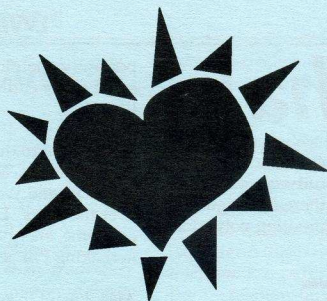


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## Future Sex

An interview with  
Stephen Davis, author  
of *Future Sex*

**Loving More:** You attended your first PEP conference this year, what was your experience like?

**Stephen:** The conference was fantastic. Just the opportunity to meet and interact with 200 some other people who are on the same path, who are doing the same work, who are searching in the same direction. That kind of communion alone is worth an indeterminate amount of money. On top of that you have the practical application of that theory. It's not what we think, but what we do that's important in life. And the people who are doing give us new hope that we can too. And that it works. I wish we could have a conference every month. Not just for the fun of it but for the moral support and recognition that we're winning the game.

**LM:** Your workshop at this year's PEP conference involved a lot of personal sharing, how did you become involved with all this?

**Stephen:** I first began considering nonmonogamous alternatives when I was married in the late 60's. I read all of Rimmer's books and *Stranger In a Strange Land* by Heinlein. I found I had a lot in common with those folks and what they were writing in terms of interpersonal relationships.

My first personal experience was falling in love with another woman in addition to my first wife. We never did anything

about it, we just talked a lot about it. That couple, she and her husband, lived in the same house as my wife and I and we spent hours and days talking. And it actually dragged on into months of discussion without any action.

It became too much for my wife to handle, so I literally dropped the whole issue, stopped thinking about it. I couldn't see how I could integrate these ideas into my life without creating incredible havoc, so I denied the issue was there

Three years ago the issue resurfaced in my marriage with Heide. After eight years of a wonderfully happy and monogamous relationship with her, I fell in love with another woman, in addition to Heide, not in place of her. It was a relief to be able to discuss it and to feel it and to take action on it with her. It has been a relief to take the burden of this denial away, and to confront the issue head on after all these years of the issue being in the closet or under the rug or wherever.

This experience forced us to look at the entire concept of monogamy, where it comes from, what it's based on, and where it may be headed in the future.

**LM:** What did you find?

**Stephen:** First of all, monogamy is a myth. In the US, at least, over 80% of all married couples have had, or are

having at this moment, an extramarital affair. In addition, the practice of enforced monogamy in our society is based on fear, jealousy, possessiveness, control, separation, and judgment, all of which are now recognized as "dysfunctional" by modern psychology. In short, monogamy just isn't working any more, and frankly it no longer exists except in some people's imagination.

I've talked with very few people who are truly happy with the present state of their sex life. Some people get too much, others get too little. Some want others to give it, while others don't want some to get it. It's too expensive, too cheap, too dirty, or too risky. One of the reasons I wrote *Future Sex* was to provide hope that the future could be different.

One of the most important issues is that monogamy has never been a choice that humans have made as individuals. It has been a system of relating that has been dictated to us, handed down to us and inflicted upon us by authorities on

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# Aloha!

Amazingly enough, we've been together one more time around our sun. Yes, this is the 8th anniversary issue of the newsletter. For these past eight years we've been promoting polyfidelity and loving it!

## First and Foremost

I especially want to take time this year to acknowledge some special people who have made this publication, the *Primer*, and the annual conference possible. My two family partners, Allan Jensen and Barry Northrop, have given me support, emotionally, financially, and technically, in writing and publishing each quarter for the past 8 years.

They've put up with endless reams of mail and papers stacked all over our floor and unusual phone calls at bizarre hours. They've built me PEP office space in each house we've restored or remodelled, and protected my trusty computers from sheetrock dust and other deadly perils.

They've sat at polyfidelity booths at fairs, been videotaped during rushed lunchbreaks from work, and even flown across continents to help me spread the word.

They've folded, stamped and stapled 8 years of newsletters, and never bitched about how I could be better spending this time doing something that would make us some money. And most im-

portantly, their love and commitment serve as my endless source of inspiration.

Next I want to thank PEP members Shirley Reeves, Margie G., Jake W., Elaine E., and Walt P. for their efforts over the years. Each has given significant time, energy, and personal support in making PEP's activities possible.

Also, I want to acknowledge folks in Kerista for their encouragement in the original formation of my family, for their pathfinding work in polyfidelity theory, and for being longtime friends on the frontier.

Finally, I want to thank all the members of PEP, new and old. Among you I continue to meet wonderful people and to make rewarding friendships. Your contributions of energy keep the fire going. Thank you for your open minds, courage, and evolutionary energy!

*Ryam*

## Polyfidelity on Video

Look forward to hearing more about polyfidelity in two videos in progress! The first began at PEP's conference and will include part of Stephen and Heide Davis' workshop: *Addicted to Monogamy*, and interview segments with Kerista, Intinet's founders Deborah Anapol and Paul Glassco, and Syntyony. Our interview segment was taped here on the Big Island several weeks after the conference in Berkeley.

The second is a one hour show now being edited from a couple days of taping at a roundtable session called *L.A. Freedom* held in Southern California this fall. The get-together was sponsored by a PEP member who decided to personally make something happen. He invited a group of writers and publishers to discuss various issues concerning freedom in our society. I had a great time getting to know some new people, and especially enjoyed a segment I did with Mike Gunderloy (formerly of *Factsheet Five*) on family and community.

More information on both these videos, availability and cost, will be provided here as soon as it becomes available. We have also recently ordered another clean copy of the Sally Jesse Raphael TV show we were on. This is available as a loaner for anyone interested in seeing Syntyony try to talk polyfidelity to Mainstream America. (See order blank on back page) Also, Donahue hosted a show on polyfidelity in November. The word is out!

## Star Trekking

Right after PEP's conference this Labor Day weekend, some folks gathered to brainstorm about ideas for episodes on *Star Trek: The Next Generation* including multiple adult committed relationships. This would present this lifestyle option to all the show's viewers in a non-threatening manner, i.e., a fictional future setting. For those of you who'd like to add energy to this project, consider writing a letter to Star Trek producers saying you'd like to see some shows with characters in more evolutionary and expansive relationship forms, or contact Intinet's Deborah Anapol directly (see resource listing in this issue).

## Real Virtue

Columnist Judy Nolliet describes what people do together before they get the results of their AIDS test as "virtual sex!" As in virtual ("not actual but equivalent") reality.

## New Year's Newflash!!!!

A message: "We are challenging you all to institute a quarterly PEP party. We'll kick off this tradition by hosting the first of these events this New Year's Eve. We feel this is a great way for sister communities to network. Each host community designs and throws their own style of party.

Our's just happens to be an image, alcohol, smoke, and drug-free all nude pot-luck New Year's Eve party. Top that! RSVP to Magic Winds (Laine, Roland and Hal), 18961 Killian Road, Grass Valley, CA 95949 or (916) 268-7399 for a map to find us (we're remote). BYO

## Deadline for next issue is Feb 1

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### Book review

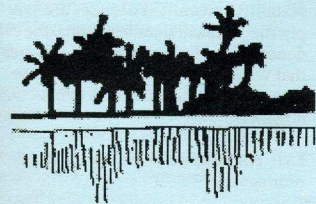
*Challenge of the Heart: Love, Sex and Intimacy in Changing Times* by John Welwood, Editor. Includes varied heady essays and distinctly different views on the experience of romantic and erotic love. Contributors include DH Lawrence, Rilke, Watts, and others. *An Inconvenient Woman* by Dominick Dunne is a fictional account of the downside of exclusivity and closing your heart. A typical triangle where everyone loses instead of opening themselves to new and more livable options in their relationships.

### Sex Symposium

Next March 13-15th in San Francisco, the annual expo held by NSS Seminars offers over 35 presentations with featured speakers from tantra, sex therapy, and scientific sexuality backgrounds. Their quarterly publication is called *The Not Naughty Network (N.N.N.)*. Contact them for more info at Box 620123, Woodside, CA 94062.

### The Big Island

Although PEP has been located in Hawaii for two years now, we still get inquiries into why we moved from Oregon. The answer seems obvious to me, but for a final review, "It's simply as close to paradise as we could find and afford." Sunshine, plants, fruit, flowers, beaches, mountains (volcanoes), rural living and only a 5 hour flight direct to San Francisco. Who could ask for anything more? ♥



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## PEP'S 5th Annual Conference

PEP hosted over 200 people at this year's conference, more than double the number attending in 1990, and we gathered for the first time in the big city at the UC Berkeley conference center. Many people chose to share from their own lives, as almost a quarter of those attending also presented either formal workshops or impromptu support groups.

### First, Friday night...

To be blunt, the line bulging out the doorway on Friday evening held the most people into inclusive relating who had ever gathered in one place at one time in known history. While swinger's events can attract larger numbers to their erotic masquerade balls, consensus committed group relating hit it's peak Labor Day weekend in Berkeley.

Mitch Slomiak of Kerista introduced the lifestyle in the balcony, while folks continued to come in and sign up. Then we formally began with Barry Northrop of Syntony and Elaine Connolly of Equinox Household transitioning the group into its first get to know you's. I reviewed PEP's conference social contract so everyone could understand the basic culture we would share for the weekend. 1) Above all, gracious social tolerance of all our differences, and 2) personal responsibility in choosing and voluntarily participating in any events.

A strong and smiling group from the Church of All Worlds lead us in an opening ceremony including ritual and song. Soon the keynote speakers, Phoenix, a polyfidelitous family of three began to tell their story, explaining the ups and downs they'd experienced in different phases of their eight year family life together. We closed the first night with a short social period for more person to person contact.

### Saturday Starts...

Saturday dawned bright and early for the first scheduled event. A small, but energetic group of us hit the hills for a brisk hike up to a great view of the bay.

Soon we made our way back down to the main theatre for a few more group get to know you exercises, then on to our first series of three workshops. In this block it was a choice between *Sharing Money and Financial Independence* by Barry Northrop, Deborah Anapol and Paul Glassco, *Using Dreamsharing to Build Relationships* by Jack Johnston (see page 6 this issue), or *Spiritual Alliance and Integrity: the foundation of lasting relationships* by Roland Juli and Laine Sohler. I managed to hit a few moments of each, while still covering the registration of folks coming in late, and just loved the diversity of choice in subject matter and style covered by these offerings.

During the lunch break, many groups staffed tables covered with publications, t-shirts, and cassettes. Others, like myself, wandered several blocks into Berkeley for some food and chatted with new friends along the way. I had several great conversations, one about freedom and personal responsibility, and the other with two PEP members from Seattle. These two women are real pioneer types, and members of the lesbian community. For the past few years I've been aware that PEP's members are almost equally bisexual and heterosexual with a small but clear minority of lesbians and gay men. Only infrequently will members of either of these latter groups participate in events or write in with their thoughts or network listings. So these two were a real treat for me; I love individuals with guts who act.

They suggested that I emphasize PEP's openness to and support of all sexual orientations, including lesbians, gay men, bisexuals, and heterosexual. So, to repeat once again, PEP doesn't care who you love, just that you do love and love more! I'm particularly hoping for an article for the newsletter from them soon.

Saturday afternoon offered a choice between *Processing Emotions Verbally*, an experiential session on ways to give and receive help for emotional stuck places, by Sandra Kiehn and David Pursglove co-directors of The New Being Project; *Building Local Support Groups* by Chaz Bufe of Expanded ▶

Family Network which meets in the Bay area, and *Polyfidelity Beyond the Triad*. I received great reports about each of these workshops, although some people wanted longer than 2 hour sessions. Beyond the Triad, presented by a 14 person family in Kerista, demonstrated that polyfidelitous families can grow beyond three and that everyone in The Purple Submarine, including the family's two bright and sociable daughters who have more parents than most of us can imagine, can hold their own and have fun in front of a crowd.

In the late afternoon various impromptu and support groups met, while Eric Best and Gary Reed of the Mariposa Group from Southern California shared a workshop on *Building Successful Relationships & Building Successful Community* in line with Scott Peck's seminars, and the Church of All Worlds lead a group on *Alternative Spirituality for Sex-Positive Lifestyles*. Phew! Time for another meal break, then we reunited for a slide show of communities across the country by Geoph Kozeny. While viewing all the beautiful settings and great shared houses, we also heard about the relationships and lifestyles of the various groups, until it was time to break for refreshments and music. Our evening social included dance tapes, a live band, plenty to eat, and a separate room to hang out and talk. What a full day, and a fun evening to meet more people.

### Sunday, Sunday...

Sunday we started out slow. Bagels, other breakfast tidbits, and coffee for those who needed help waking up. Some of us in families answered questions in a small panel session, then had some laughs with Dave von Braun, a self described bisexual comedian. Our workshop choices included *Coming Out Poly* by Deborah Anapol, Paul Glassco, and John Holmdahl of Intinet; *Tantra for Trios*, a gender balanced workshop lead by Nancy Mccusker and David Coleman who sponsor a tantra support group, and *Addicted to Monogamy?* by Stephen and Heide Davis, authors of *Future Sex* (see page 1 this issue). People reported glowingly from each of these sessions. So many ways to have fun.

During the lunch break, more impromptu groups met to share, and I spent a little time with an author from England who is in the midst of a book about relationship alternatives. She'd spent the day prior at a large swing convention and seemed relieved at our emphasis on conscious relationship building.

The final workshop series included *Shared Housing, Community, and Polyfidelity* by Shirley Reeves of Oregon's local, Bill Cerf of EFN, and Ken Norwood of the Shared Living Resource Center; *Dissolving the Walls of the Jealousy Maze* which was performance piece which gave a humorous presentation of familiar jealous scenes by Diane Pepetone of EFN, and *Rebirthing for a Functional Family*, an intro to a breathing technique used to get through personal blocks by my partner Allan Jensen and myself.

To close out our time together, members of the Church of All Worlds led us in a large ceremony in the courtyard. I had a great time during the circle song and dance, getting one last chance to see each person as we sped by each other in giant spirals. Another year, another conference, another ending and beginning. More new friends, more learning, and more dreams for the future.

Please come next year. Sign up to share your talents and experience, or simply attend and enjoy. There's a whole bunch of us wanting to meet you! (Anyone interested in involvement can write me, Ryam, c/o PEP) ♥

**Just so you'll know:** Polyfidelity is a specific form of equalitarian group marriage including more than 2 spouses; a group in which all partners are primary to all other partners as demonstrated by actions such as sharing a strong emotional bond, home space & resource, and making important life decisions together equally; as a marriage, sexual relationships exist between all partners in line with their sexual preference; sexual fidelity is to the group; and all partners share an intent of a lifelong commitment together.

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the planet: the main two being the government and the church. As we awaken to our individuality in these strange times of transition on this planet, one of the things we have to face and decide for ourselves is the issue of our own sexuality. How we want to express it regardless of what someone else might think we should do or how they think we should behave.

If nothing else, our future sexuality has to be one of individual choice rather than enforcement, and that individual choice may take a number of different expressions. Polyfidelity being one of them. In my mind, polyfidelity is one of the easier avenues for people to take as they progress out of monogamy, but it isn't the only one. In the future I hope we can, as a society, become tolerant of many, many other forms of expression of interpersonal relationships.

**LM: What are your predictions for the future?**

**Stephen:** I wouldn't be so presumptuous to even guess at an answer to that question. But, I do believe our future hope lies in each of us deciding what we want to see happen, not out of fear of what others might think of us, but out of choice of what really makes us happy.

We claim to be a free society. We wouldn't dream of enforcing our religious beliefs on someone else, or telling them what books they can or cannot read, or forcing them into an occupation that we feel is best for them. On the contrary, we believe in freedom of religion, freedom of the press, and freedom in the pursuit of happiness. But when it comes to freedom of sex, forget it! Our sexually transmitted diseases are simply the physical manifestations of the evidence, of the fears we have in this area that we must overcome if we want to recover from our addiction to monogamy.

**LM: For you, what are the limits of monogamy?**

**Stephen:** Monogamy can be a very

valid choice to focus one's love and sexual activity on a single other person for a certain period of time. In that case, however, it would not be enforced, or chosen out of fear of survival, or fear of losing one's identity, or fear of being alone, or fear of sexually transmitted diseases. It would not be chosen to control one's self or anybody else, or to create separation between people. It would not be based on some arbitrary judgments or the denial of any natural urges. Instead, it would be totally fulfilling and completely exciting, and there would be no thought or fantasy of anything else.

**LM:** Your position is that, as a society, we're addicted to monogamy?

**Stephen:** There's no doubt about it, at least the way we're practicing monogamy in today's society. All the physical and psychological symptoms of an addiction are there, from an increasing need, to compulsive and irrational behavior, to withdrawal phenomena. A partner can lie, cheat, and steal, and the spouse is supposed to love and forgive. But fooling around is the kiss of death and just cause for breaking up an otherwise perfect relationship. Now that is an addiction just as much as alcoholism, and far more insidious because it still enjoys popular support.

Monogamy can be a valid choice, but not the way we're doing it now. This can get confusing for some people who think they are currently choosing monogamy on a voluntary basis. One of the important things to recognize about monogamy as a true choice is that it contains no required time element. In other words someone can choose to be monogamous for a day or a week or a year, but they must be free to change that choice at any time in the future, just as someone can choose to eat spaghetti one day, but change their mind and have fish the next.

Monogamy to be a valid choice must not be made as an eternal commitment. Some of the better counselors say marriage is a day to day commitment. So is monogamy. It isn't something you get in and believe you will be in for eternity or enforce your mate being in for eter-

nity. Monogamy is a valid choice for one individual only and that individual can never enforce that choice on another person, just as they can't enforce their religious beliefs or other beliefs on another.

**LM:** You want all couples in recovery programs for monogamy addiction?

**Stephen:** I'd just like to see us recover, like from alcoholism and eating disorders and addictions to drugs. It's interesting to note the change in our definition of the word monogamy just in the last 50 years. In a 1941 dictionary, monogamy was defined as having one spouse for life, no divorce, no remarriage, no outside sex. That definition has changed as we've changed our social practices until the word now means having one spouse at a time. So if we've come that far in just 50 years, it's anybody's guess where we'll be in another 10.

The great anthropologist, Margaret Meade, was once asked: With all her knowledge of human nature, why did she have three failed marriages. She replied by saying that she had three very successful marriages, since each man had brought something new and different into her life. As a society, we've come to accept the fact that a woman can have three husbands, just as long as they're separated in time. Is it really that big of a step to take to start allowing her three husbands at the same time, if she wants?

Monogamy has become an addiction in our society, but we can recover from it before it ruins any more lives. When I say monogamy is an addiction. I mean it meets every criteria of addiction from definition to systematology. For example the Random House Dictionary defines the word addiction as "the state of being enslaved to a habit or practice which is psychologically habit forming to such an extent that its cessation causes severe trauma." If you look at the definition of the word addict you get adjectives such as obsessive, compulsive, and dependent, which all describe our relationship to monogamy.

**LM:** At the conference, you described

a concept I found very interesting. Please tell us more here about your insights on "Special Relationships" as described in the *Course in Miracles*?

**Stephen:** A "Special Relationship" exists anytime one is dependent upon any other person or thing (or their attributes) to provide special needs, for which we love them and are unwilling to unconditionally share that specialness with anyone else. Special Relationships are used to provide self-esteem, self-worth, and self-love when one feels incapable of providing these things for oneself. In other words, a special relationship creates an acceptable identity that one is unable to create for oneself. One uses the illusion of stability and serenity one gets from this Special Relationship as a substitute for reality.

One of the problems my wife Heide and I had as we struggled through these issues was an inability for me to understand what I could and couldn't do in her mind that would or wouldn't constitute a threat to our Special Relationship. Apparently, there are symbols that mean one has a Special Relationship with another person, such as some obvious ones: having sex with them, showering together, having a romantic candlelight dinner. But there were others that I never would have guessed existed, like: touching their hair, picking up the tab at dinner, or letting them drive your car.

*A Course In Miracles* defines the term "special relationship" as similar to one modern psychology would define as codependent. It is not a favorable type of relationship and the course is establishing the point that a special relationship between you and someone or something else is destructive to your own personal growth.

It's like a young teenager with his first car, a brand new convertible. This car gives him self worth, lets him feel he is somebody because others will look at his car and say "the guy driving that is worth something." John Bradshaw says it this way, "When we feel worthless we do things to feel worth more and we depend on things outside ourselves to feel

## Multiple Committed Relationships:

# Nightmare or Dream Come True?

by Jack Johnston, M.A.  
(Author of *How to Calmpost Nightmares & Other Dreams through Learning to Befriend Your Trance Persona's ID Entities*)

I think most of us would agree that a capacity for honesty and deep sharing are essential to creating a successful alternate sensual lifestyle, be it polyintimacy as an end in itself, polyintimacy as prelude to a polyfidelitous relationship, or for the creation and emotional and spiritual sustenance of a group marriage, be it open or closed.

Vital also is an increasing facility at non-violent resolution of conflict based on a mutual expectation that win-win-win(-win-win...etc.) consensus can be reached when all involved work together toward that outcome.

PEP's conference this year gave me an opportunity to share the Calmposting method of dreamwork with people practicing or at least aspiring to a lifestyle of multiple intimate commitment. I'm very interested in hearing any of your thoughts and feelings about how this method might serve as a tool for facilitating the adventure of bonding deeply with kindred spirits.

In this article, I'd first like to take a few moments to describe some of the elements of Calmposting dreams, and then speculate as to how this process might help you create the lifestyle of your dreams. I hope that you'll treat all you read here as working hypotheses rather than as statements of absolute fact. "Take what you can use, and leave the rest."

### **Calmposting Defined**

Calmposting is based on a synthesis of certain tribal shamanic traditions and practices (some of those tribes living communally and practicing alternatives

to monogamy) with language forms modeled by Milton H. Erickson, M.D. and described by Neuro-Linguistic Programming as well as "Ericksonian Therapy" systems. It is appropriate for use with both adults and children, thus providing a gentle, fun way to practice family building and bonding.

I call this process "Calmposting" because it is based on the theme of transformation of emotional energy. We are all beginning to get the idea that in this world it's really an illusion to think we can truly "get rid of" anything. I believe that this included so-called "bad" feelings: be they a result of overt or covert assaults suffered in childhood (which wounds may remain unhealed), a result of nightmares, or a result of interpersonal conflicts such as those encountered in creating and sustaining intimate relationships.

A goal of Calmposting is to help us appreciate that these "bad" feelings are really unclaimed energy, energy that may be bound up in painful loops, but energy that can be liberated and recycled by...you guessed it..."Calmposting."

### **New Coping Strategies**

These transformed feelings and energies then become sources of empowerment within our own psyche. We re-access the power that's been bound up in these emotional vortices, and this enables us to bring more of ourselves to any interpersonal encounter. In fact the entire process of Calmposting involves the practice of clarifying intentions, of "getting the message," making peace, forming new friendships, and of expressing (celebrating) these new alliances in the waking life.

Unresolved conflicts and uncomfortable feelings appearing in dreams signal a need for new coping strategies. Calmposting can give us tools to develop these new strategies in dialogue with our own inner voices. We work directly with the figures in our dreams (our subpersonalities or Id Entities) in a non-interpretive way. The Calmposting experience proceeds through six stages: Key, Embellishment, Main Figure(s), Gift, Artifact, and Quest.

### **Keys**

Through guided visualization (in effect, a light trance state), and using whatever image or feeling we *do* remember about a dream (which we call the Key instead of fragment), we go back into a dream of our choosing, taking all the help we need to be successful there, in whatever forms we need it. We see ourselves calling on allies in many forms: friends, friendly strangers, famous healers from throughout history, totem animals, familiars, protective gear, special (even magic!) equipment, etc.

We do not need to share anything about the dream, flashback, or memory that we are doubtful of sharing with others, yet we can be successful in reclaiming the power held hostage in that personal imagery.

If the dream is very frightening (i.e. holds a great deal of unclaimed power for us), we may first see ourselves and our allies mustering in a completely safe staging area. We then begin to move toward the dream, getting close enough to see it clearly and deal with it successfully, but staying far enough away to do so comfortably and safely.

### **Embellishment & Main Figures**

We notice whether we are indoors or outdoors, whether it is day or night, the colors of our environment, sounds, fragrances, etc. (Embellishment) We identify one or more id entities which seem to be attracting our attention, negatively or positively (Main Figures).

We ask them what their message is for us, how we might help them, what they might want from us (while remembering that we are just trying to get the information, we are not obligated to do what they say). If what they are asking from us would in any way be harmful or uncomfortable to us, we ask what they would gain from this, how else might we give them what they seek. We may need to use this "what would you gain?" form several times to unmask what they really want.

For example, an entity might say, "I want to kill you, I want you to die!" We ask, "What would you gain from that?" They might reply, "Then I wouldn't

have to deal with you anymore." And we ask, "What would you gain from not dealing with me anymore? And they might say, "Then I wouldn't have to feel ashamed anymore."

At that point we could ask, "What would you feel instead?" And they might say, "Instead I could feel safe," to which we could reply, "How else can I help you feel safe, but in a way that I don't have to suffer injury?" And they might say, "You can teach me how to call on my own allies," or "You could give me a hug," or "You could just pay attention to me more often," etc.

If we have trouble getting a clear message from the entity, we call on mediator allies, mind-reading allies, negotiator allies, etc. to help us clear up our communication with this entity. Once we get from the entity a behavior or gesture that we feel truly comfortable enacting, we see ourselves doing so in the dream space.

**Built-In Biofeedback**

We learn that our feelings are our built in biofeedback, that so-called "bad" (i.e. uncomfortable) feelings are a sign to call on allies: fear is a sign to call on protectors, sadness is a sign to call on comforters, grief is a sign to communicate with the person or object of loss, confusion is a sign to call on advisors or spirit guides, etc.

We may also feel the need to let a lot of time pass for the changes to happen. And we know that we can let all the time go by we need in the dream space: minutes, hours, days, months, years, lifetimes, generations, eternities, etc.

**Essense Gifts**

We then ask the entity for a tangible gift that represents the essence of its power and its new friendship with us, a gift that signifies that from now on this entity or spirit will be in our dream universe as an ally. We make sure that the gift is tangible, not just a hug or a smile, although those are important to accept as well. We need a tangible gift: a poem, song, dance, or object of some kind.

We make sure it truly feels like an essence gift from the spirit and that it's

truly in a form that feels completely right and good for us. If there is any doubt, we speak to the gift itself, for it too is pure energy, pure spirit. And we ask it to keep the aspects of itself that we like and change the rest into a form that we'll like completely.

We follow this process with each dream entity which attracts our attention, until the dream feels completely like a safe place for us to be...a place of power. We then return to the waking life, bringing our gifts with us.

**Artifacts**

As we awaken, we then make a quick sketch of the gifts we were given (Artifact). At this time we may also Calmpost any shame we might feel about being no artist, as we recognize that this is a very common feeling in our culture and is the effect of insensitive, dysfunctional enculturation experienced in early schooling at home, or both. We recognize that the sketch does not have to be a photograph or literal representation of the gift, or anything that has to pass the approval of any grade school art teacher or other critic.

The sketch's only purpose is to remind us of the gift(s) we were given.

We may then choose to sculpt, paint, buy, or otherwise manifest even more tangible representations of these gifts in the waking life. We do not try to analyze or vivisect "the" meaning of the dream or of the gifts. We keep these artifacts around us, on our altar or other special place where we can see them and where they'll not be ridiculed

by insensitive others.

We trust that even when we do not consciously focus on these images, that even when we perceive them with our peripheral vision, they remind us at very deep, subtle levels of the positive resolution of the issues which these metaphors represent to our subconscious minds. We may begin to notice over time that these images begin to whisper their deeper meanings to us, through an associative or intuitive flash of insight.

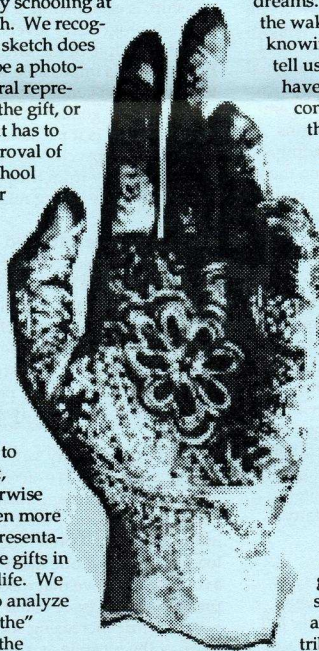
**Quests**

We may also continue to look for more tangible representations of these gifts in our waking life: at swap meets, craft fairs, or virtually anywhere else (Quest). We also keep our awareness open to places we find ourselves in during the waking life which remind us of the feeling tone of places we visited in our dreams. We identify these places in the waking life as places of power, knowing that our feeling responses tell us that somehow these places have deeper meanings for our subconscious minds, that somehow they are sources of healing and empowerment.

We may choose to meditate at these places, or have a picnic with friends there, or re-enact the dream there. We may bring a souvenir from these waking life places back to our home as well, to further increase the linkages between our dream universes and our waking life. And we may appreciate that such practice could be what Jung intimated when he spoke of "living the symbolic life."

**Dream Tribe**

By practicing Calmposting in a group setting, a very subtle, special bonding develops among members of the "dream tribe." As one person shares her dream and begins the Calmposting process, the others are encouraged to open their dream eyes as well. They may find themselves following



along with the imagery of the sharer for a while, but they may also find themselves being triggered into their own imagery, or be reminded of dreams even from many years previous.

The cauldron is being stirred! They are invited to follow that imagery, to see where it leads them, and when the sharer has completed her Calmposting process, they are asked to share their imagery and experience as well. This sharing may then stimulate still more imagery and memories in others.

It is not unusual for some persons to fall asleep while others are Calmposting their dreams. Instead of being shamed or ridiculed for this, the sleepers are applauded for responding to the call of their dream worlds and are encouraged to share what they experienced on their spontaneous journey.

And so it goes, one after another, people in the tribe open to new experiences within their inner world, face unfinished business, claim new personal power, and appreciate how the original sharer's being willing to risk the adventure has led them also to personal empowerment. This awareness begins building some very special bonding, bonding beyond words, between those who shared their visions and those in whom this sharing stimulated new opportunities for growth.

The combination of an individual's resolving inner conflicts peacefully, healing the past, claiming greater emotional clarity and a sense of empowerment, with the subtle synergistic bonding between members of a dream group willing to share personal imagery without intrusively assigning specific meanings to their imagery or that of each other, offers a tremendously powerful resource for creating gentle yet potent bonding within any expanded family constellation.

*(For those interested in more on this fascinating process, for phone consultations, workshop information, or copies of the full monograph, contact the author directly at POB 3114, Ashland, OR 97520 or call him at (503) 482-5681. ♥*

dream on...

## Polyfidelity makes SENS

# Sustainable Same Gender Bonds

by Peter Sugarman

I am in a committed monofidelitous relationship with my wife of seven years. While not an expert on polyfidelity, I have given it much study over the last 20 years. I support individual freedom to choose mutually compatible multiple relationships and believe that the polyfidelity lifestyle signals a natural evolution in societal maturation.

### *Overcoming Inertia*

There are many forces of inertia that must be overcome for the lifestyle to become more socially acceptable. One source of inertia, and a fundamental component of any polyfidelitous relationship, is establishing a primary bond, through progressive levels of intimacy, between people of the same gender. Polyfidelity is impossible without at least one same gender bond. Often the primary same gender bond is not sexually oriented. Is it possible to separate the perceived psychological cost of sexual intimacy from the potential benefits of multiple loving relationships?

For some people intrigued by polyfidelity, but afraid to engage in multiple relationships, the perceived cost of social ostracism resulting from same gender sexual intimacy overwhelms the perceived benefits. In order to more effectively promote the lifestyle, one alternative is to reduce the perceived cost through education and awareness.

The issue of sexuality within polyfidelitous relationships is exacerbated by societal assumptions and misperceptions about the lifestyle. Public perception of individual sexual preferences is a loaded issue and one that I think is best avoided. I believe that discernment in presenting that issue could go a long way towards increasing social acceptance of the lifestyle as a sustainable alternative family system.

### *Two Examples of Inhibited Acceptance*

Here are two examples of how the issue

of intimacy within a primary same gender relationship can inhibit acceptance of the lifestyle. The first is an incident from last years PEPCON. I met a woman who was living with a couple in a triadic polyfidelitous relationship. Her parents knew of the living arrangement (but not the degree of intimacy) and were amiable about it. Eventually, the woman told her parents that she and the other woman were homosexuals. All hell broke loose and the relationship with her parents became very strained. Before declaring her sexual orientation the relationship between daughter and parents had been close. After the announcement, a major rift occurred between them.

The second example is about the many explicit references to sexual orientation in the PEP Network publication. I think that advertising one's sexual orientation by way of introduction is self-defeating. I think it is inappropriate and unnecessary to predicate a potential relationship on sexual orientation. This is not to deny the importance of sexuality nor am I advocating hiding these important issues behind a wall of secrecy. Rather, at least initially, it is important to broaden the focus of a potential primary relationship by including a more comprehensive view. I propose gradual accommodation to public perceptions of intimacy by exposing personal details with discernment through progressive layers of openness.

Initial identification with a sexually oriented lifestyle precludes discernment in later conversations. Once announced by using sexually oriented terms, it is an uphill battle to change the opinions that others may have formed about those who engage in that type of relationship. This proposal then is to eliminate the terms homosexual, bisexual, gay and lesbian from common usage and suggest a more appropriate alternative. Each of those terms refers to same gender people in relationship. The information content of any one of those sexually oriented labels is automatically reduced to the following message: "A person who falls into that category rubs their genitals inside, or against, the body of a like gender person in order to achieve orgasm. This behavior has ab-



solutely nothing to do with procreation." Anyone who identifies with that lifestyle identifies with a form of genital stimulation. I think that notifying anyone about the gender of the person with whom one has an orgasm is irrelevant.

### **Polarization Based on Sexuality**

This points to the issue of polarization based on sexuality. The terms which homosexuals and bisexuals use to identify themselves refer specifically to a form of sexual behavior. Advocating a lifestyle in terms of sexual behavior presents a dilemma. It is a private matter presented in a public forum and it touches a collective raw nerve. Affirming the value placed on a relationship is one matter. Drawing attention to that relationship in purely sexual terms is inappropriate, unnecessary, and ultimately self-defeating. It is like calling attention to one's crotch and then questioning why people pay so much attention to the genitals. Bisexuals, homosexuals, heterosexuals (for that matter), straights, gays, and lesbians lock themselves in that dilemma.

When considered in non-gender related terms, sexual behavior is (among other things) a primal act with SENSual, emotional, mental and spiritual dimensions. Sexual behavior constitutes an act of surrender in which each participant is vulnerable. As an activity, it is generally considered a personal and private matter sensibly done in a safe, mutually supportive environment.

I think that initially it is more appropriate to focus on the SENSual aspects of relationship. The terms homoSENSual and biSENSual can serve that function well. They refer to those who engage in any of a full range of warm, accepting, SENSitive, contact behaviors with same gender people. They can refer to anybody and everybody without the sexually oriented polarization.

The inclusive terms homoSENSual and biSENSual appropriately refer to almost everyone without focusing attention on a limited aspect of relationship. For example, the term homoSENSual can embrace all categories of humans relating to same gender people through a full range of intimacy levels. Those terms

transcend physical, racial, ethnic, religious, socioeconomic, political, and sexual distinctions.

For those now living a lifestyle predicated on sexual orientation, using a SENSual term when referring to themselves may help resolve the public/private dilemma by adopting a mechanism that transcends sexual polarization. A critical observer may assume a sexual overtone in the relationship but it is not explicit without further elaboration. The sexual issue needs no longer be the primary focus.

I have a feeling that adopting the terms homoSENSual and biSENSual into common usage would be a touchstone for positive change. Additionally, some terms derived from SENSual, which people can use (especially in order to replace gay and lesbian), may also be of value. In short, those who engage in same gender contact can be known as SENS. Males can refer to themselves as SENS'HE. Females can refer to themselves as SENS'SHE. (Note that the spelling of the gender distinctive terms are the same. A slight change in accent becomes the distinguishing feature.)

I submit that use of the terms homoSENSual or biSENSual in either of the examples above would have gone a long way to alleviate alienation caused by sexual polarization. By declaring ones SENSual orientation initially, the question of sexuality is not the primary topic of focus. If a listener is curious, they may choose to probe deeper into the issue. Then, the person making the initial declaration may choose to explain further or decline. Reference to one's behavior as a SENS represents a communication strategy by which one can adjust appropriately within an encounter. With use of those terms, one is able to blend with the circumstances and use discernment in choosing how much deeper to carry on the conversation.

HomoSENSuals and biSENSuals of the world (especially those considering polyfidelity) might use these terms for their own mental health and for the sake of societal intolerance. Perhaps with use of these terms, they will more

easily assimilate into a society that has traditionally rejected them. Their personal lives will remain private while their SENSitivity to others can flourish. They will have discovered a way to refer to themselves without alienating strangers. What do you think? ♥

## **Parents' Rites**

Earlier this year New York's highest court stunned the community by ruling to deny a non-biological parent the right to seek visitation with the child she raised for many years with her former partner. The court ruled that Alison D. is not a parent within the meaning of the law because "she is not the biological mother of the child nor is she a legal parent by virtue of an adoption." The Court rejected the argument that "parent" should be defined according to who functions as a parent, not just by biology. Only Judge Judith Kaye, the only woman on the seven member court, dissented from the majority's opinion, stating that the court must look to "modern-day realities in giving definition to statutory concepts."

All of us in lifestyles different from the mainstream feel vulnerable in our rights as parents. In a group marriage, the non-biological parents may spend years in intimate, parent-like relationships with children who they must leave behind if the marriage ends. The Court can not be relied upon to uphold agreements between partners in alternative relationships, as shown in the preceding case.

Another option exists for individuals who want children in their lives. A group called Plan International USA at 155 Plan Way, Warwick, RI 02886 offer you a way to support a child (and his/her family and community) in various parts of the world. For a small amount daily you can make a big impact on the life of a *child who is already born and in need*. You also get to exchange photos and letters which makes for great networking across oceans, continents, and cultures. My family chose this option and feel a great sense of connection with the family and the little girl, Dianita we were matched with. ♥

# Letters

## Community Consciousness

**Dear PEP,** As far as the route to larger communities, I don't think that starting as a couple and growing is the best way to develop such a many adult sexual community. When we try, we each begin with an attitude of putting all our emotional energy into one one-to-one relationship. Another reason to avoid starting as a couple is the potential for pushing partners into things they're not ready for, and the partner's potential codependent acceptance.

Instead we need to learn to "normalize" sex, to take the big deal out of it, to treat our sexual and emotional needs and concerns as we presently do our intellectual needs. In the words of J. Krishnamurti, "Why have you made sex a problem? Really it doesn't matter at all (to your spiritual growth) whether you go to bed with someone or whether you don't. Get on with it or drop it, but don't make a problem of it. The problem comes from this constant preoccupation."

My ideal for starting such a community would be to find several people who are community-minded and increase the intimacy level, from the beginning, dividing our energy between several people rather than concentrating it all on one. We would form a group (or preferably groups) with the goals of carrying out a joint community oriented project, and also to enhance personal and interpersonal growth (somewhat following the Kerista model). Everyone who wanted to would have many opportunities to grow close and get more involved through all kinds of raps, meetings and encounters.

Those who had problems relating to many others would try a different group or start their own, hopefully with help from the first group, and we'd recruit more. We would have one-to-one (and two-to-one and two-to-two, etc.) relationships within the group, but the welfare of the group would be the first priority. — CALIFORNIA

**Aloha California:** More discussion and experiential data are needed if those of us who desire families of larger sizes are to achieve our dreams. Your viewpoint that beginning a larger family with just two has basic design flaws carries some weight. On the other hand, some people in dyads do outgrow the one and only mentality and go on to successfully use the interpersonal skills they learned in a two person committed relationship in their expanded family.

*Polyfidelity is really in its infancy and very few people get the concept of all primary relationships. Even fewer have the emotional, psychological, and spiritual fortitude to set out to form such relationships.*

*We pursuing this course are still learning to deal with the complexity of more than the standard-issue coupledom. And, of course, the magical matching of all the values, personalities, and geographies of more than three adults certainly doesn't make it a simple process. My vision is that many who are currently in threes and are sincerely dedicated to expanding will do so in the next few years, taking us all another step along the path.*

## Eureka I've Found It!

**Dear PEP,** "Grandfather" has found family! I've made a commitment to a group marriage with a 16 year history of loving. I've known several other groups in my fifty years, but none with a permanent place for me. This one has a warm, loving heart, and we want each other. — WASHINGTON

## Full Circle

**Dear PEP,** My gosh, what a change from a month ago! I must express tremendous appreciation for your prompt reply to my inquiry, as the PEP conference looks like it could be a major landmark in my life. Between the conference and my usual Sufi practices, I've been walking around mildly blissed out from time to time since (especially the first week after). I've become aware that I have been philosophically in this place for 20 years, but merely have never been able to really implement it. It was mind-altering to be around those who feel and think like I do.

— CALIFORNIA

# Surveying

Continued here is a selection of responses from PEP's most recent member survey.

**"What I enjoy most about living nonmonogamously is..."**

...The different points of view; different interests that otherwise I might not be exposed to; the closeness, the eroticism, and sharing household expenses.

...More people to work and play with!

...That I can have an intimate relationship with both a man and a woman; I don't have to choose one or the other.

...Well, the best part is that I am constantly forced to confront my own assumptions, which brings me out of myself and lends a great amount of energy to all facets of my life. I am lovingly challenged at every turn, and I grow constantly.

...The freedom to do and be what I really want to without too many constraints...also, having a family, but still being able to seek and experience outside relationships and activities.

...Having the intimate company of two of the most attractive, intelligent and sensitive men I've had the privilege to be with.

...The ability to relate with deep intimacy, including physical and sexual, with more than one person.

...The warmth, support, companionship, and stimulation!

...The healing energy found in a house full of people who each love each other and who love themselves enough to go for what they really want in life.

...Never have achieved this, although we attempted three situations and solicited others for years.

...Forgetting people's names for a moment.

...The intensity and the ability to do things not easily done in monogamy without sacrifice.

...Other people doing nice things for me.

...Having a variety of people around to rely on and spend time with and care about.

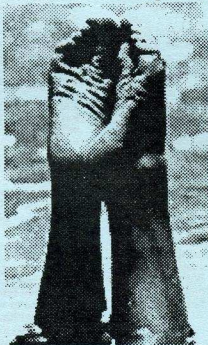
...Reducing the push-pull for meeting individual needs found in most relationships.

...Having no limits on my expression of closeness to others, and setting no limits for others in turn. ♥

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we're worth more." A special relationship is one that depends on something outside ourselves to produce our happiness, our self esteem, our own self worth, our own sense of identity. And as long as that special relationship is maintained intact, we don't have to go looking anywhere else. Of course, where we should be looking is inside of ourselves.

A Special Relationship takes the place of our own power as it interferes with our own growth. Monogamy, the way we practice it on this planet, is a special relationship by definition. One man one woman with special ties, special dependencies. As long as that's intact, then they depend on each other to provide the things they're unwilling to provide themselves. That man and woman are unwilling to share each other with anyone else, because it would mean sharing the source of their self esteem.



**LM:** You described the distinction between co-dependents and enablers in addicted relationships at your PEP Conference workshop. Could you repeat that here?

**Stephen:** We've found out, for example, that a *codependent* is happy when other people are making them happy, and an *enabler* is happy when they're making other people happy. So Heide and I have had the perfect working relationship: I'm happy when I'm making her happy and she's happy when I'm making her happy! It all fits, too bad it's so dysfunctional!

Basically, it boils down to this. You have someone who is an addict (to anything they're unwilling to give up). Whenever there's an addict, there's an enabler: a person who protects the addict from the consequences of their actions and enables them to continue their addiction. Both are equally dysfunctional. So you have an addict and an enabler who are both dependent on

each other to do their dance together.

People have been dancing for a very long time and are just waking up to how unconscious this dance is. First we have to wake up and discover what dance we're doing. Then we can change. But, when you're trying to break out of monogamous addiction, it's especially difficult because you find there's so much social support for monogamy.

For each addict there's an enabler, who may know down deep inside that there is something different, better, more workable than monogamy, but they're so afraid to step out of the dance because of the consequences of their actions. And because they'll hurt their addict partner. We have to realize that we didn't cause the addiction, we can't control the addict, and we'll never cure the addict. We have to realize that it's time to speak out and help the addict begin to take back their own power.

It is not an easy issue. The enablers are the ones who go along to keep others happy, to make things okay. They must recognize that they have been creating the situation as much as the addict. The solution to any individual's current condition can never be that someone else has to change. The only solution to any condition in life is for us to change ourselves. We can not wait for the addict to finally agree that polyfidelity is the way to go. The enabler has to see how they've been helping to create this dance, and they have to change it in themselves.

**LM:** You've been traveling and presenting these ideas to many people, what's their response been like?

**Stephen:** Reception has been all across the board. Some people simply hate me because I'm such a threat to their monogamous security. Some people read the book and want to kill me for what I've done to Heide. On the other hand, others say "My god, I've been thinking

this way all my life and I'm so glad to know that I'm not crazy." In between, I'm finding more thoughtful reception, more willingness to examine the issue than I thought would be there when I first wrote *Future Sex*.

Those who have pioneered the way, taken all the risks, and gone out despite all the consequences and pioneered the concepts of the workability of polyfidelity are going to be rewarded much more quickly than many think at this point, in terms of acceptance and thanks from society. I say those of you because although I'm with you philosophically, my wife and I are dealing with some really tough addiction issues. which at the moment are interfering with full time polyfidelitous action.

**LM:** I think a lot of people are afraid of change and the work involved in releasing their addiction to monogamy. You and Heide are bringing yourselves forward and openly sharing a lot in your book. I think people need more good models of how to deal with what comes up in a transitioning relationship!

**Stephen:** Heidi's upcoming book will have more of the down to earth application...what it means to go through this kind of work together. This isn't a cakewalk, it's a firewalk. The title of her book is *From Fear to Power and Love*, but we're so busy doing the processing, that she doesn't get time to write, so we don't have a projected publication date yet.

**LM:** Well, we'll look forward to it!

To get a copy of Stephen Davis' book *Future Sex*, call 1-800-722-9808 or write to 7301 E. Evans, Scottsdale, AZ 85260

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# Network

## To Answer a PEP Member Ad

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2. If the ad only has a number like this #123, then write your response and put it in a STAMPED envelope. Use current newsletter issue only.

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**ALASKA** 34 y.o. white male seeks several slim demure women to share my humble home. I raise trained sled dogs, wilderness travel, adventure, raving parties, simple quiet living, companionship, reading history, red meat. She must enjoy the cool Northern Tuga, living frugally with few amenities in a rural setting, must be socially inclined. Serendipity Dog Farm, Box 92, Manley, AK 99756. (#865)

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

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 acre 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 live life meditatively and are not too materialistic. Alaka is a really warm place! (#770) POB 361 Ester, AK 99725 (907) 479-3820.

**CALIFORNIA** Phoenix: Lyn (male), Phyllis and Ann (ages 39-51). Seeking another male (2M, 1F) YES: polyfidelity, integrity, intimacy, love, sensuality, intensity, exploration, growth, radical change, fun, humor, heterosexual, brainstorming, deep thinking, writing, psychology, transpersonal states, sweetness, creativity, dreams, health, success, plenty, empowerment, racquetball, hiking, chocolate, music, dance, sunsets. NO: smoking, child rearing. TV, pets. (213) 275-3730 in 1991; (310) 275-275-3730 thereafter. (#501)

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

After 20+ years of theory/fantasy, time for something real. Spiritual, intellectual, local/environmental politics, music, computing, nature, X-C skiing, hiking, more... androgynous male (unambiguously) lithe, long hair (touch of grey), 5'11" 9see eye to eye?); vegetarian, feminist. My preference: hetero/poly (prefer 2-3). Profile exchange, local/distance ok. period. (#931) T. Box 9807, Stanford, 94309. voice/Fax: 415-328-0573.

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 awareness. Hoping to coalesce with kindred folk. Interested in networking and sharing as well. Open hearted please respond! #925

Adventures, spirited lady, recently introduced to polyfidelity. Read Primer and attended PEPCON in Berkeley. This is it! 31 years and bisexual. Mother of two small children. Living with music massage, nature and exploration of new age awareness. Hoping to coalesce with kindred folk. Interested in networking and sharing as well. Open hearted please respond! #925

Man, 46, unusual blend of intellectual, artist, athlete. Semi-philosopher, poet, classical composer. Work with computers at present. bicycling, weight-lifting. Blonde, slender, semi-veg. No drugs, new age, crystals, etc. Warm, affectionate, caring, sensual. Want to complete or form, possibly enlarge, presently incomplete relationship with some bi, with creative group. Love SF area. (#957) Steve, 1947 McAllister, San Francisco, CA 94115

We're Kata (41, bisexual, feminist, pagan, bookkeeper) and Chris (42, writer, graphic artist, musician, social anarchist). We're self-employed, nonsmokers, working class, egalitarian, and politically conscious but not correct. We pursue personal growth, desire community beyond the immediate family, and value directness, openness, creative involvement, and political/social commitment. We're looking for other down-to-earth partners, and we'd love to hear from you if you think we sound like potential family members. POB 426118, San Francisco, CA 94142-6118. (415) 861-3579.

Male, 45, I seek partner(s) to create polyfidelitous family. My interests include: folk music, cooking, walking, good conversation. I recently began to study 1st/2nd healing practices. I strongly believe in community and want to live in a "Co-Housing" community or "New Town" development with minimal dependence on the automobile. #861 Bill Cerr, 659 A 37th Av., San Francisco, CA 94121 (415) 387-5155.

Non-linear, creative-edge twosome (WM 55, WF 41) seeks a lively bi lady or M-F twosome (kids fine) to "marry" us. We are a nurse/bodyworker, an evolutionary-leap researcher, veteran adventurers in psychosocial inner spaces (rough psychodynamics, too), using mystical and chemical technologies. Please, no smokers, solipsists, terminal niceness cases. (#808) POB 11542, Berkeley, CA 94701.

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

I am a shaman and scientist who is attempting to actualize a vision of an interspecies family. A family including humans, dolphins, elephants, apes and possibly extraterrestrials. I have land in the tropical Pacific and practical plans for house trees, underground habitats and training computers. I hope to establish a "human Pod," a dolphin family structure based on a group marriage. I am male, 172 cm, 66kg, 42 years, Irish/Danish ancestry, new age eco shaman. (#810) Jerry, 1425 W 221 St., Torrance, CA 90501

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 Etauoh, POB 224 Lompoc, CA 93438-0224

Familia Alegria. Somos Norteamericano, 38, y Latina, 31. Tenemos metas de tener familia expandida con 6 o 8 personas, casa compartida, niños, independencia financiera, y jubilarnos en America Latina mientras ya estamos buscando a jóvenes para gozar de vida. Resumamos correspondencia con caballeros y damas quienes hablan Español y les gustan la cultura de latino america. #556

Our family presently consists of 3: Norm 48, Karlene 39, Erik 10. we are seeking serious minded people who, like

us, desire to make their dreams a reality, i.e. a working polyfidelitous family. we value respect, open communication; personal growth; trusting, intimate relationships; sincerity and compassion; and much, much more. Open to relocating. Please write us with your ideas. Norm & Karlene Gagnon, POB 2044, Crescent City, CA 95531 or phone 707-465-3416

Very attractive, slender, active couple seeks long term romance with attractive woman. You must be caring, passionate, bisexual and college educated. We are 32/43 professionals, no children, love animals, kind, very happily married with a marvelous sex life to share. We like outdoors, classical/new age music, good movies, stimulating conversation, travel, quiet evenings at home. Central California. #878 (209) 636-1639.

Slender Jean, 40, 5'4", and sim Jon, 50, 5'10", recently discovered each other, are aiming for unconventional happiness with aware, responsible, fun others. We like Sci-Fi, computers, psychology, healthy food, nature, bicycling, laughter, writing, but not into drugs, bisexuality. Jean hopes to meet you (couple, I hope) at the Berkeley conference. Write to Jean! #871.

I'm a 40 year old, white, midist, 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 contains 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 cigars. I'm a 20% Davey Crockett land in Hawaii now for future relocation. (#584)

Kerista is not a polyfidelitous family, it's a whole group of them inside a neotribal intentional community. The commune features economic sharing, an intense interpersonal communications process, a successful computer business, an original feminist religion, and many plans/activities connected to working towards a better world. The family clusters within the community range in size from 2 (just starting out) to 14; all are looking for the next member who fits in with their respective "flairs." Kerista invented polyfidelity, and coined the word, in the early '70's, so we really know the score. For more info, write/phone: Kerista, 543 Frederick, San Francisco, CA 94117. (415) 759-4625.

Grandfather seeking Family! Considerable experience in polyfidelitous relationships since before the word achieved current glossiness. As a child, I read the most comprehensive reading. Re the tragic traumas of triangles: "Mother," I asked, "why CAN'T one man love two women, or one woman love two men?" Profoundly do believe: Love is infinite. The more you give, the more you get. The more you share, the more there is. (#75) David Lowell, #6175 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 merge a trois with a woman and her other partner. My other interests and skills are in the fields of music (lute), computers (programming), brain machines, psychology, and communal living. I'd love to find a nonromantic woman to play music with. (#605) Robert Mack, 1034 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 in an environment/planning consultant and part-time university teacher. I am interested in relationships that emphasize with rather than for, and being connected with people who honor individual differences rather than ideological conformity. I don't fit into neat categories. I like to explore the possibilities of a non-romantic 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, joy, self-discovery, and sharing. #607

Vasectomized purple male, 43, who enjoys keeping fit (running, hiking, vegetarian) and, growing the good, in nature and working with a couple of gay and pro-choice organizations; and I'm a biker (Honda). I currently class myself as bisexual and am HIV negative. I enjoyed multiple partner relationships when I was in them. George (415) 325-9502

Hi, I'm 49, 5'10", 175 lbs, born Belfast NI, currently living alone in a house in EPA. I like rock concerts; I'm politically active; I'm a member of a couple of gay and pro-choice organizations; and I'm a biker (Honda). I currently class myself as bisexual and am HIV negative. I enjoyed multiple partner relationships when I was in them. George (415) 325-9502

San Diego area, Bi male, 40 y.o., 190 lbs, 6'2" and eyes are blue. Seeks the minimum of one good man and one

good woman for a dedicated, committed, and loving relationship in a jealous free arena. Prefer an existing couple, but will consider others. I am active in skating, cycling, volleyball on other outdoor activities. I am seeking non-smoking, 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 free spirits, sensuality, kids, exploring the world. 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, editing, 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 polydice family. #685

Looking for a poly-intimate, bisexual, amorphous family large enough that everyone has to deal with, and is supported in, their issues of insecurity, self-esteem and jealousy. Three + four possibly a good minimum. WM, physically 40ish, spiritually ageless, 55 in years. Functional minimalist liberal. Professional, writer, designer, handyman, writer, innovator. Prefer both urban and rural connections in N CA, OR, WA, AZ, NM, CO or WY. # 869 Dan Robinson, 60 Greenview Ln, Richmond, CA 94803. (415) 222-6284.

Age 57, height 71", 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

Hugs to all! We're Debi 23, & Dennis 43. We're ready to open our hearts and our new home to share and expand our love with one very special lady and perhaps her children, if she always has them. We're happy, healthy semi-vegetarians who feel the grateful DeD or ZZ. Top can be as fun and fulfilling as Mozart or Kitaro, depending on our mood. Please drop us a note tonight and we'll call or write you back real soon! Debi & Dennis, PO Box 1590 Cupertino, CA 95015.

Successful former engineer committed to personal growth and helping planet seek female of like mind. I live in a high life style paradise. Interests include spiritual, camping, hiking, macrobotics. I am DWM, 5'6", 145 lbs, 40 years old, physically fit. #903

I am looking for a second wife, who wants a mutual life time 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 drink. We take our home and family related activities. (#671) TSF, POB 2100, Redding, CA 96049

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

**CANADA** I am 36, male, firstborn, ACOA, heterosexual, patient, accepting, compulsive/obsessive, non-drinking, divorced and currently celibate, both without wanting to be, good natured and deep. I am honest when not threatened, loyal beyond belief, sensitive to criticism, and function better in a loving, fun-loving group family environment. Spiritually I seek to attract others willing to commit to Christian millennial concepts, basically, living the ten commandments and ordinances (Passover, etc) instead of Christmas, etc. #507

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, iye sparking, community action and involvement, reading, egalitarian child-rearing, hiking, folk & rock music. POB 1768, Stn A, Vancouver, BC V6C 2P7 Canada. #726

We are still trying to get a group marriage going in Toronto. One family has given a nubile but not through PEP. Is anybody out there? We now have a son, 5, and a daughter, 1 year old. Is anybody out there? (#628) Deb and Dan Patitch, 15 Grenadier Rd, Toronto, Ont. Canada M6R 1R1 (416) 533-0160

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

Health oriented, mid-40's male, hetero, pagan/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

I am seeking possible partners to create or join a poly-fidelitous family or group marriage, desire modest growth free of jealousy and possessiveness, not afraid of intimacy, freedom of all kinds on a voluntary basis, loving, frank, supportive 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. Here a clean bill of health, AIDS free, etc. Open to the Pacific Northwest and would love to hear from you. (#658) Pete Schullb, RR 2, Chase, BC, Canada V0E 1M0

Hedonistic, successful, professional, hds (3 real estate investor, writer and publisher), sh: 40 (matchmaker, introduction service owner) looking for female or couple, 25 to 40. No children, pets or substance abusers. Our interests: computers, travel, foreign cultures, non-traditional relationships, hot tubs, photography, macrobotics and loving, frank, studblers. Home: 3 bed, conservator home, 9 acres, 50 miles northwest from Seattle. #667 Chris and Ginny, POB 7172, Victoria, British Columbia, Canada. V9B 4Z3 or phone (604) 478-9975.

**COLORADO** Very conservative, very independent, very active, naturist couple in mid 40s. Self evolved, interested in boating Lake Powell, desert hiking, cross-country skiing, conversation. Interested in third member, preferably female, 35-43, but other inquiries ok. Sex not obligatory, but intimacy a must. No smoking! (#960 R & P Brown, POB 84, Montrose, Colorado 81402)

Hi Everybody! I am a composer/sound designer/musician (and a bunch of other stuff) aged 32. Favorite things include: authors like Robert Anton Wilson, Heinlein, Rimmer, Crowley. Subjects ranging from philosophy to neurology to music to computers. Music of all styles. Other interests include: Prosecco wine, martial arts, sound recording, computer programming, electronic engineering, roller skating, mountains, hypnosis, yoga, and (of course) polyfidelity. #674

**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. Highly conscious, professional engineer, sincere, humorous, outdoor activities, dancer, loving, honest, good listener and communicator. Let's talk! (#834) Ron Gosselin, 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 in touch with PEP. I have a sense that there are many Polyfids out there and growing in number 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 living. I would like to network 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; surrender; loving for a completely/being female to explore interests; adding to and learning of 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 life within each of us. Mailing address only: (#56) Rex Frye, 224 Athens St, Harwell, GA 30643. (404) 376-4889 (call 8-9 pm Eastern)

W/M, 33, influenced by Heinlein/Rimmer during teenage years, looking for a completely/ising female to explore ideas and perhaps find mutual ground. I'm a medical professional, intelligent, good sense of humor (forver DJ). I'm mostly interested in an urban (or easy access) location. I'm imaginative, liberal and enjoy group activities. #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, top quality, well educated, open minded, enjoy country living. Seek a lady who wants to have children! Bisexual is ok. Letter and photo to (#812) Mike and Linda Chalis, POB 727, Hualala, HI 96717.

We're a heterosexual (28F, 31M) self-employed prosperous couple looking 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 interests you, let's start a correspondence. (#845) P. O. Box 108, Nalehu, Hawaii 96772

**Tantra Yoga:** The art of conscious loving. Vacation style seminars aimed Maui, Hawaii paradise. Learn techniques of sexual healing, energy exchange, deepening passion and intimacy, transformative lovemaking, and ways to feel more consciously aware of the process of your relationship. This is the course we never were given and always needed. Free brochure! (#859) Tantra, Suite Room 1, Box 63-P, Haiku, Hawaii 96708

We're a polyfidelitous threesome currently in exploration with a dyad, and we'd still love to hear from you if you think we might be able to mutually benefit in some small or large way. We do more than talk, live off the grid, eat mostly vegan, politic libertarian/marxist, watch the wild-est movies possible, rehyam, and open to embrace adventure at every turn. Ryam, Allan, & Barry (#684) SYNTROPY, PO Box 6306, Captain Cook, HI 96704

**ILLINOIS** We are a couple exploring the possibility of establishing a loving extended family. We are both educators, she in her very early fifties and he in his middle fifties. We are nonsmokers, naturists, and Unitarians. We are new to Jacksonville, FL, but are fast discovering the easy going that comes with it. We are interested in meeting you. We would like to arrange a time to get to know you. Our mailing address right now is: #621 Jim and Judy, POB 53, Macomb, IL 61455.

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 to 70's, blues, jazz, folk). Strong believer in group living, considering polyfidelity as real alternative. I am looking for some women who are interested in the above to please correspond. Bob Schumge, Jr, 3443 N Ozanan Av, Chicago, IL 60634-8802

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

**KANSAS** HearthFire 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 matter 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 his life's values and goals. Committed to staying put until May '92, then ready to relocate. Seeking understanding of real world experience, seeking also (and more importantly) to make new friends. Interests include classical, Celtic, new age music, sunrises, sunsets, myth, procreation, freedom or openness of interests. Interested in meeting. 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 & Billbob. #775

**LOUISIANA** 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. Some interests include: music, folk instruments, 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 Polg's! Greetings fellow deviates & devotees. How y'all doing? SWM, 38, 6'5, B/Hazel, IRish/Italian, cusp born Sag/Cap Dec 21, 1952, seek to open myself to other things 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 mel (#809) James Michael POB 408, N Cambridge, MA 02140.

**MAINE** Looking for two wonderful women, 45-50 who are already good friends, willing to explore possibilities with a common man. How 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 Dvorka, 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 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** 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

**MISSISSIPPI** Experienced, happy, polyfidelitous family of two (w/son 30s, man 40s) seeking partner(s)...together 44+ years...both counselors...like nature, food, sex, books, movies, water, camping, rivers, too much more...love the intense intimacy of more than two...do you? Willing to relocate near ocean (Southeast or West coast) #518 write Creas, POB 15276, Hattiesburg, MS 39404-5276, (601) 261-0449.

**NEW HAMPSHIRE** Namaste green intentional community (currently 6 co-participants) 5 cohousing units, permaculture homestead, beginning now "Living Green Intentional" with trans eco home, market inside NA green movement hopefully. We advocate living love inside integrity circles, naturism resonance with nature, family consensus, commitment of 1600 hours per year (1 year preceptive membership) our motto "to enhance and sustain life in our focus. #835 Namaste, R2 Box 578, Barnstead, NH 03225 (603) 776-7776.

**NEW JERSEY** Professional, fiscally responsible, Ivy-League educated, 34 & 35 year olds, natural blonde, 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, the childrearing, and family economy. We are health conscious: no AIDS/ARV, 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

58 yo., 160#, 6', strong and healthy, sea-oriented loving hetero W.M., divorced 21 years, children 31, 29 & 11 (enough), HIV neg, split real estate, married to 50 AC in South Cape aquaculture facility and 35 AC in/outland diversified valley farm and so goal-oriented with these it has co-opted time for med practice, intimate relationships, travel, and I'd like to lighten up again with a partner/ whoever works, but it would have to be my places not yours, and best after end of 91. #545

Polyfidelitous straight white male, 37, vegetarian, interests include Hana, Zena, Taoism, massage, natural healing. Politically I'm Libertarian/Green. Currently tied to Boston-DC area, but would like to relocate in approximately one year, preferably Hawaii but would consider other areas #807

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 after the first month. I am a married man and in my youthful 50's. Please write to me #697

**NEW YORK** Senior citizens retired with 80 acres land-lots, woods, pond for citizen's dipping, 8 miles from town, super market, etc. Nature lovers, campers, hikers, 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, raising good food, etc. 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 & Alfie Barry, P.O. Box 331, Dansville, NY 14437.

I'm a 38 year old white male librarian. I'd like to meet people in my area (Syracuse, NY), and correspond with others. I'm hetero, but open to be exploratin. Relocation probably isn't possible, but I like to travel. Many interests: movies, current affairs, travel, most music, ballet, theater,

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

DWM, 41, Hetero, 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. Creative, passionate, sensual, intellectual. Treat self and others with dignity and respect. If you can relate, I would love to hear from you. (#796) Henry Toney, 666 Islington, Toledo, OH 43610-1336. 419-244-0866.

**OREGON** Stable couple of 10+ years desires single lady to share small home in the Cascade Mountains, near Portland. Fun and healthy diet in exchange for 20hrs/week garden chores. We seek an optimistic, animal-loving, day person with green thumb and sense of humor to help develop organic garden/home business. Possible extended stay in Holland (1992-3). Eventual goal: polyfidelitous partnership. Kraig (53) and Barbara (41). #509

Oasis, on 46 acres just 38 miles west of Portland in the Coast range, offers safe space to relax and sort out the polyfidelitous issues that grip you in your life. On oasis is this year, a spring board from which to visit Shambhala (a spiritual center), Windward (a line family with lots of Mensens), and our family...Concordia which is new thought and strives for spiritual growth. We are heterosexual (no bi's or gays) and with the additional caveat of no small children, smoke or drugs. Unless you have a camper or mobile home, plan on 30 days notice if you want to spend time at Oasis. (#730) Write: Oasis HCR 71 Box 1318, Forest Grove, OR 97116.

Heartsun 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, tantra, meditation, energy work, etc.), healthy, healthy diet (no drugs or addictions), co-consciousness, Hakomi, and other natural therapies. Income is from art-work, 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 a feminist, ovo-lacto vegetarian, Wiccan couple who met on Candlemas (Feb 2) 1991, and have been together ever since. I'm a bisexual, female, cross, 26. He's a Leo, 28. We'd like to correspond/socialize with other polyfidelitous minded pagans. write: Box 1052, Eugene, OR 97440-1052.

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 daughter, two cats and dog, hoping in the process of being built. We'll write if you do-let's share! (#836) K, K & G, 18454 S Walker Rd, Oregon City, OR 97045

M/L/T Family is a ten year polyfidelitous triad that includes two men, one woman and one 11 year old son, a golden retriever, two cats and two turtles. We are a lawyer, a manager of information systems (computers), and an insurance agent. Our interests include basketball, stained glass, scuba diving, and fishing. We are interested in talking or corresponding with anyone. (#612) M/L/T Family, 1710 SW 173rd, Aloha, OR 97007 or call (503) 591-1690.

Single mother, 46 (blended at 33), with 3 year old Down Syndrome son (blossomed just) seeks polyfidelitous family. Interests include: cross-country, hiking, 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 distribution. Planning Waldorf education for son. (#777) Lila Nelson, 63925 Sunset Dr, Bend, OR 97701 (503) 385-8887.

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 single 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

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. (#867) Tramontane, 4717 SW Vacuna St, Portland, OR 97219

Sensitive, loving, communicating, intellectually curious, financially independent hetero couple in 8 year fideitous 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** Professional, literate man 53 and woman 45 looking for man and woman, singly or as couple, preferably bisexual, to form long-term polyfidelitous family in deep suburbs of Philadelphia. (#723)

Stable married couple, fifty, both in helping professions are hoping to meet a similar couple or single woman with compatible social and political views, to provide greater balance in our open marriage. Washington, DC area. Discretion guaranteed and necessary. Write #790 c/o PEP.

**RHODE ISLAND** I'm a 48 year old male living in the Boston/Providence area. I'd be very interested in meeting and talking to people who are thinking about or living in "extended" wholesome relationships. As my children most often answer the phone, 401-625-5177, please ask for "Bill Senier," or talk with a very adult voice. (smile) #875

**TENNESSEE** DWM, college professor in his 40s likes music, movies, good food, travel. I'm tall, slim, healthy, and considered attractive. I want to meet women to enjoy intimate, loving but non-exclusive relationships based on mutual respect. If you are interested in Tantra, I'm an eager novice. I live in Nashville but can travel. Please write and tell me about yourself. #964

He, 42; she, 36; bi; both fit with advanced degrees. Would like to meet southern travelers. # 866 POB 752322, Memphis, TN 38175-2322.

**TEXAS** Self-employed engineering consultant, late 30's, non-smoker, with interests including music (listening and composing), science fiction, gourmet foods, flying, martial arts, scuba, hiking, nature, massage, nature, 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 friends. #631 Steven Parker, 1501 Bowie, Garland, TX 75042. (214) 272-8181

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

Single male fitness freak (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.

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**WASHINGTON** kinky couple, committed to Seattle, city activities, local friends, she 47, estate computer programmer and activist. he 35 bicyclist, swimmer, considering graduate school. We are enjoying our new relationship, interested in alternative lifestyles and sex positive environ-

ments. #718 Betty Kay & Robb, 501 North 36th, #137, Seattle WA 98103.

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I would like to explore the possibility of friendship, love, laughter and unity in healthy mutually supportive polyfidelitous family, starting with one or two women (35-55). I'm new to Tacoma area, relocated from Los Angeles. I'm down to earth, war, caring, human being, who enjoys fishing, camping, naturism, long walks, music, theatre, cooking, gardening, boardgames, fairs and festivals. I try to live a healthy lifestyle. A student of metaphysics, personal and spiritual growth. I am nonsmoker, D/A, Black male, 48 years old, 240 lbs (losing), 5'11", lover of animals (2 cats) and mother earth. If you would like to invest some time getting to know another, then write soon. #877 AT, POB 5047, Tacoma, WA 98405-0047

Hard-to-label, closed fidelitous triad, 2 F (49, 27), 1 M (46) seeks to form closed fidelitous family of 4 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, bugs, vegetarian cooking, good times without using chemicals, sharing feelings, and being individually financially self supporting. #618.

Dawnbreaker: blueprinting the vision of a global village foursquare pilot model in Index, Washington, made up of eight best friends living happily ever after, enjoying gourmet vegetarian cuisine, rotational and tantric polyfidelity (heterosexual), enlivening philosophical discussion, and the loving security of pooled economic resources. (#794)

My current interest in polyfidelity is platonic. My wife and I are in a committed monogamous relationship. We attend PEPCCX in order to meet people interested in 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 locks 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 am awesome log home I'd like to share with 1-3 committed oriented, but or straight females. (#606) Amanite, POB 55142, Seattle, WA 98155

I'd like to meet others interested in, or already practicing, polyfidelity. Objective: friendship, learning from you, reciprocal socializing, "ot shopping". My wife of 20+ years is still dead-set against the idea. I'm european, computer professional, workaholic, naturist, photographer, father (X6), #693 Jack W., Box 369, Ridgefield, WA 98642-0369 (rural area, 20 mi. from Portland, OR)

**WYOMING** Genius, genius, men must love love! I am a heterosexual, libertarian, nonreligious man, age 51, IQ 160+. My interests include weightlifting, folk dancing, computer literacy, science, environmentalism and rational philosophy. I have been involved in three dyads and two dyadous triads. I now live a rather reclusive, rural lifestyle, but would really like to have family, friends, and intellectually stimulating correspondents. #902

**Resources**

The Affiliate is a reference zine and includes listings of other groups, publications and music reviews. Colorful format. These folks also run a naturist conference center. Write for info: 777 Barb Rd., RRR1, Vanleeke Hill, Ontario, K0B 1R0, Canada

Apeeros 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

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

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

Childwork/Childplay is a catalog of self-help books and toys for kids and families. Includes transition issues (preschool, step-parents, family violence), special kids (dyslexia, illness, experiencing disabilities), self-esteem, and cooperation. 441 N 5th St, 3rd Floor, Philadelphia, PA 19123-4011.

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 Elmer St West, Toronto, Ontario, Canada M5S 1X7. (416) 960-3903.

The Expanded Family Network has reorganized itself. We have abolished the "core group," complicated screening process and different types of membership. We welcome new members and also, those who may have had difficulty with the old structure are particularly encouraged to write or call: POB 12762, Berkeley, CA 94701 or (510) 644-6276.

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.

Full-Time Dads is a networking publication for fathers, married and single, who are primary caregivers of their children. Members are invited to an open forum. Write: POB 12773, St. Paul, MN 55112-0773.

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

Intinet Resource Center describes itself as "a clearinghouse for info on ethical multilateral 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.

Loving Alternatives is a support/discussion group for the non-monogamous in Pennsylvania. Meetings are in State College. Members offer a 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 in Spanish: 800-227-8922.

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

N.O.S.E. (The National Organization of Sexual 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 8733, Atlanta, GA 30306.

Oregon's Local is now holding regular get-togethers, potlucks and discussion for people interested in multiple committed partnering. If you want to connect with them, please write Shirley at (503) 683-6197 or write POB #247, Eugene, OR 97405.

Potomac Area Lifestyles (PALS) is a support group for people exploring alternative, non-traditional relationships. It is a non-profit, church-sponsored support group, an

activity of the Unitarian Universalist Society of Baltimore. Write: PALS, Box 1013, Lanham, MD 20706.

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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. Box 6306, Capt Cook, HI 96704

Phoenix: We (2 women and 1 man) are a resource for other expanded families and are seeking friends, co-explorers and fellow researchers. We live in Beverly Hills, CA. Currently we are changing careers into clinical psychology. For 8 years we have been exploring extraordinary levels of love, intimacy, personal growth, and human potential, in both ordinary and transpersonal levels of consciousness. We especially want to network and build friendships with others who explore expanded consciousness and transpersonal psychology. We also enjoy referring people to other groups and individuals that we see appropriate for them. Call us at (213) 275-3730 in 1991; (510) 275-3730 thereafter.

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The Lifestyles Organization presents yearly conventions and also Tours and Travels for singles. Basically the group's material are oriented to young, 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 LaPalma Ste A, Anaheim, CA 92801.

Touchpoint Network for the nonmonogamous is a contact service for those exploring alternatives to monogamy. Send SASE for details. Also, Multiplexity, an irregular quarterly. Supporting Organizations: Community Project on 620/922. Write to 27 Music Square East, #169, Nashville, TN 37202.

"The Safe Sex Maniac's Bible" is produced in England by Turpy Owens, POB 47B, Windsor, WIA 4ZB. 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.

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 717 Ninth Av, SLU, UT 84103.

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