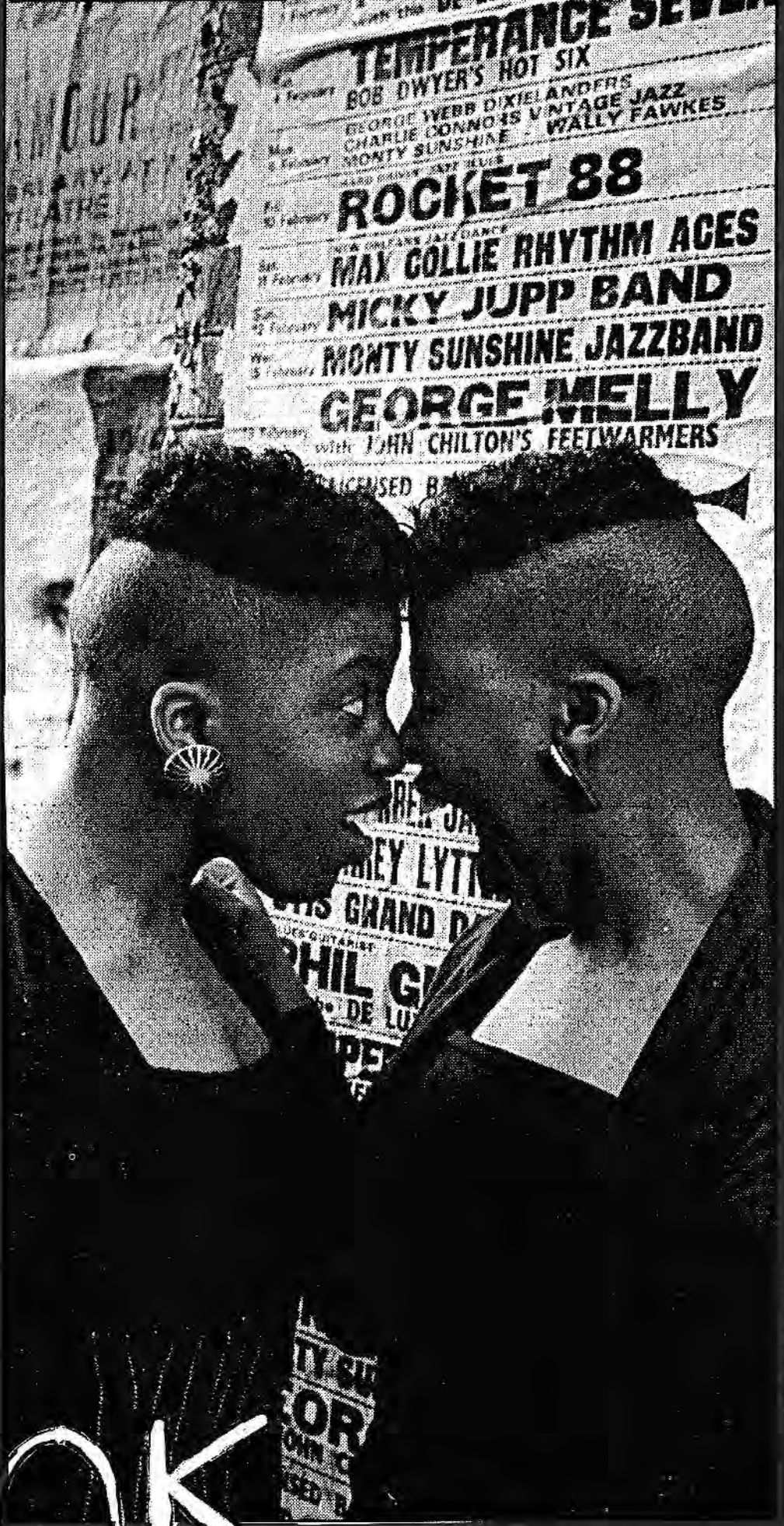


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LETTERS

Being a 16 year old ms. who is sick and pissed off with all the crap pressure-fed down my throat, your magazine for radical (!!) women was better than Michael Jacksons oxygen tent. £1 is enclosed for next copy, plus info for subscribing regularly. I'd like to take this opportunity for my friends and I to tell you, your magazine is brilliant and the only reason its not a bestseller in our neck of the woods is cos we can't buy it in John Menzies. Keep up the good work!!!

Leigh

...NOTHING AT ALL



write to us - we often reply!

dear S.P.

You are wonderful—you brighten my life and gladden my heart. You might even make believe there are Britain worth coming back for. (i've been in Boston for 2 years). Keep it up, love and kisses. xxxx Ruth (walker).

* Typesetters comment. There are only three sentences in this and one of them is incomprehensible. Have you no grammar?

dear typesetter, can you not spell?

(Historical note... A massive argument followed and five members of Shocking Pink left to set up a spelling collective.)

do you spell arguement without an e?

The spelling collective says....yes.

NOT A LETTER

Colin Turnage, preacher for the Unitarian church, conducted the blessing of lovers Diane Croucher and Elizabeth Moon in the Ship Inn, a gay pub in Rochester. At the time of the ceremony, a spokesperson said that: "freedom of thought is one of the most important tenets of worship," for the Unitarian church.

However the small congregation at the church, in New Road, Chatham, held a meeting after the story of the blessing appeared in the local and national press. One member said the service encouraged sodomy which involved "putting penises in backsides". When reminded that the service was for two women, he said "Women do things".

→ true

Dear Shocking Pink,

Thanks for the magazine, it was great. It is much better than other womens magazines, it is more political but still fun!! I think it is true that women still arent equal to men, i read in a newspaper that women still only earn 3/4 of mens wages and very few women know that.

Employers will try to get by with paying women as little as posible, thats probably why women can get jobs easier than men because they are paid less. A lot of men are still very old-fashioned about what women should and should'nt do. They think that women are just here to look after the house and bring up children. Your magazine seems very much against the Tory government;so am i, i believe in Marxism, have you ever heard of Karl Marx?

Karl Marx said that the capitalist system was unfair and unjust and that it depended on the exploitation of working class people. In other words, the private enterprize system rels on the rich people exploiting the poor people. Under the capitalist system the capitalists main concern is making money and the workers have no other means of support but their



↑ all these letters are real

wages. In amarxism system all the industries are publicly owned and everybody works for the common good, there is no class in a marxist society, everybody are equal. Karl Marx wrote a book called "Das Kapital", against capitalism. I know alot about Karl Marx but i wont go into detail because I dont think you would understand it, but Marxism used to be very popular in Russia and Lenin was a marxist. Is there a Shocking Pink fan club and if so can I join? Write and tell me . If you do write please can you keep the information confidential because my parents dont like me having my own ideas on things. Jennifer, Manchester.

Dear SHOCKING PINK i'd like to tell you what happened when i met jennifer saunders. Seg thats me I think you are absolutely gorgeous will you marry me Jen? Jen—ofcourse I will Seg darling its my destiny I've loved you madly since i was three, without you my life wouldnt be worth living. Seg—You dont mind sharing me with Chrissie Hynde, Annie Lennox, Gladys Portugese, Michelle Shocked and Martina Navratilova then? Jen—Anything for you Seg, I will save myself for when you can fit me in and live for that satisfaction. Seg—How about this Satdy then? Jen—Oh Seg its not soon enough Seg—you can do me know if you like Jen- its all ive ever wanted to do this is getting boring-typistSeg—so you dont mind if i fit into this relationship horizontally and do naff at all then? Jen—I am your sex slave, my aim is to please your wish is my command.

Dear READERS send your fantasies in to us NOW! Try and do better than this though?

Dear SHOCKING PINK,

I think you're dead funny and you should totallytake-over the teen mag trade, as you're FAR superior to the others.

Atrocity the cat is brill - in addition to the stroppiest cat, could you do VELOCITY, the cat on speed, and then they could do a double act.

i cant really draw, but Velocity might look like this:



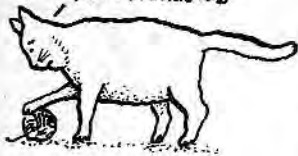
Then again she might just sit still and fidget or talk incessantly, or get the munchies you could add that this is NO Bad Thing and that loads of normal (and abnormal) people (and cats) do it at least once a month! anyway have fun, love from anna.

dear SHOCKING PINKIES, we did a picture of velocity below, but by the time it got to the printers, she had DISAPPEAR-RED of the page! SO YOU THE GENERAL PUBLIC AT LARGE have a chance to do your own scribble of velocity below to send to us (or not)!!!

→ This is obviously a cheap trick.

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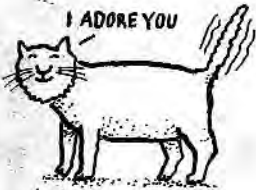
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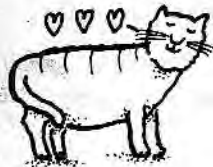
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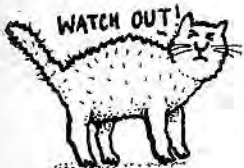
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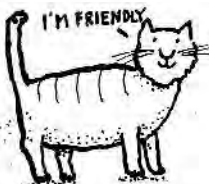
WATCH OUT!



I'M GLAD TO SEE YOU



I'M FRIENDLY



SHOCKING PINK - Making Love and Mischief

Shocking Pink is a magazine for women aged 10 and upwards, produced by women between about 16 and 25. We want to counter the propaganda of magazines like Jackie, My Guy etc, which we view as pieces of evil designed to push young women into being heterosexual, feminine & all the rest. We are not solely a lesbian mag, but since there is so little else around for young lesbians we always want to give a lot of space to lesbianism, but we don't mean to give the impression that we "disapprove" of straight women.

The group is constantly changing and new women are always welcome, so if you're interested in anything at all like drawing, writing, laying out, answering mail, selling advertising space, typesetting...come and visit us & transform your social life! No prior experience required (of magazines or social life). P.S. Sorry about the price rise—our distributors persuaded us shops might stock SP properly if it went up to 90p. But we hope you like the glossy cover!! Also, if you find it hard getting hold of SP please let us know where you are, and if there are any shops that might be interested in stocking it. £but please **remember that the polite thing to do is to develop a crush on a member of the old collective—apart from that there are no requirements.**

T:No. Crushes on old members of the old collective lead to sleepless nights typesetting and stuff. While Jo sleeps peaceful as a little slug.

CONTENSE:-

-Find the following phrases, & write the page number in the space provided- Then add them all up and send us the answer - the first correct 'answerer' will receive... a free pair of knickers, (colour of your choice), **PAGE NO.**

HER ADDICTION TO SPEED IS A MYSTERY TO HER...

OOH I DO HATE ANN WINTERTON.....

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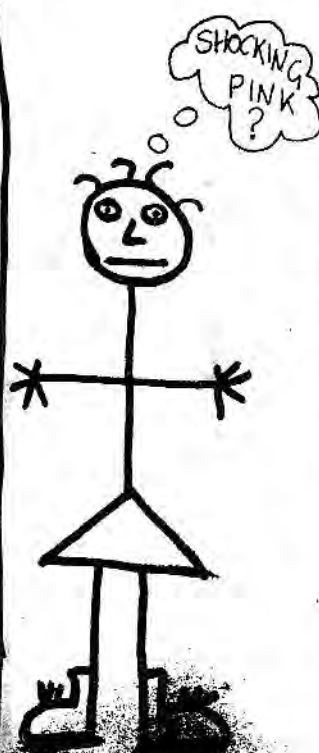
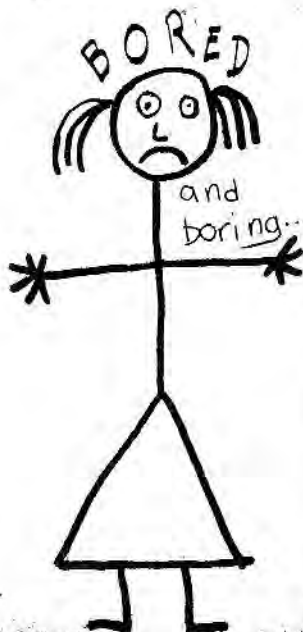
SOME PEOPLE WERE EXPRESSLY ASKED NOT TO COME.....

PUBLIC PLACES, PRIVATE SPACES.....

HOW TO MAKE A PRAT OF YOUR CHOICE DISAPPEAR.....

TOTAL

Why I joined the SP collective...



Thanks to Sean Smith for the front-cover - photo. cheers. - We had to use it.



SILENT: Pickles

TAIL THE JUDGE

IN DECEMBER Judge Pickles jailed a young woman and her baby to "teach girls not to get pregnant to avoid going to prison." Here are some facts:

TRACY: was a first-time offender. The people caught with her got shorter sentences although they profited from the crime and Tracy Scott did not. There are only 39 mother+-baby units in Britain's prisons; surely these should be saved for serious offenders and alternate sentences found for mothers.

JUDGE PICKLES: has previously imprisoned a woman for refusing to testify against a man who attacked her. He has also declared an interest in pornography and that "women are made to attract men." Yet Judges cannot be sacked and the last one to be hounded to resign was under attack for being homosexual.

IS THIS JUSTICE???

GOOD NEWS:

Tracy has now been released and is on probation.

BAD NEWS:

Judge Pickles is still a judge. To complain write to Lord Mackay at the House of Lords.



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I was only 16 when I suddenly realized the source of my guilt, self-loathing and the bad marks I was getting at school. I had a vision of a tall blonde angel (but enough of that) and it came to me in a flash. The symbol of women's oppression is not lipstick and eyeliner, but the ubiquitous BIC razor. So I decided to show my contempt of this object by using it to shave my head. It showed its disgust by cutting my ear, and I knew then that the only cure was to give up.

Like giving up chocolate or drinking, the going has been tough; my friends and family don't understand and call me names. But as a result I have a better relationship with my whole person, now and feel a more complete woman.

If you're fed up

STAND UP AND BE COUNTED



In 1991 a census will be held in every country, but it will render most women invisible. This is because a large number of women will register themselves as housewives, and as such are unpaid. This means that they won't count in the statistics on national income. Marilyn Waring, author, New Zealand MP (and all-round fab woman) wants every woman in every country to list herself as a managing executive. She says "I don't know any housewives, but I do know some remarkably talented women. **In one day they can be dieticians, nurses, gardeners, chauffeurs (etc etc)**". The problem is that none of this is paid work. In Australia a piece of research was done which treated the household as a manufacturing unit. Everything was costed; women's work, the cost of things like soap powder, electricity used etc. "Research showed that production from the household sector exceeded by 10 times the total products from the manufacturing sector. In other words, **without the unpaid housewife there would be no economy.** Anything less than full payment for working 116 hours a week and it becomes part of the welfare system. But no government could afford to pay the fair rate for the job." In the USA in 1980 the voluntary work of 52 million women was valued at 18 billion. And in Narsapur in India 200,000 women produce more than a million dollars worth of lace, but they don't count because lacemaking is a household activity. However, in Burkina Faso the chief statistician is a woman and she has changed the census to include unpaid work. If you ask the British census office how many women there are in Britain, they ask "Do you mean people of working age?" Marilyn Warner says "**Women can and will challenge a system of economics that ignores them and only measures men, markets and the military.**" It makes you wonder what the value in the national accounts of Shocking Pink would be if you took into account the womanhours of work that went into it.

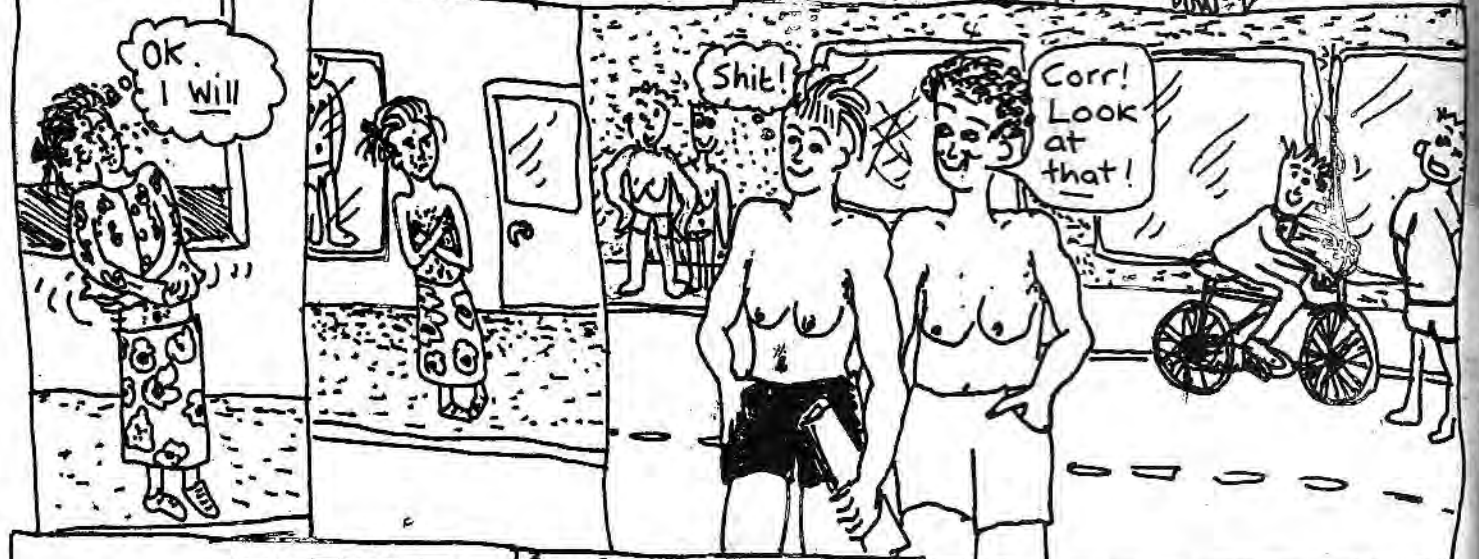
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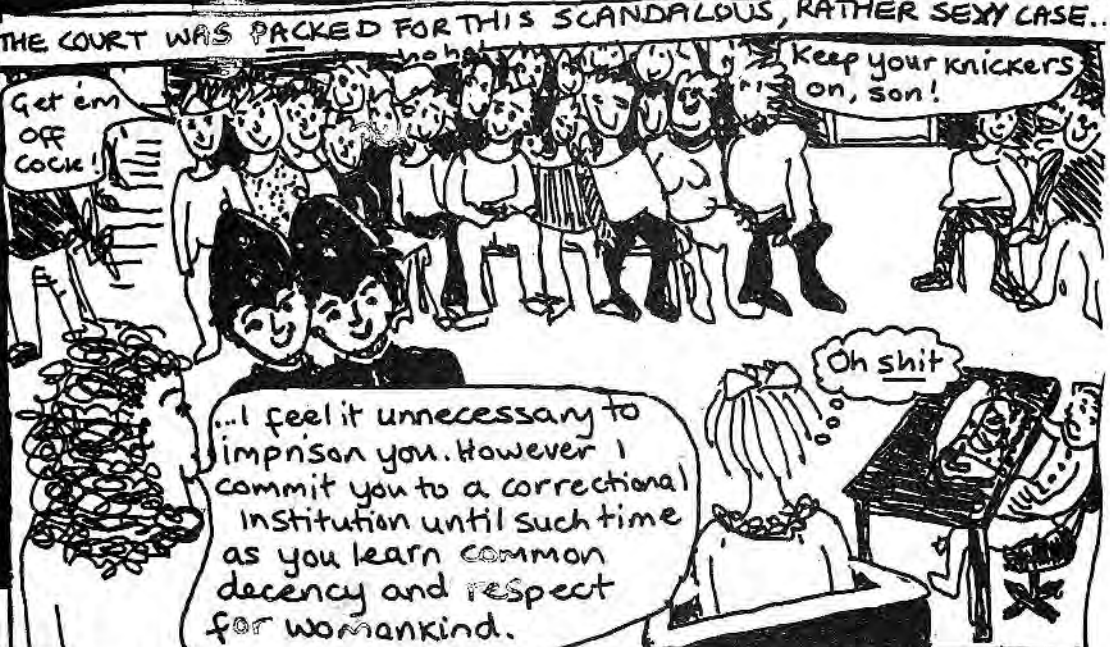
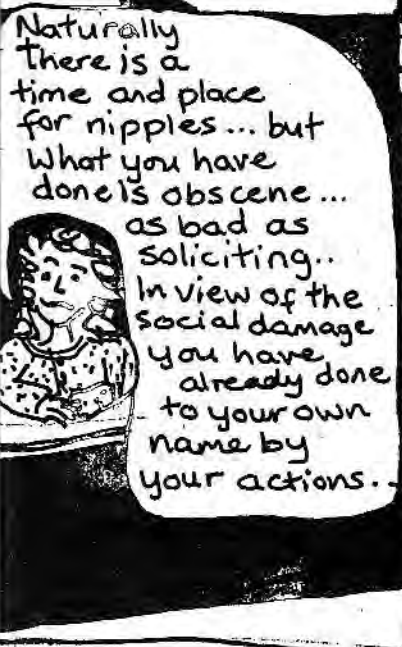
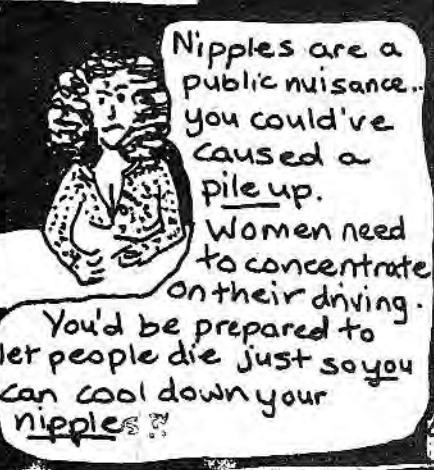


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WE FIGHT FOR TRANSFORMATION!

1990-THE PUBIC ORDER ACT - 'SAFEGUARDING THE COUNTRY'S MORALITY' - Or Oppressing the Men (again)?





REMEMBER MAIREAD FARRELL!

March 6th will be the second anniversary of the murder of three IRA volunteers, Mairead Farrell, Danny McCann and Sean Savage, by the SAS in Gibraltar. Research afterwards suggested that the ambush had been planned from November 1987 (they were killed in March 1988) and given approval by members of the Cabinet. But the cover-up in Parliament, the media and the farcical inquest ensured that no-one was ever tried for the murders, since no crime is supposed to have been committed, and the truth of what happened was concealed from most people. **This is a tribute to Mairead Farrell, a truly amazing woman who as activist, fighter and spokesperson, is badly missed by many people in her community.** With any luck, it may even be the first part in a Shocking Pink 'Star Woman' series. ★★ ★

Mairead was brought up in the Falls Road area of West Belfast, one of the real nationalist (i.e. in practice mostly Catholic) heartlands, and consequently also one of the areas hardest hit by the British Army's repression tactics. Although there was some Republicanism in her family, she said it was mainly **what she saw around her as she grew up that politicised her—the experience of British Army checkpoints and curfews.**

Even though she was the second-youngest, she was at the forefront of discussions of political events in her household, more so than her brothers. She quickly concluded that a united, socialist Ireland was the only solution to the problems she saw around her, and that people would necessarily have to fight for this: **"I suppose I've always believed we had a legitimate right to take up arms and defend our country and ourselves against the Brits' occupation".**

Mairead joined the Irish Republican Army as a volunteer when she was very young, either before or after her O-levels. She says many other young women came to the same conclusion when they were 17, 18, 19 or so. **"I knew exactly what I was doing. Maybe looking back I was very young then but at the time I was really old, you know, and I was politically aware. I know that now, because my views haven't changed..."**

She also says she was attracted to the Republican movement because she was treated "equal to the lads". "I was definitely treated as an equal and so were the other women, you got doing what the lads did. It depended to what extent you were prepared to be committed. It wasn't measured by what sex you were." (Some women volunteers have said they did find sexism in the IRA, but it seems to have been from individual men, rather than how it was set up.)

When she was 19 she was caught and arrested after planting bombs with two other volunteers in a hotel which the IRA considered a "political and economic target". At her trial she refused to recognise the court. She was sentenced to 14 years and served 10 & a half, first in Armagh women's prison, then the new Maghaberry.

Her time in prison was a continuation of her struggle against the British authorities. Even before she was sentenced she was organising Irish language classes for prisoners on her wing. She also read a lot. Mairead was the first Republican woman to go to Armagh after "special category" status was removed in March 1976. This meant that political prisoners were no longer recognised as such (though of course they were still treated as political prisoners in every other way—extremely long sentences, victimised by prison warders, etc.) It was part of the government's strategy to deny what was going on in the Six Counties (Northern Ireland). So while she was in prison, there was a lot of activity to try to fight this. The first protest was refusing to do prison work, which Mairead helped to organise and which lasted seven years.

In 1980 came the dirt protest, which lasted 13 months. Mairead called this the time of most fear of all her time in Armagh. It was unplanned and more or less forced on prisoners, and conditions soon became extremely filthy and unpleasant. It was ended in March 1981 in preparation for Bobby Sands' hunger strike. Mairead herself also went on hunger strike, beginning in December 1980, with two other women. This lasted 19 days, until the Northern Ireland Office said it would agree to their demands for political status—though as soon as the hunger strike was stopped they went back on the agreement.

Someone has written a biography of M.F. but so far they haven't been able to get anyone to publish it.

Also while she was in Armagh strip searching was introduced. Mairead refused this degrading process, and so lost all her visits to her boyfriend in the men's prison, Long Kesh. She described strip-searching: *"It's designed as a psychological torture, as a way of intimidating. The only way to beat it is to mentally turn off. The screws even make remarks about your body."*

She was released on 19th September 1986. In an interview the next day she did not seem at all bitter about the years in prison, instead making mild remarks about what a lot of furniture there seemed to be in a normal house! She was asked if she felt she had missed out on anything. *"You mean the way women are expected to be thinking of babies and marriage and that? Yeah, no it's never been that important to me personally. It's never been what I wanted. I think it depends on what you think is important in life. The unification of this country is important to me."*



Mairead Farrell

Thankyou Spare Rib!

She went straight back into life. She worked hard on the **Stop the Strip Searching Campaign**, spoke at meetings and was interviewed in the (brilliant) video **"Mother Ireland"**. She also went straight back into the IRA. She said that in prison "If anything I have become stronger, more committed."

On 6th March 1988, when she was 31, she was shot dead whilst on active service with the IRA.

Mairead Farrell was a brave and brilliant woman, who fought and died to end the colonisation of her country. We need to know about strong and good women because it will encourage us. So lets not forget her!

(most of the info for this came from an interview in Magill magazine given the day after her release in 1986.)

WOMEN'S VIGIL FOR MAIREAD FARRELL
5-7 pm Thurs 8th March (International
♀'s Day) - South end of Waterloo Bridge ★

INTERVIEW

AYE SHA A ♋ PISCES

16 3/4's &

ALL NAMES HAVE BEEN CHANGED TO PROTECT THE INNOCENT.....

A: How d'you think your parents feel?

Ay: about what?

A: Just about you getting older, your sister...

Ay: The thing is..my dad's much more laid back, I mean it wouldn't exactly please him to hear we weren't virgins, but he knows he has to accept it because we're growing up in this society rather than another society. Whereas my mum was always the main person in our lives, like for most kids, and she has real trouble thinking that we're growing up. Now it's a bit different; it was almost like my sister "Coming Out" really, having to tell them "I HAVE been going out with someone". What happened is she'd been going out with boys since she was about 14, same as me really but we always had to keep all that secret and it was all big hassle, we'd get friends to say Oh yerh she's staying the night here, der derder de de dede so it was ok really when she was 18 and told them she was going out with someone.

A: D'you think..

Ay: If they'd find out before when she was so young then they would've hit the roof. The thing is my mum still likes to kid herself, she doesn't want to think about it and'll give the benefit of the doubt.

A: Yerh, it's like Lesbians, they think their parents know, but actually they put it out their minds.

Ay: They're upstairs all the time, my sister and her boyfriend, but my mum just shuts it out. There's loads of things that have happened that she doesn't know about. Like my sister got pregnant. Also she went out with this bloke when she was 15 and he was a fitness freak and a real bastard and went on about her being fat—she's not fat—and she got really anorexic. She got so thin, I didn't notice it cos I was only 11, my mum didn't notice it, and it was only when she split up from him that she got out of it by saying "Right, I'm going to get **FUCKING FAT NOW!**" and now she's fit and stuff and works out and everything. He was a photographer. He brought round the photos of her when they split up...and we had a look through them, and she was just so thin. We had a good cry about it because it was just so awful. It's kind of weird that my mum never noticed that and also never noticed that my sister got pregnant. And my sister's always the bossy cow that knows what she's doing etc etc. It fucking scared me that she didn't use contraception about 3 times and got pregnant, and she had an abortion.

A: So that's probably why she worries about you. She's not being moralistic, she's just concerned.

Ay: Yerh. It's just cos she's my big sister and I like to rebel against her. And **I always know what I'm doing anyway.** This might all come out when we're really old, and my mum'll be really shocked. But she always takes everything

herself, feels guilty and blames herself. She's always let me do what I want to do, and I have to reassure her that she can trust me, which is really awful—because she can't! There's my aunt who grew up with us who was a teenager when we were little kids, and it kind of paved the way. It was easier for Benazir (my sister) and even easier for me. She went out with lots of blokes and she's finally married a white guy and had a kid. But she's frightened that we'd reject her, because her family's really religious. She didn't tell any of us she got married. We love her. She was just so scared.

Ay: My parents are sort of moderate. Achmade moslem. At the moment it's the centenary.

I love talking on the phone cos then I cant see if people are bored so I can keep talking.



A: What d'you thnk you'll do in the future?

Ay: Since I was 13 I've written a lot.

Ay: I always lived in London.

My parents are both Mauritian. My dad's the oldest of 10 and always had responsibility for them. He was in Britain for education, and looking after 5 brothers in a little flat. And then he went back, met my mum, they got married, and came over. They had an arranged marriage. She was 17. Her mum had died and left her looking after loads of kids, 6 sisters, and then she came over here and found herself looking after loads of blokes! Imagine, to have lived with 7 sisters, (and 1 brother who was like little, you know) to come over and find 5 blokes ranging from 16 to about 24. She's always been kind of funny about men anyway..she doesn't feel comfortable with men unless she thinks of them as brothers or little sons. Except her husband. I was always under the shadow of my sister and when I was 13 I was going through this real awful stage. Screaming all the time, having hysterical-hysterical screaming matches with my mum, thinking I wasn't getting any attention, my sister had exams, and I'd just broke the news about her boyfriend and I wasn't getting on with my school friends. They were so boy orientated, I couldn't stand. They were mostly friends from my primary school, I wasn't interested in what they did but was too frightened to go out and find new people. And then it all sort of changed around 14 because I was encouraged—we had these councillors at school—and because I was into politics and didn't want to do stupid things anymore. Especially I wanted to do things to do with women, so I was encouraged by my councillor who said you're bored, go out and phone women's centres etc and find something. **A:** That's good they had councillors.

Ay: Yerh they don't anymore though. Cutbacks and stuff.

A: I like your earrings.

Ay: anyway I thought "Brilliant it'll be my own thing out of my sister's shadow". But I was phoning round and couldn't find anything, I was getting really disillusioned and then I phoned Camden Womens Centre They told me about Shocking Pink..

A: Oh, I've heard of that.

Ay: Yes..(snigger). Also I won a writing competition and got a lot of attention, photographers, fuss it was fun. So I got involved in Shocking Pink. I wanted to do a magazine so it was good. There was 4 of us, me, Rebecca Jo and you angie. And people who answered a blurb about us in Just 17 came along but didn't stay. We did loads of things. And it's from Shocking Pink that I really came into my own. It gets to a point when you're not doing what you want to do. So through Shocking Pink I interviewed women in media, we went to Sheffield and met the Sheffield Young Lesbians, it was just so good. I was worried that SP wasn't really as young as I'd've liked it to be, because the younger ones who got involved just didn't have the time to get as much involved. That's why I really gave it up when I had my exams, and also **you lot all had your bikes and that, it was too much to handle really.** That's why I like to send SP stuff. And also I was a bit worried about the fact that it was mostly lesbians—

A: You were pissed off at one point that you wanted SP to get away from what mags say you've got to get a boyfriend and felt SP went to the extreme of saying you've got to have a girlfriend..

Ay: EXACTLY. At the time I was thinking at this age you don't need to be dependent on anyone. I wasn't that interested in all the administration either.

Also through SP we got to go on the Kilroy programme! That was a waste of time cos we were talking about 6 teenages and sexuality and the general consensus was that the age of consent doesn't make much difference..and the arguments were going in circles. What fucking annoyed me was the boys were on one side, parents on the other girls in the middle and the girls were being accused. And I was classed as the GIRLS. With all those stupid little wild chlds. And I don't care, they can fuck who they want to fuck but what I thought was more interesting was what girls who are not spoilt and getting in sunday papers, what **they** think. As soon as the wild chlds came into the room all the boys were "OH GOD get a load as that" and I wished I'd said I didn't like being classed with them and pandering to them. The boys were all annoying me, they were all lads.. They were gang-ing up on this woman who was criticising the mandy Smith lot. I said leave them to it. And Thembe from SP said we shouldn't be talking about this we should be talking about something more substantial like incest or rape or child abuse. This isnt as serious a problem as abuse. It was just so annoying. And Kilroy was saying oh the girls can do what they want its their bodies. he was being like it was all very saucy. It was so sick. **THEY** are not typical teenagers. So ... Anyway I was a bit fed up when my sister started going out with someone because I was just about getting close to her and then this bloke came inty o her life and took over everything and then I started going out with this other girl and started getting more interested in clothes and makeup and not exactly boys but having an identity for myself and felt better about myself. My mum changed jobs and **she git a bot more trendy herself** and was getting into people who were younger so she got to understand a bit more about teenage things and it was much nicer and me and my mum got on much better after that. She's always learning as well, like the way she was brought up in Mauritius, its so small,

Mauritius: The Asian Mauritians are at the top, the business people The Chinese Mauritians are running the shops, kinda like Asians here really and African people have the worst jobs like in the fields and factories and stuff—so my mum was brought up to think that black people were down at the bottom—so it took my sister, about 10 years ago when we she was my age, to talk to her change her mind about it—and she did change her mind, and now its me trying to get her... I mean **she can hardly say the word LESBIAN or gay or something.** And trying to change her mind is step by step. Now she's at the stage of "They can do what they like" Its just that she came from such a strict religious background that it seems immoral for her. She does have Gay friends, she knows Gay men at work, and she knows I've got Gay friends.

At 15 I started doing GCSEs, did my school magazine almost on my own, did creative writing courses, got stuff published And then got into other friends, got really close, went on holiday to Mauritius, my parents were brilliant, let me do what I wanted, and everyone there treated me like I was grown up (Last time I went there when I was 7). I like being friends with people who are in pairs so I can slip in and out. I always have a lot of friends to cover myself. When I fancied this bloke I didn't see my 2 close friends so much and they got really jealous and pissed off. They come from such a middle class background that they thought it was the end of the world, all over whereas I knew it'd be alright. Which it was. We're friends again. What've I been doing lately? Working in the Body Shop, I'm going to college in September.

A: What's your colour?

Ay: Red, to wear.

A: Yerh you look good in red

Ay: Thankyou.

A:What's your favourite chat show?

Ay: I like OPrah Winfrey.



She announced on Network TV she was going to lose weight. She went on a liquid diet. 3 months. Announced shed wear size 10 jeans. When she did she said it was the best achievement of her life, and she's done so much, so many brilliant things!

A: Probably she felt good about her will power managing to do it.

Ay: Yerh, if she wanted to, that woman can't do anything wrong in my eyes anyway.

Ay: Because I've always really hated all the men in my family and my father wasn't around alot and I wasn't really close to him that's why I'm really attracted to men; it's like I want a big brother or someone to look after me, especially older men. Or maybe it's because I know that they're complete bastards and I don't want any commitment. **Just as soon as they start bossing me about I'm off.** I'm not expecting them to stick around for long ...

A: so you just see them as sex toys?

Ay: But they have got really nice sides to them. One of the things I've noticed is that when I'm with women friends of the same age that nothing's solid; we just agree about the same hang-ups. Whereas blokes, especially older ones see things differently and give me more help and support. Me like women who are very open and honest about their feelings. when I got involved with this particular bloke I was very open. Maybe it's because I'm so young that I've never had a really intense relationship where I got hurt badly so I am so forward because I'm not on my guard and I'm not frightened of getting hurt.

I think with a lot of men that they would open up after they'd slept with you. It's a natural progression. There's a bond there. **I still believe in love before sex.**

I never got halfway close to any men, I never liked them to a certain extent but I never met anyone before I turned 16 who I was really attracted to. It was just something to do from 13-15 to just be around men who I didn't even like that much. Because of the peer group pressure to have a boyfriend. The year I was 15 I was in with a different set of friends who weren't all that interested in boys so it didn't worry me. So it was only this one bloke who I met just as I turned 16 who I felt really close to and I trusted enough to sleep with but it didn't work out because even though he was very fond of me and would have liked to sleep with me and have a relationship with, he was already involved with someone already. Such is life.

P.T.O. →



A: And now your 16 you're a dwork!

Ay: Yes, I'm obsessed with this boy, and ok ok yes I'm a complete dwork now.

I'm going to work really really hard at college. I'm going to do politics and then I can work it into my journalism, on demos I'll know more what's going on, argue good.

Ay: Everyone always always says to me you're not doing politics are you, but fuckinghell I find it really interesting. I'm reading up on stuff now, cos I don't want to go there completely GREEN. Let me just tell you about Feminism..It's supposed to be an outlet for women who want to be themselves. But it becomes awful when the sort of movement turns against them and says "Why are you wearing makeup or why are you wearing short skirts.. that's why people get disillusioned by it. There's no uniform. Someone who wears DMs or short hair isn't necessarily a Lesbian or a Feminist. THEY're just wearing what they want to wear. There's stereotypes within the movement. It's a sort of defence thing of so called minority groups we're so attacked from outside, and close in... you think people are with you and then think they're not quite with you.. it can get like that. Alternatives become institutions themselves, and people rebel against that. Trying to get people equal, some people abuse the power.

: God, Facism, White power groups!

This Asian reporter went all over Europe, and in Italy they went to this warehouse of the neo fascists but they wouldn't let them in. Then they did but wouldn't let the Asian reporter in. One of the white journalists who uncovered a lot of stuff is under a death threat by them now. One shopkeeper in Carnaby St was saying everyone's entitled to their own views—and I don't like those people. **I don't know how these ignorant people can come out of a London school without knowing there are other people and they have rights.** ("I blame their parents!"). These estates that people have to live in

A: The state says everybody could get rich, keeping people strung out, doesn't mention anything to do with class, that some people have little chance.

Ay: I want to do journalism when I finish college.

A: It's good to write stuff that no one'll hear otherwise, like what Ambreen (that rather good journalist) has done for New Times, New Statesman.

A: Anything else to say?

Ay: I'm well into Astrology too. It's ruined my life.

★ next issue: **my mum, by Ayesha: The True Story.** (Very interesting).

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The Royal College of nurses has merged with Imperial college. I thought we (SP) should phone colleges to stock SP. It seems logical.

A TORY TALE

JANE & JESS HAVE DECIDED THEY WANT A BABY. THEY WANT TO USE DONOR INSEMINATION AND GO TO A CLINIC QUICKLY, BEFORE TIMES CHANGE...

ARE YOU FEELING PREPARED FOR THE CLINIC CONSULTATION JESS?

YES. AND IF INSEMINATION AT THE CLINIC DOESN'T WORK OUT - I'LL JUST DO IT MYSELF AT HOME.

With known donors, an agreement must also be reached about the man's involvement with the child.

OOH I DO HATE ANNE WINTERTON, WHY DOES SHE WANT TO AMEND THE EMBRYOLOGY BILL?

SHE ONLY WANTS STRAIGHT COUPLES TO HAVE KIDS.

WHAT? SO DONOR TREATMENT WOULD ONLY BE AVAILABLE TO STRAIGHT COUPLES?

Complete anonymity is ensured because a clinic donor will never know if his sperm is used, and it is screened for HIV and other sexually transmitted diseases.

AT THE CLINIC FOR INSEMINATION

HOPE I GET PREGNANT SOON - THESE SPERM BANKS ARE QUITE EXPENSIVE.

I WONDER WHO THE DONOR IS?

THE PREGNANCY ADVISORY SERVICE PAS OFFERS DONOR INSEMINATION

At PAS the first consultation costs £90. A counsellor informs the woman and her partner about the implications of DI and parenthood. Where possible, the donor's race, eye colour, height and blood type are matched with the woman's requests and she may use the same donor for another pregnancy. Two inseminations from the PAS sperm bank costs £70 per monthly cycle and continues as long as the woman or couple wishes. But because the procedure is so simple, many prefer to inseminate at home.

Pregnancy Advisory Service, 11-13 Charlotte Street, London W1P 1HD.

OH JANE HOW WILL WOMEN COPE IF THE EMBRYOLOGY BILL IS PASSED?

DUNNO?

I WONDER IF JANE WILL BE JEALOUS THAT I'M HAVING THE BABY? I WONDER WHAT THE BABY WILL BE LIKE? OOH... I'M SO EXCITED, WE WILL BE SO HAPPY!

YES DOCTOR... DO YOU HAVE THE RESULTS OF MY PREGNANCY TEST?

HOORAH! I'M PREGNANT! AND SO LUCKY I MUST FIGHT FOR OTHER ♀ TO HAVE THIS CHANCE

Getting Pregnant Our Own Way: A Guide To Alternative Insemination, by Lisa Saffron, is available from the Women's Health and Reproductive Rights Information Centre, 52 Featherstone Street, London EC1Y 8RT.

If Conservative MP Anne Winterton's campaign to amend the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Bill is successful, DI treatment could be restricted to married or stable heterosexual couples and the donor's anonymity no longer ensured since children could trace their biological father at 18. Winterton's critics charge that this could place DI children in a damaging social position, drive DI underground and might cause clinics severe donor shortages.

(YET ANOTHER CURB ON ♀S RIGHTS: WHAT WITH THE BILL TRYING TO REDUCE THE TIME LIMIT ON ABORTIONS AS WELL...)

South Korean housewives, so long used to being treated as slaves by chauvinistic husbands, are starting to hit back.

A survey on 1,316 adults married for more than two years found that one out of four

women questioned were husband-beaters. The men were

usually clawed, pinched or pushed by their wives. OH DEAR...!

SKATE FUN!

The other day I found among a stack of my brothers old skateboarding mags an article about ♀ skate boarders !! It made me realize how REALLY interesting + FUN skateboarding is - so WHY had I never tried it before?

Stephanie Pearson:
(a ♀ skateboarder)

Questions, questions and more questions are what I come across everyday; why aren't there more girls in skateboarding? Why aren't girls progressing at the same rate as guys? Do you get hurt easier than the guys? Etc... There are a million reasons why there aren't as many girl skaters.

a main reason girls

tend to stay away is that skateboarding is ~~thought~~ thought of as a male activity. A prime example of this opinion is when I sprained my ankle the first time I rode a ramp. The next day at school someone remarked "No way! That's why girls don't belong on a skateboard!" Although not everyone carries this kind of ignorance and narrow-mindedness, for the most part people believe girls and skating shouldn't mix. But some people out there sincerely support you. Their support holds your every last bit of motivation to keep moving forward. Motivation is a key word in skateboarding. It's the word that leads to progression. Because to progress you need to be motivated. All of this reasoning leads to the second question.

Good Clean Fun!

"Chicks shouldn't skate!" or, "I think its cool that you skate, but I don't think I would want my girlfriend to do it." It leaves you very frustrated. Frustrated to the point where you tend to watch out for your well being or appearance more than a male skater would. When a guy tries to scam on you, he's scamming more on the mini-skirt, high heeled, lipstick-faced female. Right now you're probably thinking "these are some of your own mental hang-ups!" All guys are turned off by scrapes and bruises and this is all relevant to female progression. When a girl skates she somewhat unconsciously watches out for those scrapes and bruises for keeping up those "pretty" reasons. This unconscious playing it safe is one reason girls progress slower than guys. Not having other females to skate with or look up to also slows down the progression.

This is a
Straight arm invert



Sabrina "love" Salotti can fakie and kickturn

-can you?

So there you are

This is our sexy steph!



she is doing frontside air at the Boomeramp

Why aren't female skaters progressing as fast as male skaters?

For the male skaters out there imagine yourself being in a society where you're thought of as somewhat helpless. For instance, girls that are soft, pretty, and helpless are in (desirable) and girls that are rough and tough are out (undesirable). This is what people think the typical female is all about: wearing make-up, shaving various limbs, using hairspray and perfumes, plucking eyebrows and wearing stockings. These are some of the things I'm required to do to get a passing grade in being a presentable female. When people say, and I quote

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SAYS
Cara-beth Burnside

What are some of your favorite tricks?
—The Miller flip, its scary.

You are the only girls that do that. —
Yeah, I like to do them. I want to get them to where I'm really flowing and consistent. So then I can do a backside air into a Millerflip. I want to do them hand on coping, straight up and down. I've been working on gaytwists and air to fakie, too.

Do you care about getting hurt? —I care about it, but its a risk you have to take. Its a bummer when it happens. I mean if you skate, chances are you're gonna slam and get hurt and maybe be out for a week or a month or always have cuts and bruises. But that's a risk I am willing to take because I like skating so much.

one of my biggest goals is to see the world on my skateboarding.

—nice quote, eh?



Fakie to frontside pivot

Are you labeled? —As a skater I don't care, I just want people to respect me as a girl. I mean, I'll be aggressive and skate like a guy. But, you know, I have my long hair, I wear lipstick, colored socks, earrings, and here I am a skater.

Does anyone ever put you down for doing this? —Nobody has ever put me down before for doing this, I have never had to prove myself. But if they do, it won't get me down. I just want people to respect me for being out there and being able to skate.

Do you want me to write anything special? —Just that its good for girls to see that girls can skate. I know how it was when I was first getting into skating, how people would say that girls can't skateboard. I just want to say that you can skateboard, girls can skateboard! And you can be good, its not just a guys sport!

—Interview by Lisa Campbell.

—This mag was from the USA + I can't find any info on british ♀ skateboarding.
—If you know anything, or you skate - tell us/write us/draw pictures/take photos!!

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● SOME AMAZING FACTS ABOUT FRENCH KISSING

- When you're kissed your lips get redder and fuller.
- When you kiss, you pass on salt, fat, and water to your partner. Scientists have discovered when you kiss you also suck in a chemical group known as semio-chemicals which arouse you.
- A passionate French kiss can exert as much as 15lbs of pressure.... That's seven and a half packets of sugar pressed up against your face!



WAITING FOR JUSTICE - MARTINA SHANAHAN -

This is a letter to Spare Rib from Martina Shanahan



FROM MARTINA SHANAHAN

DEAR SPARE RIB

My name is Martina Shanahan and I am one of what has become known as the Winchester Three. In August 1987, myself, Finbar Cullen and John McCann were arrested under the Prevention of Terrorism Act, held incommunicado for seven days, strip-searched, harassed, and eventually charged with Conspiracy to Murder Tom King, the then Secretary of State for the six counties of the North of Ireland.

The rest, as they say is history! Thirteen months later, we each received 25 years imprisonment - a massive sentence for a massive miscarriage of justice. The Crown case relied entirely on a list of names and addresses of prominent individuals, all of which are available from publications such as Who's Who, etc. No weapons or bomb making equipment to commit such an offence were deemed necessary by the court to obtain a conviction. No, our greatest crime was that we were all Irish and everyone knows that being Irish means you're guilty, right? Just look at the cases of the Guildford 4 and the Birmingham 6 to get your answer to that! Fifteen years it has taken for British 'justice' to be afforded to four young people, guilty of being only Irish or in the case of one of them, just of having close associations with Irish people. This could be YOU!

From the day of our arrest we were, in the eyes of anyone looking on, guilty. The media here printed such headlines as 'IRA try to kill King' and this was before we had even been charged. At our eventual trial the police were unable to produce one single shred of evidence to connect us with the IRA or any such group. But who needs proof when it's been splashed across every newspaper and on every TV news programme throughout the country? Jurors are 'super-human' and can remain totally impartial by ignoring every newspaper article they read, and TV news they see, who has ever been influenced by what they read? You? Did it ever occur to you that you are a potential juror?

The 'special' treatment meted out to us for having the audacity to be Irish, and in the wrong place at the wrong time, was

extended to how we were treated in prison while on remand, and particularly so in my case. John and Finbar were ferried about from jail to jail on a regular basis and were never given the time to settle and work on preparing our case.

My situation was different. For over 200 days of my time on remand, I was held in solitary confinement at Risley Remand Centre, Cheshire. The reason the Home Office gave for this was that as I was the only female high security (Category A) remand prisoner in the whole of England, I would have to 'enjoy' my status on my own! Now did I ever think, that at 22 years old, I would hold the dubious title of being the most dangerous woman remand prisoner in the UK!! It is my opinion that this treatment was an attempt to break me down. Why they chose me out of the three, I don't know. Maybe it was because they could offer a half-hearted explanation for my isolation, or maybe they were inflicted with the misconceived notion that us women are the weaker sex!

During this time my mental functions were indeed impaired, and I found it extremely difficult to concentrate on anything for long periods of time. An added pressure was the fact that I was being regularly strip-searched in the most degrading manner and also had frequent cell searches and cell moves.

Six months into my remand period I apparently became less dangerous, as the 'authorities' then improved my conditions and I had some contact with other prisoners. Of course, these changes had

nothing to do with a letter threatening legal action if my conditions of imprisonment remained the same, and the results of a psychiatrists report, both sent to the Home Office by my solicitor - but two weeks later, hey presto, things start to get a little better!

I am not the only one who was singled out for such treatment at that time. My brother, sister and a close friend were arrested in London, on their way home from visiting me in March 1988. Again there were banner headlines of 'IRA Gang Foiled' etc! After four days of PTA 'special treatment' they were released and my sister, the person I am closest to in this world, was excluded from this country. This means that I

can never, ever see my sister again as long as I am imprisoned here. This is happening in YOUR name, you as part of this country and its laws and statutes. What are YOU going to do about it?

Our case has been well documented, there is no need or space for me to go into it all here. The facts are obvious from beginning to end - Irish people cannot get justice in a British court when charged with politically related offences. As long as Ireland remains a victim of British oppression you will have your Guildford Fours, Birmingham Sixes, Winchester Threes.

Every voice raised or every letter written in protest to the powers that be, will influence where we spend our next 25 years. Your help is needed NOW! MARTINA SHANAHAN DURHAM JAIL, H-WING, OLD ELVET, DURHAM DH1 3HU

Send her flowers, intzeflora, and she can share them

round the wing.

MORE NEXT ISSUE about Martina

WAITING FOR JUSTICE? One woman's story MARTINA SHANAHAN

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This is a booklet about the conditions Martina's been held in - she describes what she has gone through, AND what would be good is I write to her, about anything at one prison address below.

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 ALICE WALKER
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I think I have a problem. I'm obsessed with giving the odd bits in change to people in shops, e.g. if something costs 53p and I've only got £1, I find myself compelled to give £1.03 so as to get exactly 50p change. That's not so bad, you may say, but if the extra amount is 38p, it becomes horribly complicated and I have to stand at the check out for hours fumbling around in my purse, probably with woolly gloves on, to make matters worse. As you can see, this then becomes a source of terrible embarrassment for myself, as well as a nuisance for others.

What can I do? Are there other people suffering from this problem, and is there any way of obtaining help?

A bit worried, Redditch.
£. £. £. £. £

Dear A bit worried,
Unfortunately we are unable to treat your problem in any sort of responsible way, though we can see it's a cause for concern. How do you eve4r have change for bus fares if you've given it all away, or the launderette? Or do you avoid public transport and have a washing machine? Maybe you'd better ask someone sensible for advice, or else just try to relax a bit.

cos. if they win their pay-rise there will be lots of pressure on the government to pay decent wages to other public services, in the NHS. (*cold war + African states getting 'real' independance)

ANYWAY - ♥♥♥♥♥♥♥♥
LOVE TO YOU ALL!

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- MOTTINGHAM - 850 8436
- BATTERSEA - 223 9189
- WATERLOD - 401 2209

Sorry we didn't know any out-of-London nos.

Atrocity would like to bring the following to our readers attention. Written by Frank Kitson, favourite strategy writer for the British Army—i.e. this is how they really think.

"...anyone who is prepared to use illegal force against his sicown country has no right to expect anything other than total extermination, as fast as possible, by any legal means, regardless of how much force he 'sic' is using. But after so

extended a period of comparative peace, people in the West at least, have become soft and gullible, which is one of the reasons why insurgency campaigns last so long. It now seems politically impossible for sufficiently strong government measures to be taken against insurgents for any length of time before being assailed by popular outcry at home or abroad. The answer to this problem is not to ignore the protest, but to attack the sources of adverse opinion using the government's public relations machine together with such legal sanctions as may be available, since the outcry is not usually a spontaneous reaction originating from the public, but is carefully orchestrated by sympathizers of the insurgents."

From the book 'Directing Operations'. **Not nice, is it, SP girls? Now watch out for how the army will try to justify its own existence now there isn't a Russian Threat anymore. But you can bet they'll manage somehow, since they know they have to survive as the basis of the state.** NOTE: Annual Ministry of Defence expenditure: 20 billions.

SIC eh?
Typsetter says: what does SIC mean?

Screaming Page 17



Good likeness say police

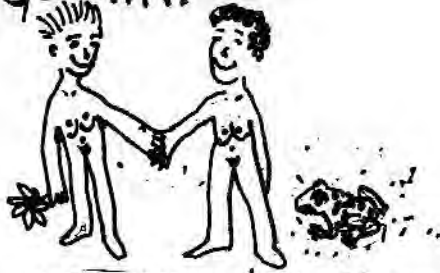
Artist's impression of kidnapper: a

IS BRITAIN THE LAST DIGATORSHIP IN EUROPE?
answers on a postcard...

I am of the opinion that women, with certain exceptions, have little to offer the House of Commons. John Carlisle, Tory MP for Luton North.
-send all hate-mail direct to House of Commons.

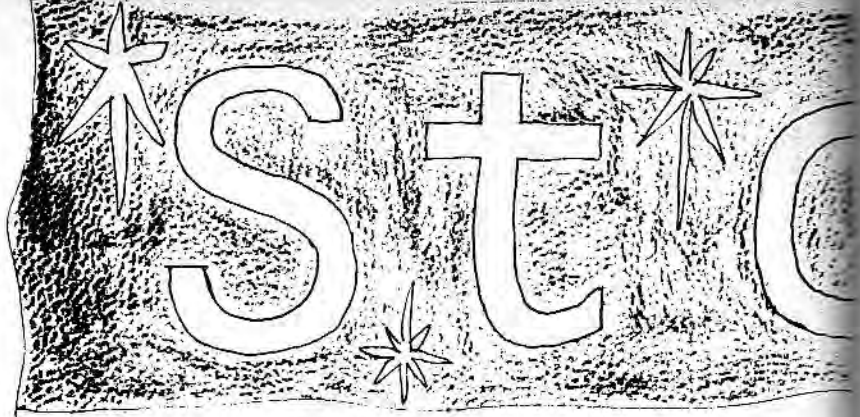
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GEMINI



● **GEMINI** Your going to have a really good time in the next trimenstrual period! You'll get off with three of the people you like the most, all of them will have pierced noses. THIS MAY BE SIGNIFICANT. Also your pre-menstrual madness will pass VERY QUICKLY.

★★★★★



● **ARIES** You'll remember to visit your sister and possibly get a better haircut as a result. Mercury in Libra puts you in a more tolerant mood, which is just as well really considering the people you have to put up with. Remember that salt is bad for you.



● **SCORPIO** We know that you will give up smoking for a week during this year (so as not to annoy your parents). If you are wondering why this is as you dont smoke—its because you're going to start. Youll be eating more mangos—or is it avocadoes? theres some confusion in your star chart.

★★★★★

SAGITARIUS-



● **SAGITTARIUS** A brainwave on february 2nd may force you to change many of your original plans but your interest in plants will be rekindled as a result. Friends are puzzled by your secrecy—so are we, just whats going on?



AQUARIUS



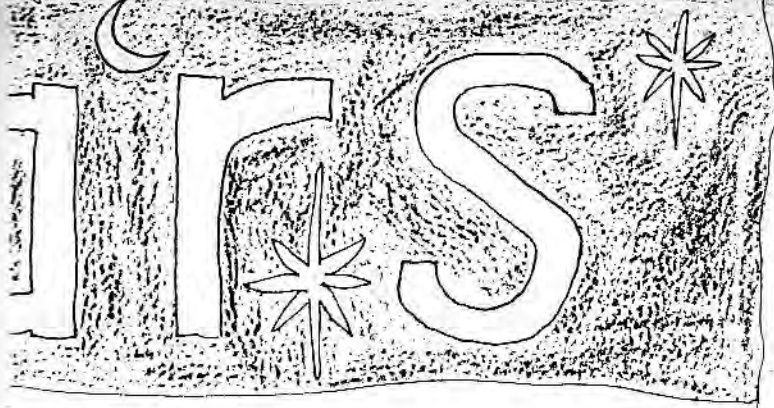
● **AQUARIUS** YOU WILL HAVE A BABY, having found some bargain oversize dungarees. You'll have some nice conversations between the 22nd and the 29th. AND your luck with machinery will improve.

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TAURUS



● **TAURUS** You'll shoplift a really nice nose stud and therefor have a really good sexlife. ADVICE: stop missing school and hand in your homework on time! (if you dont you may get caught fare dodging). GREAT news Mars comes into your sign on feb 13th and stays there until the end of the century—an exceptionally long time for Mars to hang around anywhere! This strong influence indicates youll be getting your own way about several new adventures n.b. see books by enid blyton for details.



CANCER

In Hercules' fight with the goddess Hydra a crab bit Hercules' foot. For this service the crab was placed in the heavens.



Be off, Crab.

● **CANCER** Your pocket money will increase and you can subscribe to Shocking Pink now (or if you have already you can buy one for a friend). You have itchy feet so a change of socks is a good idea. Have you thought of vegetarianism?

★★★★★ ★

● **PISCES** You'll start wearing more black clothes, if possible and get off with a fashion victim. Scissors are a good thing to invest in. Try to get the cat to do the washing up. As you'll succeed you'll be far happier during the next few weeks than for a long time.

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PISCES



(The cornmaiden)

VIRGO - The earliest name for Virgo meant both 'furrow' and 'vulva' - for any deity in the earth was seen as the 'genitals of woman'.



● **VIRGO** You are too impressed by fame. enter 13 competitions and you are starred to win one and be runner-up of two others—the car may be very useful. Invest in some driving lessons NOW!! Spots wont be too bad except during your period, maybe its the tap water-but that doesnt give you a reason to buy shares.

★

Where am I?



● **LEO** Your little bruvvers been playing up. You'll be framed/blamed for it so be prepared! You'll develop some laughter lines around your eyes.nose. You'll develop a THING about Sue lawley and chain yourself to her left ankle. REMEMBER to ALWAYS use a combination lock. Stop wasting your money on bad magazines and dont forget to

wash off your eyemakeup everynight.

● **CAPRICORN** Youve made a terrible mistake and lost it. Oh well stick to your bass instincts and youll be alright. dont worry too much about tampons and start reading more books by Gerd brantenberg. BIG IS BEUATIFFULL.

CAPRICORN - (The Middle Eastern Bearded Goddess appeared riding a goat).



★★★★★

● **LIBRA** YIPPEE!! you will fallin lurve with someone in tescos and take a decrease in pay to work there. TRAGICALLY sitting at the cash till will result in a stodgy bum and she wont fancy you. but don't worry—immedietly after you will have a mutually pashonate affair with a person at the fitness center. The bus will always come within five seconds of reaching any bus stop for the next week.

LIBRA-



★★★★★

LEO - as people who live close to real lions know it is the LIONESS who does the bulk of the work.





101 WAYS TO
SUBVERT
FEMININITY -

NO ONE - Tampon earrings.

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Why don't We do it here?

Here at Shocking Pink we're very excited about the revolutions in Eastern Europe. The total lack of coverage by our rival magazines Jackie and My Guy is sadly typical. With all their resources they could do some great photostories about how the Rumanians legalised abortions within days of overthrowing Cauchescou.

Anyway, lets hope we can learn something from behind the Iron Curtain and get rid of our rulers too.



Jo thinks... "Ken is a very very crafty man. It would be a lot better if he was our Prime Minister."



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SOHO TWINS

(- on the front page)

Pauline and Jackie Soho are from Wolverhampton.

Their not soul singers but pop musicians, who front the group SOHO. Their not conformists of society or the music industry. the twins have given Soho a brilliant reputation with their on stage performance. Soho's new single, MESSAGE TO MY BABY is due to be realised on March 20th. Have a listened you maybe surprised.

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**Pretty
boy's
blues**

Boys corner

- Ken Livingstone seemed like a nice boy to us so we decided to get in contact with him. he invited us for lunch and we went (me risking great disapproval from my mother). we were to meet him in the houses of parliament. it was very exciting, especially for sonia who was going through a phase. we had to go through two security checks, and wait for the "ding dong" sound meaning all clear. the flowers were passed through also. they were o.k.

'men are dreadful'

said ken "i don't socialise with any men really. they don't listen to what they each say". he ate sausage, eggs, beans and bacon—if you're interested. ken thinks that marmosets should be the symbol for feminism because when the babies are born they get passed to the fathers who look after them, except for feeding. also, did you know that the way salamanders reproduce is that the male goes along in front of the female that he fancies and drops his bag of sperm or something, then the females can decide whether they want to fertilise themselves at all, and if they do—they do it all themselves.

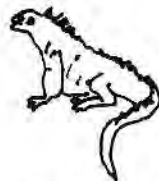
he thinks that in the next decade people will want multiple orgasms. if i don't think of anything else to write about him, he's a very friendly and nice boy but why do you talk about sex so much, ken?

p.s. he doesn't think that A levels are a waste of time, though.

He's written "If Voting Changed Anything they'd abolish it" "Livingstone's Labour". Both are WILD & recommended reading.

You, too, can be slim like Diana

THE Charles and Diana Diet



SHE is the radiantly slim possessor of the kind of body for which clothes were invented. He, despite holding certain inflated views, is impeccably trim, glowing with health.

Diana's figure is always perfect



quite



Mother's cure

ALREADY THIS autumn six of the staff in my office have gone down with heavy colds or flu. Yet for years I have told people around me how to avoid this: Go home, cut an onion in half, cover it with brown sugar and put it under the grill. The moment the sugar is bubbling on the onion, eat it—and your cold will have vanished the next day.

I know it works. My mother used to put the onion on the hob when I was a child and I had cold-free winters.

Dear readers, we were going to test this for you, but we haven't yet.



Here's a picture of Kylie as requested by Emma, aged 21.



YUCK-WHAT A HAT!



← Salmon Papillote with vegetables and rice

Simple salad with avocado and kiwi fruit



YOUR CUT OUT AND KEEP MEAL PLAN

I hope you know about the nhs and community care bill. If you don't—you had better read on... It's really, really bad and what it all comes down to is that the government is trying to make the nhs into a profit-making business. One of the things included in the bill is that hospitals have a 'chance' to opt-out of local health authority control, so they'd be independantly run. This is a terrible idea because; -The opted-out "self-governing trusts" would be run as self-contained businesses, patients would be seen as customers and their needs considered purely in terms of cash flow and contracts. -Seen as a business, required by the government to generate a 6% annual profit on the capital value of the hospital, a Self-Governing Trust would be forced to concentrate their budget on the more 'profitable' areas of tretment, squeezing out and closing down services that care for the frail elderly, the mentally ill and expensive-forms of treatment. -As the trusts would have no central government funding, they would have to compete with the other hospitals for customers. patients. If they fail, they'd go bankrupt—but if they succeed in attracting more patients from elsewhere, they would have to turn away local patients needing other types of treatment. -There is no guarantee that you would get the same services locally. The independant trusts could ignore local health authority planning and force patients to travel to other

hospitals, in some cases long, painful journeys for the treatment they need. -Directors of "opted-out" hospitals, hand-picked by health secretary Kenneth Clarke (words cannot describe my hatred) with no reference to local people, will all make decisions behind closed doors. This means that they will be free to reallocate nhs beds to private medicine, turning away nhs patients. -The new trusts will be given complete control over the hospital assets worth tens or hundreds of millions of pounds—and the right to sell them off or borrow against them in the money markets. They could go bust, leaving the staff and patients with nothing. -Trusts are urged to "opt-out" of all national pay agreements for their staff, and free to tear up union recognition agreements. For most staff this means the threat of worsening pay and conditions and increased workload: more demoralisation and lower standards of patient care and under-staffing. -Millions will be wasted on computers, clerks and accountants to set-up a new american style system of costing, pricing and issuing bills for every item of treatment while waiting lists will grow even longer. -Self-Governing hospitals will be forced to act more and more as private hospitals. They will be ready for future privatisation, probably leading up to the whole health system being privatised. -Local people will have no say over their hospital opting out. Kenneth Fucking Clarke alone will make the final decision: there will be no ballot of health workers, and no referendum of patients or local communities—this is because the government know that their plans are rejected by over 70% of the public and over 90% of staff.

This bill has now passed its second reading in the commons and could be law by next june.

Because there has been no ntional-level campaign due to decisions of the health unions and the incompetence of the labour party basic information and publicity has been left to local campaigns. If you want more information contact 'Hands Off Our Health Service' on 749-2525 or write; 446 Uxbridge rd, London W12 0NS. You can affiliate for 15 pounds.

scary, isn't it? but it doesn't have to be tell all your friends and start your own nhs fanclub.

Designer dykes

SAFE SEX

AND THE BEST FORM OF CONTRACEPTION.

THE END OF DYKEDOM AS WE KNOW IT? FOR A NEW BREED IS EVOLVING... THE DESIGNER DYKE, RECENTLY REPORTED IN "THE LONDON EVENING STANDARD" (AND A GLOSSY TOO, FORGOTTEN WHICH ONE) THIS IS THE NEW WAY FOR "NICE WOMEN" TO SURPASS THE PROBLEMS OF "PRE-MARITAL (?) RELATIONSHIPS" AND STILL ENJOY SOME "ON THE SIDE", NO COMPLICATIONS, NO BELYACHING OVER INADEQUATE SPERM KILLERS... JUST ENJOY YOUR SWEET LADIE FRIENDS... UNTIL YOU MEET THE ONE TRUE MAN OF YOUR LIFE, WHOVE YOU'VE SAVED ALL YOUR SWEET SELF FOR... THEN YOU CAN REVERT TO PREFERING MEN WITH HONOUR AND HEALTH IN TACT.

So Sappho beware @ @ @ @ @ Is it just backing up the myth of "it's just a phase"? Is it promoting ♀♥♀ = ♀♀ CONTRARY TO SECT. 28? YOU KNOW IT MAKES SENSE, BEWARE OF SELFISH SEX



NO MORE CATS



challenging the *Standard's*, and *Harpers and Queen's* trivialisation of homosexuality by recommending that young 'heterosexual' women go with other women, so as to stay healthy (free from Aids?) in order to later marry a rich young man.

please note the steps: Angie is very proud (and quite rightly!) of her typesetting.

For how to subscribe to SP. See p. 34

DOROTHY'S is a new women-only bar/disco in Leamington Spa (possibly the only women's bar in the Midlands) no! Every Wednesday, 8-11pm, admission £1 (clearly a bargain), at: **Bakers, Regent Street, Leamington Spa, tel. 0926 338421 (day), 0926 881576 (eve).** Access limited

—stone steps to go down,

not wide enough to carry a wheelchair, but they're hoping to find a better venue in future.

MARIANNE is researching a video about the history of the anarchist movement in Britain - where it stands today. She wants to hear from wimmin. Phone her: 01 469 0357.

LONDON LESBIAN AND GAY CENTRE are holding a volunteer recruitment fair at the centre on Saturday January 27th from 3.00 for anyone whose interested. They need anyone who can spare as little as four hours a month. For more info including disabled access contact Tanya Dewhurst or Oscar Watson on 608 1471. 67-69 Cowcross street, London EC1M 6BP.

i read this book from start to finish in one sitting: it will be a cult-thriller and there are hot mixed views on it!



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MAKING LINKS is a young lesbian group which hasn't started yet, but it sounds really good. I think I might go! It will be on every Friday from 6.30—9.30 at Fulham Cross girls club. For more info ring Erlin or Colette on 01-385 7339.



VICKY

a gorgeous gal to love-♥

ON Wednesday, fragile-looking 71-year-old supergranny Fiona Lady Arran, made the Guinness Book of Records in her Lorne Campbell-designed speedboat, An Stragan (Gaelic for The Spark), with a decorous average time of 50.825 mph over two laps.

The point of this exercise was not just to set a record, 'though that is very nice', but to bring to attention the possibility of a lipstick-wearing dyke!

we watched Lady Arran boldly going where no woman has gone before in her crash helmet with Colquhoun tartan ribbons on the top for good luck (Colquhoun was her maiden name: family motto is *si je puis*), 'real' dykes know they can!! she has lived a sober and upright life, marrying at the age of 18, bringing up two children until suddenly, at the age of 50: 'I was in Paris at the time of a powerboat race there, on a friend's boat and it was — yes — lesbian love at first sight.



Her addiction to speed is a mystery to her:

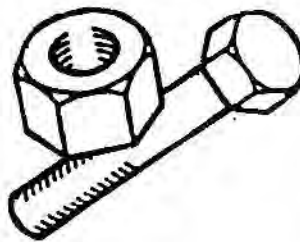
she lives with two dogs, two Vietnamese pot-bellied pigs ('such friendly things'), one Alpaca, some wallabies and some geese.

'I am not mad, you know.'

LIPSTICK Dyke powerboat racer



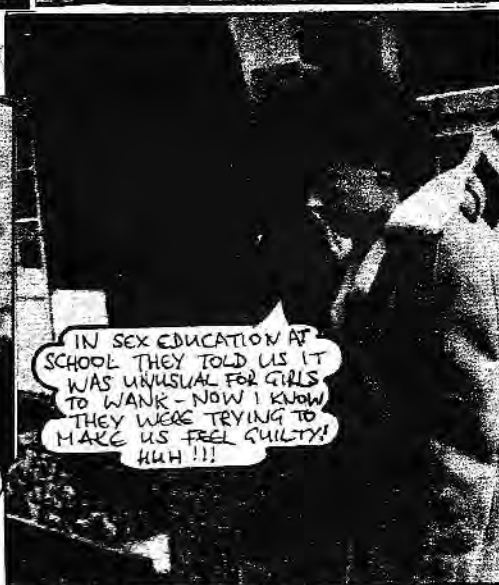
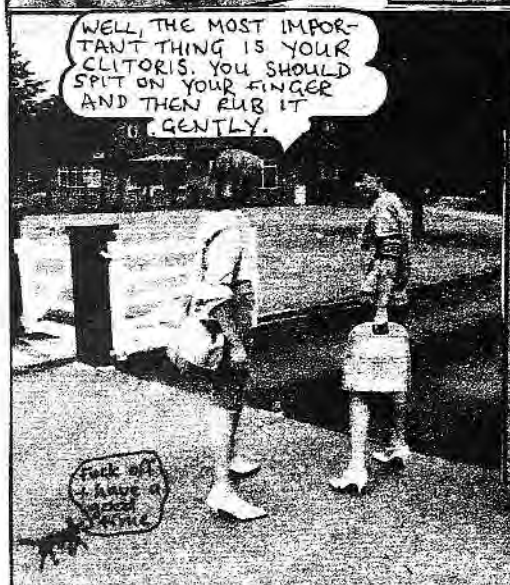
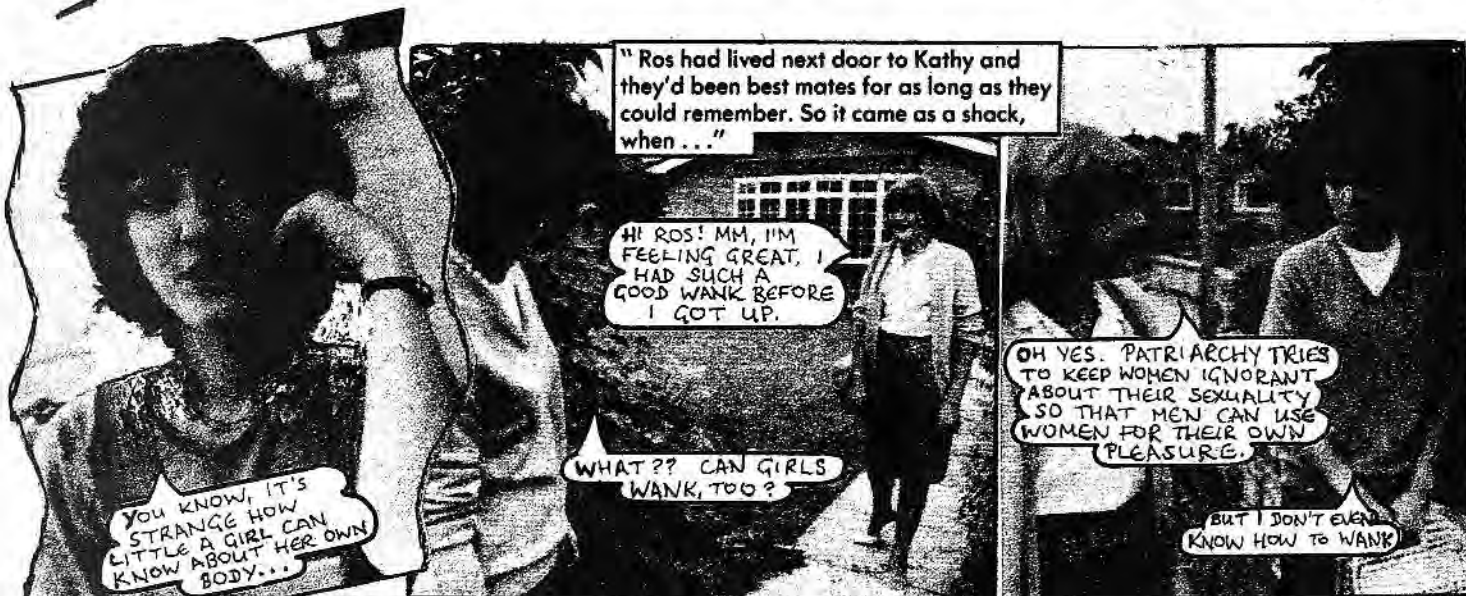
"I was out in it the other day, and came across some swans. They didn't even notice I was there."



Why not be a tradeswoman?

There are interesting and well-paid jobs going in carpentry, electrics, painting & decorating and all the other manual trades. It isn't all easy, 'coz men want to hang onto these jobs, but there are Women's Training Centres to get you started, and technical colleges and training centres also offer training specially for women. Write/call London Women and Manual Trades for more info at: London WAMT, 52/54 Featherstone St., London EC1Y 8RT. 01 251 9192.

fun Free & Safe



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I'M PLEASED IT WENT SO WELL, ESPECIALLY SINCE WANKING'S FREE, FUN, SAFE & TOTALLY GOOD FOR YOU.



WHEN KATHY CAME BACK FROM HOLIDAY HER FRIEND SEEMED LIKE A NEW WOMAN.

HI, ROS... GREAT TO SEE YOU!
WELCOME BACK, KATHY! YOU LOOK FANTASTIC!



HI! I'VE GOT MY PERIOD.
I'VE MASTURBATED SINCE I WAS 8 & THEY SENT ME TO A CHILD PSYCHOLOGIST.

HOW DISGUSTING! THEY'D NEVER DO THAT TO A BOY!



YOU SEEM MUCH MORE CONFIDENT ABOUT YOUR SEXUALITY.

IT'S MAKING ME APPRECIATE OTHER WOMEN, TOO



SOON I WAS REALLY ENJOYING MYSELF ESPECIALLY TRYING OUT SMEARING CREAMY SUBSTANCES ON (my parts)



WHY DON'T YOU GO FOR IT, I'M SURE SHE FANCIES YOU.

HI, I'M CLARE. AREN'T YOU IN MY FRENCH CLASS? WHY DON'T YOU COME ROUND FOR TEA SOMETIME.



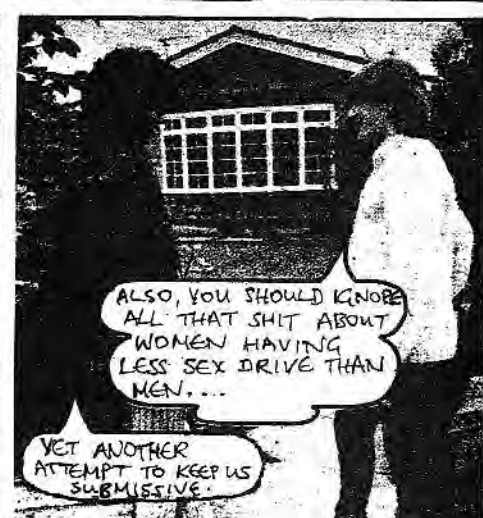
WELL, IT'S JUST ONE PART OF THE OPPRESSION OF WOMEN.

BUT YOU WERE JUST BEING SENSIBLE. THEY TRIED TO MAKE OUT THERE WAS SOMETHING WRONG WITH YOU.



ALSO, IT MEANS YOU'RE NOT OBLIGED TO GET INTO A RELATIONSHIP.

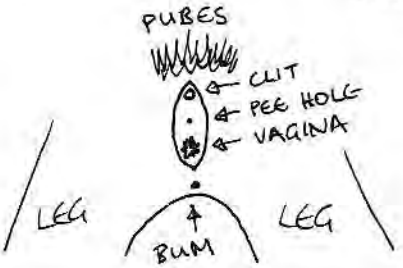
YES, THAT'S ANOTHER ADVANTAGE.



ALSO, YOU SHOULD KNOW ALL THAT SHIT ABOUT WOMEN HAVING LESS SEX DRIVE THAN MEN...

YET ANOTHER ATTEMPT TO KEEP US SUBMISSIVE.

A DIAGRAM OF YOUR PARTS



Did I say I could draw?



"And a few weeks later..."

SO ANY TIME YOU WANT A CHAT, JUST NIP THROUGH THIS GAP IN THE FENCE... IT'S VERY HANDY HAVING A MATE LIVING NEXT DOOR.

WELL, THAT'S BLATANT FLIRTATION FOR YOU. BUT OF COURSE RELATIONSHIPS AREN'T THE ONLY HAPPY ENDING!!!



GOOD LUCK!!!

Is your gal too macho?



Forget wimps and weeds,

most of us girlies would lurve

to go out with a macho lass. But does your lass take it too

far?—acting the real HE-GAL when she's out with you?—

and the Show Off when she's with her mates?

Try our simple quiz and find out...



1. Walking past a pub together a fight spills out onto the pavement, what does you gal do?

- a. Put her arm protectively around you and hurry past.
- b. Stay and watch out of interest.
- c. Stand and watch just waiting for an excuse to have a go herself.

2. You're having a quiet night in and she arrives with a video for you to watch. What's it most likely to be?

- a. Rambo.
- b. Trains, planes and automobiles.
- c. Desert Hearts.

3. If your girl plays a mate at tennis or pool and you were watching, would she mind losing in front of you?

- a. Yes.
- b. No.
- c. Maybe.

4. Have you ever seen her cry, or at least go moist-eyed?

- a. Yes, she's a soft touch when it comes to a soppy film.
- b. Only when she's chopping onions.
- c. Not even when she's chopping onions!

5. If you go out with her and her mates, does she...

- a. Leave you sitting in the corner with a warm orange juice and patient expression?
- b. Include you in the conversation and stand with her arm around you?
- c. Join in all the dirty jokes and endless conversation about football and cars, but with a guilty look on her face.

6. What's she like when she loses her temper?

- a. She's likely to slam or kick something—you really know that she's angry.
- b. Pretty loud and nasty but it's all over and done with in a flash.



c. Not much different from when she's in a good mood—she just says a few sharp words and forgets it.

7. You've arranged to see your gal, but you sister asks you to babysit at the alst minute. When you ask her to come too, she...

- a. Pulls a face and agrees so long as she doesn't have to change any nappies.
- b. Goes out with her mates instead.
- c. Thoroughly enjoys herself crawling around on her hands and knees and playing trains.

8. You're driving home one evening and someone cuts her up, does she...

- a. Tut loudly.
- b. Toot her horn, flash her lights and swear.
- c. Catch her up at the next lights, get out and have an argument.

9. She's really upset you over something and you start to cry. Does she:

- a. Go home.
- b. Plead with you to stop—she can't bear to see you crying.
- c. Sigh and put her arm round you, telling you not to be so silly.

10. Do you think she would ever hit a boy?

- a. Never. She wouldn't so much as lift a finger
- b. Possibly, she hasn't yet but you can never tell.
- c. Yes, if they'd provoked her.

macho?

This book is so brilliant
Sapphrowoman and the Greater Belfast Dykes

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26- by Gaye Mae Kincaid £3.95 + 35p P+P
 IRES.00 + 74p P+P. These are some of the cartoons

SCORE

1. a0 b5 c10 2. a10 b0 c5 3. a10 b0 c5 4. a0 b5 c10 5. a10 b0 c5 6. a10 b5 c0 7. a5 b10 c0
 8. a05 b10 c4.53 9. a10 b5 c1990 10. a0 b5 c10.

CONCLUSIONS:



100-70 This girl likes to think she's tough. But that's nothing to be proud of. She's so into being macho that she's turned into a real pig. Not very nice to know and definitely not girlfriend material.

65-35 She balances her macho instinct with a consideration for your needs. She's firm when she needs to be, but she's not frightened to give ground. A good bet. Definitely girlfriend material.

30-0 Softness is her strength (and her name is Andrex - ed.). She's kind, considerate and very gentle. Sometimes you might wonder if she's just a little wimpy, but believe us, you're much better off in this group than the first one. A real woman of the 80s! *typists note: this is NOT my mistake! maybe the quiz-setter is trying to subliminally imply that this type of woman is out of date - personally i think its just her sexual pref!*

If you scored over 100, TOUGH.

HOW TO COPE IF SHE'S TOO MACHO

You could always chick her—that would make life a good deal simpler. But if you think her soft side is worth hanging on in there for, there are a few things you could do to make your dates less like an episode of Prisoner Cell Block H (shame - ed.): -Never go out with her and her mates—you won't like the tough gal image she's putting on. -If she's in a really foul mood don't go out with her. There's no point spending a perfectly miserable evening together. -Never ever let her hit you—if she does, finish with her. If she's done it once she'll do it again, no matter how much she promises not to. -Don't try to force her to do what you want by weeping and wailing. Tough lasses prefer a girl who will stand her ground. -She may not be tough through and through. With gentle probing you may well find a softy. -Try and get her to like furry animals and babies and in the end she'll soften up or chuck you.

One final word about this quiz. If you should find that you or your girl don't fit exactly into the categories above, or that appropriate answers are not given for your behaviour, just bear in mind that EVERYONE else fits and you must be a social freak.



Muscles put men off



GOOD INTENTIONS: "I promise to stop hitting my brother."

Dear Esther,
 I'm a brown belt in judo and I do a lot of weight-training. Everyone admires me for this and people say I have nice big muscles. The problem is although a lot of boys come to watch me in competitions and look at my physique, they never ask me out. When I do meet boys who seem interested in me and I tell them what I do they seem to back-off. Please give me some advice on how to get myself a boyfriend

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MOTHERS



LAST SATURDAY, Sister Maureen Farrell of the Society of Sisters Faithful Companions of Jesus scrummed down against a scratch team of local vicars to raise money for a church in Milton Keynes, Buckinghamshire.

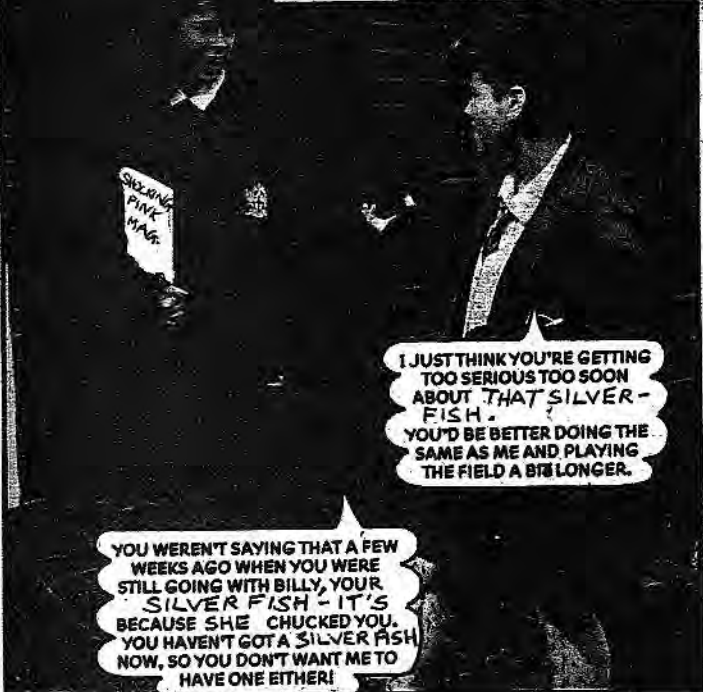
According to Mother-General Xavier of Tyburn Convent in central London, "The game is very popular and is taking over from knitting and crochet."

read it properly 140000

quite old one. where are their sex organs? little baby ones. what do they do all day-but multiply? well i suppose the lesbian ones don't multiply. maybe they don't have diff. sexes?

AFTER A TRIP TO THE BATHROOM-

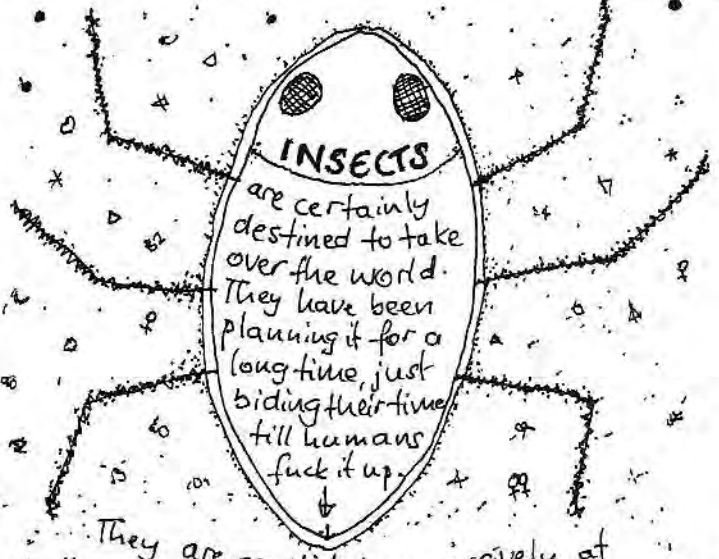
Vicki and Lynn were the best of friends... at least until it came to SILVER FISH...



YOU WEREN'T SAYING THAT A FEW WEEKS AGO WHEN YOU WERE STILL GOING WITH BILLY, YOUR SILVER FISH - IT'S BECAUSE SHE CHUCKED YOU. YOU HAVEN'T GOT A SILVER FISH NOW, SO YOU DON'T WANT ME TO HAVE ONE EITHER!

I JUST THINK YOU'RE GETTING TOO SERIOUS TOO SOON ABOUT THAT SILVER-FISH. YOU'D BE BETTER DOING THE SAME AS ME AND PLAYING THE FIELD A BIT LONGER.

NATURE PAGE



They are multiplying massively at the same time as becoming resistant to pesticides, etc. Some species can even survive radiation. Whilst individually they are not up to much, in large groups they are very intelligent: roughly the opposite of people. If you want any more proof I'll look for some for next issue.

SILVER FISH DEBATE - held on 10.11.89, quite late in the s.p. office.

tragically this was too boring to print, and here are some excerpts to prove this

ty... 1. I know but they're always in the bath, on the bathroom floor, in the sink - where ever. They have no respect for privacy! They try to in-

from quite early in the debate.

from later on

You sound like a hippy now! 2. FUCK OFF - I'm not a hippy! 1. You are - you've got long hair and

Well, you can see the incredible standard of political discussion that goes into the production of S.P.

Awe-inspiring, isn't it?



BORING

silverfish can take over your life, making you depressed, bitter and not a very nice person to know. control and sometimes things can get a bit out of hand...

We had some really good press-cuttings for this page, but unfortunately we've lost them...

① HEDGEHOGS

Traffic conditions being what they are (surviving) hedgehogs are now farther on their feet than hedgehogs used to be. Like this:-



Heugh

② LURVE

The second one was about a whale which started following a fishing boat around and smuggling up to its side - it seemed to have fallen in love!!!



Fuck off, I'm not nature, and I've lost the tin opener.

RANT

Nature is a wicked plot which has been used by male domination for centuries to try to keep women/girls in line - i.e. anything you do which men don't want you to is "unnatural". Likewise same-sex sex is "unnatural" blah blah well you know how they go on. But if being straight and feminine etc is so natural then why all the billions of pounds worth of propaganda, repressive laws like Section 28 etc, eh? Why don't we act "naturally" naturally, then?

I'M completely UNnatural.

tenant hell drives Cockroach to climb wall

YOU'RE SO FLIPPANT

they called her Atrocity.

It's nice for young people to take an interest in things like nature

Answer 'yes' to more than five of these questions and you could well be concealing an underlying streak of antisocial nature. Most of us would have to admit to feeling a little natural from time to time. Excess not always easy.

Thankyou dear cartoonist!



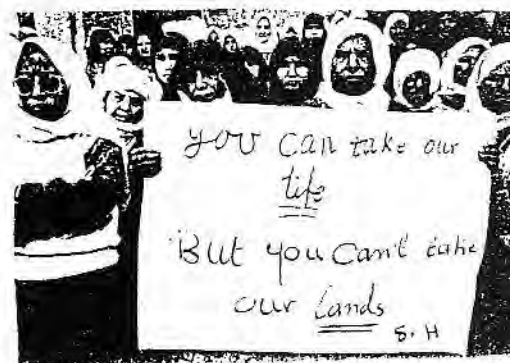
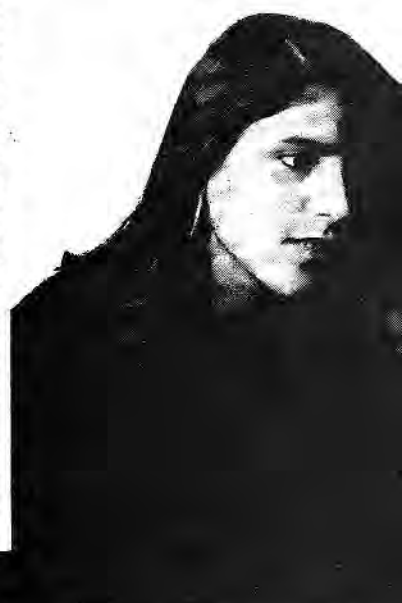
And here, dear girls, is the true story of... HOW SHOCKING PINK NARROWLY ESCAPED FAME AND FORTUNE A real news item!!!

Yes, it was a struggle, but SP has indeed managed to avoid being distributed slightly better than it is at the moment. A couple of months ago our present distributors told us that if we wanted we could be sold at universities' first years' fairs along with a magazine called "Ziggy", which they described as "an up-market version of Viz". Well, not exactly brilliant, we thought, but it would be good to get SP sold a bit more. So we trotted along to meet the great producers of Ziggy - all seemed to be going OK until just as we were leaving we happened to get round to opening said mag-trash - O HORROR HORROR!!!! It turned out to be a load of pornographic crap with tits everywhere—loads of "jokes" for wanky male students about the porn mags they read. As you can imagine, we changed our minds quite quickly about being sold on stalls with them, and all we'd like to add to this tale is that Ziggy is a pile woman-hating shite which should be ripped up and destroyed if ever an SP reader .worker comes across it on a newsagent's shelf (it hasn't been hard to find...hee hee!).

- "I still like Shocking Pink" is what one of the Ziggy-wankers whinged as we explained to them what we thought of their rag. Victory to Shocking Pink! (writer goes off into dreams of revolution).



THANKS A BUNCH!



These postcards are being sold to raise money for Palestinian women who are political prisoners.

Order them directly by returning this form, with a large, stamped, addressed envelope, to Action for Women in Palestine, c/o The Pankhurst centre, 60 - 62 Nelson St. Manchester.

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"Geologically it is very young. The mountains, all the nature it is like it was just born so to some people it looks like the moon. It has deep valleys and high



"I collect insects, yes real ones that I have bought abroad because insects in Iceland are very small. They are stuffed insects (*berlee*). They are not alive because I just can't deal with them. I can't communicate with insects. I have their bodies when they are dead and then I have them to watch because they would be bored if they had to live with me. And you have to keep them in boxes so they don't get rotten."

← This is beautiful Bjork from the *Sugarcubes*.

She likes insects + Iceland.

mountains and very little what you call flowers and trees. There is a joke about what to do if you get lost in a forest in Iceland: You stand up (?). They are very



small and everything is very raw and very powerful and energetic and there are huge areas with only black lava and hot springs and glaciers and volcanoes. Iceland is an

→ This is a Kurdish rebel fighter. Yay + good luck! (Number 8 in an unlimited S.P. series: 'Women with Guns' - calendar out next year.)

island so you have four types of weather each day and this puts its mark on the Icelandic characters - they are very very happy and very very sad in a few hours.

info SP. All the others will be sorry when we're really *in* snows.



There in the basket sat a woman! (5.7)

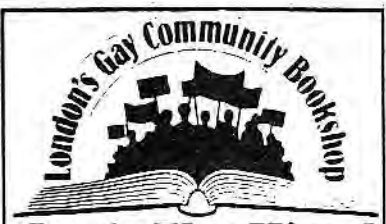
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Lippy Dykes

London Lesbian Sex and Sexuality Day to be held on 20 January 1990.

Would be good, except some people were expressly asked not to come... and... To deny

trans- and bi-sexuals and those lesbians who enjoy SM, erotica and sex toys is to silence a significant minority of women and distort any discussion of the creative diversity of female sexuality.

prejudice in many forms is as widespread among the gay community as it is in society at large, but it seems particularly hypocritical of the Lesbian Separatist Group to promote their event as a 'lesbian sex and sexuality' day when their focus is far narrower.



Girl you make a list
 Go out and find yourself a new plaything
 Girl you need a trip
 'Cause he's not worth the misery and pain
 Just remember how he would tell you lies
 And then pretend that everything is so sweet
 Why should you sacrifice if you're not satisfied
 He's just a canine running round in heat (heat)

Girlfriend how could you let him treat you so bad oh
 Girlfriend you know you were the best he'd ever had
 Oh oh oh-oh-oh
 Girlfriend how could you let him treat you so bad
 Treat you treat you oh-oh
 Girlfriend you know you were the best he'd ever had
 Oh oh oh-oh-oh

Girl you must resist
 Don't let him squirm his way into your heart
 No girl I must insist
 You've got to stop the fool before he starts
 Just remember how he was so untrue
 And all the tacky things he did to you
 No need to signify 'cause he's not worth your time
 You need to find someone that's true to you ooh

Girlfriend how could you let him treat you so bad oh
 Girlfriend you know you were the best he'd ever had
 Oh oh woh-oh
 Girlfriend how could you let him treat you so bad
 Treat you baby don't be sad no
 Girlfriend you know you were the best he'd ever had
 Oh oh woh-oh

To believe or not to believe that is the question
 It just takes the street degree
 You've lied your last lie
 And I've cried my last cry I'm out the door babe
 There's other fish in the sea

Yeah yeah yeah
 Cute cute cute cute
 Hey Neil say it to believe or not to believe
 That is the question it just takes the street degree
 You've lied your last lie and I've cried my last cry
 I'm out the door babe there's other fish in the sea

Girlfriend how could you let him treat you so bad oh
 Girlfriend you know you were the best he'd ever had
 Oh oh woh-woh-woh
 Girlfriend how could you let him treat you so bad
 Treat you baby don't be sad no
 Girlfriend

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Pebbles

CURSE OF P-M-TEA

A NICE calming cuppa is anything but that for some women.

Why is the media so interested in P.M.T.? Have they suddenly started to care about ♀? No!!! It's just another chance to show that ♀ are hysterical + irrational.

Help! I've got pre-menstrual madness. My head feels like it's on another planet (my scalp is trying to fly off somewhere else entirely.) It's a miracle I can write at all—I keep making hundreds of mistakes and having to delete them. Fortunately Angie's made me some mint tea in the nicest mug.



But women know that most men are like that all the time.



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CHRIS + THELMA. At first we got on really well. We both enjoy Neighbours + Home + Away and vegan haute cuisine. But recently Thelma has been dropping hints about settling down that I find a bit scary. To be frank I'm planning to drop her.

PAM on MAGGIE — I loathe the woman. I have never liked her.



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KYLIE + SONIA — Politically we've really mismatched. Kylie's in the SWP and I'm a radical feminist. We spend most of our dates trashing each other's beliefs and crying.



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2. Tick which characteristics best describe you.

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3. Tick those activities you enjoy, put an X against those you dislike, and leave blank those where you have no preference.

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Political Rowing Daytime TV

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Eating Children Homemaking

Homewrecking Unnatural practises

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* well? are you?



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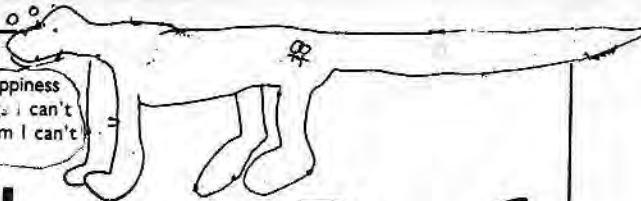
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I've been a fool wanting happiness and friendship. All the things I can't have ...because of what I am I can't be like other girls...



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Britain—A Fine Place to Live and Work

In this article we will rip bits off from the Observer colour supplement, but since the Observer also contains nervous & patronising tales of POOR PEOPLE, SP will exclusively miss all this out and give you only the important bits.

Comparing the highest wages and the lowest wages, Britain is now a more unequal society than ever before (as far back as anyone knows). Reliable records of earnings were first kept 100 years ago, in 1889—the Victorian age when Things Were Really Bad.

In 1889 the highest paid fifth of the workforce earned 143% more than the national average, and the lowest paid fifth earned 31% less than the average. Now in 1989 the highest paid fifth are 15% better off than that, and the lowest fifth 4% worse off than one century ago.

Most of this inequality has come about in the last ten years (coincidentally the time Thatcher & co have been in government). Before that there had been a trend towards slightly more equality. But now compare 37% of the full-time workforce today earning less than the "decency threshold" of 68% of average full-time earnings (set by the Council of Europe), with 28% in 1979. Not impressive, is it? And this doesn't allow for the fact that there is an increasing trend towards part-time work (especially for women), so that many people are even worse off than these statistics show.

Also, note that changes in the tax system made by the Tories

oh no, the rest of this article has vanished from the disk, well I'll try to produce some brief version of what there was before. Yes, well as I was saying, the rich now pay a lot less tax than before. Also, all things like dole, child benefit, housing benefit, etc, have gone up much less than inflation or not at all. Also millions of other factors make the poor poorer, like public services having been run down or privatised so that you have to pay for more things—eg, transport is subsidized less, you have to pay for dental treatment & eye tests now—millions of things.

This is an extract from The Observers' list of lowest paid jobs (pay figures are before tax has been taken off): ● 1. Hairdresser (per year) £5,189 ● 2. Retail check-out operator £5,891 ● 3. Hotel worker (female) £5,974 ● 4. Barmaid £6,026 ● 5. Hat or glove maker £6,063 ● 6. Menswear worker £6,078 ● 7. Shop assistant £6,089 and so it goes on. Spookily enough, you may notice that all these are women's jobs. Male national average pay is £14,014, female national average is £9,480. And again all these stats are for full time work including overtime, so many women actually earn far less than this shows.

Now check out the top salaries: Christopher Heath (managing director of some financial co.) gets a minging £1,339,000. Next down is Lord Hanson (chairman of own co.): £1,239,000. Next is Peter Stormonth Darling (chairman of financial co.) on £1,051,000. All those in the top 50 are either men or typically male jobs. Top rich gits earn more in a day than many people do in a year. But how does Terry Wogan get by on £350,000—i.e. only about £6,000 a week? I worry for the poor boy.

Not soys & quid etc

Rich Gits

Peter Stormonth Darling



Lord Hanson



Christopher Heath



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When I was a child, about 6, I remember awaking to the sound of loud shouting, screaming and deep crying. I called for it to stop, but the angry noise went on. Next day mum comes down looking really badly bruised, says she's tripped.

This went on and on for months. Once the police were called by next door, they did nothing. It's domestic, not our problem. Basically they didn't give a damn.

At school when I was told off I cried, then ran out, I felt like I had to escape, everyone was criticising me. I started getting into trouble at school, fights, cheating. So, from being one of the brightest I was now put in the bottom class.

I had no one to talk to. Me and mum were arguing, due to school. Dad was always away. Friends didn't understand, they giggled when my parents argued.

Competition

Do you believe you earn the lowest pay of anyone in Britain? Send us in your hourly rate (be truthful, now), and whoever earns the most pathetically little will receive a genuinely good prize (not yet decided) and our advice to leave the job.



How to Make a Prat of your choice

Disappear whenever you want it to (i.e. when you're in a raging fit and have to take it out on someone).

Close your left eye. Hold the page with the black rectangle in your left hand. Stare at the white cross with your right eye. The page should be less than arm's length away.

Keep staring at the cross - and noticing the prat (out of the corner of your eye) - while you bring the page closer. Suddenly the prat vanishes!

Here's one we prepared earlier



ROGUE'S GALLERY - a collection we thought also fitting the bill - cut out your least favourite + stick IT over Jase, or even better - you can do your ^{OWN} scribble of the prat + stick it there!



GARY something from Radio 1 - for wearing shoulder pads much too macho + leering like he does. (oops! maybe that's a bit too harsh?)
NO-IT ISN'T!



RONNIE - we were spoilt for choice and couldn't come to a decision on a reason.

LUKE (or maybe Matt: it doesn't matter) - out of sheer jealousy of him having all of those gorgeous teeny-boppers after him!



- Finally get rid of him - make sure he doesn't ever turn up again.

(Shave the Queen..)

Feminist Book Library

The long established feminist library which houses both fiction and non-fiction from all over the world has moved to Southwark. The feminist library and information centre also has a selection of journals and newsletters, and specializes in literature from the women's liberation movement. The library also decided to prioritise books by and about those who experience multiple discrimination such as women

who are: black, working class, Jewish, Irish, women with disabilities and lesbians. The library, founded in 1975, was based at London University before moving to GLC owned property at Hungerford House on the Victorian Embankment. In August of this year the library moved to Westminster Bridge Road. The new premises consists of a large book room, journal room, fairly spacious office and a "cosy room" which will have easy chairs and tea making facilities.



- Atrocity's suggestion.

The new building has central heating and is wonderfully warm. Volunteers are required to catalogue books so that they can be shelved and then reach the readers. Help is also required to produce the group's newsletter four times a year.

The library is situated just five minutes walk from the Elephant and Castle, Lambeth North tube and Waterloo station. The opening times are as follows: Tuesday 11am-8pm and Saturday and Sunday 2-5pm.

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 your secret

shape up.

Wedding

before you even attempt to shape of your mouth, caudation right over your lip

HEY, FORGET THE ICE CREAM! LET'S GO OUT IN THE GARDEN THAT'LL COOL YOU DOWN!

THE FAST WAY TO THIN THIGHS!
 Jackie Bond's lost her boyfriend. He's going out with a girl called Karen now and, by all accounts, she's a right bitch.

A head of healthy, shiny hair is a girl's most beautiful asset. But it takes good care.
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BEAUTY

17 Cosmetics the face for the 1990s new logo and

BEAUTY FROM WITHIN
 Diet is the most important factor for healthy hair.
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COME ON, KAREN, WE KNOW YOU'RE IN THERE, OPEN UP!

TABLE MANNERS

CAN NANCY BE THE BOY-NET?

A Tips on BOYS
 she's wearing Casino Plum lipstick with Bubbling Brown lip stick

Blusher: Put this on your cheekbones, starting from the inner corner and sweeping it outwards. Also, at the end of the day, use the best you can buy to keep your skin efficient clean

Lags should feel as soft as silk, look and smooth, hair also appear longer

AND WHO'S SOMEONE AROUND AROUND A NOT BE SU

PRO THE C FIGHT

Long nose highlighter right apply some sides.

that can be a up every day though the that moisturiser routine

CALOR

Even with m

BEAUTIFUL

ROMAN
 and shape so overshadow your eyes.

We want what's best for you. The first thing you've got to find out is how gorgeous or whether he thinks he's that gorgeous or whether he's on your wedding day.

THERE'S SOMEBODY WE'D LIKE YOU TO MEET, KAREN.