

MAINE LESBIAN FEMINIST NEWSLETTER

APRIL 1983

- ☞ April 16 ~ 9 p.m. - Lavender Caucus Dance at Cornerstones, 54 Cumberland St. Brunswick
- ☞ April 24 ~ 10 a.m. - One day workshop "Building a Feminist Community" led by Elley Haney from Portland Womyn's Spiritual Community - held at the New Leaf Bookstore, Rockport - \$10.00 - for info: 236-2030
- ☞ April 23 ~ 8 p.m. - Chris Williamson in concert at Colby College, Waterville, Wadsworth Gym - Tickets \$5.00 in advance, \$6.00 at the door, \$4.00 children. w/c accessible. For info: 872-8701 or 872-6579, 7-10 p.m.
- ☞ Mary Edwards Walker, one of few womyn to successfully practice medicine & feminism in the 1800's is now commemorated on a postage stamp. Dr Walker is known for her bravery and service in the Civil War and for her long career as a surgeon and feminist in the 19th century. She is also known for her habit of wearing men's clothes around her home town of Wash DC, although her lesbianism has never been established officially. ~ OFF OUR BACKS
- ☞ April 24 ~ 10 a.m. - One day workshop for Jewish Womyn "Jewish Womyn are Fabulous" Contact Ashera Cinnamon - 773-1394
- ☞ Womyn in Japan on public food assistance receive less aide than men based on the dubious statistic that womyn have fewer caloric requirements than men.



More Announcements ~

Why Flings Don't Work: ① Your lover objects ② her lover objects ③ you're paralyzed with fear of/for her lover ④ she's paralyzed with fear of/for your lover ⑤ you're paralyzed with fear of/for your lover ⑥ she's paralyzed with fear of/for her lover ⑦ she doesn't have a lover and you don't want to exploit her loneliness ⑧ you don't have a lover and you don't want to break up her happy home ⑨ you and she are both single and want a commitment. Casual sex is mere scutcheon; i'll none of it.

-Lesbian Connection

April 24 - 8pm - Concert with Ferron and Robin Flower - Pickard Theatre, Bowdoin College. \$6.00 in advance, \$6.50 at door. Call 725-8731 ex 620, OR 725-7073 for more info.

In Kansas City, Mo., posters announcing "Someone in Your Life May Be Gay" were put up in city buses in February. The posters appeared after the Gay Alliance Organization reached an out of court settlement with the city's Transportation

April 22 - 7:30pm - "Incest - It's all Relative" - dance and narration by Karen Spitfire at Meguntucuk Grange in Camden. Tickets: \$3.00 sponsored by New Hope for Women.

A man posing as a plumber got into a hotel room of a woman in Chicago and took \$189.00 from her. He then told her to undress. The woman, however, was a karate student, and she proceeded to kick and punch him down 4 flights of stairs. At the bottom she forced him to return her money

-Plexus

May 13-15 USM-B Portland - 10th Annual Maine Lesbian and Gay Symposium. Registration Friday night, workshops Sat & Sun. "Gay Side Story" perform. on Sat. night & Sun. afternoon. For info, bad space, or if you can help, call 772-1979.

May 21 - Maine NOW State Conference, Thomas College, Waterville. Keynote speaker, film, workshops, childcare provided, w/c accessible.

April 29-30 - Judy Norsigian (and Norma Swenson, two authors of Our Bodies Ourselves will be among the speakers at UMO's 2-day conference "Taking Care of Ourselves: Women Health Issues and Alternatives" This conference, sponsored by UMO's Women's Center, will be held at the Memorial Union, Univ. of Maine, Orono.

... and even more

June 26 - New York City Lesbian & Gay Pride March: contact Anthony Campino - 212-638-6061, Brian O'Dell - 212-243-3332. Assembly time for everyone: 11:30 on Central Park W & W60 St.

Parental Stress Hotline provides telephone counseling 24 hrs a day to parents who call for support. 800-632-8188

Let's build Feminist Community

On Sunday in Rockport (April 24th) New Leaf Bookstore will sponsor a one-day workshop on feminist spirituality and building spiritual community. The workshop will include opportunities to create and participate in ritual, share story-telling, and consider ways of establishing a community in the Mid-Coast Area. Specific sessions will be offered on the range of feminist spirituality today, feminist theology, and resources for group rituals.

The workshop will be facilitated by members of the Feminist Spirituality Community of Portland, Maine, founded 2 1/2 years ago with partial funding from the United Church of Christ. Members coming to Rockport include Diane Elze, Pauli French, Eilly Haney, and Deborah Leighton.

Registration for the workshop costs \$10.00. Beginning at 10 a.m. it will go to 4:30 with an hour lunch break at 12:30. Childcare will be available if notice is given one week in advance. For information or registration call 236-2030.

More on Joann Newak ~

from Syracuse, New York

We have just received word that Joann will have a clemency hearing in June, 1983. Obviously it's more important than ever to write to the Secretary of the Air Force to urge that she be granted clemency. She will have been incarcerated for one year in June and the Air Force must realize that people are outraged that she has been in jail even one year.

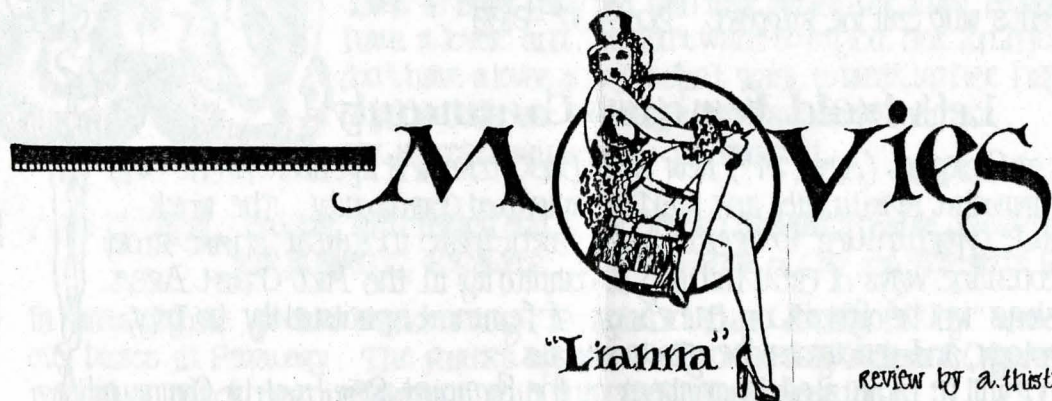
The Air Force has responded to some of the letters that have been sent on Joann's behalf by trying to manipulate the record, and create an inference that she was a drug pusher by emphasizing that she was convicted of marijuana use, possession and transfer and amphetamine use, possession and transfer. In fact, these convictions arose out of 3 transactions - 2 involving pills or tablets that the Air Force knew was caffeine - in fact the testimony of their own expert witness was that she only had caffeine tablets. The marijuana charge arose 3 roaches that the informant (3) took from a party at



at Joann's apartment where over half a dozen people were present.

Please continue to help Lt. Newak by writing to the Secretary of the Air Force for clemency.

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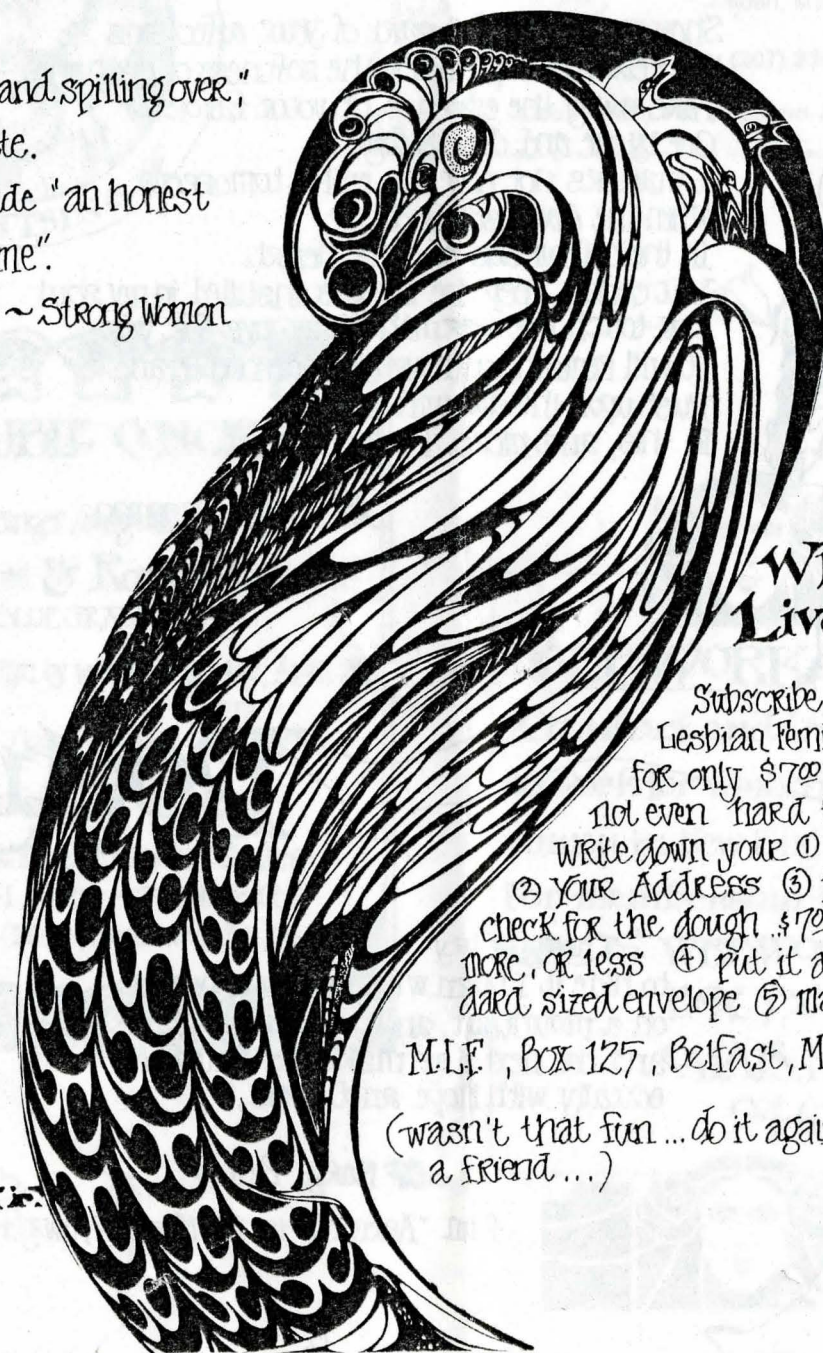
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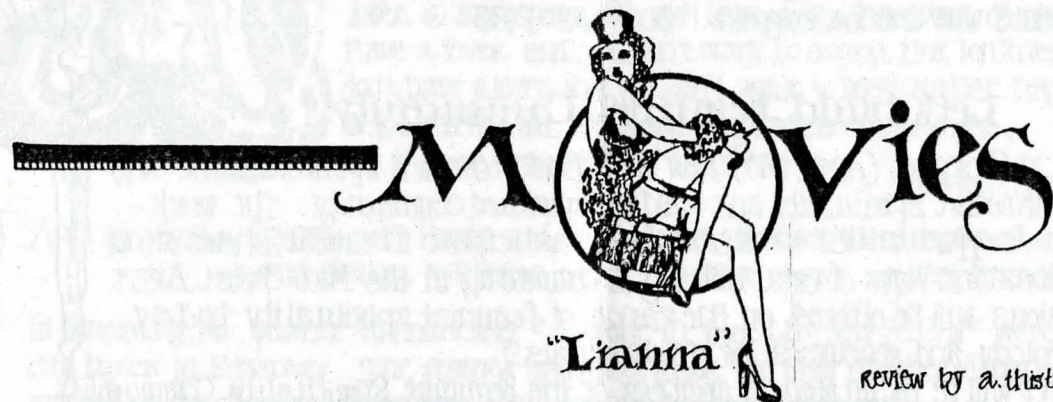
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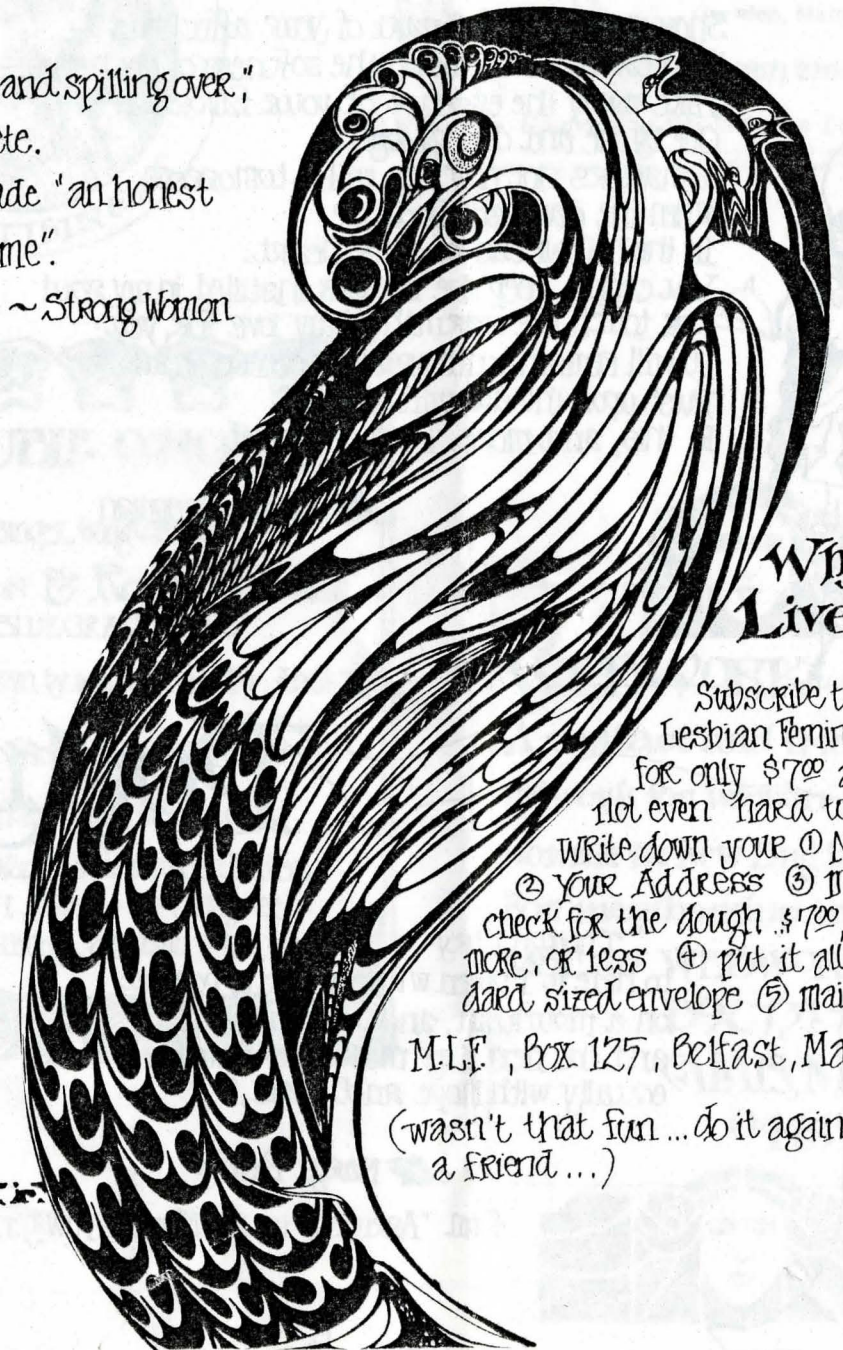
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A Sonnet for Doris

Show me not the full part of your affections
Nor reach out to touch the softness of my hand.
Take away the essence of your favors,
One by one and day by day.
It matters not now nor will it tomorrow
When the dawn still finds me
In the hollowness of your heart.
You cannot keep the images instilled in my soul
Nor touch the warmth of my love for you:
It will remain until we are no more than
Dust upon the autumn breeze.
To this, and more, I am resigned.

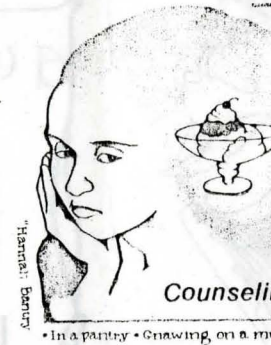
Lydia Chapman

Poetry

"... Though I try
to hide it I burn with joy like a bonfire
on a mountain, and tomorrow
and the next day make me shudder
equally with hope and fear."

Marge Piercy

from "Arriving" in *The Moon Is Always Female*



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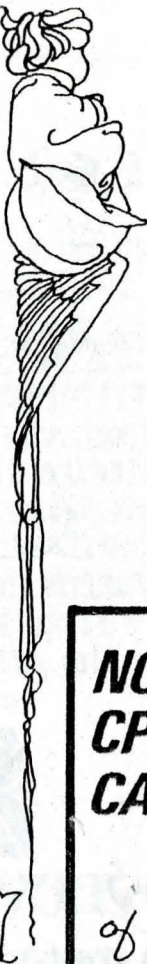
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