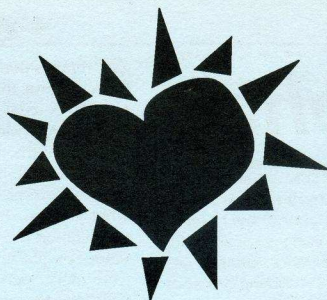


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The Structure of True Love

by Ryam Nearing

A large part of successful polyfidelity means moving beyond romantic myths about relationships. People seem to constantly crash into in love without having the slightest idea of what they want out of the deal. This doesn't work for couples (see divorce rates), and it certainly doesn't work when trying to create something so new and culturally unsupported as an equalitarian group marriage. The key factor lacking here seems to be awareness.

Knowing your self, your needs and your abilities, is an absolute essential in forming healthy relationships. As is being capable of using simple intelligence, including common sense in the context of love. Instead of running on fantasies about what a real partnership is like, instead of imagining lovers who can meet your every need before you can even express it, instead of believing that you can change your lovers into people without problems or needs themselves, it's easier in the long run to just get real.

Taking It to the Streets

One of the best ways to learn anything is through experience. So too in relationships, seasoning is a great way to gain direct feedback about your needs and desires within a partnership. At times people hold back from full involvement, thinking that they're not ready yet, not mature enough, not to-

gether enough. In some cases this may be true. Jack may be too scattered to sustain more than the most casual relationship at this point in his life; Kalani may be still recovering from her breakup with her last lover and not ready for new intimacy now; and Sandy may be too focused on career to have the time to include any significant other(s) in his life.

But sometimes this is simply avoidance. Procrastination. Rationalizations for keeping out of play, sitting on the sidelines and auditing life. You'll probably never be perfect. The time will probably never be completely ideal. There's not really any perfect woman, man, dyad or triad out there waiting for you to put the glass slipper on their foot. Hesitation lets in doubts and paranoias, then they eat away at the actual possibilities, the honest opportunities opening in front of you.

In relationships, as in all of life, the basic drill is to make choices based on your best knowledge and then with open eyes take in the feedback from these. Is what you're doing getting you what you want? If not, it's time to change something. This could be your attitude, it could be your environment, it could even be your goal itself. The fastest way to learn something is to put it in practice as much as possible and

right now. Communication skills are best mastered by actually communicating. Intimacy is best explored by becoming vulnerable to someone(s) and learning to listen and understand in return. The highs and limits to passion are best tasted in person. And commitment is best experienced in the daily exchange of agreements and tested in the calamity of crisis.

Life is today. If you want polyfidelity, what can you do TODAY that will bring you a step closer? What specific action can you take? What person can you contact? What attitude can you cultivate? What can you do RIGHT NOW to give yourself a glimpse of the pleasure of living in the group of best friends that you're craving? Little steps, big steps, whichever fill your bill.

Mistakes are the source of most of our learning. Nothing teaches as fully as emotion fraught experience, and errors usually generate lots of feelings. Flex-

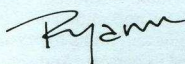
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Aloha!

AS THE LONG HOT SUMMER stretches out in front of us, I invite you to take a moment and make your plans to rendezvous with us in early September for our 6th annual conference. Share a refreshing weekend revitalizing our spirits together at this lovely hot springs. While revealing the successful techniques we've learned in our own life experiences, we will also use direct process activities to energize and connect with each other in new ways. I look forward to seeing each of you! (for specific details see page 3!)



Nonmonogamous Youth

Recently the national Centers for Disease Control reported that a full 29 percent of US high school seniors have had four or more sexual partners. Apparently even the curse of death isn't keeping these young people celibate or monogamous. Neither is it getting them to use condoms. Of those who said they'd had sex in the previous three months, only 45 percent said they used condoms.

More On Jealousy

A study by David Buss, professor of Psychology at the University of Michi-

gan, reports that men and women tend to feel jealous for different reasons. For men, 60 percent said they felt jealous over their partner's potential sexual infidelity. Women, 83 percent, stated that it was more upsetting to imagine their partner's emotional attachment to another woman. In a different study, men and women were seen as experiencing jealousy equally as often, but women were more open about acknowledging their feelings when they came up.

"There are three basic things that spark jealousy in either sex: the perception of sexual infidelity, the possibility of desertion, and the feeling of one partner that he or she is lower in 'mate value,'" states Dr. Buss.

In several other studies on jealousy, researchers also found that the largest source of jealousy was not simply personal insecurity, but an imbalance or shift in the perceived power between partners. Typically, the partner with the least power in the relationship (based on rankings such as attractiveness, earning potential, and number of outside friendships) is most likely to feel "jealous."

Are You Pro-Choice on Divorce?

"Pro-family" groups in many states are now working to make no fault divorce a right of the past. Using statistics to back their claims that divorce is disaster for children, women, and societal health in general, a number of these groups have filed a brief supporting a petition against divorce that is now before the Supreme Court. Their argument is that divorce laws allow for unilateral dissolution of a contract.

Other anti-divorce actions include a wide range of activities. From therapists who are simply working to keep troubled marriages together; to the Free Congress Foundation which supports using court appointed lawyers for the kids of any family going through divorce; to Christopher Lasch and some legal scholars who want to outlaw divorce for any marriage with minor children; to others who are promoting laws to make it impossible to sell your house if you get divorced. There have even

been published suggestions urging groups and religious congregations to revert to shunning anyone who is divorced.

Citing statistics which show that single parent households are more likely to experience poverty level living, and that the children in these homes tend to have trouble in school and with the law, the promoters of no divorce feel a societal right to control the behaviors of individuals. Most of these folks are totally behind "family," but only if it takes the nuclear form and for life no matter what. Any other format is labeled "pseudo-family" and looked at as a pathetic mutant.

Luckily, some see other possibilities for the problems families and children are experiencing in these changing times. Researcher Judith Wallerstein's studies show that divorce does produce disaster, but unhappy marriages that remain together don't appear to be any better. Others see recognizing and supporting new family structures as an answer to some of the divorce issues. Recreating the social benefits of family by forming blended or communal families is a working option for some.

Historically in America divorce has usually been an option, though not necessarily an easy one. Native American cultures allowed for it, and early colonies granted divorces too. Even when divorce was legally hard to obtain, people found ways to work around it. Most notably, men simply had mistresses. During this century the number of divorces has soared as societal attitudes changed and religious constraints broke down. Many people have cavalierly abused the freedom to leave relationships, especially in the case of marriages with children. But governmental legislation which uses its guns to force people to stay married seem absurdly authoritarian and outdated as a practical approach. Either people can learn to make responsible relationship decisions or they are destined to suffer the results. And as always, the children suffer most of all. (2.5 million child abuse reports were filed in 1990 in the USA.)

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PEP's 6th Annual Polyfidelity Conference

Sept 11-13, 1992

This is PEP's 6th annual conference. Every year we offer events which we feel support and add to the loving more lifestyle choice, while each year's conference is a bit different to give us all a broader range of experiences and styles of coming together. Workshop presenters are people who live the lifestyle themselves and so can offer both hard facts and real experience.

This year we plan another full weekend of activities designed to enhance our choice of loving more. From Friday evening through Sunday afternoon we offer you a full schedule of workshops, support groups and informal discussion circles designed to support us each individually and to bring our energies together as a synergistic group.

We will be sharing several prepared meals: brunch and dinner on Saturday, and Sunday brunch. An open mike period Saturday night will give you the opportunity to contribute your talents and then will be followed by a dance to celebrate under the full moon. In between there will be plenty of time to simply make new friends, relax in the hot baths, and hike the trails.

Our retreat spot this year is Harbin Hot Springs. It is just outside Middletown, California which is about a 2 hour drive North of SF. We will gather in the large conference center, a spacious lodge with meeting and eating areas, two private hot pools, showers, and small lockers for valuables. Participants can camp along the stream or nearer to the conference building, however if you want to reserve a room there will be additional charges. (Please call Harbin early for room reservations at 707-285-2441 or in N California call 800-622-2477.)

HARBIN TIPS: Here are a few more details about our conference site. Harbin Hot springs have been regarded for centuries by Native Americans as a sacred healing place and today are considered a place for rest, reflection, and renewal. The grounds are clothing optional.

Alcohol and drugs are not permitted, and smoking is limited to a specific area. Children's access to various pools depends on their age and ability to meet behavioral standards. Along with the warm and hot pools, sauna, hiking trails, and sacred power spots, the center offers massage, evening movies, a vegetarian restaurant, and spiritual gatherings.

COST: Before July 10th the total fee for PEP members is \$125 (broken down as follows):

- \$75 Harbin Hot Springs per person fee (including camping and 3 meals)
- \$50 PEP Conference cost (workshops Friday evening to Sunday afternoon)

We cannot offer any partial deals, but do have a few work scholarships. (Apply early, and be willing to make a clear exchange commitment.)

For our valued supporters, PEP Patrons can reserve their space for \$100.

Please sign me up for the conference immediately!

- ☐ I'm a member and am enclosing \$125 per person for members before 7/10. Or
- ☐ I'm a Patron and am enclosing \$100 per person before 7/10. Or
- ☐ I'm new. I want to join PEP & attend, so am enclosing \$150 (for myself) and \$125 for each add'l family member.
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See you there! ♥

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Female Rites

The April issue of *Discover* magazine gives a flip account of polygyny in the animal world. Citing the usual rationale that females only need one seed fertilized to feel satisfied that their genetic material will be passed on, but that males innately need to be spilling sperm every where to feel sated, this article does provide some specific animal examples where other factors have lead the female to pursue more partners.

I found several of the examples particularly interesting. Among the tamarin monkeys the most common configuration of adults is a trio of one female with two males who she has sex with about equally. Acorn woodpeckers form groups of males who mate with a group of sisters. These are animal stories I can enjoy.

Still, the tone of the article implied that biological necessity was the only reason a female would have multiple mates, and culminated with the example of Tibetan polyandry. The difficult physical and economic conditions there are cited as the reason for a one-wife, several-husband configuration. Articles like these make me wish more people would consider what *could* be rather than just working from what is. Hopefully, as humans, we can move beyond basic biology or oppressive external conditions as the motivating factor in how to construct our relationships.

The Good, The Bad, & The Ugly

In a recent book on female-male relationships, Shere Hite and Kate Colleran give a more balanced and less male bashing perspective on age old issues of sex. Their theme in *Good Guys Bad Guys* (1991, Carroll & Graf Publishers, NY) is that men have been culturally castrated out of awareness of most of their feelings and so can't really be individually blamed for being unable to express them. Women on the other hand have been selected to "do the emotional housework" in relationships, and end up overworked and resenting the lack of balance.

"...This emotional contract is the major problem in most love relationships: it makes women and men into 'star crossed lovers' fated from birth to be at odds, even though they may love each other."

The book also includes sections on better ways to fight, techniques to avoid because they block real intimacy between partners, a section on loving being single which mostly describes how great it is not to have anyone in your life to consider in making choices, and also a bit on monogamy: just how many can a woman sleep with at the same time "without being a slut?"

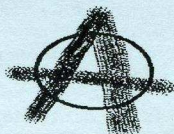
Amnesty For Polyfides

Amnesty International responded to our letter asking that they include polyfides in their protection of anyone persecuted for their sexual orientation.

If any PEP member is imprisoned for their polyfidelitous beliefs, they request we send full details to their research team for the country involved. Let's hope we can avoid ever having this need, but they have our support for working to protect our human right to freedom of choice!

PEP's Network Goes Electronic

Starting with this issue, all PEP *Network* ads will also be appearing on the Poly board of the Pagan Information Network (PIN) at no additional cost to you. A polyfide in the great state of Alaska is doing all the finger work for this to help promote the lifestyle and to help us reach more loving people. Mahalo to Nick from all of us! (for more details see the Resource section on page 15) ♥



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ing your muscles to accept this feedback and to move ahead positively is an essential step in achieving goals. In polyfidelity, there's a world of "no's" out there. From people who think it's immoral. From people who find it too scary. From people who just don't think at all. Rejection is part of the picture. If every time you get a no you go down, down, down, you're doomed. Depression, despair, disheartenment.

Woah! Stop that series! It's your choice. You can learn to be as flexible as a master yoga practitioner with her body bent 3 ways at once, still breathing, still smiling. It isn't easy. It takes practice. It takes intelligence. But moving away from pain and towards pleasure in your inner responses is key to being a pioneer, a micro-minority, a person who loves more.

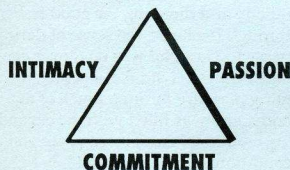
Relationship intelligence is what Dr. Robert J. Sternberg calls it in his book, *Love the Way You Want It: Using Your Head In Matters of the Heart*. He runs with a scientist's confidence that we can learn to understand and work with the realities of relationships and end up with more of the rewards, if we only had a brain. First he shoots down our myths (like thinking "that living together before marriage will demonstrate whether you will succeed together once you are married"), and exposes our expectations (like imagining that "if she's not complaining, then everything in our relationship is okay.") Then he gives us a new equation for love.

The Love Equation

Sternberg's Equation is simple enough even for those who flunked geometry in high school. Remember your building blocks from kindergarten? There were square blocks, rectangular blocks, some circular blocks, and then the coolest of the cool: the triangle. We get to use this shape, the triangle, to help us conceptualize a practical model for true love.

Each of the three sides of the triangle represent an essential component of true love. These components support each other, and in the ideal healthy ▶

partnership are equally represented. The first is intimacy, that feeling of sharing and connection between partners. The second is passion, the chemistry, attraction, motivating drive to be together. And the third is commitment, the awareness that you love someone(s) and the personal intent to maintain this over time.



Sternberg describes several possible relationship types based on which components are present in any particular relationship. For example, if you only have intimacy, you've got a friendship. If you have just passion, then you've got infatuation. If you are committed, but don't share intimacy or passion, you've got sterile love. With both intimacy and passion you'll achieve romantic love. Intimacy and commitment will give you companionate love.

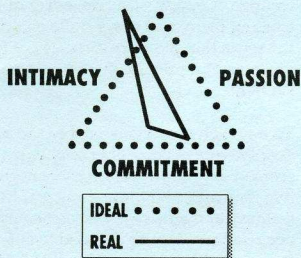
Consummate love is his description for a relationship which includes all three elements. Passion, intimacy and commitment are never static in a living partnership, but rather ebb and flow during your life together. And there almost always exists a difference between the relationship as it actually is and the ideal in each person's mind. Working to bring the real and ideal as close together as possible is the process of healthy relating.

Using this triangle model, you can do two important things. You can describe the status of any of your relationships right at this moment in time, and you can also use it to project where you would like your relationship to be in terms of each of the main components. For example, perhaps you are exploring becoming closer to Ellen. You assess your level of passion and find it's high. You can hardly keep your hands off each other when you're together. Next you check out your intimacy factor and

discover it's not as deep as you'd like. You do talk together about your thoughts and feelings, but Ellen tends to become quiet and looks uncomfortable if you try to engage her in talk about your relationship with each other. This leads to considering the commitment level you share. While she says she loves you, she simply can't make plans with you about a shared future. When you even try to discuss whether or not she'd like to do a joint vacation this summer, she always says it's too soon to say and changes the topic. This is your view of your relationship with Ellen as it stands right now.

If you think about what you'd like your relationship with her to be like at this stage of the game, you may find that passionately things are just great, intimacy needs some filling out, and commitment is almost nowhere, just a day-to-day decision. From this point you can decide what changes you need to make to move towards your relationship goals. It's always easiest to do this with help from your partner(s), but you can do a lot on your own, if necessary. You can also decide from your assessment that the relationship really isn't in line with what you desire at all, and choose to leave it entirely or lower the final goal down from lover to just a casual friend.

Your Relationship With Ellen



Now it's time to try this at home. Which of these elements do you want in your relationships? Are you interested in intimacy, have the time for passionate involvement, crave the constancy of honest commitment? Next assess your relationships. Which elements are strong and weak in each? Does the bal-

ance and strength meet your needs and desires? When your partners assess their relationship with you, how does it compare to your assessment with them? Is there a match? Do your pictures of what your relationship is like vary wildly? Time to talk, make some decisions, and then act on them.

If you want more intimacy, then create it together. If you need more commitment, then come up with some win-win agreements. If you've been letting passion wither away between you, then give it some water and juice up your involvement. You are the artist of your life. Get out your paints and start splashing! ♥

New Family Forms Can Answer Some of Today's Problems.

Polyfidelity offers some particularly unique benefits. For instance, by cohort or even cross-generationally there may not be exact matches in the number of available heterosexual men and women. Forming groups that allow for unequal gender balance can give more people a chance at family and marriage.

For individuals (of any sexual preference) who love children but do not choose to biologically parent their own due to concern about overpopulation, parenting in a group is one solution. Others who do not want to pass on their bad genes (diabetes, cystic fibrosis, poor eyesight, etc), can avoid biological while still enjoying relational parenthood.

Polyfidelity also gives men the opportunity to bond with other men in a cooperative family format. This is in high contrast with the competitive rivalry over women that monogamy or polygyny engender.

Let's evolve together!

Sexual Peace

BY MICHAEL SKY

I was baby-sitting with a three-year old friend, a bright little wonder named Lily. We were side by side on the sofa, I had my arm around her, and we were happily reading our way through a stack of her favorite books. I was noticing how genuinely good I felt, that I was wanting to squeeze her even closer, and I could sense her own enjoyment as she tried to snuggle in tighter to me. It was all quite delightful, and very much like the pleasure I feel curling up to my wife of many years.

Suddenly, I began to feel sexual arousal. I was immediately and simultaneously alarmed, frightened, confused, and ashamed. I heard myself thinking: "Ah, this is where every father, brother, uncle, or baby-sitter blows it." Moreover, I sensed that whatever I did in the next few seconds would probably affect Lily, for better or worse, for the rest of her life.

I was acutely aware of how easily I could do wrong. To in any way exploit my connection with her for my own secret pleasure would be to sexually abuse her—even if I was "only" touching her, and especially if I went any further. Though she might never consciously remember or understand just what I did to her, on some level she would *know* that she had been unfairly used. And that knowledge would become a critical part of her self-definition, a scar within her bodily experience, and a shadow upon all future relationships with men.

The right thing to do, according to most cultures, would be to abruptly disconnect from Lily, to suppress all sexual feelings in my own body, and to be quite careful that such a dangerous and forbidden moment never occur between us again. I would probably never hug Lily quite the same, never bounce her on my lap, and never again sit close to her just feeling "genuinely good." Rather, I would tend toward *not* feeling

in her presence, toward *not* touching, toward *not* freely playing, and, ultimately, toward *not really* loving (that is, love that *includes* the body). This, sadly, was the right thing to do.

And what would the right choice have done for Lily? In one moment, she was delightfully alive, feeling good all over, having a wonderful time, and intimately connected to a loving friend; in the next moment, she would be disconnected, alone, abandoned, and her loving friendship would never feel quite the same. One moment, a warm, delicious pleasure; the next moment, the cold of sudden distance and unexplained separation.

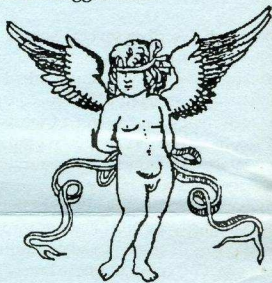
On some level, she would surely sense that something bad just happened, if only because it *felt* so bad. Probably, she would blame herself—children usually do. She would think she must have done something to make her friend go away, and possibly that, for some reason, she was being punished. And, *tragically, she would tend to blame the warm, wonderful feeling in her body that immediately preceded the hurt of separation.* She may face a lifelong struggle with feelings of bodily pleasure, never quite trusting them, and never quite escaping the sense that pleasure is somehow *bad* and a certain prelude to pain and punishment.

To me, each choice felt terribly sad and deeply wounding. Either way it seemed as if Lily would receive negative messages about her body and her feelings, and either way it seemed as if our relationship was doomed to suffer—and all because we dared to feel such simple love for each other. What a mess!

So what is a babysitter (or parent or sibling or friend) to do? Intuitively, I began to breathe deeper, not suppressing my sexual feelings but, rather, *enjoying* them, while feeling grateful to have this

person in my life who could evoke such feelings. Then—and this is the key—I consciously moved the sexual energy away from my genitals and up to my heart. That is, I intentionally felt love with Lily in the way that was most appropriate to our relationship: from and through the center of my heart.

After a few moments, just breathing quietly and directing the good feelings through the heart, the sense of danger passed. Though I was no longer genitally aroused, I did feel a gentle, tingling pleasure through much of my body, and was filled with the expanding emotional energies of peace and unconditional love. I hugged Lily tighter, and she hugged back.



Lily and I are still lovers. Our little affair does raise some questions however.

The first and most important is "where do we draw the line?" Whether we are speaking of relationships between adults and children, between professionals and their clients, or between intimate friends, this will always be a vital question: If we reject the notion that *any* sexual feeling passing within such relationships is too dangerous to allow, then just how much is safe and healthy? Can we say that *this much* pleasurable connection is good for all concerned but *this much more* becomes abuse? Can we draw a clear and unambiguous line between two people *feeling* love and the desire to come closer, a line that says "this much love, but no more?"

Of course, there are those who will answer that it is not a line that we need but a wall—a firm and unyielding barrier that separates all but the legally married from ever sharing any feelings

of bodily pleasure. The nursing mother who feels a warm arousal is *wrong*, as are the close friends of many years who are slowly becoming *too close*, as are all adolescents who find themselves dancing to the world's most ancient song. The wall has a simple message on it: if you're feeling sexual arousal for any but your legal-of-the-opposite-sex spouse, *just say no*.

Sure: let's just say no to all spontaneous feelings of pleasure. While we're at it, we may as well just say no to breathing, thinking, and eating when hungry. We may as well just say no to bodies that dare to feel with creative passion, to bodies that have any capacity for connecting to other humans, to bodies that respond to life with the healthy joy that is *our birthright*. Just saying no to sexual pleasure as it freely moves within us in the presence of others is a truly perverted act of self-mutilation. Any attempted suppression of human sexuality is but slow, unconscious suicide and a sure step to unending cultural friction and strife.

Besides, humans have tried the "just say no to sex" approach for several thousand years now and it has never worked. If anything, sexual-just-say-no-repression has been a driving force in our age-old violence toward one another and all other forms of life. So, let's just *stop saying no* to sex and find instead a healthy, balanced way of saying yes.

Returning to my experience with Lily, if we accept that it is possible—and not at all sinful—for healthy feelings of pleasure to freely flow within such a relationship then, again, where do we draw the line? At the time, I sensed that if our physical contact remained "innocent" while I "merely" indulged in certain selfish fantasies, I would clearly be guilty of violation and abuse. There is a line, and it is the responsibility of the larger, stronger, elder, wealthier, or wiser person in any relationship to see it and respect it.

Actually, this may be easier to sort out in relationships between peers. Consider a man and woman (for simplicity's sake), each long and happily mar-

ried to another person. Circumstances, however, have drawn these two together and over time they begin to feel a mutual spark of pleasure/attraction.

Some will say that they've *already* crossed the line and that the spontaneous arousal of pleasure is itself a sin and a sign of weakness. According to this unhappy line of thinking, the pair have *already* wronged their respective spouses, and they must immediately suppress all feelings of pleasure while creating great distance in their relationship, for safety's sake. A wonderful friendship is forever lost, but the marriages are saved and the two sinners redeemed (if somewhat deadened). This, again, is the just-say-no wall and, again, our whole world suffers every time it is raised.

On the other hand, the pair could proceed full-steam ahead into sexual play, with all the well-known ramifications of such affairs. Sometimes this works, sometimes it doesn't. Typically, it brings at least as much pain as pleasure into the lives of all concerned, and while the sexual connection between the new lovers is embraced and celebrated, that which existed for the old lovers is too often degraded and lost. It's from such equations that sex gets its awful reputation....

A third possibility would go something like what I did with Lily: feel the sexual energy and enjoy it while consciously using it in a responsible way. when we intentionally move the energy away from the genitals and spread it throughout the body, and especially to the heart, we find that sex need not be a grave and sinful danger nor an overwhelming force forever causing people to act foolishly. It is a matter of saying yes to the living current of sexual energy while at the same time recognizing our ability, and indeed our responsibility, to have it as we choose.

It is a matter of realizing that sex is *not* the merely animalistic, and thus shamefully uncontrollable, force that so many suppose it to be; that sex is in fact a *humanizing obligation* and liberating force along the way to genuine health and spiritual enlightenment.

Sexual play can open great creative possibilities for any two people who dare to feel the *truth* of their connectedness—creative possibilities that can be explored and unfolded in a variety of ways, of which physical intercourse is only one. Being sexually responsible means *loving* all such moments of sexual aliveness while consciously choosing to recognize and honor the lines between creative sharing and destructive abuse.

There is, at last, no one clear line for all people and all situations. Perhaps we are learning to draw lines with disappearing ink. Every time we feel sexual arousal and attraction toward another person it is a unique gift. Our challenge is to neither suppress the gift, nor misuse it, but to gratefully receive it as an opportunity to love again and live more fully. ♥

Editor's Note:

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"The lesson of the firewalk is this: if you are willing to step forward in the presence of your fear—if you are willing to feel the energy of excitement and act—then the energy will support and empower you, and you will stand your very best chance of succeeding." —Michael Sky

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Sexism or Simple Choice?

BY RYAM NEARING

In my mind polyfidelity is clearly a step forward in healthy adult relating. The drawbacks to monogamy have been fully explored many times, but a look at historical polygamy shows it too was extremely limiting. Basic human freedoms were even less available in the past: the most typical multi-mate family form consisted of one man with money and power with many wives. The wives lived within a competitive ranking (first, second, favorite, etc.), and rarely had any choice in their own marriage circumstances. Women didn't choose their male partner or co-wives, and they certainly didn't have multiple sexual partners themselves.

In contrast, polyfidelity was consciously designed as an evolutionary relationship style to go beyond these former hierarchical and sexist practices. It is specifically defined by its equalitarian nature and is a nonmonogamous and voluntary (rather than mandatory) lifestyle choice. The plan is for all the partners in a polyfidelitous group marriage to enjoy an equal relationship status. No one is forced to join a family or stay in one s/he is unhappy with. The equalitarian aspect also allows both male and female partners to share equal power within their family and in determining it's make-up.

But the reality is, I get calls from folks saying "What's the deal? Why do so many of the ads in the Network (and other nonmonogamous publications) look like they're written by Mormons? Why do so many of the dyads advertise for a woman, another wife?"

"Good question!" sez I. Since I am in a group marriage of one woman and two men, I'm also confused by the seeming

lack of male/female dyads who are looking for men as well as women to add to their group. I've wondered about their family visions and motivations. The following are my best guesses, brainstormers, and some personal conclusions.

The first and easiest answer is that three is the simplest step beyond traditional coupledom. It's only numbers. Perhaps contemplating more than one additional partner is overwhelming to many people. But this begs the real question: **Why is the third partner specifically requested to be female?**

Female Bisexuality

Certainly if both the women individually identify as bisexual and the man as hetero, this form of triad makes for an extremely neat package deal. In this kind of threesome each would have multiple partners as well as an all around great sexual fit. Who could beat it?

Perhaps polyfidelity for some reason draws more than the general population's average number of female bisexuals. Maybe all these opposite sex coupled women are drawn to polyfidelity as a great way to express their personal bisexuality--within the family and commitment that polyfidelity offers. This is fairly likely, and is an elegant design solution for them. The smallest number that can give the same to hetero nonmonogamous dyads is four (2 male, 2 female).

On the darker side, the dyad ads looking for a single woman still seem unbalanced. Another possibility is that some of the women professing bisexuality are simply doing so at their male partner's prodding. I've seen this directly: women who never had the thought cross their mind give it a go for old Joe. Many men have driving fantasies about two bisexual women, and will exert a lot of pressure to make it a reality in their life. Perhaps these women have ego boundary problems, or maybe they're really just free-spirited experimenters.

Heteros Who Only Want Women

Then of course there are those dyads

who state they are each hetero but still only want one (or more!) additional female partner(s). While this deal obviously looks good to a man desiring his own harem, why would any woman seek this particular gender balance? Does she have a low sex drive? Yearn only for a female best friend? Not really like men all that much? Fantasize about help with the laundry and childcare?

To get more direct insight into one man several women relationships for heterosexuals, I did an interview with a dyad who is currently advertising for one woman to add to their marriage. (names have been changed)

LMJ: What is your basic family vision?

Anna: Right now, I'm looking for a female partner to expand our family. This partner would be someone we're attracted to, who likes who we are and wants to have an intimate relationship. And who would be my best friend sharing in sisterhood. For our reality, for where we are now, it seems like we could both handle one woman.

Matthew: I'd be happy if we had another family member and see how we'd do, then go from there. Right now I can just think of three people. Definitely another woman.

LMJ: Why specifically another woman?

Anna: Originally it came from Matthew's desire. He likes female energy and it was his preference that got us thinking on this track. For me, I never had a sister, so I've always wanted one and this is a way to have one. I feel like it would balance out my lifestyle. With a third person it would free us up to do more things and share responsibilities in the household. Also, I've always wanted to have a child and I came to the belief that traditional monogamy is not the way to bring a child into the world. I want a larger support system around me. I'd like another woman to share in motherhood.

Matthew: First, I enjoy women. I lacked femaleness around me when I was growing up and am trying to make up for it. Another reason is I enjoy

sexual variety. Between myself and my wife I'm frequently more interested in sex than she is. Sometimes it can be bothersome for her.

Part of it is conditioning. I've heard of the example through out history of men with lots of wives. Like King Solomon. It's this thing that's been happening for thousands of years. It seems in a certain way natural. Another guy doesn't seem horrible to me it's just not what I'm interested in.

LMJ: *What do you think you have to offer a single female? What would be the benefits for her coming into this relationship configuration?*

Anna: She'll get the opportunity to grow and explore. To get close in a committed relationship. To be able to unite in a family and create her dreams.

LMJ: *Why would a woman want this gender mix in particular?*

Anna: Most wouldn't. That's our problem. It would have to be someone unique. A lot of women think that men are real demanding and that they'll have to fulfill everything for their man. So a woman coming into this would be sharing a man and not be the sole person to please that man. They'll have more freedom themselves.

Matthew: I don't know why they'd want it. I'm not thinking in those terms. Just of my own needs. If there's a person and it fits their needs that'd be great. To me it feels like this is what I want and so I put it out there. I don't want to change somebody or make this attractive to them, I'm just being myself.

LMJ: *What would you offer in response to people who would say that this relationship configuration is a sexist throwback to harem mentality?*

Anna: I don't know how it was back then, how the women felt. All I know is how I feel and what I choose. I'm coming from choice. To people who view it as sexist, all I have to say is so what? If we're choosing this and we're happy, that's all that matters.

Matthew: Well, I'd say someone who says this must not be happy with themselves to look out and make judgments. I don't see it as a healthy pastime to make that kind of judgment as long as we're consenting adults. This is a dynamic process and let's say we find another woman. Perhaps two years later, we might decide it'd be great to have another guy. A woman is my preference now. Homosexuality never interested me. I have definite sexual preferences.

Back to Polyfidelity

Openness to more partners is an essential key in polyfidelity. The basis for the lifestyle is on nonmonogamy for all the partners (within a committed family format). For polyfidelitous dyads or triads this is demonstrated by a readiness to expand and to give all the family partners the possibility of multiple and sexual intimacy within a group marriage structure.

The type of threesome desired by couples who are specifically looking for another wife for the husband appears distinctly different. Here the woman doesn't want more than one sexual partner. By definition she is personally monogamous. For her a one man/two woman triad is a way to remain monogamous while allowing her male partner to be nonmonogamous. For a "one man woman," this may allow her to keep her marriage to a nonmonogamous man going. Let him have another spouse. Or let him "try" to find another spouse. This could be easily offered with the underlying assumption that finding another woman to enter this kind of deal would be extremely unlikely.

The relationship between the man's female partners could range from being very distant (living in separate houses, cities, etc.) to something much closer, like the kind of sisterly sharing sometimes described by Mormon co-wives. Female partners could find being co-wives a real personal benefit. Some studies have shown that women rank their intimacy with their best friends as high as that with their male spouses. They're reported as saying they love their same sex best friend as much as

they do their male mate.

Clearly, the closer and more emotionally bonded the women in this kind of relationship are, the healthier and more rewarding it is for all involved. It appears to be a practical solution to the issue of how a nonmonogamous male can continue to live with a monogamous female, and a way for a woman to include a same sex best friend more closely in her family life.

What About Choice?

Although people like to think of themselves as independent and having complete free will, culture determines many of our actions at a level below our conscious awareness. This culture has always supported, overtly or covertly, multiplicity in sexual partners for men, but has decried the same desires in women. Considering the limits society and human history have placed around us all, many would venture that one man two women triads would be a "natural" result of long-term sexism.

One technique to check out whether a practice is potentially sexist (or racist or ageist) is to imagine it's opposite. Try to imagine a husband who is monogamous telling his wife that she can add another husband to their household, but that he doesn't want another female partner, even if they were so lucky as to find one. Have you ever seen this relationship configuration? In equal numbers?

While the preference for monogamy or nonmonogamy may or may not be biologically determined (current evidence shows that almost no mammals are monogamous), the bottom line is that an individual's desire to live a monogamous or nonmonogamous lifestyle is definitely a personal decision. Each person's sexual preferences and homelife choices must meet their individual needs, and do not require justification to others, except as part of a voluntary exchange. Exploring our motivations and our feelings and thoughts about our choices is an exciting part of personal discovery. In that spirit, I invite input from all readers to share their comments on this subject in the next issue. ♥

Two Kids...

Three Parents

by KK&G

Our family shares parenting equally among the three adults with consideration of the kids' point of view when conflicts arise. Although each adult may praise or reprimand when needed we each have specialty areas. Gordon takes the kids to kids movies and the library and often their sporting events. I take care of coordinating school activities, homework, lunch, tickets, health care, and Karen is the nutrition and meal planner as well as clothes shopper and cleaner outer.

We all discuss growth, development, sexuality and relationship issues as the needs arise. As we each try to become better people we've learned what we're good at. We try to teach our children our strengths and explain our weaknesses. When we came together as a triad, I realized that as the biological mother I wouldn't be doing all the fun things with my daughters and there was some sense of loss in sharing these special times. By the same token we do more fun things together because more hands make light work of the "haf toos" leaving more energy and enthusiasm for play. We each felt strongly that the kids should know as much of our (the adults) relationship as they were able to understand, and not be told to "keep it a secret." We wanted to be honest although initially it was uncomfortable.

Multiple parenting is better. There's more energy, more creative problem solving, better focusing on the "real" issues, less stuffing of problems, and it's easier to take a break when you need one. What's harder is that there are more people to poll regarding decisions, less unilateral decision making, which means taking more time to reach

consensus. Kids are smart. They know they have more adults to choose from in order to get an answer they want..."but she said..., etc."

PEP: Is sharing parenting harder or easier than you anticipated it would be like?

"It's both more difficult (more people) and easier (more energy, problem solving help) than I thought it would be. It's given rise to very interesting discussions about prejudice, society, personal responsibility and different rules encountered in different family homes." KJH

"I didn't think about the difficulty or ease prior to committing to this relationship. I didn't anticipate that it would be like adopting an older child. It's harder to figure out how to nurture them because I haven't known them since birth. It's like being a step-parent with both parents still present." KMR

"Over time the philosophy evens out and we're consistent. There are more opinions to consider and it does take the passage of time to achieve consistency." GDH

PEP: What's it like to have more than the regular two parents?

"It's frustrating because three people tell you what to do. I guess every kid would like to have no parents sometimes. There's better income so kids get more stuff. When you do something wrong there's always two people chewing you out. It would be a lot different if Karen wasn't here. Dad would be different. But there are more positives than negatives, like we wouldn't be living in our dream house. It's kind of nice. I'm glad you all let me listen to the radio." Sabrina 13 y.o.

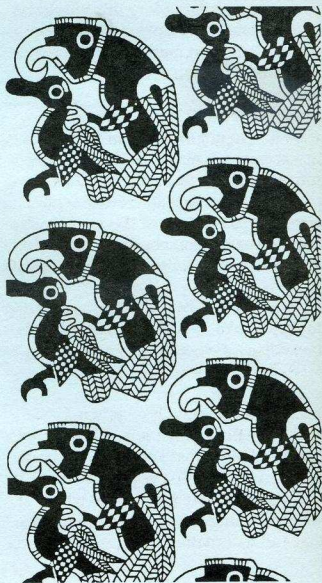
"Sometimes you have to go to three people to get an answer. It takes a while. I have 2 Moms and 1 Dad, then they (my friends) ask why she's part of the family and she works with my Mom. Sometimes I'm unsure whether I'm supposed to tell people. It's different.

It's kinda fun! Being a bigger family there's more fun things to do. Most of the time if you did something wrong and you don't think you did, at least one adult sticks up for you. And there always seems to be someone cleaning." Jennifer 10 y.o.

We want to share with others that it's possible to multiply parent! It can be done! It takes work, but the results are better communication, a great problem solving role modeling for the kids. When it's good it's spectacular, when it's having trouble the world looks grey by comparison.

Our favorite Resources: *How to Get Your Kid to Eat, But Not Too Much* by Adele Faber; *Mom, I'm Bored* by Higginson & Wiatt; and *Children, the Challenge* by Dreikurs.

Editor's Note: Since writing this, KK&G have added another man, J, to their family, and are also expecting a baby in November. Congratulations!



Mail Call

Dear PEP,

An idea came to me as I was reading through the *Network*. There are lots of ads, and reading all of them is time consuming. I'd appreciate being able to quickly determine which ads to read in full. For me, the sexual orientation and religion of the family placing the ad are the main factors I'm looking for. And I think this is probably true for most readers. I suggest that a code be placed beside each ad indicating this information.

I know some people don't like labels. so it seems logical that this idea be presented to the members. And those who don't mind being "labeled" as a completely heterosexual, homosexual, bisexual or somewhere-in-between category could let the *Network* know how to "label" them. I suppose the religious categories would include Christians, Jews, Pagans, people with no religious labels, etc.

If you print this in the newsletter, I hope no one will be upset by my suggestion. I'm writing as a minority who would appreciate being able to quickly see if there are any other Lesbian Pagans listed in the *Network*. Again, I believe choosing whether to label ads, and what labels to use, should be up to the people submitting the ads. I think a brief abbreviation expressing the sexual orientation and religion of the people in each ad would make using the *Network* much easier. —OREGON

Dear PEP,

Please mention our group to your readers. Our discussion group on nonmonogamous relationships and alternative family lifestyles meets monthly in the Albuquerque area. For information, write or call Leverett Smith, 4388 Alabama, Los Alamos, NM 87544. (505) 662-5295. —NEW MEXICO

Aloha,
Thanks for keeping us up to date with happenings in your area. We invite all local

groups to send us updates and announcements to share with our readers and other networkers. Congratulations on having the energy to make things happen instead of sitting around trying to figure out what happened to you.

Dear PEP,

I am deeply grateful that there are enlightened people like you in the world. Thank you so much for the information you sent me about your organization. I found it reassuring as well as very informative.

I believe in PEP wholeheartedly and I want to support it wholeheartedly. More than ever before, humanity needs to see the virtue of plural marriage. Everyday I am bombarded through TV shows (especially sitcoms), news magazines, and even social studies text books with the twin falsehoods of monogamy being the only rightful form of marriage and jealousy being an emotion which must be toadied to. All of us are probably bombarded daily by these lies, and they seem to come from every side. I am very much galvanized by this!

However, I am not disheartened because once in a while and like a voice in the wilderness, I hear an enlightened voice speaking out in favor of plural marriage. A few years back, there was a program on TV which dealt with current issues. One episode concerned marriage and fidelity and towards the end of the program, one person said that society will eventually have to legalize and accept plural marriage, since strict monogamy is not good for everyone, and people can love more than one person at the same time. It is an obvious fact that faithfulness, devotion, and fidelity are virtues not numbers.

We all know why plural marriage is still illegal in the US. First of all, the government tries to control its citizens by controlling and restricting marriage. Secondly, certain narrow minded religious authorities are trying to hold onto their followers by the same method of control, and unfortunately, have great clout in society.

The arguments that plural marriages help spread AIDS and other sexually

transmitted diseases, and are somehow demeaning to women are the worst kinds of hogwash and quickly fall apart on close inspection. You yourself refuted the first argument by pointing out in your *Polyfidelity Primer* that plural marriages can be made completely disease proof by first having each new partner take blood tests before they are included. As a woman, I myself will refute the second argument by saying that it is not demeaning to anyone, man or woman, to overcome and work against jealousy. quite the contrary, it is an absolute necessity for spiritual growth. Then too, I think of all of the instances where women themselves have had more than one mate. My own great aunt was a fine example of this. she lived in perfect happiness, health, and unselfish love with two men.

—WASHINGTON

Dear PEP,

I must say the Sally Jessy interview on your video was disturbing. So shallow and the audience so held in the grip of their own ideas (conditionings). I felt bad for you three: you were baited and goaded and never allowed to develop your own ideas, although you made a valiant attempt to do so. It seems that getting people to change or just look in another direction is always exhausting, especially if that change is in the direction of freedom and a more inclusive love.

You folks certainly have my respect and support. I have always believed jealousy and possessiveness are unworthy companions of real love. So it is very valuable to me to know there are people moving beyond what I consider to be the narrow and fearful limits of love we impose on ourselves and one another. Thanks for your courage and your love. —CALIFORNIA

Aloha,
Your comments and support are most welcome. It's too easy to feel isolated and alone when really there are many of us living in all parts of the country and world. PEP has members as far away as Rome, Sweden, Saudi Arabia, and New Zealand. Hope to get a chance to greet you all face to face at this September's conference! ♥

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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 S1 (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 Longtime Alaskan, Taurus man, 36 yo, very interested in being involved in a polyfidelitous family. I own beautiful forested acreage near Fairbanks. 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.

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

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

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

We're Kats (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, desire community beyond the immediate family, and value directness, openness, creative involvement, and political commitment. We're looking for other down-to-earth partners. POB 426118, San Francisco, CA 94142-6118. (415) 861-3579.

Familia Alegria. Somos Norteamericano, 38 y Latina, 31. Tenemos metas de tener familia expandida con 6 o 8 personas, cas compatible, ninos, independencia financiera, y jubilaros en America Latina mientras ya estamos bastante jovenes para

gozar la vida. Descamos correspondencia con caballeros y damas quienes hablan Espanol y les gusten la cultura de latino america. #556

I'm a 40 year old, white, nudist, single hetero male who has learned much about myself from past relationships and who feels a strong desire and need for a relationship with others that is very open and honest in terms of communication and genuine intimacy that could reach beyond just shared sexuality. Music and art in many forms is of great importance to me as is an awareness of a good diet (mainly organic vegetarian and some seafood). Have purchased land in Hawaii now for future relocation. (#584)

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 Dew or ZZ Top can be as fun and fulfilling as Mozart or Kitaro, depending on our mood. Please drop us a note tonight and we'll call or write you back real soon! #664 Debi & Dennis, POB 1590 Cupertino, CA 95015.

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

Do you value creativity, responsibility, and hedonism? Do you enjoy reading (especially business, social philosophy, religion, science fiction), communicating, writing, swimming, hiking, biking, partying or cooking? I'd enjoy hearing from you. I work as a computer engineer and am a Director of Syntropy Institute (a non-profit using cooperative creativity to develop prosperity open to all people). #685

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.

Bisexual female and hetero-open male seek loving, growth oriented healthy individual(s) with a desire to form a polyfidelitous family. Open to relationship dependent on our joint needs. Specifically seeking bisexual female, single or married. Biographies, family values list and phone # provided to all who respond. (#744) Daley and George, POB 224 Lompoc, CA 93438-0224

San Diego area, Bi male, 40 y.o., 190 lbs, 6'2" and eyes are blue. Seeks the minimum of one good man and one good woman for a dedicated, committed, and loving relationship in a jealous free area. Prefer an existing couple, but will consider others. I am active in skating, cycling, volleyball and all other outdoor activities. No couch potatoes. (#754) Jim

Woman, man, and newborn seeking others to build love, family, and life. We've discovered the joy that comes from reaching out to others. We're non-religious but spiritually oriented, vegetarian, idealistic, practical, both bodyworkers. We're committed to honesty, openness, self-expansion and the hard work that these will require. #763

43 year old male seeking open relationships and/or marriages. No sure about polyfidelity or if it is right for me. Willing to talk about it, willing to experiment. Interested in New Age, philosophy, spirituality. Live on West Coast. Travel a lot due to job requirements. #803

Nurturing tall bear, great cook, seeks best friends to create a polyfidelitous family. Lets embark on this exciting adventure together. Call or write. I'd love to share ideas and visions. (#861) Bill Cifer, 659-A 37th Av, San Francisco, CA 94121 (415) 387-5135

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. Prefer both urban and rural connections in N CA, OR, WA, AZ, NM, CO or WY. # 869 Dan Robinson, 60 Greenview Ln, Richmond, CA 94803. (415) 222-6284.

Slender Jean, 40, 5'4", and slim Jon, 50, 5'10", recently discovered each other, are aiming for unconventional happiness with aware, responsible, fun others. We like Sci-fi, computers, psychology, healthy food, nature, bicycling, laughter, writing, but not into drugs, bisexuality. Write to Jean! #871

Hi, I'm 49, 5'10", 175 lbs, born Belfast NI, currently living alone in a house in HP. 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 am HIV negative. I enjoyed multiple partner relationships when I was in them. George (415) 325-9502.

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

Renaissance man, mature, experienced in group marriage, empathic, flexible, insightful, affectionate, sensual, different drummer, X-psychologist, educator, real estate investor, omnivorous reader, Mensa, tennis aficionado, world traveler for others. available for creative experiences. (#885) Myron Marks 1324 Gregory, San Diego, CA 92102 (619) 6237-1473.

Our family presently consists of 3: Norm 48, Karlene 39, Erik 10. We are seeking serious minded people who, like us, desire to make their dreams a reality, i.e. a working polyfidelitous family. We value honest, open communication; personal growth; trusting, intimate relationships; sincerity and compassion; and much, much more. We're relocating. Please write us with your ideas. Norm & Karlene Gagnon, POB 2044, Crescent City, CA 95531 or phone 707-465-5416.

Successful former engineer committed to personal growth and helping planet seeks female of like mind. I live in a high Sierra area, 100% organic, 100% natural, 100% vegetarian, 100% macrobiotics. I am DWM, 5'6", 145 lbs., 40 years old, physically fit. #903

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

After 20+ years of therapy/fantasy, time for something real. Spiritual, intellectual, local/environmental politics, music, computing, nature, X-C skiing, hiking, more. androgynous male (unambiguous), lithe, long hair (touch of grey), 5'11" 9sec eye to eye77, vegetarian, feminist. My preference: hetero; yours: merely compatible. seeking polyintimacy/polyfidelity (prefer-3). Profile exchange? Relocation expected. (#931) T, Box 9807, Stanford, 94309, voice/Fax: 415-328-0573.

Change fantasy to reality. We have the best of two worlds in a large rural home and cottage on the coast, one hor 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 sentiment pay, ageless sexuality, fantastic food, dance, outdoor adventure and inner peace. (#940) Bob 708, Inverness, CA 94937

Man, 46, unusual blend of intellectual, artist, athlete. Serious philosopher, poet, classical composer. Work with computers at present. bicycling, weight-lifting. Blonde, slender, semi-gay. No drugs, new age, crystals, etc. Warm, affectionate, caring, sensual. Want to 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

MWM, 44, gentle yet ardent sensualist, published dark and light fantasist, founding in monogamy, dreams of secure home with two bright, supple, non-coercive, plum-luscious bisexual women, opening our blissful threesome outward on occasion to welcome in delightful females. Sacramento area, but may move to Eugene or Corvallis, Oregon. (#982)

Move to Hawaii with an attractive 30 something, professional man. Seeking a warm, loving committed relationship with a slim, attractive, bisexual female and ideally a genuine menage a trois. I'm very liberal, feminist, pro-gay (but hetero) and love to massage, tickle and pleasantly stimulate womyn. See details in classifieds. Gary, 1115 Satori Av, Torrance, CA 90501-2226, (310) 515-3437.

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 wisdom and mutual respect serves as a model for personal growth. If you are interested in a small community near Harbin Hot Springs, (#1014) write to POB 826, Middletown, CA 95461

31 Straight SAM, HIV+, 5'5", 140lb, pollution free. Seeking mentally/physically fit femmes for longterm non-monogamy, not necessarily in same household. Enjoy sun, beach, bicycling, dancing, volleyball, music, art, movies, massages, friends, chocolate chip cookies, Star Trek, and some travel. Will consider long distance relationships. Your bisexuality is not a problem. Carpe diem. (#1019) Write: Steve, Box 591108, SF, CA 94159.

Andres is a percussionist, revolutionary poet, and who seeks women with no illusions of life for times of dialectics, music, intimacy, free thinking, comedy, dance, intense reading, debate, discussion, passion, and political activities. Not into spiritualism or idealism. I'm politically active in many different radical organizations and require progress in a relationship. Slim and healthy vegan of 22, open-minded and trustworthy. #1057

Ready to live our dreams! Spiritually and politically active, environmental studies, music, feminist, more. Male, technological orientation and country tendencies; seeking second or third to eventually find fourth, fifth, or? Modified polydity. Urban. Prone to urban location, west coast preference. Interested in discussion, networking, as well as friends and partners. (#931) 415-328-0573 voice/fax; Box 9807, Stanford, 94309. Namaste

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

Happy, outgoing, N/S male, 40's, free spirit, slim, athletic, 5'9", 140 lbs, rural alternate lifestyle, self-employed designer-builder. Interests include sailing, travel, yoga, gardening, dancing, photography, paganism, astrology, massage, clothing optional lifestyle, holistic healing, metaphysics, eroticism, and the French language. (#629) Dan Patrick, 36 Island Hwy, Victoria, BC, Canada V9B 1H3. (604) 479-6810.

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

Hedonistic, successful, professional, be: 43 (real estate investor, writer and publisher), she: 40 (matchmaker, introduction service owner) looking for female or couple, 25 to 40. Our interests: computers, travel, foreign cultures, non-traditional relationships, hot tubs, photography, macrobiotics and Sudobakans. Passive, loving, conservative home, 9 acres, 50 miles northwest from Seattle. (#667) Chris and Ginny, POB 7172, Victoria, British Columbia, Canada. V9B 4J3 or phone (604) 478-9975.

MWC (24 years), early 40's, w/2 pre-teens, NS, very light SD, no drugs, would like to be part of an emotionally/sexually secure bi-familial, 30-40, with similar values, interested in a meaningful, mutually supportive, committed, intimate relationship (triad, single mothers welcome). Personality, values, compatibility and attitude important. Pen-pals first? Calgary, Alberta, Canada. #846

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, sound recording, computer programming, electronics engineering, rock skating, mountains, hypnosis, yoga, and (of course) polydity. #674

FLORIDA We are a couple exploring the possibility of establishing a loving extended family. We are both educators, she in her very early fifties and he in his middle fifties. We are nonsmokers, naturists, and Unitarians. We are new to Jacksonville, FL, but are fast discovering the joys of living that 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, FL 32155.

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 polydity family. Health conscious, professional engineer, honest, humorous. Let's talk!

(#834) Ron Gosselin, 4542 SW 131 Ave, Miami, FL 33175. 305-223-6356

I am a SWM, 5'10", 140lb, 29, goodlooking, hedonistic, openminded, easygoing, good listener and communicator, professional engineer. Looking for a young couple/trio/singlet lady up to 35 years old, preferably bisexual, attractive, slim, nonreligious for a dedicated, committed, and loving polyfidelitous family. Willing to relocate. (#875) Leave message at 800-862-2211, ext 2675 or write to CSE 8903 Glades Rd Ste L-9234, Boca Raton, FL 33434-4021

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

34 W/M, 6'2", 200 lb, intelligent, educated, medical professional, looking for people (couples, trios, single females) interested in the sexual/emotional possibilities life has to offer. Some of my interests are reading, music (love to dig through used book/record stores), festivals, good sex life, backpacking and more. If you're interested, my address is: (#604) Al Manning, 2655-C N Decatur Rd #150, Decatur, GA 30033.

HAWAII I'm looking for a woman or couple to be family with. Whether we eventually invite others to join us is less important than living comfortably with the possibility that they might. I work construction, lead communication workshops, single parent a teenage girl, and like to play, tickle, tease (gently), and sing. and you? (#503) Luke Aiken, Box 172, Honanuu, HI 96726

Kids like, Organic gardener, into children, playgroups, geotools, seeking newage family, homeeducation, camping, dancing, tasting-agreements. COZMAA art, astrology, was in GM 5 years, not now, maybe? Wholistic practitioner. Rebirthing, Godus longevity. (#682) Mycell Sumanda, POB 28, Nalehu, HI 96772.

Aloha! Hetero, 2M, 1F threesome. We'll be at PEP's conference in Sept, will you? Let's talk with each to meet in person. Write to: Ryan Allan, & Barry (#684) SYNTONY, P.O. Box 6306, Captain Cook, HI 96704-6306.

Looking for a female partner with high self-regard who wants to be in an intimate and committed relationship with a 32 year old sensitive loving male and share in sisterhood with a 29 year old evolving woman. Let's correspond. (#845) Write S&M 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 intimacy, transcending love-making, and ways to feel 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

ILLINOIS Interested in attractive Christian lady who is also interested in polydity. Preferably 2 men and one woman (if we can find another man of good moral values to share our dream). Care, love and support of each other and any children responsible; out of all. No S/M, B&D, child sex, beatuality, greek, drugs, alcohol or gambling. I am 59, 5'11", attractive, 195#. (#1016)

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

Progressive, professional couple with family, hopelessly in love with small-town, Midwest living is seeking a single mother to join in the ideal place to raise a family. We are still new to polydity but have experienced its pleasures. Must enjoy music, reading, the outdoors and possess the ideals necessary for growth toward a self-sufficient, communal lifestyle. (#851) Scott/Kathy, POB 403, 47547-0403, (812) 634-9778

KANSAS Our goals are health, self-sufficiency, love, caring and sharing for a longer life. We're an egalitarian co-op into polydity 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 Single male with medicine/biology background, politically liberal, wide interests. Willing to serve as contact person for people in the Cincinnati area interested in polydity, co-housing and other alternatives to current nuclear/sub-nuclear trends. (#563) David Garling, 2248 Donnan Dr, Covington, KY 41011. (606) 581-6534.

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 am a single female. #1034

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

Attractive, professional DWM, 35, 6'3", 190 lbs., seeks polyfidelitous family. Varied interests include business, computers, and metaphysics. I'm a non-smoker, non-drinker, vegetarian, 18 year meditator, but never preach. Aries with Mars & Rising in Capricorn, Moon: Aquarius; Venus: Gemini. Like-souled, impassioned women, call Greg after 9 p.m. or before 8 a.m. CST at (318) 433-8150. Or call (800) 256-2253 during business. #978

MAINE Looking for two wonderful women, 45-50 who are already good friends, willing to explore possibilities with a common man. Hope you are capable and caring, taking care of your bodies and minds. I live in far away Maine, will travel, and am early 50's. Love city or wilderness, Dixie or Dvorak, travel or quiet times. Please write about 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 obligatory pursuits. If you believe that our main purpose in life is to interact with and enjoy the company of other human beings, please write. #548

I like Jazz, New Age music, oldie but good music. I like to exercise hard every day, running, weight lifting with my legs only. My hobbies are astrology, numerology, graphology. Food preferred: vegetarian. dislike people who like war. I am a nudist. Currently a member of the American Sun Bathing Association. I love to be naked at all times. (#1046) Henry L. Dobbins, 5055 Bousen's Way #4, Ypsilanti, MI 48197

MINNESOTA Twin cities: Group forming to support options to the traditional family such as polydity, group marriage, line marriage, or. Send SASE for sample newsletter. Write (#839) IRI, Box 544, Wilmette, MN 55110

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

NEW HAMPSHIRE Polyfides wanted! We're green, lovers of life, into synergy, permaculture, multiple intimacy via integrity, land, trust, co-housing, shared economy, extended family, living green, living love, living truth, and trust, living freedom and responsibility, living compassion, wisdom in a sustainable future. We're real free. We're in! We have 49 acres for such a dynamic. Namaste. (#603) 776-7776.

NEW JERSEY 59 y.o., 160#, 6', strong and healthy, sea-oriented loving hetero W.M., divorced 22 years, children 32, 30 & 12 (enough), HIV neg, split residence, married to 50 AC NJ South Cape aquaculture facility and 35 AC HI outbreak diversified valley farm and so goal-oriented with these it has co-opted time for med practice, intimate relationships, travel, etc. I'd like to lighten up again, with whatever/whoever works, but it would have to be my places not yours. #545

I am interested in getting to know people in the Polydity 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

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 vintage and spiritual lifestyle. Send your reply to Jahari & Shakura, 100 Somerset St. Ste #200, North Plainfield, NJ 07060. (#988)

NEVADA I'm 43, DWM, hetero, 6', 190#, physically fit, attractive. Interested in polyfidelity. Entertainment and business educated. Enjoy reading, movies, camping, walking, cuddling, metaphysics, etc. Looking for attractive bisexual ladies 25-40 who take care of themselves, with personality and intelligence. Compatible couples also. No smoke/drugs. Must love children. Please contact (#1053) Carl, Box 71887, Las Vegas, NV 89170.

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

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

Highly spiritual, political feminist performance artist/consultant, 37, seeking similar highly intellectual, emotional people full of fun, integrity, commitment to personal and communal recovery. Veteran 12 steps and co-counselor. New York based. Forging Jewish Christian New Age something! Envision primary connection with a man; and primary or secondary connection with a woman and another man who are single, partners, or with others. #880

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

Single male, 30, heterosexual, seeks to take first step toward polyfidelitous family. Will consider moving to any area. Clean, drugless, diseaseless, seeking same in females, couples, families. I'm a warm and cartoonist among other careers. I like Ayn Rand, "Star Trek", nudist beaches, traveling and photography. (#1058) Ask for Greg: (718) 278-0667. 30-57 29th St #3A, Astoria, NY 11002.

OHIO DWM, 42, Hetero, drug free, 5'10", 155 lb, fit, healthy, financially secure, attentive, liberal education, active recovering adult child, serious student of shamanism, artist, writer, strong interest in psychology, philosophy, mythology, metaphysics. Love good company, good food, talking, walking. (#796) Henry Toney, 666 Linton, Toledo, OH 43610-1336. 419-244-0866.

Aurore: Cindy (31, attorney, dancer, model, bisexual); Ronn (35, executive, pilot); Christopher (4, prodigy). We're adventurous, nonmonks, vegetarian, spiritual, sensual, slim, tolerant, and nudist. Relocating to Colorado. Seeking bisexual woman or couple with same to join our family. Children warmly accepted. To be a polyfidelitous is the merging of unique individuals into a more beautiful whole. (#981) POB 2867, Toledo, OH 43606-0867

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 with great humor and sense of humor to help develop organic garden/home business. Possible extended stay in Holland (1992-3). Eventual goal: polyfidelitous partnership. Kraig (35) and Barbara (41), #509

Lesbian, 27, long-haired, ovo-lacto vegetarian, astrophysically inclined, cancer-free, Phi Beta Kappa college grad, very earth conscious witch. Looking for people who can accept (or even identify with) those 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. (#515) Box 1052, Eugene, OR 97440-1052.

Four crazy adults, two great daughters and one new baby (premiering in November) trying to grow into our new log home and a satisfying future, invite news and letters from

around the network for discussion and fun. (#586) K, K, G & J 18454 S Walker Rd, Oregon City, OR 97045

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

Happy, healthy, & (w) holy married couple of 17 years seeks to create a sexy & saintly 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 garden to relax in after dancing the night away. What physical activity turns your crank? Drop me a line. I'm singing solo and looking for others to harmonize with. The gender mix isn't important to me, but sexual fidelity is a must. (#647) Shirley Reeves POB 5247, Eugene, OR 97045

Oasis West of Portland in coast range offers safe space to relax, sort out polyfidelitous goals and spiritual path. We are a springboard to visit Shambhala (spiritual) center, Windward, Concordia hetero family, no small children, no drugs, smoke. Have accommodations motorhomes campers welcome. Please plan 3 day notice for visit with accommodations. (#730) Oasis, HCR 71 Box 1318, Forest Grove, OR 97116

Single mother, 46 (but guessed at 33), with 3 year old Down Syndrome son (blindly haired sweetie) seek polyfidelitous family. I'm attractive, active (cross-country skiing, windsurfing, hiking), highly intelligent, interested in writing, music, alternative approaches to healing. (#777) Lila Nelson, 63925 Sunset Dr, Bend, OR 97701 (503) 385-8887.

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. We hope to make friends and possibly see our family group. We'd be happy to hear from you. (#792) Mark & Kate, 418 SE 196th, Portland, OR 97233.

PENNSYLVANIA Professional, literate man 53 and his woman 45 looking for man and woman, singly or as couple, preferably bisexual, to form long-term polyfidelitous family in deep suburbs of Philadelphia. (#723)

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

World's positive future our full time work. I've spent 20 years in communities, including group marriage, and would return to same. We own house and 4 passenger Cessna, but live at poverty level with children 7 & 12. We have good open marriage. Judy has great lover and agrees to my having another partner also. We seek woman (18+). (#1059) Call Art 215-849-3237

RHODE ISLAND Common consciousness, eternal friendship, polyoptimization, and believe that volitional hugging possible tyranny to deeper (possible 10) levels. Believe in private natural fidelity start very slow never ending. Expressive forms when appropriate. Espouse a rationalized Taoism and write small journal. WMM 49. Looking for deep Two persons, the start. Send your universe (beliefs) to (#875) Bill, POB 343, Tiverton, RI, 02878

SWEDEN I am a Swedish man, long time counselor and healer, also small business owner. Looking for a polyfidelitous family involved in spiritual evolution and with an aim of getting love and light, abundance, joy, and happiness. I could become your spiritual advisor. I appreciate all letters from you. (#1050) Stefan Sahvall, Box 2091, 18202 Danderyd, Sweden.

TENNESSEE He, 42, she, 36, bit both fit with adventure degrees. Would like to meet Southern travelers. #866 POB 752332, Memphis, TN 38175-2332.

DWM, college professor in his 40s likes music, movies, good food, travel. I'm tall, slim, healthy, and considered attractive. I want to meet interesting or 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

TEXAS Self-employed engineering consultant, late 30's,

non-smoker, with interests including music (listening and composing), science fiction, gourmet foods, flying, martial arts, scuba, 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. #631 Steven Parker, 1501 Bowie, Garland, TX 75042. (214) 272-8118

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

UTAH Single male fitness freak (kier, 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, 34 and 36. We are nonmonks, nondrivers, drug free, safe, vegetarians. We would like to start a group marriage in North America or to join one. We would like to hear from hetero and bisexual singles or couples. (#843) Susan & Timothy Strout, POB 417, Barre, VT 05641-0417

WASHINGTON Spirit-filled lady desired by God-fearing man to join in a plural marriage. I take very seriously the Bible's direction on how men are to love their wives; I seek a lady who would take her responsibilities just as seriously. I am 33, white, 5'9", 155 lbs. You should be white, everything else (age, build, children, etc.) is negotiable. Ken, POB 3966, Kent, WA 98032.

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, workaholic, nudist, photographer. Father: #693 Jack vt. Box 369, Ridgefield, WA 98642-0369 (rural area, 20 mi. from Portland, OR)

kinky couple, committed to Seattle, city activities, local friends, enjoy weekend jaunts, social nudity, camping, and hiking. she 48 graduate computer programmer and activist. he 36 bicyclist, swimmer, graduate student. we met through ad, and have been together one year. interested in alternate lifestyles and sex positive environments. #718 Betsykay & Robb, POB 70284, Seattle WA 98107.

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 Foundation: 55 Windward Lane, Klickitat, WA 98628; Walt (509) 369-2000 or David (509) 369-2003. (#795)

Hard-to-label, fidelitous triad, 2 F (49, 27), 1 M (46) seeks to form 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. #618.

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

Male snuggle cuddle bear 26, female killer dwarf 25, are seeking partners to join our 3 1/2 year marriage. A desire for absolute honesty is a must. Prefer non-smoker, no drugs/alcohol. Our interests include transpersonal psychology, mysticism, shamanism, spiritual development and expanding awareness, aikido, naturism, and body building. Political Libertarian. (#836) Write Richard & Melinda 517 S 20th #3, Mount Vernon, WA 98273.

My current interest in polyfidelity is platonic. My wife and I are in a committed monogamous relationship. We attended PEPCON '90 in order to meet people living the lifestyle, to gather information, and to support the work of the

organization. I want to connect with folks in order to research issues associated with living the lifestyle and ultimately to write a book. • Peter #847

Seeking partner(s) (F 35 to 55) and friendships to create polyfidelitous family and relocate to rural hometown. I'm open responsible loving caring human being free of jealous and possessiveness. I'm committed to social/political/environmental concerns. A student of metaphysical, personal and spiritual growth. I try to live a balanced healthy lifestyle, hetero. B/M, 49 years, 240#, 5'11" (8877) Art, POB 5047, Tacoma, WA 98405-0047

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. (302) 263 or call us at POB 613, Leesburg, Virginia 22075, 205-383-4606 at home.

WYOMING I am a heterosexual, libertarian, nonreligious man whose interests include weightlifting, folk dancing, computer literacy, science, environmentalism, energy independence, and rational philosophy. I have participated in two dyandrous triads. I now live a somewhat reclusive lifestyle, but would like to have family, friends, and intellectually stimulating correspondence with folks who have similar interests. Write if you believe in Unicorns. #902

Resources

The Affiliates is a reference zine and includes listings of other groups, publications and music reviews. Colorful format. These folks also run a national 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. They responded favorably to PEP's inquiry. Write in support to 322 Eight Avenue, NY, NY 10001.

Apocrypha is a reader written from about sex, erotica, relationships (het, bi & gay), midium, turn-ons, disease and rape prevention, for sharing knowledge, feelings, questions, stories, drawings. Ready to copy pages published intended. Offer to adults only. For sample issue send \$2 and SASE. K & J Burt, 960 SW Jefferson Ave., 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. BABN 2404 California St #24, San Francisco, CA 94115.

Big Island PEP members are invited to quarterly discussion/policies. Call for dates, details and directions. Ryam (808) 929-9691.

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

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

Echo is an international exchange channel for people at the grass roots level. Any person or organization can become part of the network and submit article/letters and also reprint those submitted by others. A sincere effort out of Japan. Tokyo Consumers' Coop Union, 4-1-13 Sendagaya, Shibuya-ku Tokyo, 151 Japan.

Electronic networking is now available! All PEP network ads are automatically included in this service, no additional effort needed. Nonmembers may enter by sending a 50 word ad for one buck American. If you want a coded ad, responders will have to include \$1 to reach you. Send your ad and cash to N-Mail, POB 72966, Fairbanks, AK 99707

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 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. Box 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 "Love Without Limits: Responsible Nonmonogamy and the quest for sustainable Intimate Relationships" for \$16 plus \$2 p&h (CA add \$1.16 tax) IRC POB 150474, San Rafael, CA 94915

Kids Lib News offers a quarterly zine and tapes on children's issues, wholistic parenting, home educating, natural healing, home birth, play yoga, rebirthing, and lots more. Send \$2 for KLN #16 or request info from Mycall Sumanda, POB 28, Naalehu, HI 96722.

LA Freedom Conference on tape: join eight outspoken writers and publishers of the alternative press as they discuss the struggle for freedom on a 2 hour video. Includes Steve Bright, Mike Gundersley, Filthy Pierre, Jay Kinney, Ryan Nearing, Robert Shea, Robert anton Wilson, and Mike Zeising. Send a \$17 check (or \$18.25 if a CA resident) made out to Tadco to PEP, Box 6306, Captain Cook, HI 96704.

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

Minnesota Twin cities: Group forming to support options to the traditional family such as polyfidelity, group marriage, line marriage or... Send SASE for free newsletter. Write IHL, Box 594, Willemsie, MN 55110.

The National STD Hotline answers any questions on sexually transmitted diseases 8am-1pm EST in English or in Spanish: 800-227-8922.

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

New Mexico discussion group on nonmonogamous relationships and alternative family lifestyles meets monthly in the Albuquerque area. For information write or call Leverett Smith, 4388 Alabama, Los Alamos, NM 87544 or (505) 662-5295.

N.O.S.E. (The National Organization of Sexual Enthusiasts) Their purpose is to promote a positive approach to sexual pleasure and sexual freedom with responsibility. They oppose sexual censorship. Yearly cost is \$20. Write to POB 8733, Atlanta, GA 30306.

Nude Pacific Travel Guide: for top-free and nude adult travellers 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.

Ohio folk in the Cincinnati area who are interested in polyfidelity, co-housing, and other alternatives to current nuclear/sub-nuclear trends should contact David Garing, at (606) 581-6534, 2248 Dorian Dr, coving KY 41011.

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.

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Seattle area: The women's Polyfi Delt discussion group is no longer meeting regularly in Seattle, however there are still interested members, and we may have a gathering this summer. Please contact us. Bettykay, POB 70284, Seattle, WA 98107.

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

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

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

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Touchpoint Network for the nonmonogamous is a contact service for those exploring alternatives to monogamy. Send SASE for details. Also, Multiplexity, an irregular quarterly. Sponsoring Organic Community project on 6/20/92. Write to 27 Music Square East, #169, Nashville, TN 37202.

"The Safe Sex Maniac's Bible" is produced in England by Tuppy Owens, 1423, London NW1 4ZH. It contains vast amount of information about sexual styles and practices, and many resources world wide, although much of the book focuses on sex clubs.

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

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