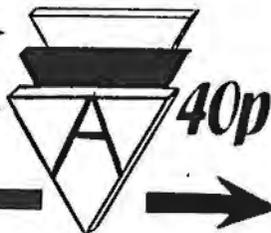


LESBIAN & GAY FREEDOM MOVEMENT

Newsletter 8 - Winter 93



SADOMASOCHISM IS A PART OF SEXUAL LIBERATION

LGFM DEMANDS AN END TO STATE INTERFERENCE IN OUR SEX LIVES.

In December 1990, sixteen gay men were convicted for having mutually enjoyable sadomasochistic sex (S/M sex is basically the use of pain for pleasure), and five were sent to prison. This year they lost their appeal and are now taking the Government to the European Commission of Human Rights. LGFM believes that people of all sexes and sexualities should be free to have whatever consensual sex they like including S/M sex, and demands that the state stops interfering in our sex lives.

People are dying because of NHS cuts; the British Army continues its bloody occupation of N.Ireland; workers fear losing their jobs if they speak-out or strike; lesbians fear coming-out in case they lose custody of their children; children & young people under the 'age of consent' who have consensual sexual relationships live in fear of Social Service snoopers, being put in 'care' or even imprisoned. These are just a few examples of how the state uses real violence and fear to try to control us. Those in power pretend that mutually pleasurable S/M sex is violent and that consent doesn't matter, so that people's attention is distracted from the real issues of violence and lack of consent in the way society is run.

The persecution of S/M sex is not just a gay issue, nor an issue that should only concern people into S/M - it has implications for everyone's personal freedom. It is about the state picking on people at the margins of society as they are easy targets - they know that S/M sex is much misunderstood. Our society is based on class and power, and the persecution of S/Mers is no accident but is part of the state's policy to crackdown on 'unrespectable' sex and the promotion of family values.

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FREE ALL PRISONERS JAILED FOR ALL KINDS OF CONSENSUAL SEX!

ANARCHY = SEXLIB!

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DYKES ON BIKES

- THE NUDE LESBIAN CYCLIST STORY THAT WE NEVER GOT SPACE TO PRINT LAST TIME...

Amidst speculation as to his sanity, the Prime Minister Mr Ron Laver has privately announced controversial new plans for further state intervention in the lives of this country's homosexual community.

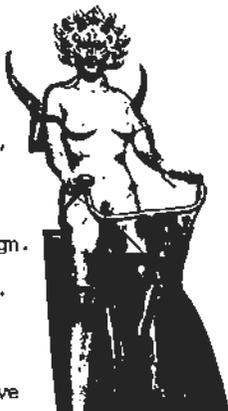
The Government white paper, already nicknamed "dykes on bikes", will have its first reading in the Commons this afternoon and is alleged to outline plans for all lesbians to be banned from public transport, ordered to uncliothe themselves and ride bicycles whenever they wish to go out in public.

The Prime Minister failed to comment on these rumours, but his predecessor 'Lady' Margot Hatcher gave her support to the new campaign. "For once I agree with Mr Laver... this country is only in a recession because you can't always tell a lesbian when you see one... this scheme would alert the public to the obvious evils of a homosexual lifestyle."

However, leading censorship campaigner Mrs Mary Pinkcottage OAP was "outraged" by the idea. "It's utterly preposterous that we should have this nakedness thrust before us ... a much simpler idea would be for every lesbian to have 'I am a sexual deviant - do not trust me' tattooed across their forehead. This way we could keep our children away from the devils work in our community whilst combating discrimination at the same time ... knit one, pearl one, knit one, pearl one ..."

In an attempt to gauge public opinion on this issue we sent our political correspondent to a gay club in London to ask what lesbians themselves thought of the proposed plans. "It's ridiculous!" one young lesbian told us, "I have to travel more than 30 miles into London on the tube every morning - I could never manage that journey on a bike."

(Would any other readers like to continue the 'Nude Lesbian Cyclist' story for the next newsletter ???) A **BIG** thankyou for all the contributions for this newsletter --please keep them coming!



FUZZY BOXES!

QUEER, DICK SUCKING, ARSE FUCKING, PISS LOVING, TONGUE KISSING, NIPPLE CHEWING, CUDDLE SNUGLING SLUT.

THE LIBERATION AND ENJOYMENT OF SEX AND SEXUALITY IS A PERSONAL STRUGGLE OF EACH PERSON. THE UPBRINGING AND SUPPRESSION OF OUR CHILDHOOD SEXUALITY CAN TAKE YEARS TO OVERCOME ALDNG WITH THE SUFFOCATING DEFINITIONS AND BOXES WHICH WE ARE OBLIGED TO PICK UP IN TEEN AND LATER YEARS FROM SOCIETY. THOUGH HOW DO YOU EXPLAIN THE MERGING AND FUZZING OF THE EDGES OF THESE BOXES WE'RE PLACED IN?

ARE DEFINITIONS JUST ANOTHER FORM OF OPPRESSION SET TO CDNTROL US AND STOP US FROM RELEASING OUR TRUE POTENTIAL AND TRUE CAPACITY TO LOVE AND ENJOY OURSELVES?

HOW DO YOU EXPLAIN THE FACT THAT I'M QUEER, ENJOY ALL KINDS OF SEX WITH ALL KINDS OF MEN, FALL IN LOVE WITH GUYS, HAVE AND WANT RELATIONSHIPS WITH GUYS, BUT EVERY NOW AND THEN WANT TO FUCK WITH A WOMAN. I'VE ENJOYED THE FEELING OF SLIPPING INTO A SOFT WARM VAGINA UNTIL I CUM. YET CONSIDER MYSELF QUEER AND COULD NEVER GO BEYOND FRIENDSHIP WITH A WOMAN.

MY BOXES ARE FUZZY!

FUCK THE AGE OF CONSENT!

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As a queer teenager I'm often expected to support other gay and bisexual men in their quest for an equal age of consent. When I give the 'politically incorrect' stance of not supporting them they seem to have a look of complete disbelief on their faces and often attack me and patronise me as a young child who "just doesn't understand politics". Any age of consent oppresses me, allowing the state to have control over when I'm allowed sex. I wanted sex at 11 and would have taken it had it been offered. As I see it, an age of consent protects nobody. It doesn't stop abuse or give young people (straight or gay) the power to say "no", or report the abuse. All it does is create an aura of fear around sex for the queer under 21 or the straight woman under 16. Once 21 or 16 are reached, it's almost as if we must have sex to be considered normal or just because we've reached the age when we should be consenting. The age of consent doesn't do anything other than oppress, create fear, and allow the state to control our most personal feelings and desires. It's as if they have created the law to make sure we feel ashamed and keep to their morals. It's up to each person whether they have sex at 8 or 12 or 16 or 21 or 89 or never, and there should be information about sex and access to safer sex materials at any age. So whenever they ask me about the age of consent I'll say NO to 21, NO to 18, NO to 16, and NO to the age of consent itself. Abuse can't be stopped by the law, neither can protection be given; but control, guilt and fear can and will occur.

FUCK 21, FUCK 18, FUCK 16, WE SAY FUCK THE AGE OF CONSENT!



You may have thought you'd escaped dolphins for one issue ... but no you haven't! This is an editorial from the Sunday Sport.

Flippin' daft

FLIPPIN' 'eck, what will they get up to next?

Women are having nookie with **DOLPHINS**, claims a marine expert.

The randy girls climb into aquariums in America and Italy and indulge in a little mammalian foreplay before full sex.

Sounds fishy. But when it comes to exotic rumpy-pumpy, some fins never change!

DO YOU THINK THAT WILL HELP YOU FIND YOUR MARBLE?





SM PRIDE EVENT

For S/M people the SM Pride event is often the highlight of the year. It brings together the S/M community in all its variety and all its glory. We walked from Hyde Park through Piccadilly to Trafalgar Square in central London. Among the marchers were lesbians, gays, transsexuals, transvestites, bisexuals, heterosexuals, and people to whom none of these labels would be acceptable. Our interests probably range from taking and enjoying heavy punishment, to tying our partners hands with a silk scarf and tickling them. Among us were scientists, writers, artists, activists, social workers, thinkers, manual workers and housewives. These few hundred people represented the S/M people of the UK and were joined by marchers from several other countries in Europe. We marched because our natural and normal behaviour, giving only enjoyment to ourselves and our partners, has been threatened by the sadism of the law.

This year the weather was cold and the number on the march was somewhat smaller than last year, but this was balanced by the extra enthusiasm and sense of theatre. Even the tourists, lining the route and furiously taking photos, seemed swept along by the feeling of excitement. At Trafalgar Square rousing speeches from Liberty and the Countdown on Spanner Campaign urged us to continue fighting the battle for the simple right to express love in our way without the interference of the police.

After the march we, plus many hundred more, went to the 'Day School' at the University of London Students Union. Here there were numerous activities to choose from. There were stalls, run by action groups (inc LGFM!), clubs, shops & charities, selling products from books to bondage gear. There were six workshops and a debate on 'Pansexual Perversity', plus a bar and a disco. Later in the evening there were films, music and the 'Muir Academy' where boys and girls (of all sexualities) could imagine themselves to be at a school that could only exist in fantasy but which obviously provided much enjoyment for both participants and spectators.

However it was sad to realise that one of the workshops seemed to be telling people how to act within the law. Accepting oppressive law risks encouraging bigots to extend their oppression. Far better is to advise people to express their sexuality in such a way as to avoid the bedroom police getting evidence. I also wonder why so few free or cheap condoms were not more obviously available and why there was so little advice on S/M safety.

The event was most definitely worthwhile. S/M people of all sexualities showed that they could unite, were proud of both themselves and their sexuality and were willing to stand up for their beliefs. We enjoyed ourselves, expanded our knowledge and contacted others fighting the same battles.

The Spanner Campaign has appealed for support and help, please contact - Spanner, Central Station Pub, 37 Wharfedale Road, Kings Cross, London, N1.

DON'T VOTE
Revolt!
democracy is a farce



THE KEEPER OF THE NARROW MIND

There's syrup in your smile,
We're lying in the shade,
There's a man with a gun
Hiding in the everglade.

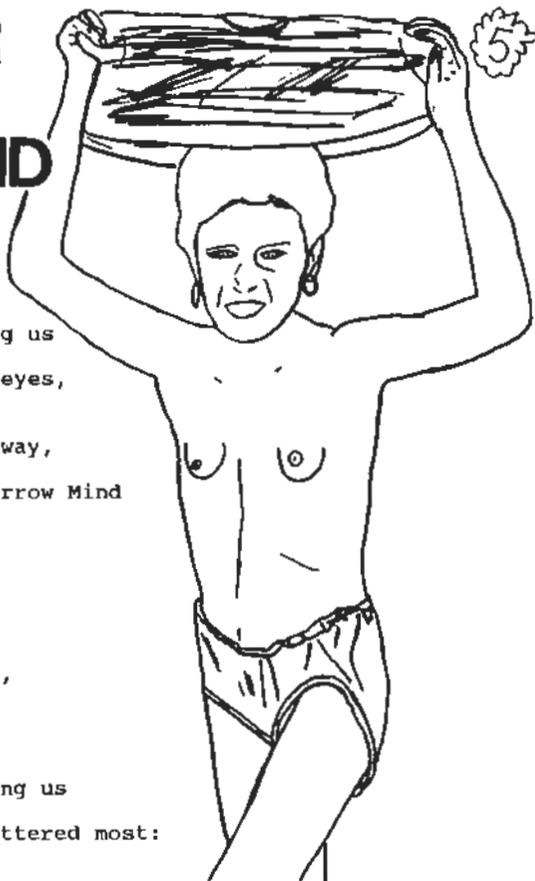
I know that he's been watching us
From the treetops high above,
Filming us with his two dark eyes,
Watching us make love.

Put on your clothes and run away,
It's me he needs to kill,
For he's The Keeper of the Narrow Mind
With an objective to fulfil.

To seek out non-conformers,
To cast scorn upon our love,
To regulate the deviants
With his orders from above.

Now there's blood on my hands,
I'm crying in the shade,
There's a man with a gun
Laughing in the everglade.

We knew that he'd been watching us
From the treetops high above,
But he took the thing that mattered most:
He killed the one I love.



AT HOME WITH ... SHAGGA RANKS.



"Hey babe, you
gonna be long in
there? Your lover
man's waiting..."

"Later's Shagg,
I'm fucking
your sister..."

TO BE CONTINUED...
(by someone who
can draw...)

ANOTHER BRICK IN

THE WALL, PART 2(b)

— THE LESBIAN ALTERNATIVE LYRICS.
(WITH RESPECT TO PINK FLOYD)

WE DON'T NEED NO COPULATION,
WE DON'T NEED NO BIRTHCONTROL,
NO SWEET SUBMISSION IN THE BEDROOM,
WANKERS — LEAVE OUR TITS ALONE.
HEY! YOU! WANKERS!
LEAVE OUR TITS ALONE.

DOES SEXUALITY LABELLING

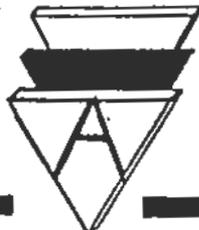
I knew that I was attracted to other boys throughout my time at school and sometimes wanted sex with them, but I didn't see this in terms of a 'sexuality' and I didn't label myself. Other boys & girls did hurt me by calling me 'queer', so this is a label that I have always hated and could never be used by me in a positive way. I did want much more information about sex - it was only mentioned by teachers in terms of reproduction and never as fun! - and I'd have loved the chance to try different kinds of sex with friends but this never happened. When I left school and home, I moved to London and discovered lesbian & gay magazines, youth groups, pubs and clubs, and I started calling myself 'gay'. I went on a lesbian & gay pride march and wore gay badges in the street. I began having sex with men & boys I met in public toilets, on Hampstead Heath, through contact ads in magazines, and sometimes at lesbian & gay political gatherings. Labelling myself 'gay' helped me gain self-confidence and also peace of mind knowing for the first time in my life that there were other people like me. It was important for me to say to the world that I was proud of my sexuality, and it was a useful label politically to gather people of the same sexuality together to fight the homophobic state.

On the other hand I have never liked nor fitted into the commercial gay scene. As an anarchist I particularly hate the rip-off prices and huge profits made by the owners/breweries of gay pubs & clubs. Capitalists have realised that there is big money to be made out of gay oppression, and that stinks. They are certainly not going to be on the side of sexual liberationists. Lesbian & gay meeting places exude middle-class values. More and more 'gay' has come to mean a person that goes to certain pubs & clubs, wears gay clothes, has a gay hairstyle, likes particular types of dance music, and relates to other gays as customers of a brewery. It's more of a brewery community than a gay community! I've even been told by gay people that I can't be gay as I like indie-rock music, football & real ale - the fact that I fuck other males seems to be irrelevant! Much to my dismay I've found that lesbians & gays can be as racist, narrow-minded, or prejudiced against people with different sexualities as anyone. And there is a big problem of sexist attitudes and misogyny (women hating) amongst gay males on the scene. I'm against competition in society generally, and sexual competition is another part of being gay that I hate. There is now a widespread attitude, encouraged by the gay scene promoting press, that gay culture is superior (CRAP!), and that all people who are attracted to the same sex must conform socially & sexually and must like this commercial scene.

I have now stopped identifying as gay as I feel that I no longer fit in with its meaning. I want to be free to have sex with a girl or woman if the situation arises and not feel guilty about it nor have to justify it to right-on lesbian or gay sex-police. Calling myself 'bisexual' wouldn't be useful either as I only rarely feel attracted to both females and males and I don't have the desire to go out to look for sex with a girl or woman like I do with a boy or man. Also the label bisexual would exclude some parts of my sexuality like being turned-on by some animals or SM sex. Bisexuals sometimes say that they have "the best of both worlds" - I want the chance to freely explore lots of different worlds, not be limited to two, now that's what I call sexual liberation! Many (maybe most) people who call themselves heterosexual have sex or have fantasies about having sex with people of the same sex. These people don't call themselves lesbian, gay or bisexual. I think sexuality labels can have a bad effect by limiting peoples sex and social lives. Labels like 'gay', 'heterosexual', 'bisexual' (and even more so 'queer') can actually discourage people from experimenting with same-sex, different-sex or other kinky-sex fun which doesn't fit in with their particular label. These labels also make it more difficult for people who aren't interested in sex with anyone to be believed and respected.

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If you agree with all the demands of LGFM (see enclosed leaflet), and want to help us in our campaigns against sexism and for sexual liberation and anarchy - please become a 'supporter' of LGFM. Like a subscriber to the newsletter, you will receive the next 3 issues of the newsletter, but you will also get sent any other leaflets we produce, details of meetings we arrange & demos we go on, and hopefully you'd like to get involved with our campaign work.

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We have back copies of our newsletter numbers 1 to 7, which have lots of thought-provoking articles (and jokes too!) in them.

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LGFM is a movement to bring anarchist ideas and ideals to lesbians, gays and bisexuals, and to make sexuality and the overthrow of patriarchy major campaigning issues for all anarchists.

We believe that we will never achieve real lasting lesbian and gay liberation without the overthrow of all governments, the class system, and laws which oppress and exploit us.

We want

- Sexuality freedom for all ages.
- Freedom from oppressive laws.
- Freedom from political party control and trade union leadership.
- Freedom from sexual harrassment, exploitation and abuse.
- Freedom from violence of all kinds.
- Freedom to control our own lives.

We support

- Oppressed sexualities including transexuals, girl/girl & boy/boy lovers, girl/woman & boy/man lovers, transvestites S & M ers ...
- Children in their fight for liberation and freedom to choose their own sexuality.
- Lesbians, gays, and bisexuals in prison, 'care', and psychiatric institutions.
- Isolated and lonely lesbians, gays and bisexuals, and those just 'coming out'.

Interested ? - Write (with 2 stamps) for more information.

HINDER SEXUAL LIBERATION?

I'm fed up with unnecessarily isolating myself from people who are not gay, from other anarchists, from other political campaigns, and in particular from other oppressed people who are also fighting against the state. Lesbian & gay politics is very separatist and actively excludes other people who also feel strongly against homophobia. This is stupid, as lesbian & gay liberation cannot be achieved in isolation but only as part of a wider political movement against sexism and state repression. I feel that I have more in common with heterosexual women demanding not to be treated as inferior nor stuck in domestic drudgery by sexist men, than I do with gay men in pubs.

Lets try to include all oppressed people, not just those identifying as lesbian, gay, bisexual, queer, S/M, etc, in the struggle for sexual liberation for everyone. Surely having NO sexuality labels, but instead having sex acts, relationships, friendships and fantasies, is the most progressive and liberatory way forward. Lets encourage experimentation and FUN!

P.S. Another thought ... Is labelling people in non-sexual aspects of their lives also a bad thing ??

APPALACHIAN ASPIRATIONS

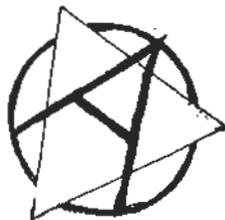
BODACIOUS
Blue-eyed
Appalachian Boogerboy
badly beckoning
b i z a r r e
youthful homoerotic butthole
s e x
intentionally aiming
small hole beside massive rock
summerbattered
bitter from blinded
b o y d i c k
bending
looking
watching
waiting
there it is
c'mon - c'mon
yeahhhhhhhhh
golden arched streamer
supersonic asparagus juice
spurring
jetting out-da'
innocently neglected
unwashed donkeydick
unknowing the big city
teaches you to clean that thang
especially before
s k l n n a i n ' i t
back
with such a devilish half-cocked smile
creating your repeated
s l e a z e r e n d e r v o u s
overtaking
the other planet's
honeysuckle vines nearby

Life without
sexual revolution
isn't worth
thinking about!



LGFM NEWS

As reported in n17, we had asked if LGFM can hold its meetings at 121 Anarchist Centre. They have now told us NO! We've asked to meet them to discuss why.



LETTERS

Please send letters to Newsletter
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DEAR LGFM,

Bad Brigade's 'Anarchist Defense of Pornography' (LGFM Newsletter no.7,p5) was right to say you shouldn't distinguish between het & homo porn, but wrong to say it's "simply a depiction, in words or pictures, of sexual activity" that people may or may not find sexually arousing. In classic feminist terms, porn is not erotic representation - that's a bastard that Dworkin & co. spawned - it's objectified representation that alienates and stereotypes the person(s) represented. The ad persons representation of a 'wonder-mum' whose existence only has meaning in as much as she sells/consumes their product is as stereotypical, alienated and objectified (= pornographic) as some faceless bulldyke dominatrix in 'hard core' porn.

How do we oppose porn? We get beyond passively consuming representations that, in their coded way, preach an ideology of alienation. And realise our sexuality with others in everyday life, where we have to interact with others in authentic terms, as non-ideological subjects. By doing so, we confront the repression and separation that keeps us powerless and reliant on the abstract reductive morality that both pornographers and anti-porn ideologues peddle in their own distorted ways for their own self-serving ends.

YOURS, FOR PEOPLE POWER & PERSONAL AUTONOMY,
PNR, OXFORD GREEN ANARCHISTS, BOX ZZ,
111, MAGDALEN ROAD, OXFORD.



BOOK REVIEWS

PLEASURE PRINCIPLES - POLITICS, SEXUALITY & ETHICS

Edited by Victoria Harwood, David Oswell, Kay Parkinson & Anna Ward.
Published by Lawrence & Wishart £14.99.

This book is written from a number of viewpoints - men looking at men, women looking at men, women looking at women, and men looking at women. The theme behind the book is that sexual pleasure is good and diversity is a positive force in society. There are a number of illustrations including Della Graces 'Lesbian Boys' photos and Naomi Salaman's provocative 'penis envy'. In the chapter 'Porn Perversion and Sexual Ethics', Avedon Carol shows how censorship of sexual materials always works against women's interests. Pleasure Principles in spite of its title is unnecessarily serious and intellectual - this is well illustrated in Anna-Marie Smith's chapter on PUSSY (a sub-group of Outrage! which did actions on issues of sexual censorship) which stands for Perverts Undermining State Scrutiny! She calls the chapter "Outlaws as Legislators: Feminists Anti-Censorship Politics and Queer Activism" and it gets worse, over intellectualizing what was basically a fun anarchistic group with a purpose. A general drawback of the book is the fact that it makes issues more complicated than they need to be, for example there is a section in the preface entitled 'Quotidian Pleasures'!!! Overall this book is well worth reading if you are interested in the new sexual politics. Available from bookshops or order it from your library.

INTERFERENCE ON THE AIRWAVES

LIZ CURTIS & MIKE JEMPSON £3.99.

Campaign for Press & Broadcasting Freedom, 8 Cynthia St, London, N1 9JF

'Censorship is an abuse of power, invariably used to cover up that which the powerful find distressing or threatening', so starts this book which looks at the media ban which the British Government imposed on voice transmissions of interviews with members and supporters of 13 Irish organizations including Sinn Fein and the Ulster Defence Association. The ban means that if (for example) Gerry Adams of Sinn Fein or even Bernadette McAliskey is interviewed on TV, an actor has to imitate their voices while they are filmed. This is the only way round the ban that is basically the Government trying to prevent you hearing what Irish Republicans have to say. The Government says that the IRA is "mindless" so why are they so worried about people hearing their views. This book asks 'do you want to make up your own mind or do you only want to hear what the Government says you're allowed to hear? I'd recommend you to buy this book, which is clear and well written.

THE SAFER PLANET SEX DIARY

£8.99/US\$20 from Tuppy Owens, PO Box 42B, London, W1A 4ZB.

This is the best diary around. It's the new name for the Safer Sex Maniacs Diary and it's beautiful to look at with full colour throughout. Amongst its many features it lists groups, clubs and special interest groups to do with sex around the world. It includes sex positions for every day of the year and has interesting quotes about sex every week. It even includes a quote from the LGFM newsletter for the page ending November 10th. Highly recommended!



MAGAZINES

RAMPAGING TEENAGE PERVERT

50p from BM NANCEE, LONDON, WC1N 3XX.

A small energetic zine mainly about sex and mostly humorous. Lots of funny cartoons and satirical articles. Teenage Pervert has no respect for authority, whether traditional or alternative. There is a viciously funny article about pretentious coming-out novels, an adorable Pooh Bear cartoon (reprinted below), and a serious and sensible short article on anti-fascism. Lots to enjoy and some things to think about. A logo they print on one page sums them up 'Straight or Bendy They're Both Trendy'!



Pooh paused for a moment of reflection. "Well piglet," he started, "I would first bounce on him on my front, then turn over and bounce a little more. That's how I would deal with an angry police-person."
"Oh," said piglet, cheerfully.

OPEN EYE NO. 2.

£1.50 from PO BOX 3069, LONDON, SW9 8LU.

This is a rather "grown-up" serious political magazine and it's really interesting. I suppose its perspective is alternative left green. There are a number of articles which are especially good, including Noam Chomsky on the end of the Cold War and how this may affect the South (the "developing world"), and 'Anti-porn is the Theory, Repression is the Practice' which shows how irrelevant campaigning against sexual materials is in the fight against sexism. There is also a challenging article called 'The AIDS-HIV Hypothesis and its Critics'. There are also cartoons in Open Eye!

FAT NEWS

£1 for a year (also available on tape) from the Fat Women's Group, Wesley House, Wild Court, London, WC2B 5AU.

Fat News is fab. It's a newsletter put out by a group of women who aren't ashamed of being fat and want to shout about it. The result is enthusiastic with a homemade feel. There is advice on setting up a fat women's group, the experience of a nude model in an art class, and a spoof agony aunt column. They quote Vivian Mayer, co-editor of 'Shadow on a Tightrope: Writings by Women on Fat Oppression'. She says: "Fat is not a feminist issue. Fat liberation is."



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It is mainly through the institutions of the family and the workplace that the state controls our lives. S/M sex is picked on because it has nothing to do with reproduction and all to do with sex for fun.

Not only do we need to fight back against the state's interference in our sex lives, we also need to challenge the state's institutions, and to work towards a free non-oppressive anarchist society which embraces diversity. **LGFM DEMANDS SEXUAL LIBERATION FOR EVERYONE!**

LGFM MARCH IN SUPPORT OF PERSECUTED SADOMASOCHISTS

With the cracking of whips and the sounds of whistles and leather rubbing together, Britain held its second S/M Pride event to support the 'Spanner' men jailed for consensual S/M sex. The march was only attended by a few hundred people, but the atmosphere was great and it was good to see so many S/M people out and proud on the streets of London. Many people saw the Spanner Campaign and LGFM banners, and we handed out 400 of our anarchist leaflets to both people on the march and passers-by. At the fair afterwards we had an LGFM stall where we sold lots of our mags and received much enthusiasm and support. We met a wide range of anarchists from London, Cambridge, Bristol and even a woman from Philadelphia in the U.S.A! We were right at the front of the march and were visible to many film cameras and journalists cameras and hopefully may get some free publicity from the whole event.



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