call if you're within 12,000 miles, maybe we can get together. Trigamy's OK. How about a loose dyad? #723

TEXAS Self-employed engineering consultant, age 35, non-smoker, with interests including music (listening and composing), science fiction, gourmet foods, flying, martial arts, scuba, massage, nature, skiing, and myriad other things. My ultimate goals include involvement in a community devoted to the creation of an inspirational environment, supportive of individual growth, with shared resources and sufficiency via technological/educational industries. Interested in relocating and forming an extended family of like-minded best friends. #631

UTAH I am a 40 year old single male who is interested in polyfidelity. Politically liberal. Medicine/science education. Explorations of consciousness tempered by skepticism. Wide intellectual interests. Paragliding and skydiving. #563

Single male fitness freak (skier, climber, backpacker), adventurous, professional, dog-lover, environmentalist, looking for compatible others interested in open relationships or polyfidelity. (#572) Walt Haas, (801) 534-1262, 717 Ninth Ave., Salt Lake City, UT 84103.

VIRGINIA Couple, near 30, seeks additional primary relationships. It may take awhile, but new friends are worth cultivating too. We are non-religious, libertarian, active medievalists (SCA) and voracious readers of science, science fiction, fantasy and politics. We are searching for family-whatever that looks like. We're DC area residents and we're plotting an escape one day. Please write #792.

Couple, 35 and 43, seeks female or another couple, to form a primary polyfidelitous relationship! Interests include neopaganism and the "greens." We live not too far from the Baltimore, Washington, DC, Hagerstown and Frederick areas. (#252) Write or call at POB 613, Leesburg, Virginia 22075, 304-263-4606 at home.

WASHINGTON Female, 47, kinky. Experienced in open relationships. Committed to Seattle, city activities, friends and lover. Possibly interested in communal living, not necessarily sexual, but in sex positive environment. Professional caseload computer programmer, buying house, saving for early retirement. Interested in simplified lifestyle. (#718) Betsy, 501 North 36th, #137, Seattle, WA 98103

Two loving souls searching for the third bright star in our sky. He's 39, she's 30 and a redhead. Metaphysically minded, pursuing the transformation of our mountain top into a self-sufficient Eden. We are sincere in our search for a polyfidelitous woman to equally share our committed relationship. If you want simple living and don't care for the materialistic city-life hassle, contact us. (#797) Tony and Julia, POB 376, Chewelah, WA 99109.

We are two best friends, she 46, he 44, seeking to form a polyfidelitous family of 4-6 adults based on equality between family members, use of a social contract, and commitment to personal growth and a healthful lifestyle. Our interests and values include neopagan spirituality, feminism, conscious improvement of communication and self-awareness, running, movies, massage, hugs, terrible puns, semi-vegetarian cooking, good times without using chemicals, sharing feelings, and being individually financially self supporting. #618

Foxy couple seeking nice, humorous, easygoing, sincere, pretty, bi-female under 23 (no children please) to complete our family. He 35, looks 25, 6', slim, long dark hair, brown eyes. She, 18, 5'7", slim, long auburn hair, blue eyes, nonsmoker/drugs, very lite drinkers, some interests include home renovating, swimming, books, music, reggae/rock/heavy metal concerts, fairs, guitar, art, occult, self sufficiency, and barter/country fares. #606

Penguin Pagoda (Quaz-Ark D) is being blueprinted as a six pointed star alternative family household made up of three women and three men (and, of course, whatever children). We are gourmet vegetarian, heterosexual, polyfidelitous, comically inclined, and philosophical. (#794) For more info, please write to PETIC, POB 1119, Lake Stevens, WA 98258.

Resources

The Alternative Newsletter is an academic publication specializing in information about mediation and arbitration, conflict resolution techniques especially suited to those living in group families. Contracts between individuals who want to partner in ways different from standard marriages can include agreements to use mediation and arbitration rather than enter the government's court system if problems arise. It's a practical approach. To find out more in this technical source, contact J. Boskey, Seton Hall Law School, 1111 Raymond Blvd., Newark, NJ 07102.

Apexors is a reader-written forum about sex, erotica, relationships (het, lesbian, gay), activism, turn-ons, disease and rape prevention, for sharing knowledge, feelings, questions, stories, drawings. Ready to copy pages published unedited. Offered to adult only. For sample issue send \$2 and SASE. K & J Burt, 960 SW Jefferson Ave, Corvallis, OR 97333.

Bay Area Bisexual Resource Guide is designed to help folks find related publications and support social groups in the Bay area and beyond. This group also puts out a newsletter, provides educational forums, and hosts social events. 2404 California St #24, SF, CA 94115. (415) 564-BABN.

Connexions is a Canadian based organization to build links between people who are striving to create positive solutions to critical social, environmental, economic and international problems. They publish a quarterly *Digest* and an annual comprehensive sourcebook. They stress Canadian networking but list plenty of groups and resources in the States. Lots of good info for all. Connexions, 427 Bloor Street West, Toronto, Ontario, Canada M5S 1X7. (416) 960-3903.

The Expanded Family Network is the Bay Area networking and support group for those desiring loving, committed, multi-adult families. They would love to hear from Bay Area PEP members. 2124 Kiltredge #278, Berkeley, CA 94704.

Family Synergy is for people interested in nonpossessive, caring interpersonal relationships. They have a number of chapters in the southern California area and elsewhere, and offer a variety of events. POB 2668, Culver City, CA 90231.

Family Tree is a group actively interested and/or participating in alternative relationship and family lifestyles. Sponsor local events and publish local newsletter. Write for information: P. O. Box 315, Chestnut Hill, MA 02167

Ganas (The Foundation for Feedback Learning) is a communal group of varying levels of commitment who are model building and also engage in direct and clear communication and feedback at 135 Carson Av, Staten Island, NY 10301, (718) 720-5378.

Kerista is the group that coined the word "polyfidelity." They are prolific publishers and pathfinders in committed group living. They also sponsor an on-going Groved Coop for stimulating discussion. 543 Frederick St, San Francisco, CA 94117. (415) 753-1314.

The Lifestyles Organization presents yearly conventions and also Tours and Travels for couples. Basically the group's materials are oriented to swinging. Still the tours are at adult resorts with clothing optional beaches and spas, and the annual convention offers seminars on relationship styles and evening sessions. TLO, 2641 W La Palma Ste A, Anaheim, CA 92801.

Loving Alternatives is a support/discussion group for the non-monogamous in Pennsylvania. Meetings are in State College though they are working to start groups in the Harrisburg and Philadelphia areas. Member interests range from open couples to group marriage. NOT a swingers group. Loving alternatives, Calder Square, Box 10509, State college, PA 16805-0509.

N is the Natutrists periodical: a quarterly *Journal of Clothes-Optional Living*. Complete coverage of places to go and let your skin see the sun. Single copies for \$6 from POB 132, Oshkosh, WI 54902.

N.O.S.E. (The National Organization of Sexual Membership) is a membership organization complete with membership card, newsletter, and bumper stickers, whose purpose is to promote a positive approach to sexual pleasure and sexual freedom with respectability. It opposes sexual censorship. Yearly cost is \$20. Write to POB 8733, Atlanta, GA 30306.

Oregon's Local is now holding regular get-togethers, potlucks and discussion for people interested in multiple committed partnering. If you want to connect with them please call Shirley Reeves at (503) 683-6197 or write to 1430 Willamette, #514, Eugene, OR 97401.

Partners Newsletter for Gay & Lesbian Couples: Practical information & ideas for developing satisfying, successful relationships. Interviews, news & reviews. 16 pages mailed every other month. Mailed in a peek-proof envelope. Mailing list is never sold or rented. Box 9685, Seattle, WA 98109. For a subscription: \$21/year, overseas \$37/yr (US funds only), \$3 sample or back issues.

PEP is a nationwide organization which publishes *Loving More*, a quarterly newsletter including a member directory and resources. Also publishes a *Primer* on group marriage and hosts an annual conference (Aug 30, 31 and Sept 1, 1991 in the Bay Area). Box 6306, Captain Cook, HI 96704-6306

Phoenix, a group marriage in Beverly Hills, CA, explores psychospiritual processes for healing, personal growth and transformation, and is available as a resource for others who are seriously interested in the rapid intense expansion of their lives and consciousness. (213) 275-3730.

Potomac Area Lifestyles (PALS) is a support group for people exploring alternative, non-traditional personal and family relationships. PALS is and does what its membership decides. POB 1494, Baltimore, MD 21203.

SSC: Magazine for Alternative Lifestyles, a "sophisticated unique, and erotic monthly publication for loving couples." A fairly new publication, this consists of personal ads placed by couples (no more) interested in soft swinging activities with other couples (no ads by singles are included). Also some resources. Single copy price \$5. Write to Omnic Design West, SSC Division, POB 459, San Dimas, CA 91773.

Touchpoint Network for the nonmonogamous! Touchpoint is a nationwide contact service for those exploring alternatives to monogamy. Use Touchpoint to find pen pals, friends, lovers and mates. Send SASE for details. Also a new publication (April 91) called *Multiplexity*, a quarterly exploring the potentials, potholes and pleasures of multiple sexual/love relationships. 4 issues for \$12 or sample copy for \$4. 27 Music Square East, #169, Nashville, TN 37202.

Utah polyfidelity support group forming! If anyone in the Salt Lake City area wants to join, please call Walt Hales at (801) 534-1262 or write to him at 717 Ninth Av., Salt Lake City, UT 84103.

Unclassifieds

MACROFORM USA: Environmental, Political and social Transformation for the 90's seeks material about/by progressive publications, organizations and individuals for a solutions handbook and reference guide designed to provide teacher, community workers, public servants, activists, editors, journalists and other committed persons, with tools for coalition-building, networking, coordination, research, education and career choice. Includes chapters about issues and remedies with easy-to-follow resource directories and bibliographies. Write box 969, Cambria, CA 93428 or PeaceNet under "macroform."

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THE DOLPHIN TRIBE invites you to join in the creation of dolphin/human/elephant/ape communities on tropical islands and coasts. Dolphin members will visit the villages from the open sea, there will be no captive dolphins, no training or exploitation, only friendships between free beings. Elephant and ape members will visit from the rainforest. For information write to 1425 W 22nd Street, Torrance, CA 90501, USA.

FACTSHEET FIVE contains a complete cross section listing of special interest zines and reviews of comics, poetry, and audio. Cover price for current issue is \$3. Available by mail from Mike Gunderloy, 6 Arizona Av, Rensselaer, NY 12144-4502.

NEWLY ON MAUL, I'd love to meet PEP-oriented friends to explore mutual interests, such as consciousness, travel, inner and outer adventures and pleasurable fun. Please write or call Ed Elkin, c/o Davis, POB 1171, Paia, HI 96779. (808) 871-3072. Mahalo.

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