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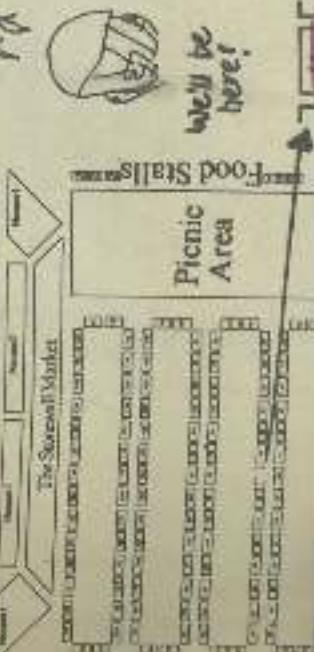
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be able to put you up the  
night before as well if you  
ask quickly.

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# Class Struggle

## The photostory!



## Thwack! Girl foils rapist

A BRAVE teenage girl foiled a rape by kicking a bogus minibus-driver who had strangled her.

The 17-year-old girl was duped into getting into the car outside a nightclub in Greenford, West London. She was then driven to a car park at Hounslow where the man attacked her.

### Kicked

During a fierce struggle, she kicked him between the legs and then ran to a nearby house.

A police spokesman said yesterday that she had done "exactly the right thing". Police are now hunting for her brutal attacker, who is described as being 6ft tall and in his 20s.

## FISHING ↑



THE PEOPLE February 19 1989



The Chameleons revolution... plus

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Kiesha is a young black woman living in London with her mother and grandmother and seeing her dad on weekends. Her main preoccupations are Michael Jackson, boys, and getting her parents to agree her again. I don't know what it's about because books but they really annoy me sometimes.... Kimba's relationship with Janesse is quite good but if you want a really cool book, get Ross Guy's 'The Friends' instead. Much better.....

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FORGET CUPID  
BY MICHAEL BURTON /

### Duncan Campbell in the BOYS corner.

We'll think Duncan is quite cool for a BOY. A busy entrepreneur, he was the first to write about the government's big badgummers, GCHQ, and did the program about the secret spy satellite ZIRCON. He is also OUT & PROUD about being gay which is nice.

So, we went to interview him at 'Performance Works' for the BOYS corner. His favourite modern pop tune is Duran Duran. Brooklyn in KC and he doesn't have a favourite colour, he just likes the colour of the hills and the sunlight on the hills. We asked him how he got so good and how he formed all these amazing things.

He said it was through HARD work, long hours and ridiculous enthusiasm to succeed. At this moment we are immediately investigating every corner we can find for the tapes of this interview. Which somewhere you can get a lot to see... So check out issue 7 of SP for the inside story. Duncan Campbell is the Burns Corner!

### LAUGHING is a

crime in That-

cher's Britain.

Two teenage girls who giggled while sitting in the public gallery of Barnsley Magistrates' Court were jailed for several hours last month.

As they left the court Mr Roy Pearson, the presiding magistrate, ordered police to escort after them and bring them back.

### Mockery

Pearson told them, "This is a court of law and we are not going to have young people like you two making a mockery of it... The girls spent several hours locked in police-cell before being released.

Do you know  
any good  
jokes?

If so please send them to  
us at  
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## CONtributors:



Miss WAS with them, rather than dead. So were most people and the struggle escalated. The whole school, now united, took on the Local Education Authority, demanded more money for proper facilities to learn with. Other schools joined and they convinced the LA (Local Authority). But the LA couldn't pay schools more money because their finances were controlled by Kenneth Baker, the Education Secretary and he wanted CUTS not growth. So the students, teachers, workers and LA knew they'd HAVE to bring down the government to really win. They asked around & to their surprise found an amazing number of people on their side: British Rail workers, the Engineering Unions, the London Underground workers, the Journalists at the BBC, Women who wanted wages for housework, kids who wanted creches, Black communities who wanted rid of the racist imperialist government, pensioners, bus workers, the dockers, the P&O workers still on the picket line, the NHS workers and many more.

So, together they struck, picketed, talked, struggled and incredibly quickly got rid of the Tories. They worked out a much better way of running the country.

BUT then the USA, France, Germany, Japan and USSR rulers heard about UK and decided it was a threat to them. They invaded and sent resources to support Mr Sainsbury and Mr McWhirter who wanted the Tories back (and all their £ which had been redistributed) and had set up counterrevolutionary armies.

Luckily though, the normal people of these countries rapidly rallied to the support of the normal people of Britain and in turn they overthrew their own governments.



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The netball match  
the next day:  
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Aberystwyth



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young women to have  
long cycles and there's  
nothing to worry  
about. No-one's pre-  
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much. Shocking Pink  
is TRI-menstrual [ap-  
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When we get older we  
hope to become  
menstrual on the way  
to coming out men-  
tally, regularly, we  
might go through a  
phase of bi-  
menstruality. We'll  
keep you notified.  
Thank you for your  
concern.

SP

• They definitely do not differ-  
entiate between boys and girls.  
They just get quiet when three  
are boys there, or they start.  
P. Yes. Especially in London.

SP. Do you like it?

P. No. I don't really. I hate it because  
when I'm in London I see all the girls  
smoking and flirting with boys, it's dif-  
ferent in the country, girls are com-  
pletely different.

SP. Do boys act differently when they're threatened?

K. It's hard to know really.  
SP. You're right. What do you think girls and boys  
do together? (they look at each other)

K. They make kids' photos for the stories.

SP. What do you think of their photos?

P. They should have less photo stories.

SP. Do you think its reports are real?

K. Not really not.

P. Look at the photo stories. Kids aren't

like that really.

K. They make kids' photos for the stories.

SP. What do you think of the story?

P. It's nice. I like it.

SP. What do you think of the other ones?

K. I just keep out of their way.

SP. Do you think its poor race and sex or do  
the boys or girls do it to dominate drugs?

K. The OLDER kids try and

dominate things!

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Pink, if you just pretend it was they might be con-  
vinced to start placing ads with us. (and then we'd  
get more money and we're all unpaid etc.)

### Interview with Polly & Kim. Students at White Lion Street Free School.

SP. Is it real? Is it to go to a free school?

P. All my friends say that it's not so  
good, since you're beats here for a year  
SP. I like that! I can't possibly go back to  
make myself work like that again, we're never  
in. But I know in fact you have schools like that  
there once!

K. SP. Not!  
P. What do you like about some of the parts of the  
place that you like? I mean a little bit more  
now.

K. I think the teachers were really horrible,  
I couldn't do what I wanted, I hated it.

SP. Do you want to tell us a bit more about  
the school?

Polly: Yes, but I don't know if I'm going  
to be sounding here much longer.

SP. Because you don't learn enough.

SP. Why's it?

P. The teachers are there but they don't  
really do anything. If anyone wants to  
learn it up to them and most people  
can't be bothered.

SP. So I can't, I'm not doing it yourself!

P. No, I can't.

SP. Well, it is to be honest to make you  
feel better.

P. No!

P. My brother's really terrible at non-  
normal schools. He'll beat up other kids  
and bite teachers. I've been to about 7  
schools and I just can't go to normal  
schools. It just doesn't work.

SP. OK. So what's it to be a year worth  
negative six is a difference from older young  
people's negative it's to never they can get  
it right. As soon as the boy gets it he  
wants obviously to have sex with you  
but you're too different to have a sexual  
relationship.

P. At my last school the girls could  
much better than the boys. The boys  
had to wear ties and the girls could  
wear what they liked.

K. At my last school they wouldn't let  
the girls play football.

P. At my last school the girls couldnt  
play netball and football, the boys  
weren't allowed to play netball.

SP. Who do you think is the one boy at school  
in there?

K. It's the fact that its different  
kids, fewer kids. There is no other girl

in there.

P. Yes, it's the lesson. They're completely

different.

K. Yes! You don't have to have them if  
you don't want to!

SP. Why's that?

P. I think Girls' world is really boring,  
its mostly photo sessions and problems.

SP. Why's that?

P. I think they're stupid.

K. They make them all skinny and  
pretty.

P. They should give them more  
positiveness.

K. You might be fat and look at all the  
skinny people and think, Oh god! They  
should shave you up!

SP. How's your role?

K. SP. I love it!

P. Well it's a hell of a lot better but it  
could be better.

K. SP. Why's that?

P. I think you know what you want to  
do.

SP. I think you're right.

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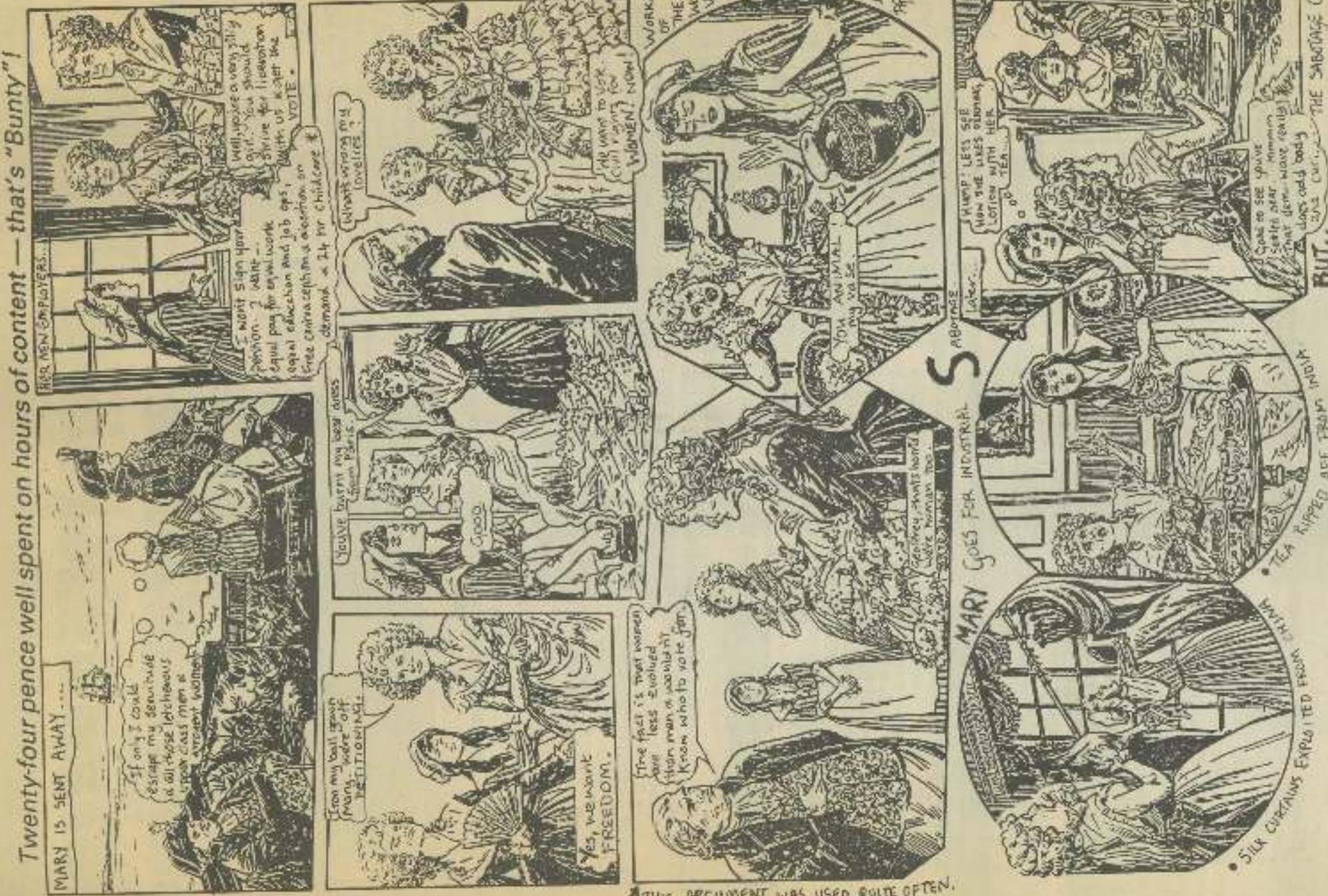
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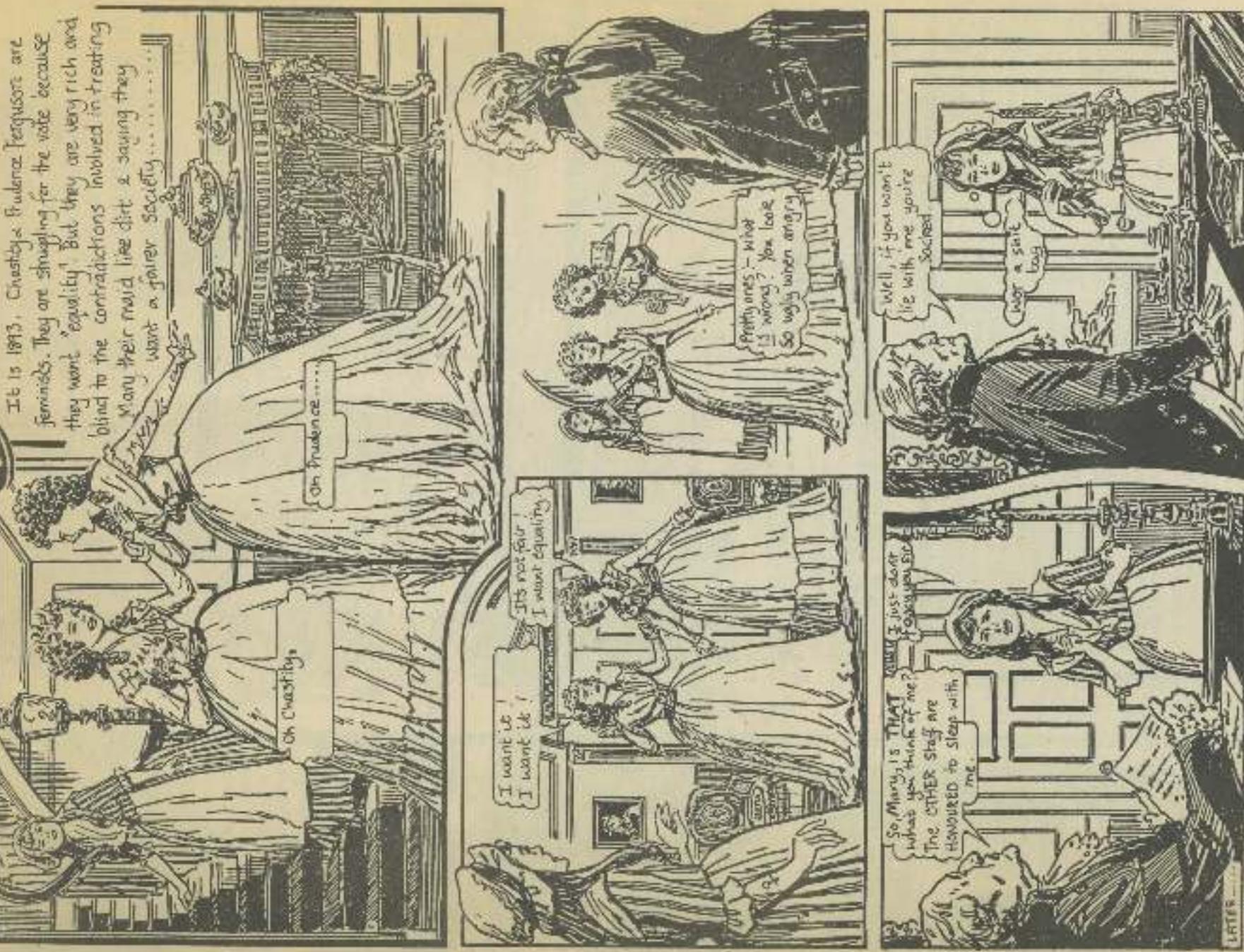
\*this Mary pre-empted the leaders  
in the 70's who were demanding these 4 very things.



THIS ARGUMENT WAS USED QUITE OFTEN.

# \* Botany Belle

It is 1813. Chester & Frederica Ferguson are  
feminists. They are struggling for the vote because  
they want "equality". But they are very rich and  
obliged to the contradictions involved in treating  
many their maid like dirt & saving they  
want a fairer Society.



## NEWS

# Sisters spared jail over killing

In a statement to her barrister, Mr Rodney Klevan, Hilda said: "I have had to live a totally subservient life, and from a very early age I have constantly lived in terror."

**T**WO sisters who were forced into a violent and incestuous relationship with their father were given suspended sentences at Liverpool crown court yesterday after they admitted killing him with a 12-bore shotgun.

As Mr Justice Borham sentenced the sisters to two years imprisonment, suspended for two years, he said: "I represent the public and I hope they will not think I have rendered them a disservice. This is an ultimately tragic case and an extraordinary story. I am taking a course that I have never taken in my very considerable experience as a judge."

The sentence was last night welcomed by the Howard League for Penal Reform. Its director, Ms Frances Crook, said: "We welcome the court's recognition that vulnerable people, particularly women, are sometimes forced to defend themselves. Sometimes there is a legitimacy."

more money into the Health Service than any previous year.

EVEN WORSE, the govt has DELIBERATELY hidden figures it thinks will damage its case — in the ROYAL WEAVING DAY there were no 60,000, but TIBERI says figures released last month show 100,000 times greater than previously estimated; (2) figs showing that there has been a FOUR AND A HALF MILLION RISE IN PEOPLE ON OR BELOW THE POVERTY LINE. They also do not count money gained by selling assets like Arunachal Pradesh 380 mruvans, while calling it a reduction in public expenditure;

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WHEN FIGURES ARE TOO BAD TO FIDDLE THEY JUST ABOLISH THEM EG THE FIGURES SHOWING DEATH RATE BY SOCIAL CLASS WHICH

# JAILED FOR STEALING THESE!



## Mum gets three months inside for petty shoplifting conviction

BY ROBIN COOPER  
Everyone knows that shoplifting is a waste of resources and causes lasting stress to families. And local authorities persist in fining their children in a wholly unnatural whilst, they are in note," said Harry Fletcher, NAPO's assistant general secretary.  
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### A young mother has been thrown into jail for three months for stealing a few pounds' worth of groceries.

By Claire Hynes

And a new report says that mother-of-two Sylvia, who does not want her full identity revealed, is just one of hundreds of black mothers who are needlessly imprisoned for petty offences.

A spokesman from the National Association for the Care and Rehabilitation of Offenders said of Sylvia's plight: "This was certainly a dreadful misnomer, out of proportion with the offence." Luckily, Sylvia's mother was able to look after her children, aged six and 11, while she faced life behind bars after the conviction for shoplifting £10 worth of groceries.

**Stigma**  
After serving her sentence, Sylvia was left lacking confidence and with the stigma of being an ex-offender. For her SYP Quids-Society Should be giving back to Sylvia what is taken from her

**FOOD FOR THOUGHT:** Sylvia's groceries haul was worth just a few pounds.

### They should be let off altogether

The barrister argued that they had 'diminished responsibility'; they were depressed etc. They had no choice - if our legal system believed what women said, they could have relied on it to keep them safe and in no danger. THEN they wouldn't have been driven to kill him.

Well you SHOULD have. You should be ashamed of yourself

"Look out for the film 'A question of conscience'." Three women kill a man the psychiatrist is a woman and after talking with them a lot reaches the conclusion that they were totally responsible for their actions and very intelligent women, in no way mad. [They get put away for ages].

group. Woman in Prison.

"Everyone knows that

discrimination which appears to be operating at all levels of the criminal justice system," said McFletcher.

According to a spoke-

woman from pressure

group Women in Prison.

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# SPOT THE ODD ONE OUT!

**IT NEVER GETS ANY EASIER**  
Bringing up children can be a problem, in fact it's quite a headache.

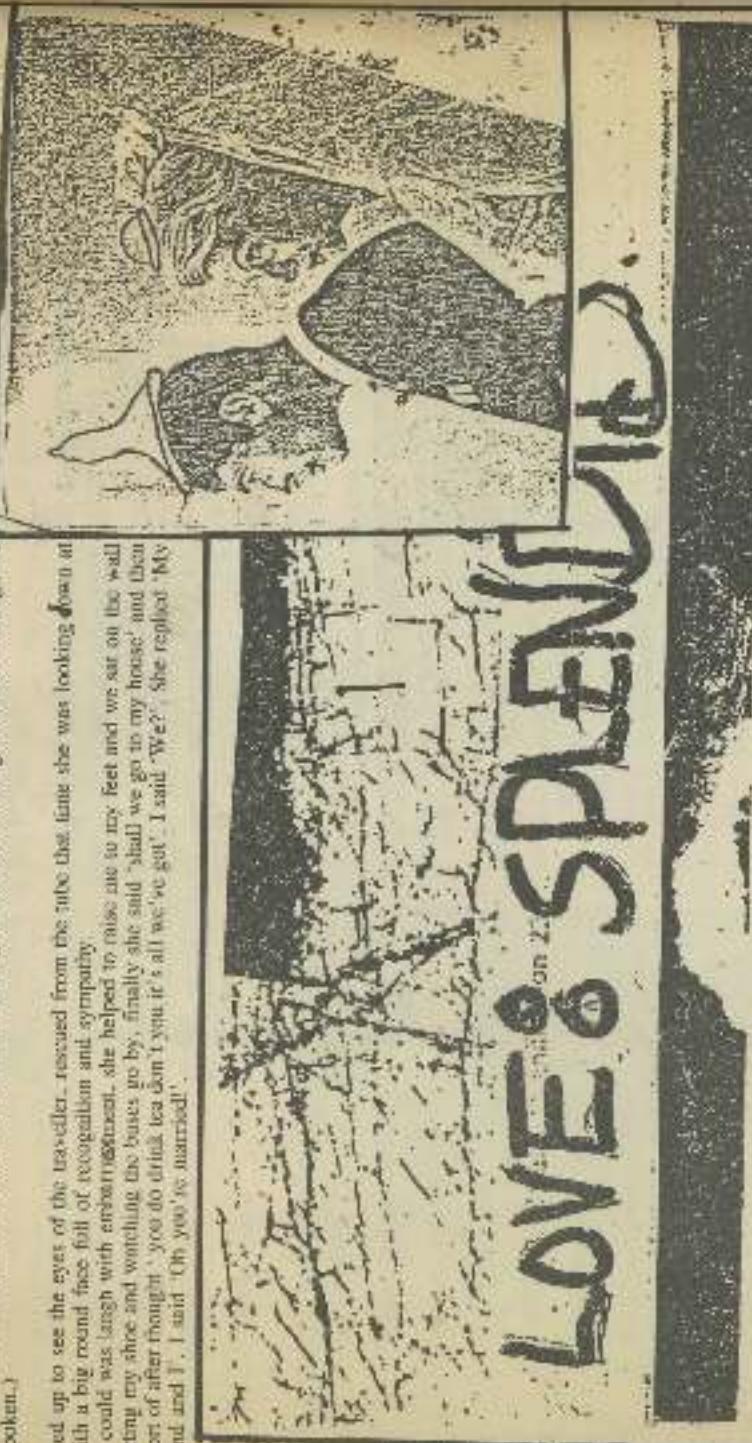


There are so many ways to say things without causing offence, it makes me feel bad about the times I've deliberately gone out of my way to antagonise people or just not given any thought to the power I have in every encounter. I refuse to argue with the power of a word, experience or a bad experience, the power to be cold, strange to smile back in a sea of unsmiling, insincere faces. London wise faces, London want expressions. Distant uninvolved, seen is all, done is all before faces. You just don't know what kind of day someone's had, just don't know, yours could be the lift up or knock down of the day.

I was on the underground, the platform was a mass of sweaty tired bodies. A woman fainted, the train came almost simultaneously, everyone surged forward. I refused to argue with the crowd, a few people swore at me then went round at each other, lost a minute of their petticoat existence and yes it is pretty, for what could be more pretty than to trample upon a fallen woman, in preference to missing the main when another one follows in three minutes, or worse still when two could go round? They all got on the train, the platform was beginning to fill up again. She, the woman, said nothing, just held my hand and squeezed it tightly. We looked into each others eyes and thus we met.

Three years later I was running for a bus when my heel strap broke and I took a tumble. I was sitting on the hard cold concrete boggling my knee and for some reason I could not fathom trying to hold back the tears when I heard a voice I recognised. (It was some time after this encounter that I realised that I couldn't have recognised the voice as on our first meeting we had not exchanged words, although we had spoken.)

I looked up to see the eyes of the traveller, rescued from the tube that time she was looking down at me with a big round face full of recognition and sympathy. All I could was laugh with embarrassment, she helped to raise me to my feet and we sat on the wall inspecting my shoe and watching the buses go by, finally she said 'shall we go to my house' and then as a sort of after thought 'you do drink tea don't you it's all we've got' I said 'We?' She replied 'My husband and I'. I said 'Oh you're married!'



## ZAMI 2

On Sunday morning, the close of the conference, there was a caravans around the suburbs of Edgebaston, a certain regret that the conference was over. At the final plenary, we enjoyed the works from the creative writing workshops, voice and creative writing, songs and poems of love, struggle, joy and justice. Angry and harmonious the conference debated many issues that affect us at Black Leiston, though the lack of wheelchair accessibility or workshops on Disabled Lesbianism is something that should have been included.

I left, feeling that what I had given, I had received from old, celebrity and straight sisters.

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THE LAST THING  
WE KNOW  
ABOUT.

ONE of those women is NOT a lesbian.  
Put a circle round her name and send it back to  
Shockling pink w/o your name, address and  
choice of prize. The last 3 correct answers will  
win the stock will have won.

Christie Lloyd

Madonna

Gertude Stein

Selina Scott

Princess Anne

Valerie Singleton

Martine Vayrynen

Kristal from Dynasty

Billy Spear King

Whovian's Woolf

Shakespeare

Lessandro Da Vinci

Oscar Wilde

Karl Fisher (all u' Brother Beyond)

One of the Bros boys  
the one with the dark hair

Vivien Corcoran St  
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Beth Lynch  
Fat in Eastenders

Dusty Springfield  
Whitney Houston

Eleanor Roosevelt  
The Statue of Liberty

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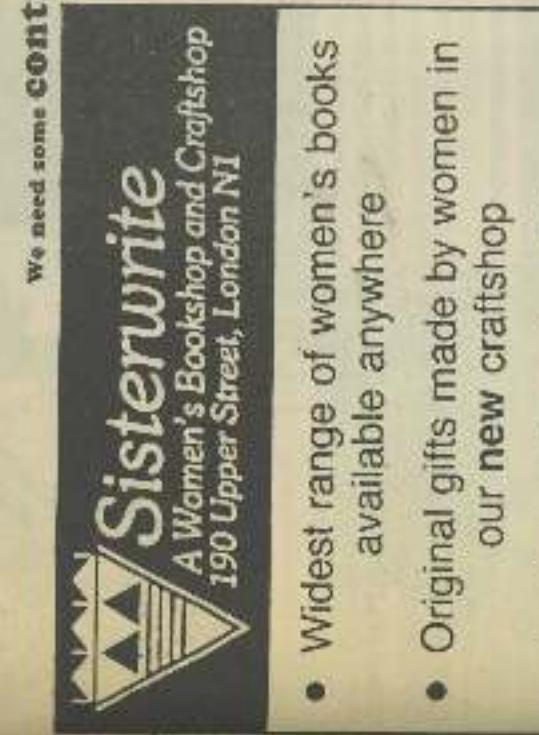
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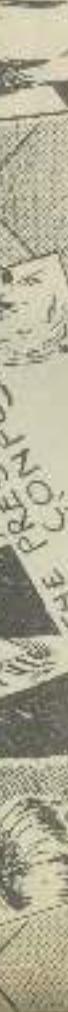
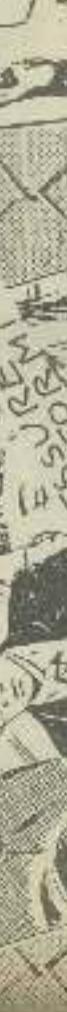
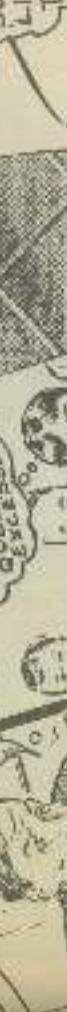
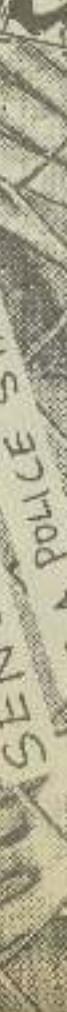
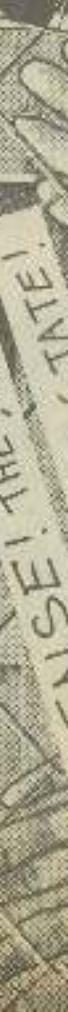
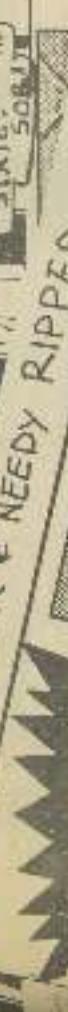
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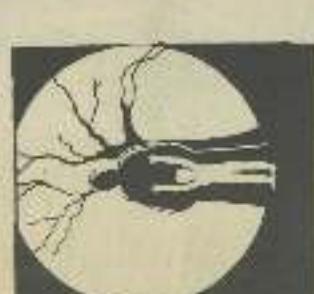
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## YOU ARE NOT ALONE, IT IS NEVER YOUR FAULT.

As children many of us are 'victims' of various forms of sexual abuse, we often have never been able to tell anyone about this experience, or if we do we are often not believed. We may reach adulthood with very bad feelings about this experience, often we feel we are alone, that somehow it was our fault, or that no-one will believe us. You are not alone, it is never your fault, and we do believe you.

Society wouldn't expect you to walk around from childhood with two broken legs, but it expects us to work around with broken minds and broken bodies.

### WHAT SOME SURVIVORS SAY ABOUT THEIR EXPERIENCE...

Before I knew about 'Meridian' I felt completely on my own. Everything I heard or read about incest said it was my fault. I've realised that when one of us speaks out we all have a voice.

People tell you not to be angry, if they only knew how much rage and anger you've carried since childhood. We have a right to be angry, don't we?

No-one believed me, they said I was a liar, the social workers and police shut me up. Now it's in fashion, everyone is talking about it, but people still don't listen or believe us.

You got so used to carrying the blame and feeling guilty, eventually you have to fight back and deny the lies, then it gets better.

Rachel Howe of Meridian says—  
Despite having hundreds of referrals from statutory and voluntary bodies, such as: NSPCC, Social Services, Rape Crisis and various Carelines, which illustrates the desperation the need for Meridian, we have still not managed to get funding from any sources, other than Students' Unions. It is imperative that we are given adequate funds to continue the work we are doing and to recompense the women who who work for us, by paying them a wage (at present all the workers are unpaid).

For years there's no-one to tell about your experience. Now I know there are millions of us, and I want to talk and make sure it doesn't happen to anyone else.

**MERIDIAN GROUP, WATERLOO PLACE, 178 OXFORD ROAD, MANCHESTER M13. Tel: 061-274 3493 (Tuesday and Thursday). We will put you in touch with your nearest Meridian Group.**

## Another Swift review... "SHAME"

Look I always end up saying this and it's getting boring—but why is it that even when a film's meant to be about strong women fighting back, I walk out feeling as if I've been put through a Robochef?

This isn't a nasty trick because it starts off with Asta (the hero) defending herself and other women against marauding rapists, so you get your hopes up, only to have them cruelly dashed later on. If I'd walked out after the first hour or so maybe I wouldn't have felt so terrible.

### AND ANOTHER

**QUEER TRIBE** is the British Lesbian and Gay community magazine. It has listings and local information and some good articles. £1 from radical bookshops.

### A Queer tribe S/o Link Up Fairmerhouse University of Sussex BRIGHTON E. SUSSEX

**ROMSEY NEWS** is the Labour Party broadsheet where I live. It's shit. There's NO jokes in it. It comes free through the door and usually the dog eats it.

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I can't provide suitable storage facilities for these fragile artefacts. I can't. My dog will eat them. I enclose a cheque/PO for £2. I don't. I am close 3 old socks and a raisin I found under the hedge. I understand that Thatcherism is inherently evil and I pledge to fight it by whatever means I can. I am a regular subscriber to the Triphug.

We believe that the victim is blamed and made to feel guilty by society in order to force the victim to 'keep the secret' of sexual abuse. We refuse to be the 'stigmatised keeper of this secret' any longer.

We believe that only when an individual is allowed the time and space to talk about and come to terms with their experience, will an individual change from being a victim and become a survivor. We who are survivors will use all the strength and courage we possess to enable people to achieve this change.

I can't bear anyone to touch me, even in a non-sexual way, it's so off they put a card into my skin.

We believe that all sexual abuse (especially that inflicted upon us as children) has serious long-term effects and repercussions. We also know that incest victims/survivors have particular problems related to the many links and relations they often have to maintain with their families.

I tried to kill myself, it seemed to be the only way to escape from the memories. You're labelled as mentally ill and neurotic, but I know the truth of it, not them.

I'm afraid of everyone. Even when you're afraid to tell, you're afraid to grow up, in case they too, anyone, in about you too, that way.

**SPEAKING OUT.** \*

We believe that as a 'United Group' we have the power to help and support each other, in addition we have a voice that must and will be heard. The knowledge and strength we have as survivors enables us to educate others and so help those individuals (especially children who are still victims)

BY THE MERIDIAN GROUP  
WOMEN'S SECTION

The Meridian Group exists as a forum for the discussion and understanding of sexual abuse. It is also a supportive network for people who have been sexually abused. It specifically centres on the problem of incest, debate about which is still taboo in virtually all strata of society.

We believe that incest is any overtly sexual contact between people who are either closely related or perceive themselves to be, such as: father, brother, uncle, and grandfather (either by biology, marriage, adoption, or co-habitation). If that special trust that exists between a child and parent figure or sibling is violated by a sexual act, that act becomes incestuous.

'I felt as though I couldn't trust anyone, as if the whole world had betrayed me.'

We believe that society can and does dismiss the prevalence of sexual abuse within the family, when statistical evidence includes figures for other forms of sexual abuse. If we are to force society to take action on the issue of family sexual abuse then statistical evidence becomes vital. It is for this reason that we make a distinction between incest and other forms of sexual abuse.

I'm afraid of everyone. Even when you're afraid to tell, you're afraid to grow up, in case they too, anyone, in about you too, that way.

**REMEMBER: YOU ARE NOT ALONE, ONE IN FOUR WOMEN AND ONE IN TEN MALES HAVE SUFFERED SOME FORM OF SEXUAL ABUSE. WE ARE HERE TO HELP AND SUPPORT YOU. YOU ARE NOT TO BLAME FOR WHATEVER HAS HAPPENED TO YOU.**

I am isolated, alone, and always totally isolated as a child and on the edge of things as an adult. On the edge when I became an adult. Continued when I got married, dirty and vile. I felt disgusted, dirty and vile. I hated myself and could not get close to anyone.





Some people, different story, but the lust goes on

YOUNG WOMEN IN ACTION

\* PHOTO STORIES  
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"THERE ISN'T ANY HOW ABOUT IT. IT'S SO EASY..."



"ZID SEIZES ACTRESS TOWER IS SEEING ASLEEP. IS THERE ANYTHING THAT NOW TURNS UP? I WANT TO STOP HER LIVIN' AND USE HER HAIR'S AT HOME!"

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SERIOUS PLEASURE & CHAKING THE JOURNEY: Willing, Black and Third World women. Wind Green Centre, Liberty, H. Rd., Wood Green, London N2.

• STAGE LEFT BRITISH TOUR, LINO THEATRE, CYCLOPS AVIA, COCKROACHES, 14-17, ROSEMARY BRANCH, London, June 19-21. LADIES' COUNCIL FESTIVAL, Coventry.

Catracross: It's an exploration of

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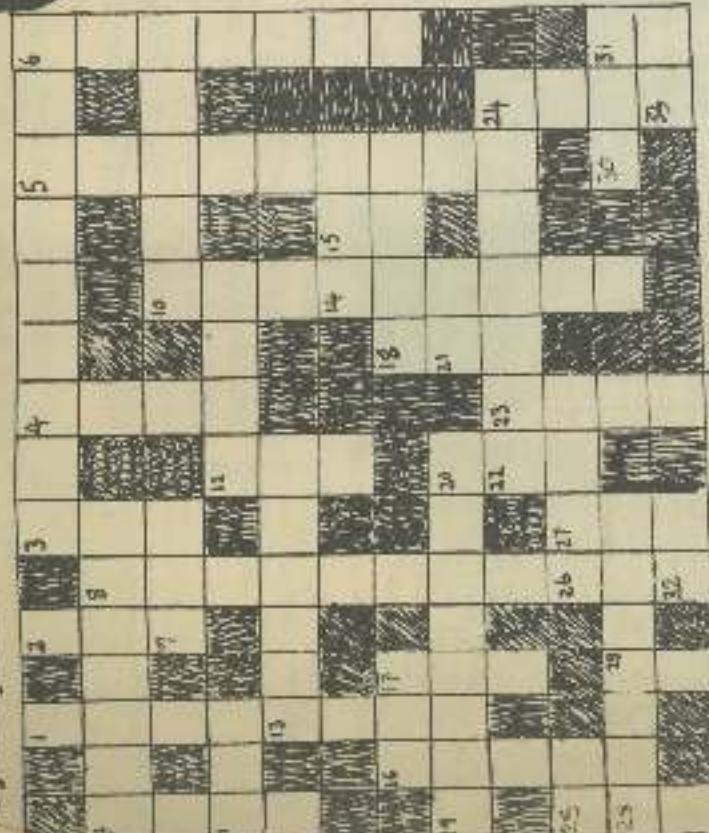


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but people to fit society into stereotypical  
and I you're an the magazines they just  
make male guitars. Also there's a  
bullet 'cous' in Britain which urges the  
sister in doubt presume it's a male  
because it's worse to call a man a  
woman than a woman a man.  
Right back and tell them MADAM loudly  
SP.

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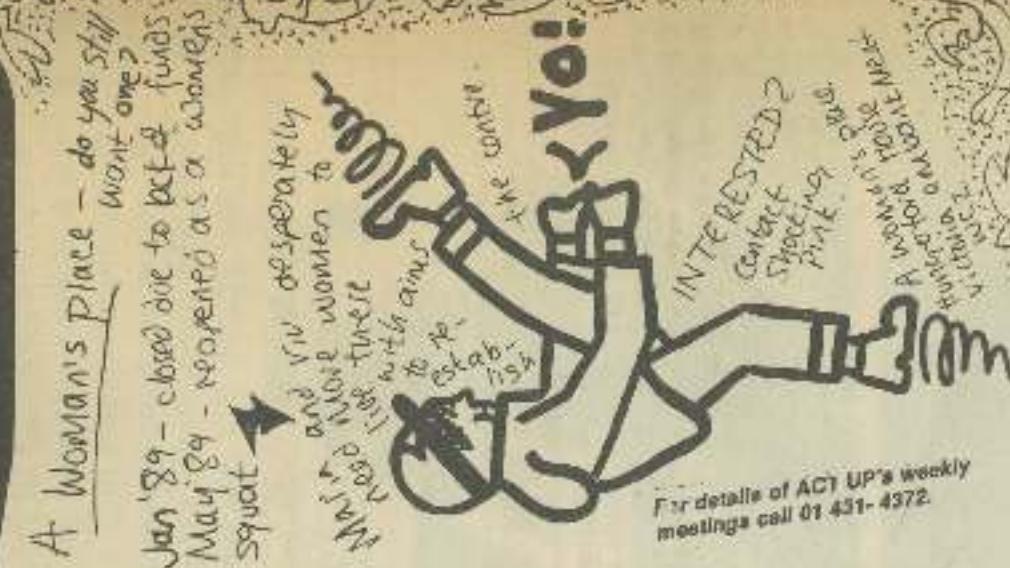


### ACROSS

- 1 A new type of family relationship (3)
- 2 Illustration or Novel Love (7)
- 3 Rhymes with meat although vegetarians  
don't do this to meat (3)
- 4 Rhymes with lorry and starts with an L (3)
- 5 Fix (3)
- 6 Rhymes around on ankles (4)
- 7 Almost, not quite, but... (3)
- 8 Weeds a lot (3)
- 9 Gets do this a lot - mine does anyway, at  
the bottom of my bed under the duvet (3)
- 10 A cycle could ride less if she wanted to  
get access to one. (6)
- 11 Gets do this a lot - mine does anyway, at  
the bottom of my bed under the duvet (3)
- 12 Oh (3)
- 13 Grammat (3) think the answer to this  
else is apart, wrong. (3)
- 14 When the film's scrubbed it's..... (3)
- 15 To... or not to... (3)
- 16 When the film's scrubbed it's..... (3)
- 17 Grammat (3)
- 18 Rhymes with 3 down (3)
- 19 Rhymes with 3 down (3)
- 20 When the film's scrubbed it's..... (3)
- 21 Grammat (3)
- 22 Grammat (3)
- 23 Grammat (3)
- 24 Political method of disease often used  
by young people (4)
- 25 Place where you can drink & meet  
people (3)
- 26 A doctor for animals (3)
- 27 Don't just talk about it... it (3)
- 28 Oh (away) (3)
- 29 Don't just talk about it... it (3)
- 30 Acid (3)
- 31 Rhymes with 3 down (3)
- 32 Off (3)

### Down

- 1 Peace Camp with uninduced  
dates (6)
- 2 A type of pudding (3)
- 3 The dog (3)
- 4 Not difficult (6)
- 5 Unlucky (3)



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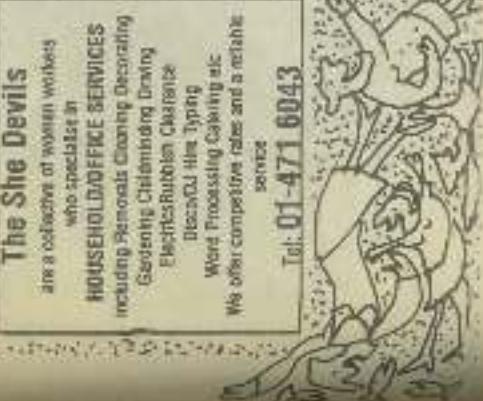
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The South London Women's Centre are moving too, to Goldharbour Lane, and we would like  
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