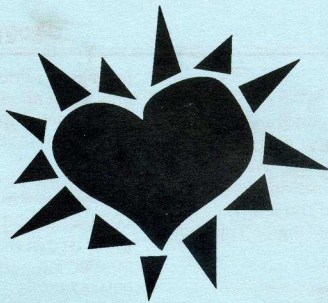


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Family: We're Official Now!

BY RYAM NEARING

As three adults who have lived together as a family for over ten years now, the announcement by the Family Diversity Project last December meant something special to us. They held a press conference in Los Angeles and revealed that California had become "the first state in the nation to sanction the use of an official government registry by domestic partners, stepfamilies, foster families, guardianship families, and other diverse family configurations." (That's us folks!)

This opens up possibilities for the large group of people who no longer live a nuclear family lifestyle, but who have family bonds and a shared family life nonetheless. Unmarried dyads, stepfamilies, foster families, same sex partnerships, and group marriages can all now use this procedure to register their relationships. It is a statement of their intent and commitment to each other, and records the existence of their relationship with the government, showing on official statistics.

Various courts and government task forces have documented the need for more flexible legal definitions for family. The standard bloodlines and marriage or adoption certificates just don't cover all the real options being lived anymore. California's Task Force on

the Changing Family suggested defining family by five basic functions in their State Report. These include providing for basic health and safety needs with food, shelter, etc.; providing a loving setting for emotional growth and self esteem building; shaping and supporting a shared belief system which takes responsibility for one's life, family and community; socializing and educating; and creating a haven from the outside world stresses.

Why Not Domestic Partnerships?

The many municipalities which have been passing domestic partnership ordinances or resolutions are moving in the wrong direction. While their desire to recognize non-typical couplings is admirable, domestic partnership requirements are unsuitable for many families. If you are a foster or step family, or an extended family, or a group marriage, the shoe just doesn't fit.

Domestic partnership requirements are usually limited to just twos, and only to adults. You typically must live together, but not in a household that includes any other adults. Each separate municipality may have it's own definition and policies for registering that do not apply if you move to another town. And so on...

You Can Do It in California...

Right now in California any group can register as a family under the procedure which allows for voluntary associations to register their name with the Secretary of State. This system has been used for voluntary groups who have a common purpose or goal. It is a simple format and doesn't require the by-laws or boards that corporations need. You fill out the form and pay them their ten bucks.

Using this procedure involves the government only as a registering agency. The actual agreements the group makes are left up to them. They enter into these agreements together based on their common law right to contract. For anyone who feels the government should have as little involvement as possible in intimate relationships, this process is more palatable by far than marriage or even domestic partnerships.

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ALOHA!

Thanks to all of you who wrote telling us you liked our NEW FORMAT and newsletter name change. We're happy to include the Network and Resources as part of each issue and also to keep expanding our issue length! This is our first 16 pager.

The Pony Express

As a general note, please remember that Post Office service can be quite good or quite bad based only on their own whims. PEP receives returns of shredded publications sans addresses that we have no way to replace and email to our members. We also send out each issue to all our members in the same mailing, yet some folks get theirs in a week while others still haven't received them after a month. All we can do from our end is to respond to your letters telling us what you have or have not received. At that point we do whatever we can to repair the damage done. Help us out by keeping us up to date with your current address, and informing us of any problems as soon as possible.

PEP's Survey

We appreciate all of you who have already returned your surveys. (A lucky duck in the Pacific Northwest won the T-shirt drawing) For those of you who haven't yet mailed yours back, we'd still love to hear from you. It's a chance to share your thoughts and

Deadline for next issue is Aug 1

Living More is a quarterly journal about polyfidelity. It describes direct experience and the ideas and theories which have developed from it. A Member & Resource Network is included in each issue. Return postage must accompany all submissions if they are to be returned, and no responsibility will be assumed for unsolicited materials. All rights in submissions, letters, and questions sent to PEP will be treated as unconditionally assigned for publication and copyright purposes and are subject to our unrestricted right to edit and comment editorially unless prior agreements are made in writing. Brief excerpts from *Living More* may be used when accompanied by attribution showing our name and address. Please write for permission to use longer pieces. Ryam Nearing, Editor Layout: Corilla Graphix Published by PEP, P. O. Box 6306, Captain Cook, HI 96704-6306 (808) 929-9691 © Copyright 1991

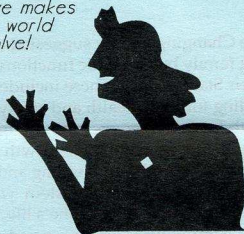
feelings in a brief format that'll take you only a few minutes to fill out. If anyone needs a new copy of the survey, simply mail PEP a SASE and we'll get one right off to you.

Locals Calling

BRITISH COLUMBIA: Interested in a local BC support group? Phone Don at (604) 576-9706.

TACOMA: Forming a support group to communicate with people who are interested in or a part of the polyfidelity, extended families, multipartner relationships in the area, with discussion groups, potlucks, and get-togethers. Write or call Jim and Patty 910 N. Stevens, Tacoma, WA 98406. (206) 759-0546.

*Love makes
the world
evolve!*



Interesting Pubs & Quotes

The March/April issue of *Yoga Journal* includes a lead article on "Intimate Relationship and the Path of Love." Although their orientation is on how couples can see their relationship as a vehicle for spiritual and personal development, smart polyfides can simply look beyond these limits and check out the seven steps they suggest as the part of the process of growth in terms of our own families. Healthy relationship practices are useful in every relationship context.

Playboy Magazine interviewed M. Scott Peck in their March issue, and he makes some interesting comments on marriage and relationships. Including this: "There is no such thing as a marriage that does not have to deal with the problem of fidelity or infidelity. One of our myths is that we should be

completely happy and fulfilled by one woman or one man. That's nonsense!"

LifeSpan-Plus: 900 Natural Techniques to Live Longer includes an interesting warning for us all. While most statistics show that married folks or those with significant, intimate relationships live longer, some MD's in New York have a warning for us. From their vast data base of two coronary cases, they determined that being involved with two women "may present such severe psychological stress" that it will speed up heart disease in even young men and may qualify "as a new risk factor not previously identified." Take this with a grain of salt. (Published by Rodale Press, 1990, Edited by Debora Tkac)

The WELL

For those of you who are members of the Well, you can now reach PEP via E-mail. Our name is PEPSYN. This is new for us and our involvement is not yet regular or timely. But if you leave us a message, we will respond!

Member Reminders

The label on the front of each issue you receive gives you instant information. If the date after your name is highlighted in some neon color, it's that time of year to RENEW. You can save PEP time and money (and the lives of some trees) by simply using this colorful cue and the form on the back page. Thanks for your help!

Also, remember that if your NETWORK ad is no longer up to date you can simply send in a revision before August 1st and your new ad will appear in the next issue. It's totally free. If you have an ad in the Network but do not want to receive any more contacts, please let us know and we'll remove it immediately. It's common courtesy to answer your mail, even if just to say no thank you.

It's Our Fifth!

We look forward to seeing you in person at the conference this summer. (see page 3 for full details)



PEP's 5th Annual Conference!

If you want to experience our most exciting conference yet, make your plans for this Labor Day weekend! This year we've made arrangements for a much bigger facility. So you can meet more people, attend more workshops, get more support, and have the best time of your life!

At PEP's annual get together, it's your chance to be with people like yourself who want to support and learn more about the polyfidelitous lifestyle. This year's theme is: *A Polyfidelitous Vision of the Future (or How to Save the Family, the Planet, & Have a Good Time Too).*

Labor Day 1991 in Berkeley will be a momentous occasion! Many people and groups who are long term supporters and pioneers of polyfidelity will come together at the same time for what's sure to be amazing energy! You'll want to be a part of it.

Register now while there's still time and to save money. Either use the conference brochure you received in the mail, or fill out this registration form now.

Berkeley California

August 30, 31 & September 1

A TASTE OF WHAT'S HAPPENING

WORKSHOPS

Polyfidelity Basics
Prosperity & Sharing Money
Spirituality & Family Transformation
Fearless Contact
Community & Cohousing
Bisexuality
Jealousy
Coming Out of the Closet

PLUS

Morning hikes ♦ Support groups ♦
Community Slide Show ♦ Saturday night
social ♦ Sunday brunch ♦ (SIGs)

REGISTRATION FORM

SAVE \$! Register before June 30th

	PRICE EACH	HOW MANY	TOTAL
Regular member	\$45		
Patron (Full)	\$35		
Non-member*	\$70		
If registering <i>after June 30th</i> , add \$10 per person	\$10		
Multi-person discount for 3 or more people	10%	less	
		Total Endosed	

*If you are not a member of PEP, please use the non-member rates. This makes you a member for a year, which gives you our *Loving More* quarterly journal, a copy of our book the *Polyfidelity Primer*, and use of our *Network*. Remember, memberships in PEP cover all your family partners, so only one person has to pay the non-member conference rate; any other family partners pay the regular member conference rates.

MAHALO!

Name(s) _____

Address _____

START HERE

The Commitment

You feel ecstatic! Roll again!

You feel content. Wait one turn.

You are bored out of your mind. Go directly to **SAME OLD RUT**.

SAME OLD RUT

You meet an attractive stranger. Roll again!

Should you? Shouldn't you? Move forward one space.

You are overwhelmed by lust. Go back to **SECRET RENDEZ-VOUS**.

You are paralyzed by guilt. Miss one turn.

SECRET RENDEZ-VOUS

COUNSELOR'S CORNER

Oh, no! Your marriage is a mess! Go directly to **COUNSELOR'S CORNER**.

Congratulations! You are more in love with spouse than ever!

Oops! Bored again! Go back to **SAME OLD RUT**. DO NOT PASS SECRET RENDEZ-VOUS.

RULES OF MONOGAMY

- Only two can play.
- Roll the dice.
- NO CHEATING!

Sexual Awareness

Today I read my first *Loving More Journal* with joy and enthusiasm. The January 1991 issue of *Group Marriage News* is the beginning of the answer after many months of dreaming and visualizing my life plan for the next twenty years. I have often thought of life and generations in twenty year cycles. When I was twenty I entered a relationship that lasted twenty years. We are in the change of life, or what some would call a mid-life crisis. I see it as a crossroads point with time to plan for the next twenty years. I also expect I will live another twenty after that.

I am a person who maintains close relationships. Although we moved away from our large families when we got married, I often created a group of friends with whom I related intimately, but not sexually. Basically we were a typical nuclear family in a variety of settings: from the Gulf Coast in Texas to the hills of West Virginia; from the beaches of Southern California to the Sierra Nevada Mountains; finally settling in the San Francisco Bay Area. It is here I completed my four year degree in Interpersonal Communications at an all women's college. It was there I began using the label that I choose to be in a monogamous relationship with a man, although I had been aware of my bisexuality since puberty. Since graduation in 1985, I have also had a "particular" woman friend. This past year, both she and my husband found they were ready for new partners.

At first I was devastated, but after attending the First National Conference on Bisexuality and my orientation to the Expanded Family Network, I understood one reason my husband and girlfriend were no longer interested in me was because they both knew I was not willing to give up the other one. I visualized the three of us together many, many times, but they both want to be in closed relationships and admit this is all they can handle. They both view my wish as deviant, even shameful behavior. At last I have found others who can understand my desire for multiple partners. Being raised strict Roman Catholic

in the 1950s, this is a rebellious admission. A "magnificent obsession" I have fantasized continuously since I was 12 or 14 having my first sexual turn-ons with both boys and girls. I never understood jealousy, I was excited by the idea of someone who I was attracted to also being attracted to or by someone else.

I really did not date much and never went "all the way" before I got married. The subject of lesbianism never came up in the east coast city where I grew up. It was an unspeakable topic at my all girl's catholic school and as a matter of fact still is. I know this because my sister's three daughters attend and we have discussed the many ways the school has changed. Now the girls wait longer after graduation before getting married, and some are even encouraged to go to college. They have a girl's basketball team, and information about AIDS, but talk about same sex love is still unspeakable.

Only at Mills College did I realize why I cried so hard when my girlfriends got married. We all had bought the myth that you find a compatible mate of the opposite sex and live happily ever after. Needless to say the majority of my peers are divorced. Many of them are still looking for Mr. or Ms. Right to satisfy all their needs. In my marriage, it was agreed that no one person could provide everything for the other, but we drew the line when sex became the question. Because it was usually same sex people who we sought to fill other needs, such as watching sports for him and watching kids for me, and because we live in a homophobic culture, it seldom became the question. I was content with my fantasies and the level of intimate communications I achieved with my women friends.

But now all of this has changed. I am ready for more in my life. I know that I tremendous gifts to offer, and that I have the capacity to love and be loved by more than one person. I know that what I want is multiple committed partners who share common values and re-

sources, and support each other's goals. One of the important aspects of this for me is the desire to be sexual with both a man and woman simultaneously. When reading the *Polyfidelity Primer*, Intinet's *Resource Guide for Responsible Non-monogamy*, and even *Loving More Journal*, I do not find this issue discussed openly. Instead the question of limited time for intimacy, and the complexity of alone and together time with more than one partner is often mentioned. My dream is for three or more people to be in a relationship where everything is shared. Where mutual cuddling and caressing is the norm and individual penetration is limited. An egalitarian relationship where copulation is seen as the 'connecting link' rather than the end goal. A group marriage where individual growth and spiritual unfoldment are the means through which the members rise in love rather than fall into traps of disillusionment and dissatisfaction. Relationships where time spent on individual pursuits is as respected as time reserved for being all together.

I have a vision for the next twenty years and I am actively finding people with whom I share this quest. Everything is tentative on this uncharted course, but the journey is exciting and sometimes frustrating. Twenty years of monogamy had its frustrations as well. Learning to live in the now, rather than lamenting the past or wishing for the future; being fully present and telling the truth in a variety of situations with people who may or may not share my vision, but who are willing to listen and be supportive; loving myself and making time to take care of me: these are the three most important lessons I have learned. What I hope to share as I move into the next twenty years of my life is the thrill of facilitating the making of dreams come true by helping those I am attracted to clearly state their visions. By finding other women who also desire both men and women concurrently, and men who are turned on by women making love to each other as well as to them, my dreams will come true.

Anyone interested in discussing these ideas further are welcome to contact Susan through *Loving More Journal* ♥

Book Reviews

Bisexuality and Multiplicity in Historical Soaps

Portrait of a Marriage — by Nigel Nicolson (describes Jazz Age marriage of Harold Nicolson and Vita Sackville-West)

Henry and June — by Anais Nin
Off the Road: My Years With Cassady, Kerouac, and Ginsberg — by Carolyn Cassady

THE LATEST AND GREATEST BISexual RESOURCES

A new Bisexual magazine called *Anything That Moves (ATM): Beyond the Myths of Bisexuality* is being published by the Bay Area Bisexual Network. It chose its "controversial" name because it was designed to "create movement" and to get "beyond the limiting stereotypes that are displaced on to" bisexuals. A quarterly publication, the premiere issue was Winter 1991, and includes interviews, fiction, poetry, news, and lots more. For subscription info, contact BABN, 2404 California St #24, San Francisco, CA 94115.

Bi Any Other Name: Bisexual People Speak Out is a recent book edited by Kaahumanu and Hutchins. Over 70 bisexuals, male and female, talk about their lives. \$11.95 paperback available in bookstores or for \$13 from Alyson Publications, 40 Plympton St, Boston, MA 02118.

Bisexuality: A Reader and Source-book edited by Thomas Geller is an anthology which includes both academic and more personal views of bisexuality. It also contains a catalog of resources: books, plays, magazines, etc. Published by Times Change Press for \$10.95.

These three books all describe, in great detail, the real-life relationship complexities and overwhelming emotions of their authors and characters. They are personalized histories of multiple relationships and bisexuality (and more), beginning in this century's teens and proceeding through the 1960's. The desire for adventure and exploration, and the confusion and suffering of all these pioneers is reflected in their journals and letters which serve as the basis for each of these books.

The picture they present is not pretty. Their lives seem disjointed and distressing. Their desires seem unconscious and dysfunctional. They live without support of their families or society. It is a harsh history, and despite some who might be able to get a sort of perverse pleasure out of the rebelliously self-abusive nature of the behaviors of the authors, to me they all simply seem sad.

Healthy and conscious forms of nonmonogamy and open options for sexual preference do not exist for these characters. Affairs and deceit are the menu of the day, and pregnancies are unplanned and entrapping. I had hoped upon reading this series to find something even vaguely familiar in their experience of nonmonogamy. I am left with only a few quotes which reflect troubled personal situations I find familiar from the lives of my friends or my own past:

"I seem to be incapable of fidelity, as much then as now. But, as a sole justification, I separate my loves into two halves: Harold, who is unalterable, perennial, and best...and on the other hand stands my perverted nature, which loved and tyrannized over Rosamund...and which now is linked irremediably with Violet."
 —VITA SACKVILLE-WEST

"When Henry (lover) hears Hugo's (husband) beautiful, vibrant, loyal, heart stirring voice over the telephone, he is angry at the amorality of women, of all women, of women like myself. He himself practices all the disloyalties, all the treacheries, but the faithlessness of a woman hurts him. And I am terri-

bly distressed when he is in such a mood, because I have a feeling of being faithful to the bond between Hugo and me. Nothing that I live outside of the circle of our love alters or diminishes it. On the contrary, I love him better because I love him without hypocrisy. But the paradox torments me deeply."

"The love of only one man or one woman is an enclosure."

"Fred marvels at how Henry can love two women at the same time. 'He is a big big man,' he says. 'There's so much room in him, so much love. If I loved you, I couldn't love another woman.' And I was thinking: I am like Henry. I can love Hugo and Henry and June."
 —ANAIIS NIN

"He accepted our new relationship more enthusiastically than I had expected, but I was pleased my guilt was thus diminished. Jack (Kerouac) was a tender and considerate lover, though somewhat inhibited, and I suspected he wished I was more aggressive, but that I could never be. So our temperaments and our guilty feelings about Neal (Cassady) made actual love-making infrequent but more passionate. Although I could be wholly romantically in love with him, my heart still acted for Neal to be enough...I was functioning as a female and my men were supportive. It may have taken two of them to complete the role usually filled by one, but the variety was an extra added attraction. They were such different types. How lucky could a girl get?"
 —CAROLYN CASSADY

I do not recommend any of the above unless you have a strong stomach for emotional morass and treachery, and are interested in a case study approach. The progress of these pioneering individuals who chose to describe their problems in an intimate style, as they grappled with their weaknesses and addictions through therapy and spiritual growth, has some psycho-historical relevance. For their eras and among their cohorts, they took the risks and walked the edge, but can hardly be seen as healthy or attractive role models today.
 —BY RYAM NEARING

FAMILY REGISTRATION CONT'D FROM PG 1

Your Benefits Are...

While registering your family has no immediate tangible benefits, it can serve as official evidence of your relationship status. In legal statutes in California, the term family is used but is infrequently defined. Courts have set the following criteria in determining whether individuals actually have a family relationship. 1) Do the individuals consider themselves a family? 2) Have the individuals informed others that they are a family? 3) Do the individuals function as a family?

Obviously by registering any group will appear to have met 1 & 2. A possible way to prove 3 is by including a family insignia with the registration. There is a space provided on the application form for this. Adding this list of succinct agreements which demonstrate the fact that the relationship is family-like (shared home, shared economics, etc.) may make your case.

How Does It Feel?

When you get your pretty California poppy covered certificate saying that your family is registered with the state, it just might generate some nice feelings. After years of being looked at as odd, ignored and devoid of value, your family is now certified. You can hang that piece of paper in a frame on the wall, show it to Mom and Pop, file it in a drawer, or share it with your friends.

A common complaint from people writing in to PEP is that no one recognizes their multi-person family bond as significant. While the group may be sharing their paychecks and child rearing, supporting each other through illnesses and other crises, and creating a home-life together that nourishes them on a daily basis, their community may treat them like they are simply co-renters who are trying to save a buck.

Registration of your group is a first step in publicly announcing to the state that you are a family and can meet legal definitions as such if needed. In time, if many make use of this process it may become more commonplace and acceptable for all kinds of people, allowing the

significance of their bonds to be clearly stated and impractical to overlook.

Before You Take the Next Step!

While the process of registering is simple and changes can be handled with relative ease and speed, registering is not something to do casually. There are legal implications when you register and it should be a conscious and considered decision to do so. You may want to consult an attorney.

To help you make your decision and really understand the entire process, the best source for all the details, what to do and what not to do, is the publication by the Family Diversity Project. They are a project of the Spectrum Institute at POB 65756, Los Angeles, California 90065. Simply send them a \$10 donation and request their Family Registration packet. Tell them PEP sent you.

What If You Don't Live in California?

Well my family and I registered anyway. Hell, California has a giant deficit and they make a \$5 profit off the \$10 registration fee (according to their own info statement). We like making the point that we're family in as many ways as are possible. Simply registering our own interpersonal contract is obviously superior to domestic partnership laws that won't let us be more than two. It's also better than working on expanding the legal definition of marriage which has such a bad reputation historically. Instead we are a FAMILY, just as we've always said we are. It's simple and sweet and as accurate as can be, and we've got the certificate hanging on the wall to prove it.

(In several states besides California, groups can register their association's name using similar statutes. At least, Michigan, Wisconsin, Oregon, and New Jersey also allow for this type of registration.) ♡



PEP hasn't found a sanely priced source of recycled paper on the islands. However, we do plant one or more trees for each issue of the newsletter printed. We encourage you to recycle this if possible.

Polyfidelity on TV Viewers Respond

In our last issue we described some of our experience being on the Sally Jesse Raphael network talk show. It was certainly an interesting foray into mainstream America. After the taping, we left feeling a bit shell shocked from the emotional roars of the majority of the audience who could relate to our love-style about as well as an albino can enjoy the beaches here on the Big Island.

We've been through this before, exposure to the public, and although there are always some loudmouths who angrily cite the Bible, our experience has been that the letters we receive in the aftermath are super supportive.

After this show, we received close to 100 responses, all of them either asking for more information about group marriage, sharing personal stories about their own experiences, requesting personal support, or simply thanking us for telling about our lives. One person sent us a music tape and the words to about 40 songs from the 60's through 80's on multiplicity and jealousy. We also got some family photos, which gave us a chance to see the people who had watched us on TV!

All in all it felt great to know how many people who randomly happened to catch that particular show (it wasn't advertised because the play date was changed at the last minute) were interested in or were already living a life-style with more than one spouse.

An unexpected surprise for the three of us in Syntony was how many people here in Hawaii recognized us on the street. Folks on the pier, in stores, on the street called out to us, "Hey we saw you on TV!" No bad vibes among the bunch. The latest of these took place at a local salad bar a full 3 months after the show had aired. We were amazed.

What follows here are excerpts from some of our mail so you can get a taste of the responses from all over the USA and Canada. ▶

Deep Love

Why I vote for both intentional matriarchy and intentional polyandry

BY DON V. B., WITH INPUT FROM HEATHER

We both felt disgusted at the level of aggression during the war in the Gulf. "God, these male war fantasies," Heather said one day. "You know, it's the women and children who are the greatest victims."

The conversation was a continuation of a dialogue about male power issues that had intensified six months ago when she discovered that she had been raped, and had been blocking the memory for twenty years. And I agree with everything she says about the subject.

"Men have gotten really used to being in the position of power, because for most of history, power has been based on physical strength," she said. "That's a tradition that continues today in men's subconsciousness, even though most of them don't realize it. Psychologically, male power is based on physical dominance. That's why it'd be good if political power could be completely handed over to women for a while. Women don't have the same genetic power problems that men have. Wars wouldn't happen if only women were in control."

I understood perfectly that she was not proposing a world of Maggie Thatchers. We spark ideas, back and forth, and we don't have to explain everything. One word can communicate a whole universe of meaning.

"Exactly," I said. "That issue relates exactly to one of my reasons for asking Milt* to marry us." And Heather understood my main point instantly.

Over three years ago, Heather reconnected with Milt, who she had been in love with twenty years ago. Soon after we met him, I proposed that we marry him. At the time, Heather was insulted and thought I was crazy.

I agreed with her: I was crazy. I had not yet heard that PEP or Kerista existed, and I thought I was the only person left in the world who believed in the weird and sick idea of group marriage.

In 1989, when I discovered that PEP and Kerista people had succeeded in actualizing this alternative paradigm, I had a sensation of waking up to reality again. I have felt ever since then as if I have been looking at life through newly reawakened eyes. This sensation has never gone away for even twenty-four hours.

Part of the reason that I have felt this way is that most of the ideals and principles that are expressed by both Kerista and PEP were implicit in the vision that I already carried. I couldn't have put these ideas into words easily myself, but as I read materials from both, I kept thinking, "I already know this! This is just reminding me of what I already know! That perfectly expresses my intuition and conscience!"

And as soon as I began to understand how the vision of polyfidelitous utopianism was being expressed in the world today, I made the toggle-switch decision to commit myself to the ideology. But I had no idea how I would express this newly reawakened part of myself in the real world. From the beginning, I imagined that I might simply interact with the ideology as a writer.

For one thing, Heather was still totally allergic to the idea, so that I could not even talk to her about it. I certainly did not feel morally or emotionally free to reverse other commitments and Karmic connections that I had already taken on.

But I knew that the polyfidelity paradigm was real for me, and I knew that if I believed in myself and the wisdom of my heart, I had to accept it as my own belief system. And I came to a realization that was both painful and liberating: "Who I am is different from what I do."

This realization was painful because it did not seem integrated to be living differently than I believed that I was. On the other hand, it would not have been integrating to leave Heather; nor did it seem integrating to deny and repress what I believed so strongly that it felt like an identity. It was liberating to realize that I am both sides of my dissonance, and that both are real for me.

This conflict put me into a continuing state of dissonance. What I mean is that I became constantly aware of two distinct social realities. I would walk around looking at the entire world from a polyfidelitous point of view for most of every day. And at the same time, I would also walk around being as loving and supporting a husband as possible while Heather went through her own growth processes.

I eventually realized that the deepest love that I could have for both of us was to accept and affirm both sides of my conflict. I therefore had to be as honest as possible with Heather without being emotionally threatening to her.

At various times, I told her things like the following: "I am a polyfide, but I am totally in love with you and committed to you. Here is what my universe is like, but I sure want to keep you in it. This lifestyle is what my freely chosen lifestyle would be if I was free to choose it, but I remain committed fully to you. This is a topic I think about every day, but I respect that you are allergic to it, and I will not badger you or rub your nose in our differences."

* THE NAMES MILT AND GINA ARE USED IN PLACE OF REAL NAMES FOR PRIVACY.



In taking this stance, I was operating from my own intuitions about the situation. But resonances between this stance and Kerista's 88 Basic Standards illustrate how existing writings about polyfidelity promote values that were implicit to my understanding of the vision and ideology.

The 88 Standards are, in fact, a very profound expression of deep love. I consider them to be one of the best available lists of healthy values for relationships and society. By themselves, they constitute an impressive advertisement for the polyfidelity lifestyle. Anyone who lives by them is healthy by definition.

I counted connections between my chosen position and fifteen of the Basic Standards. Here are selected examples that connect with the position I took: Basic Standard #20 Ability to lose a vote or a choice gracefully; #25 Requests are not demands; #41 Positive attitude towards the "toggle switch" mode of decision making; #42...keeping (Heather) posted as to (my) latest thoughts, feelings, etc. (but doing it considerately, lovingly and as gently as possible); #62 No impression management (i.e. don't pretend to be someone you're not); #66 No proselytizing; #71 No psychological withdrawal; #76 Law of mutual consent (avoiding even the most subtle coercion about changing our marriage contract).

Unfortunately, I found that living with the incredible dissonance between world views had an immense cost; among other things, it had turned into severe feelings of terror, nightmares about homelessness and inability to initiate anything of value. My career as a writer was hampered by hours of terror and blocked energy. I knew I could not continue operating in that state of

dissonance.

One of the therapeutic activities in my life was to start a dialogue by letter with Buf of Kerista. Writing him about this terror was psychological work that enabled me to objectify what I was feeling. Later, I used a technique from *The Path of Least Resistance* by Robert Fritz to create a general lifestyle choice of psychological health. (The technique involves first writing clearly what is happening, then what your vision is, and finally, the choices you want to make.)

After choosing psychological health, I used the exercise to define how I chose health in regards to my ideals, my work, my relationships, and my community. I also became aware that my reason for wanting polyfidelity had to do with the elements of health that it symbolized for me — elements described in the materials from both Kerista and PEP.

Heather and I have a very deep communication, so that her psychological growth often mirrors

mine, even when we do not talk about our individual growth processes. I did not communicate the exercise I had done or its results to her, yet the choice of health that I made, and the inner resolutions she was simultaneously reaching with her therapist began to actualize themselves in our lives. By the time Christmas came, we found ourselves on an emotional and sensual honeymoon.

At the end of the Christmas week, we were both feeling extremely relaxed and very secure emotionally. We had become more intimate and felt more healthy in that intimacy than we had for years.

Then Heather said to me, "I wish I

could get pregnant again. (Note: I've had a vasectomy.) I wonder if Milt would be willing to get me pregnant. And how would you feel about that?"

My heart skipped a beat. My breath caught in my throat. I couldn't believe what I was hearing. After years of thinking about possible partners for a group marriage, I had decided that Milt would be the best choice I could think of, male or female.

I answered cautiously that I wouldn't mind at all, but that he would never do it without a lot of discussion with me. This meant that I had to have her consensus to share my views about polyfidelity with him.

I could see Heather's hesitation, followed by a quick toggle-switch decision to consider polyfidelity as a real possibility for the first time. I experienced this decision as a very special gift, a deep love that accepted me as I am. I was very cautious about running with the decision, though, because I knew the specialness of that gift to me.

Toggle-switch decisions are also expressions of deep love for yourself. Psychologist Carl Rogers, whose teaching have been absorbed into most other schools of psychology, wrote that psychologically healthy, creative people are characterized by tolerance for ambiguity (among other things). You can only make toggle-switch decisions if you can live with not knowing the outcome. Thus, Heather's decision was also a profound expression of the self-confidence that if she did what felt healthy, she could deal with whatever happened.

Before the end of the evening, Heather and I were playing with the idea of marrying Milt joyfully. I retained some reserve, because I wanted to avoid pushing her or coercing her in any way. I also didn't bring the topic back up for a few days to avoid proselytizing. But I was floating on air. It was like a dream come true.

Finally, I began to get nervous that this was only a little game we had played, and I brought it up again. This time, ►

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Heather suggested that we call Milt and have a discussion about it. Milt agreed to come out the next evening.

Then Heather began to express her reservations. I respect her opinions, and in spite of my enthusiasm, I did not want to put any pressure on her. The three of us had a nice social evening but did not discuss polyfidelity or anything approaching it. I failed to a degree in containing myself, however: later Heather told me that when I looked at her throughout the evening, she felt pressure. I apologized.

After Milt went home, Heather said that she was quite comfortable with me talking to him, so long as she wasn't in the room at the time.

I held myself back and didn't act on this. I wanted Heather to be completely clear on what she was saying. A couple days later, she said "When you talk to Milt..." I pointed out that I wasn't totally certain that we had a consensus. She thought about it for a moment. "Okay, you've got one."

Milt and I went hiking in the snow the next Saturday afternoon, and I talked about my obsession in a general way for a long time, just to introduce the topic to him. He'd never heard of polyfidelity before.

When I finally got around to the specific proposal, I learned that he had made up with Gina*, his girlfriend, who he had split up with, and that they were again planning to get married. I hadn't known.

I was extremely disappointed. For one thing, I know that Heather's and my mutual choice of Milt was a very special event, because he's a very special guy. I have no idea when or if another person will appear that we both want to stay with us forever.

On the other hand, I practice mental openness to an unlimited future. I try never to limit how I see my future by what is happening in the present. Magic can happen very quickly when you prepare for it carefully and when you're very clear about what you want.

In 1981, for example, I wrote an extremely picky personal advertisement for myself and posted it in several health food stores. No one answered for many months, but when Heather did answer, we sparked each other immediately. It took very little time before we decided to live together in a committed relationship. Clarity of values and needs can be a powerful magic.

After Milt turned us down, we continued to speculate about value conflicts with Gina that he seems to be struggling with. Our discussion felt healthy throughout, quite loving, with elements of compersion. Only when we stopped talking about Milt did a small part of my terror, nightmares and mental dissonance return.

One difference is that these negative feelings are no longer as overwhelming or as continuous as they were, becoming less and less frequent and Heather and I become more and more confident in our new relationship. As we communicate more about this new paradigm we are sharing, the good parts of our relationship have just gotten better, and the negative elements have progressively melted away.

I think that when the sense of dissonance returns, it is because Heather is playing with the topic of polyfidelity, not committed to it. Perhaps there is a part of her that is still allergic to it, and perhaps when I feel fear today, it's because I sense that part. This, however, I don't know.

Heather has chosen to maintain her playful attitude towards the topic which enables us to plan other things to say to Milt without getting too attached. We've come up with a group family name that turns both our cranks, for instance. And Heather makes jokes about group marriage: "Don, you're absolutely the best husband that any woman, (pause) et cetera, could ever want."

We still hope that Milt rethinks his decision, and I feel that at least part of that hope is deep love.

We certainly would never want to deny the reality of the love that Milt feels for Gina. Milt has clearly chosen to accept some values conflict and loss because of how much he loves her.

I believe that he sees Gina as a growing individual, whose growth and expanding awareness he can nurture. A part of what I admire in him is his patience, his long-range view of things and his caring, nurturing nature.

However, both Heather and I have also encouraged him to talk more about values with Gina. She does not seem extremely open to Milt's values. We both worry that Milt may therefore lose too much of himself.

We hope that the love that Gina feels for him is deep enough that she will want to learn why he values what he values and what makes him tick. Then we would be able to share his joy with him more completely.

My experience in proposing polyfidelity to Milt has partly answered a question that has bothered me for some time. I have often wondered whether I've just been fooling myself about the jealousy issue: Has my bravery simply been the bravado of an armchair warrior?

During early January, I experienced none of the terror, nightmares or dissonance I had felt in December. My worst fear was that Milt would say "No," and I spent hours and hours mentally rehearsing my conversation with him. After he said "No," my first reaction was to scheme about getting him and Heather into bed together, thinking it might change his mind. I can remember few occasions when wisps of jealousy passed through my mind.

We want to meet someone who is able to join our magic and expand it.

One reason for my virtual lack of jealousy is that Milt is my first choice of a family partner — and that's a platonic choice. (I wonder if this strategy implies anything for triads that want to expand: perhaps individual polyfides should only propose new partners who would be platonic friends to them.)

We're determined that when we expand, we will maintain the deep magic between us, the sparks that connect us on a spiritual and telepathic level. We want to maintain the deep communication that enables us to synchronize our individual psychological growth processes. Our future partners will need to be oriented towards developing the same types of deep love and communication that we consider necessary for our mental health.

In other words, we want to meet someone who is able to join our magic and expand it. We want our two-way sparking to become three-way and eventually more-way sparking.

I think that a big part of my clarity about the jealousy issue also comes from having given up lust as a major reason for choosing polyfidelity. Lust was certainly once a part of my motivation, but as I've reflected on the lifestyle choice and as I've read materials written by active polyfides, I've come to see lust as the major red herring that trips everyone up.

Lust doesn't care about values conflicts. Lust doesn't care about how one chooses a best friend. Lust doesn't give a damn whether communal living succeeds or fails. Lust doesn't care who does the dishes or picks up the socks.

Lust refuses to recognize the importance of living in a group that is committed to a common social action. Lust obscures the issues of gender equality and deep love. Lust doesn't understand group process, nor does it care about creating and maintaining group mind. Lust is blind to community.

In my opinion, anyone who is primarily motivated by lust needs to keep thinking about polyfidelity for a while. They're not ready for the lifestyle yet.

But even more important, the satisfaction of male lust is a power issue in our culture. If one's commitment to equality is not clear, I think that attempted polyfidelity could easily become polygyny at the triad level. And unfortunately even the most committed feminists of both genders carry sexist programming with them at the subconscious level.

Because of that subconscious programming, I've failed too often to overcome my male chauvinist programming. No matter how hard I try to avoid all coercion in my relationship with Heather, my male programming keeps rearing its head and her female programming keeps bowing its head, and we suddenly find ourselves acting old roles that we reject. And as a monogamous

husband, I set off those power programs, just by my very existence.

That's why my first choice for multiple relationships is polyandry. I want Heather to grow in our relationship to an equality unpoisoned by cultural male dominance values that are hidden inside both of us like farts in a bean.

In the final analysis, gender is not more important a criteria than spark. However, at this moment in our personal evolution, the choice of polyandry is a choice of health and equality — real equality. The truth of this comes in a flash when we talk about Milt; I can feel it in my bones and in my heart. It's the deepest love I know — for Heather, for myself, for Milt, and on another level, for society as a whole. ♥

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portant to me right now is that there were times when we really felt alone. Some friends and family were loyal: for others, we were the token freaks. To see you on TV was such a lift...and all of our kids say their life was bizarre, but great!" — FLORIDA

"AS I WATCHED THE SHOW TODAY, one thing that Dr. Barclay said bothered me, and that was that you could live this way because you were "special people." Maybe I was a bit offended by it because I've never really known another way of life. I am who I am but I never put myself in a separate category from other people. I guess his label threw me for a moment. The three of us share something that in my younger life I couldn't have imagined feeling. We each love the others so deeply...Do you think society will ever give in to joy, love and happiness or will they be stuck in contempt, jealousy and hatred forever? For us other people's ignorance toward us makes our ties even stronger. We are doing what we feel is right and good." — PENNSYLVANIA

"HOW DOES SOMEONE GO ABOUT finding someone who would be willing to be my second husband? My present

husband and I have discussed this type of situation before but are totally at a loss for finding someone...I have looked in the bookstores and cannot find anything that looked like it would help; me." — MINNESOTA

"UNTIL RECENTLY I FELT LIKE I WAS in a very unique position. Now I find that I'm not so strange." — KENTUCKY



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Longtime Alaskan, Taurus man, 36 yo, very interested in being involved in a polyfidelitous family. I enjoy traveling (in winter), camping, fishing, stained glass and woodworking. I own beautiful forested acreage near Fairbanks with many building plans. I'm open minded and nonpossessive and believe freedom is the highest value in relationship. I want to be with people who love life meditatively and are not too materialistic. Alaska is a really warm place! (#770) POB 361 Ester, AK 99725 (907) 479-3820.

ARIZONA We are Titus and Nerac, each 44 years of age. We now live and work in the Phoenix, Arizona are (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 & sharing ideas with others. Will share complete information and pictures. (#577) Titus and Nerac Hayes (Infinity Circle), 4542 West Mestice 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 marriage. 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, nonsmokers, 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 minimal frills. No religion, 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-edge twosome (WM 55, WF 41) seeks a lively bi 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, solipsists, termite-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 this 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 house 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 socialist. (#810) Jerry, 1425 W 221 St, Torrance, CA 90501

We're Darcy (35 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 Etuagh, POB 204 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 of the groups are interested in expanding. We're looking for intellectuality, verbiability, rationality, adventurousness, idealism, nonseparatist 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 intimacy, wears his heart on his sleeve, passionately pursues his art (theater),

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. #774

Grandfather seeking Family! Considerable experience in polyfidelitous relationships since before the word achieved current gibleness. As a child encouraged to omnivorous reading. Re the tragic traumas of triangles: "Mother," I asked, "why CAN'T I man love two women, or one woman love two men?" Proudly do I believe. Love is infinite. The more you give, the more you get. The more you share, the more there is. (#795) David Lowell, 56175 Yuma Trail, Yucca Valley, CA 92284-3286. 619-365-4399.

48 year old male seeks polyfidelitous natured companions. I'm mostly heterosexual, but sometimes I seem to be bisexual. I especially enjoy meeting a trios with a woman and her other partner. My other interests and skills are in the fields of music (flute), 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 ages 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 fear, and being connected to people from diverse individuals and heritages, rather than ideological conformity. I don't fit into neat categories. I love exciting city life and quiet times in the country; old fashioned 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, 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 intentional Gaian 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 to include others. #609

Redwood in a forest of bonsai hearts. Single, 26, writer, would-be filmmaker. Feminist, non-dogmatic, curiosity; loves books, movies, music. Creating a good life is tough. Any Emma Peltis-Morcia Adammes-Barbelleas out there willing to help this young don Quixote battle giants and celebrate dreams? #ick 1228 Venice Blvd. #446, Los Angeles, CA 90066. #767

Pragmatic Utopian (Capricorn-Aquarius) 33 yr 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 home-stending, 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

San Diego area, Bi male, 40 yo y, 190 lbs, 6'2" and eyes are blue. Seek the minimum of one good man and one good woman for a triad, committed, and loving relationship in a jealous free arena. Prefer an existing couple, but will consider others. I am active in skating, cycling, volleyball an other outdoor activities. I am seeking non-smokers, light drinkers, healthy food consumers, non-religious, caring and active individuals. No couch potatoes. (#754) Jim

Married couple: Cindy, student in Ornamental Horticulture, lives in Southern California with her heart in New Mexico; Kenneth, librarian lives in Louisiana. Both love plants, nature. Michael with eclectic tastes lives in Southern California. All love life sports, sex, and kids, and 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 Syntropy Institute (a non-profit using cooperative creativity to develop prosperity 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, birth sign Aries, and education 13 years. 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. Interested relocation to Pacific Northwest (#687) Troutman, 49 Showers Dr #438, Mountain View, CA 94040.

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

I am looking for a second wife, who wants a mutual lifetime marriage commitment. We are a stable Christian couple of 19 years, warm and loving, looking for a woman with or without children to form a larger family. We enjoy mostly vegetarian dishes, a little wine occasionally, do not smoke or take drugs. We like our home and family related activities. (#671) TSP, POB 3100, Redding, CA 96049

We are James and Corinne, 46 and 43, living in the San Jose, California area. We are a couple of two (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 12724, 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 millenial concepts, basically, living the ten commandments and ordinances (Passover, etc) instead of Christmas, etc. #507

Don (40), Heather (37), daughter (16) and son (8) are Imagine family, a happy and healthy dyad looking to expand gracefully. We own land, including a large organic garden. We are NS, vegetarians, social pioneers, "Alter Natives." Interests include free-form dancing, idea sparking, community action and involvement, reading, egalitarianism, creating, learning, folk & rock music. POB 1768, Stn A, Vancouver, BC V6C 2P7 Canada. #726

He, 65, F, 180#, retired geologist, ex U.K., divorced, much travelled, 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 9/00; 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 and a daughter 1 year old. Is anybody out there? (#628) Deb and Dan Paitich, 15 Grenadier Rd, Toronto, Ont. Canada M6R 1R1 (416) 333-0160

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 lifestyles, holistic healing, meditation, and the French language. (#629) Frank Pallister, 361 Island Hwy, Victoria, BC, Canada V9B

11H3. (604) 479-3860.

Health oriented, mid-40's male, hetero, pagan/taoist 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. I love health, physical, enjoy country living and spiritual. I try to be as aware as possible so that I can enjoy myself and the rest of the world. And, freedom makes me fly... (#653) Pete Romero, Bental PO 48200, Vancouver, BC V7X 1N8.

I am seeking possible partners to create or join a polyfidelitous family or group marriage, desire modest growth 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, Kimmer, Crowley. Subjects ranging from philosophy to neurology to music to computers. Music of all styles. Other interests include: Broadway musicals, songwriting, computer programming, electronic engineering, roller skating, mountaineering, hypnosis, yoga, and (of course) polyfidelity. #674

CONNECTICUT 37 year old intelligent vegetarian, anti-social 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 Slim male, 39, left dysfunctional 13 year monogamous relationship 5 years ago. Have since been on path of rapid growth and self-discovery. I'm now ready for firm and responsible commitment in polyfidelity family. Health conscious, professional engineer, honest, humorous, outdoor activities, dancer, loving, sincere, good listener and communicator. Let's talk! (#834) Ron Gossett, 4542 SW 131 Ave, Miami, FL 33175. 305-223-6356

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 to work 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 have found they could arrange to develop into a group. I have just recently moved to Tampa from NYC and I do appreciate for a bit now. I would like to meet up with others who are interested in group marriage. #601

GEORGIA Spiritual marriage: sharing from deepest profound self in perfect harmony; mutual adoration and healing; total openness and honesty with all Beloveds; surrendering of addictions 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 Passion's seed of life within each of us. Mailing address only: (#561) Ray Frye, 224 Athens St, Harwell, GA 30643. (404) 376-4889 (call 8 pm Eastern)

SWF, 33, had have 3 polyfidelitous relationships in past, of varying combinations. Despite my failures, it still seems that it should be able to work out with the right people. Have recently tried social clubs because of lack of something more substantial, such as playwright, poet and artist. Am 5'5", 102 lbs, petite, with long hair. Looking for deeper friendships and possibly family. Want to meet more intelligent, deep thinking, fun, light hearted, libidinous, balanced people. I know you're out there somewhere. (#737) Alex, 6696 A Peachtree Ind Blvd, Doraville, GA, 30360.

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

HAWAII Warm friendly couple looking for special lady to join us at our beach house near Honolulu for a loving relationship. Both employed, in early 40's, together 15 years. Have three horses and a dog. Looking for a special lady who wants to have children! Bisexual is ok. Letter and photo to (#812) Mike and Linda Chailis, POB 727, Haulea, HI 96717.

We're a heterosexual (28F, 31M) self-employed prosperous couple who want to expand our family. Desire an attractive woman to complement our work hard/play hard nature, raw food diet, and emphasis on developing our mutually satisfying communication skills. We live in rural tropical Hawaii. If this interest you, let's start a correspondence. Send photo. P.O.Box 108, Nalehu, Hawaii 96772

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 feet or BMW's. In living situations I am uncomfortable with privately owned rooms, but believe that "alone" time is essential for anyone's sanity. At present I live alone with a 2 1/2 year old, which may account for my writing about sanity. #635

Are you experienced? The three of us in the middle of the Pacific ocean want to meet you! Wherever 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 of a letter! (#684) Love to see the conference. SYNTROPY, P.O. Box 6306, Captain Cook, HI 96704-6306. Call us at (808) 929-9691. (Remember, it's 3 hours earlier in Hawaii than Calif.!!)

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 Unitarians who have a natural bent. She is in her early fifties, and he is in his middle fifties. This year we 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

I am a SWM, heterosexual, semivegetarian, politically liberal. I am 27 years old, weigh 160, good-looking. Kind, gentle, easy-going person. Interests: semi-rural living, hiking, nature walks, reading, gardening, camping, good conversation. Love music (rock-50's 60's 70's, blues, jazz, folk). Strong believer in group living, considering polyfidelity as real alternative. I'm looking for someone who are interested in the above to please correspond. (#802) Bob Schumgge, Jr, 3443 N Ozanam Av, Chicago, IL 60634.

INDIANA Flame: something alive and different in Southern Indiana. We're four or more adults and past 40. 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 HeartFire is a polyfidelitous family of two, desiring, at present to become four. We plan on building a nature sanctuary, herb farm, and research/wholistic health care center. We seek intelligent, capable, open minded individuals with a very high sense of integrity, honesty, and willingness to grow. For the foreseeable future we are geographically centered in the Mid-West for both professional and financial reasons. However, given the right situation we are prepared to relocate. We are currently working on the personal growth matrix fostered by the Phoenix family, and actively seeking compatible partners. (#523) J & R, POB 3304, Kansas City, Kansas 66103.

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 most importantly) to make new friends. Interests include classical, Celtic, new age music, sunsets, sunrises, myth, poetry. Let's get in touch and learn from 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 a less stressful life so there is more time for the pursuit of a happy fruitful life. Mary & Billibob. #775

LOUISIANA DWM, 34, (hetero; no children) seeking relationships leading to PGM. Am 6'3", 180lb, brown hair/eyes, very attractive & youthful in appearance. Own two businesses (wholesale), am lacto-vegetarian, do not smoke or drink, and am 18 year practitioner 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 Moon. Very loving & attentive. #760

Couple, both 38, seeking additional partner(s) to create polyfidelitous 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 Good Morning Polif! Greetings love/deviates & devotees. How y' all doing? SWM, 38, 6', 165, Br/Hazel, Irish/Italian, corn burn 58/Cap Dec 21, 1948, and other open-minded free-thinkers for friendship and intimacy. I am funny, warm, quiet, sincere & caring. Only visiting this planet! Moon in Pisces. Body & brain in Boston. Can travel, visit, or relocate. Rescue me! (#809) James Michael POB 408, N Cambridge, MA 02140

Single white male, 45, 5'9", 170 lbs seeks a triadic or 4 member polyfidelitous relationship. My values encompass fidelity, honest sensual sexuality, gentleness, and simple but artistic/intellectual lifestyle. I am equally interested in polyfidel structures of 1) 2 males and 1 female or 2 females and 1 male; or 2) 2 males and 2 females. I enjoy outdoors/nature—hunting, 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/love 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 activism; co-founder, Cornell U. Men 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 DC area. #353

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. I 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 yourself! (#814) Steve Clark, POB 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 camping, vegetarian food, yoga, spirituality, massage, reading, writing, drawing. More! Let's exchange photos. #784

MICHIGAN 37 year old single bi-male 6'0", 160lb. Seeking the ultimate pleasure of true intimacy through stimulating conversation and sharing physical closeness. Would like to meet people who give priority to these activities over solitary pursuits. If you believe that our main purpose in life is to interact with and enjoy the company of other human beings, please write. #848

NEW JERSEY Professional, fiscally responsible, Ivy-League graduate, 34 & 25 year old interfaith wife 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!(ves) #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. 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 dopers, phonics, gamers. Send letter, photo. (#782) TR, POB 29083, Las Vegas, NV 89126-3083.

NEW YORK Senior citizens retired with 80 acres land-fields, woods, pond for skinny dipping, 8 miles from towns, 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 is a dream I have long cherished, though wife has reservations about ever finding such an ideal. I'd love to correspond. (#508) Lyman & Affie Barry, PO 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 who're here, but open to long distance relocation. Probably isn't possible, but I like to travel. Many interests: movies, current affairs, travel, most music, ballet, theater, folk/marching, reading (history, SF). Anarchist/libertarian, vascarsomy, non-smoker. #622

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 theology. No drugs. If we sound right to you, please write. (#805) Leigh and Randy, POB 31271, Dayton, OH 45431.

DWM, 41, Hetero, drug 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. Free, passionate, sensual, intellectual. Treat self and others with dignity and respect. If you can relate, I would love to hear from you. (#796) Henry Toney, 666 Inslton, 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. Small child welcome. Kraig (34) & 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, geographical, world aggression. Grow it - eat. Solar power = electricity. Prepare no = survival. Interested. (#769) Richard 7902 Takilma, Cave Junction, OR 97523.

Sonja Rhea (52) and Paul (56), being of sound mind and body, 5'8" & 6'1", reasonably attractive, invite you to consider "Concordia." Our interests include creating a line family of mixed age (wistfully without very small children) and a family business that produces abundance. New Thought, Inner Child and Metaphysical spiritual growth are other areas that we love. No chemical addictions or smoking. Currently located 38 miles West of Portland in the Lewis and Clark area on 40 acres. Adequate for beginnings but an urban setting on acreage near Portland may better support the financial needs and interests of an Expanded Family. HCR 71 Box 1318, Forest Grove, OR 97116. #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, Hakomi, 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; disease 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 dog in the process of being built. We'll write if you do let's share! (#586) K, K & G, 13178 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 meeting and corresponding with anyone. (#12) MLT Family, 2710 SW 173rd, Aloha, OR 97007 or call (503) 591-1690.

Single mother, 46 (but guessed at 33), with 3 year old Down Syndrome son (blond haired sweetie) seeks polyfidelitous family. I'm attracted, 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 want it all: polyfidelity and intentional community plus a garden to relax in after dancing the night away. What physical activity turns your crank? Drop me a line. I'm singing solo and looking for others to harmonize with. The gender mix isn't important to me, but sexual fidelity is a must. (#647) Shirley Reeves, POB 5247, Eugene, OR 97405. 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 would be quadragintars over there. This is Norwegian bachelor farmer Dave in Philadelphia. Wherever y' are, I'll be there are some trees and hills instead of these garbly streets. Give me a call if you're within 12,000 miles, maybe we can get together! Triggamy'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 educa-

tion. 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 neo-Paganism and the "greens." We live not too far from the Baltimore, Washington, DC, Hagerstown and Frederick areas. (#525) Write or call us at POB 613, Leesburg, Virginia 22075, 304-263-4606 at home.

VERMONT White couple, 33 & 35, new to polyfidelity. We are nonsmokers, nondrunkers, drug free, safe, basically vegetarian. We would like to start a group marriage in the New York & New England area. We are single. (#416) Susan & Timothy Strout, POB 324, Barre, VT 05641

WASHINGTON Female, 47, kinky. Experienced in open relationships. Committed to Seattle. City interests, friends and lover. Possibly interested in communal living, not necessarily sexual, but in sex positive environment. Professional eastside computer programmer, buying house, saving for early retirement. Interested in simplified lifestyle. (#718) BetsyKay, 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.

Lady partner for polyfidelitous family. Both late forties, living in Tacoma, Washington. Lady that wants loving, caring, sharing people in her life. Treating her as an individual with respect to her needs. We travel & have family condo on beach in Lincoln City, Oregon. Please contact us. (#634) Jim & Patty, 910 North Stevens, Tacoma, WA 98406, (206) 759-0546.

Hard-to-label, closed fidelitous triad, 2 F (49, 27), 1 M (46) seeks to form closed fidelitous 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, conscious improvement of communication and self-awareness, movies, massage, hugs, vegetarian cooking, good times without using chemicals, sharing feelings, and being individually financially self supporting. #618.

Dawnreader: blueprinting the vision of a global worldwidesquare pilot model in Index, Washington, made up of eight best friends living happily ever after, enjoying gourmet vegetarian cuisine, rotational and tantric polyfidelity (heterosexual), enlightening philosophical discussion, and the loving security of pooled economic resources. (#794) PETC, POB 1119, Lake Stevens, WA 98258.

My current interest in polyfidelity is platonic. My wife and I are in a committed monogamous relationship. We attended PEPCON '90 in order to meet people living the lifestyle, to gather information, and to support the work of the organization. I want to connect with folks in order to research issues associated with living the lifestyle and ultimately to write a book. In particular, my desire is to study and write about qualities of individuals who have chosen the path of multiple primary relationships and to uncover features inherent in polyfidelitous families which are missing from traditional family couplings. Peter #847

SWM, 36 looks 22, Rock guitarist, RE investor, tall, slim, very long wavy dark hair, brown eyes, clean shaven, N/S, N/D, considered very sexy and good looking, yet have many intellectual interests, metaphysics, books, etc. and own awesome log home I'd like to share with 1-3 committed, bi or straight females. (#600) Amante, POB 55142, Seattle, WA 98155

Resources

"Anything That Moves" is a quarterly magazine with a focus on bisexuality published by the Bay area bisexual Network. Annual subscriptions are \$25. BARN 2404 California St #24, San Francisco, CA 94115.

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

Anyone interested in a support group for local polyfides in the Canadian BC area call Don at (604) 576-9706.

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. 427 Bloor St 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. POB12762, Berkeley, CA 94701.

Family Synergy is for people interested in nonpossessive, caring interpersonal relationships. They have a number of chapters in the Southern CA area and elsewhere and offer a variety of social 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 a local newsletter. Write for information: POB 315, Chestnut Hill, MA 02167.

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

Intinet Resource Center describes itself as "a clearinghouse for info on ethical multimate relationships", and offers "A Resource guide for the Responsible Non-Monogamist," a compilation of information on the subject, for \$14.95 postpaid. IRC POB 2096, Mill Valley, CA 94942

Kerista is the group who coined the word "polyfidelity." They are prolific publishers and pathfinders in committed group living. They also sponsor an on-going Growth Coop for stimulating discussion. 543 Frederick St, SF, 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. Also the annual convention offers seminars and speakers on alternate relationship styles. 2641 W PalPaMa Ste A, Anaheim, CA 92801.

Loving Alternatives is a support/discussion group for the non-monogamous in Pennsylvania. Meetings are in State College. Member interests range from open couples to group marriage, but NOT swinging. Calder Square, Box 10509, State College, PA 16805-0509.

The National STD Hotline answers any questions on sexually transmitted diseases 8am-11pm EST in English or Spanish: 800-227-8922.

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

N.O.S.E. (The National Organization of Sexual Enthusiasts) is a membership organization complete with membership card, newsletter and bumper stickers. Their purpose is to promote a positive approach to sexual pleasure and sexual freedom with responsibility. They oppose sexual censorship. Yearly cost is \$20. Write to POB 8753, 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 POB 5247, Eugene, OR 97405.

Partners Newsletter for Gay & Lesbian Couples: practical info & ideas for developing satisfying, successful relationships. Interviews, news & reviews. Bi-monthly and mailed in peck proof envelope. Write for subscription info or \$3 for sample issue. Box 3685, Seattle, WA 98109.

PEP is a nationwide organization which publishes Loving More, a quarterly newsletter focused on the ins and outs of group marriage and polyfidelity. Each issue also includes a member directory for networking and nonmonogamous resources. Offers the Polyfidelity Primer and hosts an annual convention (this year Aug 30/31 & Sept 1 in the Bay area). Box 6306, Capt 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.

"The Safe Sex Maniac's Bible" is produced in England by Tuppy Owens, POB 42/B, London W1A 42/B. It contains a vast amount of information about sexual styles and practices, and many resources world wide, although much of the book focuses on sex clubs.

SSC: Magazine for Alternative Lifestyles, a "sophisticated, unique, and erotic monthly publication for loving couples." This consists of personal ads placed by couples (no singles accepted) interested in soft swinging activities with other couples. Also some resource info is included. Single copy price \$5. Omnifit Designs West, SSC Div, POB 459, San Dimas, CA 91773.

Touchpoint Network for the nonmonogamous 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 Multiplicity, a quarterly exploring the potentials, politics 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 polyfide support group forming. If anyone in the Salt Lake City area wants to join, please call Walt Haas at (801) 534-1262 or write to him at 717 Ninth Ave, SLC, UT 84103.

For local support in the Tacoma area, and also invites discussions & potlucks, call Jim and Patty at 206-759-0546.

Unclassifieds

MACROCOSM USA: Environmental, political and social transformation for the 90's seeks material about/with progressive publications, organizations and individuals for a solutions handbook and reference guide designed to provide teacher, community workers, 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 "macrocosm."

1990/91 DIRECTORY OF INTENTIONAL COMMUNITIES: Just released, over 2 years in the making. Names, addresses, phone numbers, and descriptions of 320 North American communities, 55 groups on other continents, and over 250 resource groups. Maps, cross-reference charts, fully-indexed. Plus 40 articles on related topics including finding your community, personal growth, social action, decision making, land trusts, community economics. \$13.50 postpaid from Sandhill Farm, Rte 1, Box 155-R, Rutledge, MO 63563.

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