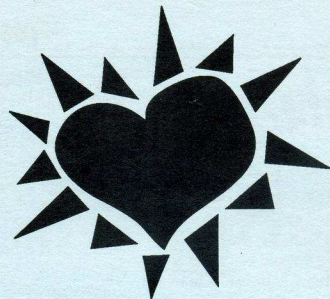


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Coming Out to Let Love In by C. Nelson

"Love is always beginning." As we sing and sway in our opening circle of two hundred, I scan the PEPCON crowd. Silver ponytails, white high heels, beards, tie-dye t-shirts, corduroy blazers, cowboy boots. No probables, few possibles. Where are the lesbians I had carefully prepared myself not to expect, but hoped for anyway? In this sea of white faces, I see a handful of people of color. Are they searching too?

The first person I come out to tells me he just read in the paper it's because of my pineal gland. While I'm thinking "It's going to be a long weekend," a diamond in my chest opens to receive not his words but his intention, his offer of acceptance.

Saturday morning I unpack my brand new t-shirt with its snaky spiral and tall thin letters spelling DYKE. I had bought it half-thinking of the conference. "Just to make things clear," I had said to my lover.

But now, dressing to face dozens of strangers in wedding rings, I am not so sure. Maybe they were polite last night, but if they think I'm a demanding dyke, well, things could

turn. Maybe they'll take it to mean I'm a separatist. The men won't approach me and the women will be afraid to be seen talking with me for fear of being suspected. Maybe someone will call me a dyke behind my back, using a word I love as a weapon of contempt. The t-shirt goes back into my suitcase.

After a few workshops, I skip out on one. A man with soft animal eyes smiles and walks toward me. "So, tell me about your family," he says. Such a greeting is a dream come true. I take out a napkin and draw a family map, connecting the dots. I explain that I have two lovers (8 years/3 years); one of them has another lover/domestic partner (15 years) with whom I too am family; the other has a former lover/domestic partner (15 years); I also have a non-lover domestic partner, and two more intimates (one a former lover) who I consider family (each about 10 years). Some call it an "intimate network."

Sitting cross-legged, he tells me how it came to be that he lives with his lover and her other male lover and their child. I cannot think of a polite

way to ask what I am thinking: "But you're a *guy!* How on earth did you do it?" And yet, I don't know why it amazes me so much. Each of us has had to untangle and unlearn the teachings of centuries in order to sit here with our legs crossed, facing each other, telling these stories of love.

All day long, I hear stories of other creatively-shaped families. I sense common values and feel profoundly comforted; there is so much we don't have to explain to each other. Talking about relationships rarely feels this easy. I can speak freely. No watching, gauging, careful picking and choosing.

Someone asks me "So what's non-monogamy like in the lesbian community?" Thrilled by her interest, I confess, "It's hard. Not too popular."

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Aloha!

The big news this Spring is that a new edition of PEP's Polyfidelity Primer will be out by May! Fully updated and expanded for your reading pleasure, we hope to reach more people with our message of relationship choice. This edition will be called *Loving More: The Polyfidelity Primer*.

Also, PEP's 6th annual conference will be held September 11-13 at Harbin Hot Springs, near Middletown California. This year's intent is to have a refreshing group retreat at this sunny, rural spot. Our large conference lodge will allow us to share, listen, and simply hang-out together in the private pools. If you're interested in attending, keep an eye out for our conference flyer which will be mailed to you later this spring. Also, we're now scheduling presenters for workshops, so please get in touch ASAP if you're interested! I'm looking forward to seeing you in September!

CULTURAL COMFORT

"When a Polynesian married, he or she married the whole family, that is to say marriage was monogamous, but it was neither exclusive nor possessive. It was considered perfectly proper for a husband or a wife to have sexual relations with their partner's relatives, also with

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their *taio* or special friend. Women who, when they married already had children, brought them into the new family where the children were readily accepted and accorded full status. Only two things were taboo, marriage across the class barrier, and incest. This system may appear curious to Western eyes, but it worked. Divorce in pre-European Polynesia was easy and involved no great social stigma, yet it seems hardly ever to have happened. Statistics are hard to come by, but recent research indicates that before the European invasion, less than one Polynesian marriage in 100 ended in divorce. When one compares this to the one marriage in four which now breaks up in the Western world, there is little doubt which system an impartial observer would consider the better."

From *Lost Paradise: The Exploration of the Pacific* by Jan Cameron

SELF ESTEEM

In California, fundamentalist Rev. Roger Leach complained to government officials that the state's program which teaches self esteem in grade school leads children to the belief that they can solve their own problems and so "don't need God in their lives." Reportedly up to 15 parents have taken their children from school due to this.

SEX WARS

Ever heard any of these?

- "Men think women are crazy and women think men are children."
- "Men hate women for what they do and women hate men for what they are."
- "Women don't feel what they know and men don't know what they feel."
- "Men (or Women): can't live with them, can't live without them."

To counter the extremely passé view that men and women must live forever in some state of war between the sexes, stands Deborah Tannen's book *You Just Don't Understand*. Graciously supporting each sex's style as "okay" in its own right, Tannen uses example after example to portray just how female-male miscommunication happens. Similar to two cultures coming into contact, when

men and women communicate they can clash and condemn or they can learn to listen and look for understanding. If you haven't read this book yet, now's the time.

MORE EVENTS

A workshop for people interested in exploring responsible nonmonogamy and intentional community will be held at Harbin Hot Springs, California from June 5-7. For more info write to Intinet Resource Center, POB 150474-Q, San Rafael, CA 94915.

Family Synergy's annual conference will be held at Jacumba in the desert near Victorville, California from July 24-26. For info mail to POB 3073, Huntington Beach, CA 92605-3073.

AMNESTY!

Amnesty International recently voted to see private consensual sexual activity as a basic human right. This means they will work to protect anyone imprisoned or persecuted for their sexual orientation. The International Lesbian & Gay Association worked for more than a decade to get sexual orientation included in amnesty's definition of human rights work.

PEP has contacted Amnesty to suggest they expand their vision of sexual orientation so it would include those of us who love more than one person and who also frequently face persecution for our actions. Please share your own thoughts and encouragement along these lines with them at Amnesty International, 322 Eighth Av, NY, NY 10001.

FAMILY PLANK

The Libertarian party adopted the following at its last convention:

"We support protection of the integrity of families and households as contractual institutions against government intrusion and interference. Such governmental interference has undermined the value of families and households as cultural institutions of love, nurturance, companionship, kinship, and personal development by forcing them to

conform to a rigid, inflexible design. Moreover, we condemn the usurpation by government through morals laws, government welfare programs, and government schools, of activities long carried on by families and households. We further accuse government of designing educational programs that place civic and moral education under the control of politicians and of designing welfare laws that destroy families and households."

POSTAL TIP

Recently the Cato Institute revealed that an internal audit by the United States Postal Service showed that correctly addressed mail was found dumped into the trash at 76% of the post offices visited! Next time you wonder "where's my newsletter?" be sure to check the garbage can at your local P.O.!

PEP'S PET COMPUTERS

The first publication PEP produced was in 1984 on an Apple II+. An eight page tabloid, it was our first Primer, and we produced it in order to answer some of the commonly asked questions about polyfidelity. This computer was one I had bought to run a small services business from my home a few years prior.

Soon I saw a Macintosh and was entranced. I used one of my friend's, worked on several and explored Page-Maker and other software in the University of Oregon Mac Lab, and then, of course, just had to have one. Traded in the Apple on my first Mac in 1985. It produced all the quarterly newsletters, camera ready ads, and we wrote and laid out our book, *The Polyfidelity Primer*, on that baby.

After we'd upgraded that poor devil til it's guts were full, we added a hard drive, and then shipped it on a barge to Hawaii. Almost immediately, it decided to take on the aloha lifestyle and it rested...right in the middle of our first Hawaiian newsletter issue! We quickly got a Mac IICX from our trusty dealer and a laser printer too since we had no island access for printing.

Today these two lovelies continue

working like champs and are wonderful creative extensions. They also keep tabs on our business SolarWorks! As a matter of fact, since we moved to Hawaii, we've lived off the grid (monopoly electrical utility lines) and supplied all of our electrical energy from the sun. So the newsletter is produced and masters are printed solely with solar electricity from our household system. We also use our publishing capacity to write and create educational posters for political and ecological action groups we support.

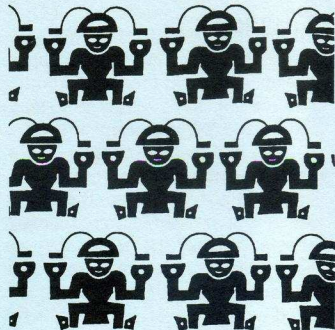
PEP's newest networking effort has been on the WELL. With the satellite phone links from Hawaii, we've had nothing but trouble with our connections. Even using a Maui Compuserve line doesn't give us a noise-free link, though it costs a bunch more. But sometimes, when the moon is in the 7th house and Jupiter aligns with Mars, we are blessed with crystal clarity. If you want to reach us, our username is PEP5YN. Sometimes we're quick responders, but sometimes we're gone for a spell.

RECENT OUTREACH

Recently my family, Syntony, did a half hour interview on polyfidelity for a Phoenix area radio show. As the three of us celebrated our 11 years together since formally committing as a family, we continue to enjoy sharing our option with anyone interested in more choices.

Also, for those of you who read *The Bay Guardian* or the *Village Voice*, you may have noticed that Isadora Alman's column referred a man who was having trouble finding other nonmonogamous people to us. We received a nice group of letters from her readers.

Last issue I mentioned a couple videos which were in production. One is still in progress, while the second is now available. It's titled *LA Freedom 91* and is two hours of discussion by freedom loving, anarchist publishers. These include Susie Bright, formerly editor of *On Our Backs*; Mike Gunderloy, creator of *Factsheet 5*; Jay Kinney, editor of *Gnosis*; Bob Shea, author of *Illuminatus*; Michael Ziesing, publisher of *Instead of*



A Magazine; Robert Anton Wilson, author; Pierre Strauss, producer of *The Connection*, and me, Ryam Nearing of PEP. I had the enjoyable experience of meeting and discussing freedom with all these interesting people, so polyfidelity is mentioned as a personal, socio-political, direct-action lifestyle as part of the tape.

If this interests you, here's how to get a copy. Send \$15 plus \$2 for handling to PEP, but make your check out to TADCO, the company producing these. (If you live in California, please include \$1.40 to pay the government it's cut of the exchange). I haven't previewed the final edited version of this yet, so I can't testify as to it's quality, but I think it should show a fun mix of people and ideas.

STAR TREK SPECIFICS

Last issue we told you about the plan amidst the nonmonogamous community to get some great multiple adult relationships into the future on the current Star Trek show. Specifically, you should write encouraging letters to Rick Berman, Executive Producer of STNG, 55 Melrose Av, Los Angeles, CA 90038.

You can also help the cause by chipping in money to fund production of scripts for the show. Two stories are already developed but need a couple months work to be ready to submit. The financial goal of \$3000 for the project is a mere \$900 away from reality. If you'd like to help out, contact IRC (see address under events on page 2). ♥

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"Yeah, that's the impression I have," she answers, and I feel an instant pang of shock/betrayal/guilt, wishing I could withdraw my answer, or explain it. I feel like shouting "Yes, there's *not* much support for nonmonogamy, even so, there's far more support for me there than anywhere *outside* of the lesbian community." Instead, I take a deep breath and remind myself why I came: I need more support. Besides, I tell myself, that's why they're all here too. None of us are getting enough from the larger world. That's why we need each other.

We need each other. I sit alone on the grass and let the sun swim into my chest. This is the part I wasn't expecting, this need thing. I close my eyes. A tired girl is there, her hand on a doorknob, saying, with her heart in her mouth, "I need you. I need allies. I need people to honor my polysexual soul. I need straight people to love my lesbian soul. Tell me with your whole face that you care."

That night, lying in bed, my lover and I braid the ideas of the day. Some people obviously don't have much familiarity with lesbians. We've heard a few annoying comments, including the downright bizarre: "Lesbian, bisexual, what's the difference?" And yet, most lesbians we know have so much in common with these heterosexual and bisexual poly people. Like them, we create families of our choosing that enjoy neither official recognition nor much popular support. Like them, we must constantly weigh the perils, known and unknown, of staying in the closet against those of stepping out. Like them too, we pitch in with time, money and skills to create a loving, resourceful community amid pervasive hatred, fear and ignorance. Like them, despite our in-

telligence, our courage, our caution, we meet with daily discrimination by just about everybody, from our government to our families of origin, including any random pedestrian who might be walking down the sidewalk one moment and spitting at us, or calling us names, or who knows what, the next.



The next morning we run for the bus with bagels in our hands. At the morning workshop the guy sitting next to me chuckles over the blue t-shirt I am wearing. Someone requests that I stand and face the crowd. "FAITHFUL TO ALL MY LOVERS" is met with cheers and applause. My cheeks warm with pleasure and pride. Not only is it ok to be nonmonogamous here, but it's something to celebrate. I breathe deeply, trying to soak up this genuine support; it's what I came for. My chest is a band of pink, an expanse of love.

There are no other apparent lesbians in the room, or anywhere at this conference. I decide to raise my hand and speak anyway. I describe my frustration at my job, being out as a lesbian, yet afraid to let people know that I have two lovers. There is so much I cannot say at work; my head and my heart are full of knots. As an out lesbian, I already feel near the edge, how far before I fall off the cliff?

After the workshop, a man asks if he can hug me. That he looks so

much like my father startles me. The woman with him hugs me too. They tell me the State nearly took their children because they were open about having other lovers; now they are more careful. I tell them a woman was attacked leaving a lesbian bar near my apartment just last week. We browse at the book tables. The weekend is ending.

Outside in the late Sunday sun we chant, "Love is always beginning, Love is never ending." I look at each face in this wide, wide circle. I see dozens of women and men I've come to know. There's a woman who lives with her male lover and his other female lover, her best friend; a man who lives with his female lover and has a long-distance male lover; a woman who is looking; a man who is considering looking. (Some of them use other words: wife, husband, marriage, but these twist my tongue, conjuring images of compulsory heterosexuality, monogamism, sexism.)

As we chant, one phrase keeps rolling through my head: valued minority. I glimpse a heart-slice of the world as I want it to be. All two hundred of us link hands. I feel the sweet heat through my lover's palm. So this is what it feels like to be small in number, but valued. I have never before felt this outside of predominantly gay groups. "Make a silent affirmation to yourself," the low-voiced pagan says. I am a girl in a grin. My grin is bigger than me.

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Love Without Limits

an interview with author
Deborah Anapol

In her new book, *Love Without Limits: Responsible Nonmonogamy and the Quest for Sustainable Intimate Relationships*, Dr. Deborah Anapol explores a new vision for lasting loving relationships, sexual ethics for the 21st century, and new models for healthy multi-adult families. She convincingly maintains that we're doing irreparable damage to our human ecosystems by trying to force all sexual/loving relationships into the monogamous mold. Anapol argues that instead we would be better off determining when and for whom nonmonogamy is appropriate and then embracing it fully, openly and honestly. Her description of how we can move into multiple partnerships with grace instead of disaster, provides needed guidance for those pioneering this frontier.

LJM: *Why don't you think mainstream marriage in this society is working?*

DA: That's a big question. The expectations that people have about what marriage is going to be like and what we as men and women are like don't fit the reality we encounter in trying to be intimate, have careers, raise children, and be isolated nuclear families not connected to a community. People have a very romantic notion about how they are going to fall in love with Prince or Princess Charming and live happily ever after. They don't get real with the possibility that they will have to deal with being attracted to other people and

that their partner will be attracted to other people. Or the reality of getting bored with each other if they're not constantly working on the relationship. Relationships, just like everything else, don't stay static; either they get deeper or they start to fall apart. People are not prepared for these kinds of realities.

LJM: *You talk about nonmonogamous sexual ethics, what are they and why do we need them?*

DA: A common comment from people when we start talking about multiple partner relationships, and I'm sure you hear this all the time, is "Oh we tried that in the 60's and it didn't work." But what was tried then was largely by people who were operating without a well established code of ethics. The difference between being able to successfully carry out a nonmonogamous relationship and getting burned, has a lot to do with having appropriate ethical standards.

LJM: *Which in particular do you find most important?*

DA: In the book I do provide some guidelines for responsible relationships based on what I have seen working in successful nonmonogamous relationships. A big one is honesty. For example, a lot of people will try to protect their partner. They'll say "I don't really want to tell him I'm attracted to someone else because I don't want to hurt his feelings." This doesn't work, but at the same time deciding when to tell your partner is important. You don't want to put this out to them after they've had a rotten day and had a big fight with their boss. With commitment, to many people this is synonymous with exclusiveness. So in the book I talk about what commitment looks like when it's not a commitment to being exclusive. Just thinking about all these things before hand makes it possible for people to have a common under-

standing of what's expected in this new territory. Without this there's lots of room for misunderstanding.

LJM: *Currently, what do you see as the major needs of people who are nonmonogamous?*

DA: Two really big ones are first to have the sense that we're not alone, not freaks. That we're okay, or better than okay! For people who are "in the closet" about their lifestyle, they may have literally no one who they can talk to about what they're doing or what they'd like to. The second big need is for a situation in which we can meet other people and find potential partners or community members. This is tricky because there are so few people who are conscious about choosing this lifestyle that the pool of potential people is small. It's like living in a small town where there are maybe three eligible partners: if you don't like any of them you're out of luck. I'm feeling really good about how much the polygamist community has begun to network within itself. I think this is really important in filling these two needs. The diversity we saw at PEPCON last year all points to a real movement in the direction of forming a more diverse community which will work better for everybody.

LJM: *I agree! The thing I was most excited about at the last conference was that many of the different groups who I'd been inviting to the conference for all the previous years finally came and shared! That support and feeling of community, all being at the same place at the same time, meant a lot to me as a polyfidelitous woman and also as a polyfidelitous educator.*

For your copy of *Love Without Limits*, send \$18 pp. to IRC, POB 150474, San Rafael, CA 94915. (CA residents add \$1.16 for the State) ♥

"SENS" ARTICLE RESPONSES

When I read the article "Sustainable Same Gender Bonds" in Issue #29, I was incensed and hurt, most intensely. It has taken me a couple of days to calm down enough to be able to write clearly in response to this article. As a member of one of the oppressed minorities being addressed in this article, it felt like yet another instance of the dirty, steel-toed boot of oppression being slammed in my face. And, in particular, in an arena where I look for the warmth and comfort of a family relationship.

I found that the article serves as a distraction from the real issue: the prejudicial and obsessive blockage and fears that people have about relating to people affectionally or sexually with their own gender. The name of this condition is homophobia, which I think is the real issue in same gender bonds.

As a gay person, I've been required for all of my adult life, to live in fear of my safety and livelihood, if I reveal what my sexuality is. Having another person tell me why I should try to conceal who I am felt horrible and hurtful. (I know that the author proceeded to deny that he was advocating concealment, but I don't believe it for a minute.) And, the suggestion to self-oppression came from a member of the current oppressive power elite: a heterosexual, probably white, married male. I believe that the article as it stands could only have been written by someone who has not lived as a minority member.

I do understand a concept which is delivered in a backhanded way in the article: that respect for other human beings, and caring for them is more important than sexuality. Re-

spect and caring are more important than even sensuality, to me. I do see that we live in a society where people are regarded as sexualized objects, and that their humanity is often ignored. This does not excuse a paternalistic attitude trying to tell a minority of folks to change how they care to present themselves to the world, to conceal a part of their humanity.

It has been a struggle and a complication in my life to do the level of concealment that I already practice, and for me, I realize that I must reveal my sexuality to as many folks who won't actually endanger me in some way. I do this in order to let more of the world know: gay people are everywhere, and a substantial, if small, proportion of the population; that we are good people, and our sexuality is a normal piece of the diversity present in human population. I choose to reveal my sexuality often, but less often than I probably should.

Current self-help material is addressing dysfunctional family problems. One of the problems addressed are the "No Talk" rules. Things that aren't supposed to be talked about. In this case, sexuality, in particular, homosexuality, a person's sexual and affectionate feelings is the thing that we're supposed to be covering up. I don't see how anything but more exercise of revealing inner feelings is valuable; the distortion of one's sexual preference is just another invitation to be disempowered, to "not talk".

Let's talk about internalized self-hate. I took years to weed this out of my personality. A big piece of current popular psychology addresses the internalized shame that is frequently transferred to us by our family members. We learn to not talk about our feelings, and to conceal the truth about ourselves.

What I heard in this article was exactly an example of the sort of insidious put-downs that help internalize this sort of shame.

I believe the article to be expressing the author's sense of shame around sexuality. Why would one consider disguising what one does for sex? This, for me is an example of sex-negativity.

And, who is this guy kidding? The people who are already bigots against homosexuals won't be fooled by someone saying that they're bisexual. They'll conjure pictures of genital sexuality in their head at the slightest provocation, anyway. I believe that homophobia functions as a triggerable obsession, that people use to distract themselves from internal pain, in a way that's not rationally related to that internal pain, but directed at overloading and defocusing themselves from, say, a longing for closeness in a same sex interaction, that's too shameful for them to admit to. (The psychological concept of "reaction formation")

A friend of mine, a bisexual woman, just had the sort of painful experience that many lesbian and gay folks have. She failed to reveal her sexuality to a roommate, before the roommate moved in. In friendly conversation with the roommate, she revealed that her boyfriend was a married man, and that she was lovers with his wife, as well. A week later, the roommate asked my friend what she thought of a beautiful new blouse that she had purchased. My friend said: "It looks good enough to lick". The roommate took this as a sexual advance, and proceeded to use this as an excuse to be abusive for weeks, and break her rental agreement and move out. My interpretation is that my friend should have represented herself as bi, up front, in the first

place, so that somebody with homophobia would be diverted from renting a room from her.

I see homophobia as part of the anti-sex addiction. People are raised with anecdotes that if they reveal sexual or affectionate feelings, that they'll be disempowered in some way; that they'll be beaten, or raped, or their job status will be compromised, or they'll be excommunicated from their church, or thrown out of their family. People then develop the technique of suppressing their same-sex-feelings by indulging in obsessive anger/hatred behaviors whenever the affection or sexual feelings are triggered. I see the anti-sex addiction in folks who become obsessively morally outraged by any kind of reference to sex at all.

I'm appalled that such an article appeared in the newsletter, of a group that needs to attract lesbian and gay people, and addresses family intimacy for families that implicitly must consider same-sex partners. Lesbians, gay men and bisexuals can speak for ourselves, we don't need married heterosexual men to speak for us. I hope articles that encourage people to express who they are, and to listen and be aware of who others are, are more the rule in the future. CALIFORNIA

AND MORE...

I would like to comment on the article called "Sustainable Same Gender Bonding" by Peter Sugarman that appeared in the Winter issue of Loving More. If I understand it correctly, this article states that people hesitate to enter poly relationships due to the social stigma attached to non-hetero sexuality. This article goes on to suggest that the terms used to describe same-sex intimacy could be changed to accommodate negative public attitudes.

I would like to suggest something

different: support gay, lesbian, and bisexual rights and visibility at every opportunity. One thing to remember: all poly relationships have same-sex intimacy as a component, but not all poly relationships (mine, for example) have heterosexual components. Referring to oneself in a way designed to prevent "alienation of strangers" and "for the sake of societal intolerance" both legitimizes that intolerance and caters to the larger oppression it represents. Jews who change their names to sound non-Jewish still experience anti-Semitism. Further, they experience the subtle and persistent assault on their sense of self-worth known as internalized oppression. Denial of one's own culture, community, and sexuality can be devastating. Ask any gay or lesbian teacher.

Members of the non-monogamous community and the non-hetero community have a lot in common. We face accusations of immorality and sometimes illegality. We are publicly ridiculed and must deal with potential discrimination in employment and housing. These are serious, meaningful issues encountered by those of us who choose lifestyles other than the straight and narrow. For this reason, I applaud PEP's straightforward openness to members of all sexual orientations. We must be allies in working to change public attitudes both toward all poly relationships and all lesbian/gay/bi relationships. Having pride in our same-sex intimacy, sensuality, and sexuality, being willing to name it and claim it, are the first brave steps down that road. WASHINGTON

Aloha, Thank you for your comments on this article in our last issue. Your points are well made, and we agree on much. I do believe that the author of the article's intentions were positive, and he clearly opened himself for feed-

back by asking for it at the end of his piece.

The only nonviolent way to change the world is through education: by modeling your values, sharing them in full detail with people, writing and publishing, broadcasting them, etc. Only when each person is free to express what s/he thinks, do we learn about ourselves and open ourselves to learn from others in response. PEP's policy is to refuse only submissions based in hate or authoritarianism. ♥



TRANSFORMATIONS

Kerista Commune was best known as the originator of the term polyfidelity for the equalitarian, all primary form of group marriage which its members lived and promoted. Last November Jud, one of the founders of the Commune left the rest of the group, taking with him the name Kerista.

The individuals formerly associated are now in a decidedly new phase of their lives. Some remain in polyfidelitous families, but the commune-wide financial structure has been disbanded. Each family or individual is now an independently functioning unit.

In the past, many had found the commune's gestalt-o-rama communication process too harsh or abusive. Part of the new change is a more socially tolerant and gracious way of relating to others. As a fellow pioneers, we wish them each the best, and support their on-going evolution. ♥

That's Personal

Meeting the right people can be quite a challenge. When you've exhausted the traditional approaches to finding new friends (who perchance might become family?), and haphazard happenstance doesn't quite fit your level of personal empowerment, it may be time to do focused outreach.

Many PEP members, as well as people in the general public, use personal ads and connection services in an attempt to meet people. There is a singleness of purpose, for both those placing ads and for those responding, that jumps over coyness. It's a definite way to clearly state "I'm looking for someone(s)." Additionally, in a brief manner, bottomlines can be expressed. "No smokers." "Must like cats." "I would like a mutually satisfying committed relationship." "Seek soul-mate." You get the picture. Any of these might be attractive to some people and turn others off. And all in 60 words or less...

While local papers are a handy spot for ads, sometimes special interest networks can be more productive, though more geographically diverse. These days there are plenty of services who'd like to help you make connections. Many are based on New Agey themes such as global consciousness, healing, social justice, ecology, or animal rights. Some cater to minority sexual preference groups. Others are based on geographic area, and have names like *AlaskaMen*. And everyone's seen the personals in swing type publications where the people are looking more for meat than anything else.

Wherever you place your ad, the three most important points are to 1) first get your desires clear within yourself and then specifically state what you want. You're paying for each word, so be direct. 2) Limit your risk-level by revealing little information until you've had a chance to screen respondents. Don't share your last name, meet at some populated public spot, set a prior time limit for your first meeting, and let a friend in on your plans for back-up. 3) Be sure to keep your part of the bargain. Before you place an ad be sure you're ready to follow through with responding to those who answer it. If you're part of a long-distance connection, you need to be prepared to exchange letters, photos and phone calls. This takes lots of personal commitment and energy, so just be sure.

What to Say for Yourself

Most people get shy when they have to describe themselves. With practice, this process becomes much easier. Anything about yourself is fair game: how you spend your time, what you value and what you disdain, what shape you're in or out of, and quirky specifics which add some spice. The most important thing is to avoid being so self-critical and perfectionistic that you simply can't squeeze out even one little personal description for your ad. Lighten up! Next time you can write something different based on the response, or lack of, that you got with this one.

An attitude that works best for those pursuing friendships (and more) via this method is to simply decide to enjoy meeting someone new. Expectations that any particular responder is "one of the ones" is just a way to set yourself up for disappointment. Many people express this in their ads by indicating "friendship first." This means let's see if we even like each other before

we think beyond that. Also, realizing that even if this guy is just not your type, he still might be a great possibility for one of your friends is a way to creatively handle the possibilities you're generating.

Try a Party Approach

The anxiety produced by blind date scenarios can frighten many people away from personal ads. Fortunately, simply shifting your focus in who and what you're looking for is an approach that can make the process less painful. A less personal plan is to host a small group party or to set up a special interest discussion group. In these, you and a few friends place an ad asking for people who are interested in expanded family or for open-minded types who like to talk about their ideas. You simply follow up with a small gathering (usually 10-12 people) where everyone gets a chance to meet and get to know a number of others all at one time. This takes a lot of the pressure off for all involved, allowing relationships to develop at a slower pace.

Computer networks are also a place to make contact. Lots of people I know have met friends on these. If you have access to the equipment and service, use it! And it's also easy to stay in touch no matter your distance. Over time you can share a lot via these amazing electrons.

Your Choices Include...

Here's a brief summary of some services offering to help you meet someone. Most of these are specifically oriented to singles, so you get to lie or test their tolerance for nonmonogamy. I've personally tried a few and haven't been refused yet. (Though I have been by local papers and larger national magazines.) Each of these groups responded promptly to my request for information.

New Year's Eve

by Roland Juli

The first PEP party kicked off the new year with a bang. Forty two merry-makers descended on Magic Winds (our place), most of them from the local Grass Valley area, 12 from the Bay area and Central Valley, and a friend from Boston who was visiting California.

The format for the party appeared in September, after PEPCON. Hal (aka Delta) and I were saying to each other, "Wouldn't it be great if we had a regular (how about quarterly?) PEP party that rotated between different communities and households?" Well, since we came up with the idea, it was our job to put it in gear, so we set it up. After discussion and correspondence with 2 PEP members we whom we met at PEPCON and then unexpectedly at the Sierra Nevada Music Festival, we settled on the format of image-, alcohol-, smoke- and drug-free, and submitted our idea to LMJ.

We originally thought about having the event be all nude, but that idea quickly gave way to a costume party theme. We'd never done anything like this before, so we were pretty nervous about how it would turn out. Lots of people called up asking about the party, and several of them were pretty nervous, too. Still, there was an undercurrent of excitement about trying something new with a group of people from all over who didn't know each other that well.

Party preparations included buying a case of Martinellis sparkling cider to substitute for the traditional champagne. Delta put together two dance tapes and had the upstairs landing set up for dancing.

As always before the day of a party

here, we had advance guests over. People who showed up in the afternoon were set to work putting out tableware, cleaning, and attending to last minute items. As evening rolled around, we put on our costumes. Hilarie put a crew to work on some delicious banquet dishes. The first wave of revelers arrived between 5 and 6 p.m. Healthy, home-made food started to fill up the buffet table. Partygoers showed up in racy or outrageous garb and, as the evening warmed up and our start-up jitters melted, some people changed into their birthday suits.

Autumn and Eva brought their own tapes to play as several episodes of passionate dancing emerged during the course of the evening. The second wave of partiers who showed up between 8 and 9 p.m. found the party well under way. Dancing, eating, long sessions of drumming, spirited indoor discussion and quiet outdoor exchanges in the hot tub continued to warm our spirits up until 11:30 p.m. At that point we all gathered on the landing, and Delta took us through a time of sharing and silent reflection regarding the year just past and the new year soon to begin.

Just before midnight we broke out the bubbly and passed it around to fill up our champagne glasses. Toasts and hugs, our usual new year's tradition, followed. Then Marilyn took the floor for a presentation of ecstatic poetry. We then returned to informal, warm connecting in the various nesting spots.

During the evening we had a visit from a neighboring household. Apparently a few guests had veered off course on their way in, ending up temporarily at these neighbor's

house. After redirecting wayward guests to Magic Winds and later hearing drumming across the valley, the Tragers decided to walk over and join us for awhile.

The good energy and warm atmosphere kept on until after 3 a.m., when a large group vacated the hot tub for the house, signaling the end of the day's merriment. As content bodies took up more and more floor space upstairs, the lights went out and the whispering faded, and the day came to a close. We were delighted that, with a diverse group, with a somewhat controversial party theme of racy dress, and with an alcohol-free new year's, the whole event came together so successfully. In addition, it was music to our ears when several people told us it was the best new year's party they'd ever been to.

The next morning the energy was much quieter. A wonderful feeling of party afterglow permeated the house all of New Year's Day. The pancake mix came out for a group breakfast, and a dishwashing spree dispensed with the bulk of the dishes. The overnight visitors trickled on home, taking with them the afterglow. As the house got straightened up and the party leftovers were assembled, the calls came in for the belongings awaiting retrieval by their owners. For the evening meal, Vanita prepared the lasagna dish she had planned to cook the night before. We had a softly lit evening meal, communally prepared and cleaned up, and we gave thanks for the gift of each other.

What a wonderful way to start the new year. We're opening our home each and every new year to you, our sister communities and families. We throw out the challenge again for a regular round of parties and events. Who's next? ♥

MAIL

Dear PEP, 1991's PEP conference was truly outstanding. I hope it will be held in the same area in 1992. I certainly will plan to attend. GEORGIA

Glad you had a good time. PEP's 1992 Loving More Conference will be held at Harbin Hot Springs from September 11-13. We've reserved their conference center building which includes a large comfy area for workshops, room for eating together, and two private pools for just our group (in addition to Harbin's regular hot and warm pools). There are also hiking trails and plenty of great spots to camp out under the stars. Harbin is a clothing optional site. Hope to see you there!

Dear PEP, My wife is a bisexual, and has known herself to be one for the better part of her 33 years. I am straight and have lived a strictly heterosexual, monogamous lifestyle. As a matter of fact, I wasn't even fully aware of the implications of my wife's bi-nature when we came together. Fear of being rejected by myself kept her from directly confronting those issues with me in the beginning.

We have grown enormously together both individually and as a unit and while there were times of intense trials, the rewards achieved through our personal growth have far outweighed all else. You have spoken, in your ad, of "those who love more than one..." In society so filled with labels, double standards, plastic people, and all out bigotry, it seems strange to hear of those who profess even to understand, much less embrace such concepts. It is at least equally refreshing and encouraging to find that just maybe someone out there is trying to understand, trying to go beyond the superficial values of a sociopolitical order that has long since lost touch with anything of lasting worth. It seems to me that precious few are willing to go the distance to make the solid commitment to love one much less seriously consider polyfidelity.

Sadly enough. Your organization is of great interest to us, and perhaps long overdue. My wife and I are deeply interested in establishing such a relationship. Please let us hear from you.

OREGON

(PEP continues to receive inquiries from new folks each week. We answer their questions, send out information packets, and urge them to become part of our network so they can reach other like-minded individuals)

Dear PEP, I just saw your ad in *The World* magazine and I'm glad to see that you got it published. I just love the Unitarian church for being so tolerant. It's such a relief from the rest of the world.

Did you catch *Geraldo* on January 7th? That slime was grilling a family where a woman was living with her ex-husband and his new wife. Apparently they were doing it because of financial reasons (even with child support she was having a difficult time financially because she worked full time and had to pay for child care, plus she had to travel a good deal for her job) and to provide the children with a stable home. There was no sex between the ex-spouses and the two women had become friends, but nevertheless, the audience was scandalized. That pig *Geraldo's* sleazemongering tone didn't do much to encourage rationality either. Oh well, scumbags and an audience of morons. OHIO

Our recent ad in The World is due to the kind suggestion and financial donation by a PEP member. We have received a nice response from the ad supporting your view that Unitarians are free-thinkers. Geraldo and most talk show hosts look mainly to incite, rarely to understand or educate. PEP now has a loaner copy of the Donahue show on polyfidelity which aired in Nov 91 in addition to the SJR show. (See order blank on back page for details).

MORE BOOK REVIEWS

Bingo by Rita Mae Brown, Bantam Books, NY 1988. Light, funny run-out of an "avowed lesbian" living in a southern small town who gets

sexually involved with the husband of her best friend. Their solution to this dilemma is bizarre and typically unsatisfying (she marries the town's gay hairdresser) to anyone familiar with the concept of polyfidelity.

Leaving Cheyenne by Larry McMurtry (also *The Last Picture Show*, and *Terms of Endearment*) Harper and Row, NY 1962. A Texas story of two best friends, a rancher and a cowboy, and the woman who loves both of them simultaneously. She also bears them each a child. The way they manage their lifelong threesome is far from perfect, but practical and better than most. An added bonus, this book's dialog is fresh and direct cowboy talk for those who love Westerns.

Summer People by Marge Piercy (also *Woman on The Edge of Time*) Summit Books, NY 1989. This book begins as the story of a triad, two women (bisexual) and one man, who've been together for ten years. The male, Willie, describes their life together in this way, "People thought them peculiar but it was at once two separate intimacies he had, two wives, and something more: the three of them together had a strength and a richness he had never found in a couple. It was simply more fun with three lively adults talking and playing."

Unfortunately early on in the book, one of the women, Susan, suddenly decides to dump the other, and wants to return to life as part of a straight, monogamous couple. How either of the other two partners could love someone as selfish, shallow, and emotionally immature as this Susan comes across in the book makes the rest of the story astonishingly unbelievable. The ensuing affairs, death, and return to coupledom seem particularly pathetic. A real disservice to the concept of lasting love. ♥

Network

To Answer a PEP Member Ad

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

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

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

CALIFORNIA Phoenix: Lyn (male), 38yrs and Ann (ages 39-51). Seeking another male (or 2M, 1F) YES: polyfidelity, integrity, intimacy, love, sensuality, intensity, exploration, growth, radical change, fun, humor, heterosexual, brainstorming, deep thinking, writing, psychology, transcendental states, sweetness, creativity, dreams, health, success, plenty, empowerment, nocturnal, hiking, chocolate, music, dance, sunsets. No: smoking, child rearing, TV, pets. (310) 275-2725-1730 (#801)

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/alternative politics, music, computing, nature, X-C skiing, hiking, more... androgynous male (unambiguous) like, long hair (touch of grey), 5'11" (see eye to eye?), vegetarian, feminist. My preference: hetero; yours: merely compatible. seeking poly/intimacy/polyfidelity (prefer-3). Profile exchange? Relocation exchange? (#931) T, Box 9807, Stanford, 94309. voice/Fax: 415-328-0573.

We are experimental, innovative, responsible and fun-loving. our growth process is accelerated by the Questing game (a nonthreatening search for the truth balanced with joy and celebration. A drug, alcohol, smoke and violence free family, mostly vegetarian whose unconventional wis-

dom and mutual respect serves as a model for personal growth. If you are interested in a small community near Harbin Hot Springs, (#41014) write to POB 826, Middletown, CA 95461.

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

Adventurers, 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. Interests with music massage, email 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. Serious 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 complete or form closed marriage, preferably foursome, mostly hetero, 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 Chaz (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 and 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 like 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 Taoist 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 Cifer, 659 A 37th Av, San Francisco, CA 94121 (415) 387-5135.

Non-linear, creative, off-two some (W/M 55, W/F 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 psycho/sacred inner spaces (rough psychodynamics, too), using mystical and channeling technologies. Please, no smokers, solipsists, terminal niceness cases. (#808) POB 11542, Berkeley, CA 94701.

Male, 44, pan-sensualist, published fantasist, foundering in the mire monogamy, his spouse and coparent an unadventurous shrivel of her once plum-luscious self, dreams of secure home with two bright, iconoclastic, noncosmetic, bisexual women, opening our blissful three-some outward occasion to welcome in delightful females. May be moving to Eugene, OR. (#982) Robert devereaux, 2700 Bonanza, Rocklin, CA 95677.

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

We're Darcy (35 years, bisexual, feminist instructor) and George (38 years, musician, poet, instrumental designer). We're loving, open, growth oriented, healthy and drug free. I hope to establish a "human pod" as 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! #763 Darcy and George Blauth, POB 224 Louisa, CA 93438-0224.

Familia Alegria. Somos Norteamericano, 38, y Latina, 31. Tenemos 2 niños de 6 y 8 años. Estamos interesados en foros, independencia financiera, y jubilarnos en America Latina mientras ya estamos bastante jóvenes para gozar la vida. Desearnos correspondencia con

caballeros y damas quines hablan Espanol y les gustan la cultura de latino america. #536

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, open communication, open communication; personal growth; trusting, intimate relationships; sincerity and compassion; and much, much more. Open to relocation. Please write 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 relationship with attractive woman. You must be caring, patient and a strong desire and need a relationship with 43 professionals, no children, love animals, a kind, very happily married with a marvelous sex life to share. We like outdoors, classical/new age music, good movies, stimulating conversation, travel, and quiet evenings at home. Central California. #878 (209) 636-1639.

Slender Jean, 40, 5'4", and slim Jon, 50, 5'10", were 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 (jean, I hope) at the Berkeley conference. Write to Couple #871.

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

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

Change fantasy to reality. We have the best of two worlds in a large rural home and cottage on the coast, one hour north of San Francisco. Now initiating long term polyfidelitous family with 4 to 6 members. come co-create a joyful lifestyle based on trust, communication, equality, spontaneous sentient play, ageless sexuality, fantastic food, dance, outdoor adventure and inner peace. (#940) Bob 708, Inverness, CA 94937.

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 in a couple of gay and pro-choice organizations and I'm a biker (Honda). I currently class myself as bisexual and an HIV negative. I enjoyed multiple partner relationships when I was in them. George (415) 325-9502.

San Diego area, Bi male, 40 yo., 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 and other outdoor activities, seek smoking, non-smokers, light drinkers, healthy food consumers, non-religious, caring and active individuals. No couch potatoes. (#754) Jim

Married couple: Cindy, student in Ornamental Horticulture, lives in Southern California with her heart in New Mexico; Kenneth, librarian lives in Louisiana. Both love plants, nature. Michael with eclectic tastes lives in Southern California and is currently seeking an exciting exploring life. Looking for friends to share the stimulation and challenge of group living. Call or write Cindy. #641

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

Move to Hawaii with an attractive 30 something, professional man. Seeking a warm, loving committed relationship with fun, attractive, bisexual, liberal and ideally a genuine menage a trois. I'm very fem, feminist, pre-gay (but hetero) and love to massage, tickle and pleasurable stimulate womyn. See details in classifieds. Gary, 1115

Satori Av, Torrance, CA 90501-2226, (310) 515-3347.

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. functions: musician, novelist, humorist, liberal, honest, trusting, handyman, writer, innovator. Prefer both urban and rural connections in CA, OR, WA, AZ, NM, CO or WY. # 869 Dan Robinson, 60 Greenview Ln, Richmond, CA 94803. (415) 222-6284.

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 already has them. We're happy, healthy semi-vegetarians who feel the grateful Deed of ZZ Top can be as fun and fulfilling as Mozart or Kitano, depending on our mood. Please drop us a note tonight and we'll call or write you back real soon! #664 Debi & Dennis, POB 1590 Cupertino, CA 95015.

Successful former engineer committed to personal growth and helping plant seeds of female of like mind. I live in a single income parallel universe. Interests include: gardening, hiking, macrobiotics. I am DWM, 5'6", 145 lbs., 40 years old, physically fit. #903

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

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

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

Don, Heather, daughter (16) and son (8) are Imagine family, a happy and healthy dyad looking to expand gracefully. We own land, including a large organic farm. We are NS, vegetarians, social pioneers, "Alter Natives." Interests include art, dancing, idea speaking, community action and involvement, reading, egalitarian child-rearing, hiking, folk & rock music. POB 1768, St. A Vancouver, BC V6C 2P7 Canada. #726

Happy, outgoing, NS, male, 40's, free spirit, slim, athletic, 5'9", 140 lbs, rural alternate lifestyle, self-employed designer-builder. Interests include sailing, travel, yoga, gardening, dancing, photography, paganism, astrology, massage, clothing optional, holistic healing, speaking, community action and involvement, reading, egalitarian child-rearing, hiking, folk & rock music. (#629) Frank Pallas, 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/boating, 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 polyfidelitous family or group marriage, desire modest growth free of jealousy and possessiveness, not afraid of intimacy, freedom of all kinds of voluntary bases, and loving, frank commentary on one another. I am open to any ground rules that the group works out mutually for all concerned. I am a tradesman and financially independent. I would like to feel free to meet all of you nice people. Have a clear bill of health, AIDS free, etc. Open to the Pacific Northwest and would love to hear from you. (#658) Pete Schultz, RR 2, Chase, BC, Canada V0E 1M0

Hedonistic, successful, professional, he 43 (real estate investor, writer and publisher); she 40 (matchmaker, introduction service owner) looking for female or couple, 25 to 40. No children, pets or substance abusers. Our interests: cosmetics, travel, foreign cultures, non-traditional relationships, hot tubs, photography, macrobiotics and Studebakers. Passive solar, conservator home, 9 acres, 50 miles northwest from Seattle. #667 Chris and Ginny, POB 7172, Victoria, British Columbia, Canada. V9B 4Z3 or phone (604) 478-9755.

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

Woman, young 42, sensed polyfidelitous destiny at 17. Have positive group living experience. Will form 5+ adult family, other's children welcome. Require honesty, fidelity, substance free. CO, NM, HI. Needing communication with other explorers, single M/F, groups. BS/Health Science/education/communications. Practice 12 steps, yoga, some macrobiotics, shamanism, music, dance. Astrologer. Love nature, esp water, humor, Ralph Nader. Moving to CO soon. Ln (#983)

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 families. I'm a conscious, professional engineer, honest, humorous, outdoor activities, dancer, loving, sincere, 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 Polyfides out there and growing in numbers all the time. (I hope so anyway.) I am a single female and would like to know how or if other singles have found they could arrange to develop into a group. I have just recently moved to Tampa from NYC and I do appreciate for a living. I would like to network with others who are interested in group marriage. #601

We are a couple exploring the possibility of establishing a loving extended family. We are both educators, she in her very early thirties and he in his middle fifties. We are non-smokers, naturalists, and Unitarians. We are new to Jacksonville, FL and are discovering the easy living that it comes with a gentle climate. Drop us a line. 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.

GEORGIA Spiritual marriage: sharing from deepest form self in perfect harmony; mutual adoration and healing; total openness and honesty with all Beloveds; surrender of addictions; discovering the easy living that comes; enhancing serenity and joy; egalitarian circles of meaningful and moving song, dance and shared wisdom; and honoring and treasuring Passion's seed of life within each of us. Mailing address only: (#561) Ray Frye, 224 Athens St, Harwell, GA 30643. (404) 376-4889 (call 8-9 pm Eastern)

W/M, 33, influenced by Heinlein/Rimmer during teenage years, looking for a couple/trio/single female to explore ideas and perhaps find mutual ground. I'm a medical professional, intelligent, good sense of humor (former D.J.). I'm most interested in an urban (or easy access) location. I'm imaginative and outgoing. (#561) Ray Frye, 224 A.M., 2655-C St Decatur Rd #150, Decatur, GA 30033.

HAWAII Warm friends couple looking for special lady to join us at our beach house year looking for a loving relationship. Both employed, in early 40's, together 15 years. Have three horses and enjoy country living. Seek a lady who wants to have children! Bisexual is ok. Letter and photo to (#812) Mike and Linda Chialis, POB 727, Hualaui, HI 96717.

We're a heterosexual (28F, 31M) self-employed prosperous couple looking to expand our family. Describe an attractive woman to complement our work/hard/lay hard nature, raw food diet, and emphasis on developing our mutually satisfying communication styles. 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 amidst Maui, Hawaii paradise. Learn techniques of sexual healing, energy exchange, deepening passion and spiritual transference love to create a more intimate and higher consciousness. Renew the magic of your relationship. This is the course we never were given and always needed. Free brochure! (#859) Tantra, Star Route 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 do. We also like to relax and if you're in Hawaii, let's hit the beach together. Our next marriage trip will be for PEPCON. We can meet there if you're not

coming here sooner. Ryam, Allan, & Barry (#884) Lynioity, P.O. Box 6306, Captain Cook, HI 96704-6306.

ILLINOIS 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 company. Love music (rock-50's, 60's, 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 Schmutz, Jr, 3443 N Ozanam Av, Chicago, IL 60634. #802

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

KANSAS HeartFire is a polyfidelitous family of two, desiring, at present to become four. We plan on building a nature sanctuary on 100 acres near a farm and 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 personal and financial reasons. However, given the right situation we are prepared to relocate. We are currently working on the personal growth matrix fostered by the Phoenix family, and actively seeking compatible partners. (#523) J & R, POB 3304, Kansas City, Kansas 66103.

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

KENTUCKY 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

LOUISIANA Attractive, professional DWM, 35, 6'3", 190 lbs, seeking polyfidelitous family. Married into a business, computers, and athletics...I'm a non-smoker, non-drinker, vegetarian, 18 year meditator, but never preachy. Aries with Mars & Rising in Capricorn. Moon: Aquarius. Venus: Gemini. Like-souled, impassioned woman, who is a naturalist. Moon in Pisces. #664 (318) 433-8150. Or (800) 265-2253 during business. #978

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

MASSACHUSETTS Good Morning Polly! Greetings fellow deviates & devotees. How y'all doin'? SWM, 38, 6'165, BR/Hazel, Irish/Italian, cusp born Sag/Cap Dec 21, 1952, seeks open minded free-thinkers for friendship and a life history. I am funny, smart, kind, sincere, & caring. Only visiting this planet. Moon in Pisces. #664 (617) 889-1100. Can travel, visit, or relocate. Rescue me! (#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. Hope you are capable and caring, willing care of your bodies and minds. I live in far away Maine, will travel, and am early 50's. Love city or wilderness, Dixie or Dvorak, travel or quiet times. Please write about yourselves! (#814) Steve Clark, POB 350, Sanford, ME 04073

MICHIGAN Michigan, 37 year old single bi male, 6'0", 160#. 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

MINNESOTA Minnesota Twin cities: Group forming to support options to the traditional family such as polyfidelity, group marriage, line marriage or...Send SASE for newsletter. Write (#839) LHK, 2697 East County Rd. E. Box 403, White Bear Lake, MN 55110

MISSISSIPPI Experienced, happy, polyfidelitous family of two (womyn 30s, man 40s) seeking partner(s)...together 14+ years...both counselors...like nature, food, sex, books, movies, water, camping, opera, rock, much more...love the intense intimacy you find in your relationship...w/ a relocate near ocean (Southwest or West coast) #518 write Orcas, 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 Enterprises" with trans share house in lovely, rural, green movement hopefully. We advocate living love inside integrity circles, naturism resonance with nature, family consensus, commitment of 1600 hours per year (1 year prospective membership) our motto "to enhance and sustain life" is our focus. #435 Namaste, R2 Box 578, Barnstead, NH 03225 (603) 716-7716.

NEW JERSEY 58 y.o. 160# G, strong and healthy, scarioned loving hetero WM, divorced 21 years, children 31, 29 & 11 (enough), HIV neg, split residence, married to 50 AC NJ South Cape aquaculture facility and 35 AC HI outreach diversified valley farm and so goal-oriented with these it has completed one for med practice, intimate relationships, travel, etc. I'd like to lighten up again, with whatever/whenever works, but it would have to be my places not yours, and best after end of 91. #545

We are a black heterosexual married couple seeking a single female heterosexual partner/co-wife, who wants a mutual life-time marriage commitment. Our cooperative holistic approach to life complements an enjoyable vegan and spiritual lifestyle. Send us reply to Jabari at: Jabari Shukura, 100 Somerset St. #2, North Plainfield, NJ 07060. (#988)

Polyfidelitous straight white male, 37, vegetarian, interests include Huna, Zen, 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.

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

NEW YORK Retired senior citizen, widower, WM with 80 acres of land-field, woods, trails, pond for skinny dipping, buildings, cabins, tent and trailer sites, would like to develop homesteading group; couples, children, singles; wilderness views. Seek lovers of nature, books, home teaching, camping, naturism, animals, gardening, polyfidelity, warm love and friendship. Details for SASSE-love to correspond. (No drugs, smoking, liquor) #508/Lyman F. Barry, P.O. Box 331, Dansville, NY 14437.

Smart, attractive, successful, open-minded, athletic, passionate, ticklish SWM, 37, seeks a SF for a friend, lover, tickler, new experiences and adventures. BO 8217, Queens, NY 11374 (#1006)

I'm a 38 year old white male librarian. I'd like to meet people in my area (Syracuse, NY), and correspond with them. I'm hetero, but open to bi exploration. Relocation probably isn't possible, but I like to travel. Many interests: movies, current affairs, travel, most music, ballet, theater, folkmarths, reading (history, SF). Anarchist/liberalism, vasectomy, 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 management a (solid) ideal. Relationship currently an discussing polyfidelity. Two cats. Male, 41, hetero. #657

OHIO Cindy, 30, 5'3", 115# lawyer, and Ronn, 35, 6'2", 185#, executive, with young child. We are adventurous, outdoorsy, travelers, avid gardeners, non-smokers, vegetarians, tolerant, spiritual, communicative, sensual nudists. Planning to relocate to Colorado this summer. Seeking a non-smoking, under 45, family, couple or female for a closed-circle relationship. We're waiting for you! POB 2867, Toledo, OH 43606-0867 (#981)

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

DWM, 41, Hetero, drug free, 5'10", 155 lbs, fit healthy, financially secure, attractive, liberal education, active recovering adult child, serious student of shamanism, art, artist,

writer, strong interest in psychology, philosophy, mythology, metaphysics. Love good company, good food, talk, living, 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. (#792) 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. Room and healthy diet in exchange for 20hrs/week garden chores. We seek an optimistic, animal-loving, day person and a cook and sewer from you. (#796) Henry Toney, 666 Islington, Toledo, OH 43610-1336. 419-244-0866.

Oasis, on 46 acres just 38 miles west of Portland in the Coast range, offers safe space to relax and sort out the polyfidelitous goals and spiritual path that you are 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 drugs, alcohol, or smoking or use of tobacco. To 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.

Lesbian, 26, long-haired, ovo-lacto vegetarian, astrologically inclined carnicer, Phi Beta Kappa college grad, every earth conscious witch. Looking for people who can accept (or even identify with) these aspects of me: I make beeswax candles (with hemp & cotton wick) and retail hemp clothing & books, water filters, & breath-powered, kaleidoscope-like mind toys. I'm currently single & interested in meeting other polyfidelitous-minded folks. (#515) 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, 29 and 30, two daughters, 3 cats and one log home in the process of being built. We'll write if you do-let's share! (#586) K, K & G, 1845 S Walker Rd, Oregon City, OR 97045

We've fled from DC to Oregon, which is more to our liking! - We're a couple in our early 30's, voracious readers, playful and are enjoying the PF community here. We'd like to correspond with others who have similar interests and possibly see our family grow. We'd be happy to hear from you. (#792) Mark & Kate, 418 SE 196th, Portland, OR 97233.

MLT Family is a ten year polyfidelitous triad that includes two men, one woman, our 11 year old son, a golden retriever, two cats and two turtles. We are a lawyer, a manager of information systems (computers), and an insurance agent. Our interests include basketball, stained glass, scuba diving and fishing. We are interested in talking or corresponding with anyone. (#612) MLT Family, 7270 SW 13rd, Aloha, OR 97007 or call (503) 591-1690.

Single mother, 46 (but guessed at 33), with 3 year old Down Syndrome son (blind haired sweetie) seeks polyfidelitous family. I'm attracted, active (cross-country skiing, windsurfing, hiking), highly intelligent (valedictorian high school), B.A. in psychology, interested in computers (have a synthesizer), alternative approaches to healing, New Age consciousness. Now building blue-green algae distributorship. Planning Waldorf education for son. (#777) Liza Nelson, 63925 Sunset Dr, Bend, OR 97701 (503) 385-8888.

Happy, healthy, & (w) happily married couple of 17 years seeks to create a sexy & saucily polyfidelitous family with one or two other fun couples. Write. Send pictures. With love, to: (#632) POB 82988, Portland, OR 97282.

I want it all: polyfidelity and intentional community plus a great place to relax after dancing the night away. What's missing is activity turns you crazy? Drop me a line. I'm singing solo and looking for others to harmonize with. The gender mix isn't important to me, but sexual fidelity is a must. (#647) Shirley Reeves POB 5247, Eugene, OR 97405

Year-old triad, expanded from eight-year dyad: one woman, two men. Our emphasis is on communication, understanding, support, trust, and respect. We are essential bonding and motivating forces. We use skills-based leadership, consensus decision-making, integration of approaches and perspectives, emphasis on feeling as well as thinking. Other interests include science fiction, computers, martial arts. (#657) Transmontane, 14675 SW Sunrise Lane, Tigard, OR 97224-1209

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 views on political views. As my children grow up, we hope to provide greater balance in our open marriage. Washington, DC area. Discretion guaranteed and necessary. Write Box #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 family situations. As my children grow up, we hope to provide greater balance in our open marriage. Washington, DC area. Discretion guaranteed and necessary. Write Box #790 c/o PEP.

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, bit both fit with advanced degrees. Would like to meet southern travelers. # 866 POB 752332, Memphis, TN 38175-2332.

TEXAS Dallas, seeking exceptional polyfide lady/couple, share 5 bedroom luxury home (sauna, pool, spa, library, wine cellar), "burgers to black tie" lifestyle. We: CEO (Resort Investments); graduate student (Fashion Design), model (fashion), 44-38-34, kids away, non-smokers, intelligent. Mutually supportive/admiration polyfidelity lifestyle: work, dining, travel, sailing/sunbathing, cultural/civic/social events, reading conversations, massage, soft rock/R & B. (#958) Robert/Constance (214) 497-1545.

Self-employed engineer/contractor, late 30's, non-smoker, with interests including music (listening and composing), science fiction, gourmet foods, flying, martial arts, scuba, massage, nature, skiing, and myriad other things. My ultimate goals include involvement in a community devoted to the creation of an inspirational environment, supportive of individual growth, with shared resources and sufficiency via technological/educational industries. Interested in meeting like-minded people forming an extended family of like-minded best friends. #631 Steven Parker, 1501 Bowie, Garland, TX 75042. (214) 272-8181

UTAH Single male fitness freak (kicker, 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

VERMONT White couple, 33 & 35, new to polyfidelity. We are nonsmokers, nondrinkers, drug free, safe, basically vegetarian. We would like to start a group marriage in the New York & New England area. We would like to hear from Hetero & Bisexual singles & couples. Susan & Timothy Strout #843

WASHINGTON kinky couple, committed to Seattle, city activities, local friends, she's 47, eastside computer programmer and activist, he 35 bicyclist, swimmer, considering graduate school. We are enjoying our new relationship, interested in alternative lifestyles and sex positive environments. Write to: (#634) Jim & Robby, 501 36th Ave, #137, Seattle WA 98103.

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

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

I would like to explore the possibility of friendship, love, laughter and unity in healthy mutually supportive polyfidelitous relationships. I'm a 35 year old male, single, I'm new to Tacoma area, relocated from Los Angeles. I'm down to earth, warm, caring, human being, who enjoys fishing, camping, naturism, long walks, music, theatre, cooking, gardening, boardgames, fan films 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 Art,

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 4-6 adults based on equality between family members, use of a social contract, and commitment to personal growth and a healthful lifestyle. Our interests and values include neopagan spirituality, conscious improvement of communication and self-awareness, movies, massage, hugs, vegetarian cooking, good times without using chemicals, sharing feelings, and being individually financially self supporting. #618.

Grandfather who was looking for family has found same: a broad-based educational/self-reliance/co-op group. The core people have sixteen years of polyfidelitous relating...and still learning. We live on 60 acres of forest land short way north of Columbia River about 3 hours from Portland, Oregon. Call or write: Windward West, 55 Windward Lane, Klickitat, WA 98628; Walt (509) 369-2000 or David (509) 369-2003. (#795)

Macro Prime-Ogamy and The Quaz-Ark Game: a trans-territorial vision of 21st century romance, religion, and economic sharing among compatible New World Friends and lovers. The Peter Pantheist Society, 540-C Northeast Northgate Way #242, Seattle, WA 98105 (#794)

My current interest in polyfidelity is platonic. My wife and I are in a committed monogamous relationship. We attended PEPCON '99 in order to meet people living the lifestyle, to gather information, and to support the work of the organization. I want to connect with folks in order to research issues associated with living the lifestyle and ultimately to write a book. In particular, my desire is to study and write about couples who are polyfidelitous who have chosen the path of multiple primary relationships and to uncover features inherent in polyfidelitous families which are missing from traditional family couplings. PER #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 quite awesome at home. I'd like to share with 1-3 committed oriented, bi or straight females. (#606) Amante, POB 55142, Seattle, WA 98155

I'd like to meet others interested in, or already practicing, polyfidelity. Objective: friendship, learning from your experiences, socializing. Not "shopping." My wife of 20+ years is still dead-set against the idea. I'm European, computer professional, athletic, male, and would like to share with her. (#6) 0369 Jack V., POB 369, Ridgefield, WA 98642-0369 (rural area, 20 mi. from Portland, OR)

WEST VIRGINIA 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, 304-265-4606 at home.

WYOMING Genius hermit (see issue #29) would like to correspond with country-oriented folks who want to quit the rat race and establish a high tech, energy independent, environmentally benign lifestyle. #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 nativist conference center. Write for info: 777 Barb Rd., RR#1, Vankleek Hill, Ontario, K0B 1R0, Canada

Amnesty International now advocates for people jailed or otherwise abused due to their sexual orientation. Can we get them to include polyfides in their mandate? Write in support to 322 Eighth Avenue, NY, NY 10001.

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

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

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

Childsworld/Childplay is a catalog of self-help books and toys for kids and families. Includes transition issues (pre-school, 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 Bloor 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. New setter too. We welcome new members and also, those who may have had difficulty with the old structure are particularly encouraged to write or call: POB12762, Berkeley, CA 94701 or (510) 644-4276.

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 in 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.

Firewalking Institute of Research and Education offers a free listing of upcoming workshops for those who want to reach beyond the usual. BO 1738, Twain Harte, CA 95383.

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

Intinet Resource Center describes itself as "a clearinghouse for info on ethical, multimate relationships," and offers "Low cost, limited, LGBT-swinging, non-ogamy and the quest for sustainable Intimate Relationships" for \$16 plus \$2 p&ch (CA add \$1.16 tax) IRC POB 150474, San Rafael, CA 94915

Loving Alternatives is a support/discussion group for the non-mogamous in Pennsylvania. Meetings are in State College. Member interests range from open couples to group marriage. Limited LGBT swinging. Calder Square, POB 10509, State College, PA 16805-0509.

Minnesota Twin cities: Group forming to support options to the traditional family such as polyfidelity, group marriage, line marriage, etc. Send SASE for free newsletter. Write III, 2697 East County Rd. E, Box 403, White Bear Lake, MN 55110.

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 Nativists 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 health with responsibility. They oppose sexual censorship. Yearly cost is \$20. Write to POB 8733, Atlanta, GA 30306.

Nude Pacific Travel Guide: for top-free and nude adult travelers a listing of beaches where it's okay to have a whole human body and enjoy swimming freely. Tahanga Research Association, POB 8714, LaJolla, CA 92038-8714.

Oregon's Local is now holding regular get-togethers, potlucks and discussion for people interested in multiple committed partnering. If you want to connect with them, please call Shirley Reeves at (503) 683-6197 or write POB 5247, Eugene, OR 97405.

Potomac Area Lifestyles (PALs) is a support group for people exploring alternative, non-traditional relationships. It is a secular, church-sponsored support group in the activity of the Unitarian Universalist Society of Baltimore. Write: PALs, Box 1013, Lanham, MD 20706.

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

PEP is a nationwide organization which publishes Loving More, a quarterly newsletter focused on the ins and outs of group marriage and polyfidelity. Each issue also includes a member directory for networking and non-mogamous resources. Offers the Polyfidelity Primer and hosts an annual convention. Box 6306, Capt Cook, IL 96704-6306.

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. Referrals too. Call us at (310) 275-3730.

Sexual Sanity is a new group now organizing for sexual civil liberties. Newsletter and membership \$20-\$100. POB 471061, San Francisco, CA 94147.

Caballeros o damas quienes hablan Español: for those who are interested in polyfidelity and who speak Spanish. Please send letters directly to: Cap, Box 6306, Capt Cook, IL 96704. We will forward them to our new Spanish speaking resource for response!

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