I wonder where it's got to? Oh what AM I to do?

Maybe it's in here...

Perhaps Kevin had hidden it.

I've looked through all my cupboards & I haven't found it yet.

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PLUS: Periods, Poetry, Postering.
Dear Shocking Pink,
I lost my job as a waitress and was forced to wash dishes instead by a new manager because I had a Shocking Pink Skinhead.

Can I have a free T-Shirt as compensation?
Liz, Aberdeen.

SP2 say we're very sorry. We can't give you a free T-Shirt because we are only poor. Anyway free T-Shirts don't get you your job back. Our advice to you is to join a self help group for skinhead waitresses. (There should be one near you.)

Dear Shocking Pink,
I think Shocking Pink is great. Thanks to everybody who helps. Sorry to say that nobody wants to order it. My teacher read it and told me not to bring it in anymore as it is offensive and unnecessary. But I can keep the posters up because they're not offensive. The teacher is a man.

Love Haley.

Shocking Pink says it is only as offensive as is necessary.

Dear Shocking Pink!
Where do I begin? At the end may be—In sisterhood, yours sincerely, Jan Haave.
OK, I think the mag is BRILLIANT. You hear that all the time I'm sure. I'm a 22yr old Lesbian—socialist artist from Canada on a working holiday in the UK. By the way, I sent in one of my prize pubs back in November to you—from Edinburgh. Surely you must have gotten it! I'm disappointed in the contest—it must have been fixed! I've got no FRIED.... Whoops! Friends because...

a) have a nasty habit of pointing out minor hygienic things (you've got more dirt under your nails than I've got in my back garden)
b) Garlic and onions are an irreplaceable part of my daily diet.
c) throw insults at imperfect strangers who look at me the wrong way. (Hey youl, is that a baby, or do you always dress up your pit bull terrier pup when you go out for a walk?)
the truth

dl) travel around too much, and don't have much time off. Actually, I do have one acquaintance in London—the old grey guy walking around Oxford Circus with the sign relating high protein diets with LUST!
Well, if I don't win the contest, I will try to stop by for a cup of coffee the next time I'm in London. (I live in ringwood—South West.)
Oh—more thing, while reading your Enlightening, Electric, Mass of Literary Wonder, I was struck by a great idea. I'm going to dye my underarm hair pink—I may have to bleach it first to get the right shade of Fuscia (What's that SP) I want, but it'll be fun anyways. Which me luck.

PS. How does the collective feel about nostril hair and chunky earlobes?

We did not make any of these letters up.
INcredible BUT TRUE!

Dear Shocking Pink,

The sixth form head has told me and another 6th former that we can't bring SP or Spare Rib into school because we may not turn out normal. We may influence other 6th formers about rights etc. and we shouldn't be reading them anyway! What makes me sick is that if I brought in the Sun or the Star he wouldn't say a thing.

Lesley Hanlon. Liverpool.

Shocking Pink says that your sixth form head epitomises the attitude of the ruling class in a capitalist society. Our advice: you and your friend should swear violently at him and then start the revolution.

Do any other readers have problems with fascist teachers? Let us know.

Janice Charlesworth—London.

Dear Shocking Pink,

I have just picked up a copy of this amazing piece of literature at the Bookplace in Peckham and have spent a good few hours digesting its contents. I think the magazine is fucking excellent so I will endeavour to obtain it whenever it comes out. It is so hard to get anything decently anarchistic written by young women these days. I wish I could have got something like this when I was struggling through the education system. I was seen as a terrible misfit because I happened to be fond of an oversized black raincoat which I wore with an adapted uniform and impossibly back combed hair..... Thank God SP2 is around to give support to others in the same boat now.

Janice Charlesworth—London.

Dear Shocking Pink,

Thanks alot for the poster. I had just about given up on you. I will put it up but it will be taken down the next day.

I was reading Spare Rib & of one of the teachers told me not to bring it in again. It wasn't suitable for a young lady to read. Let's hope Shocking Pink is better! Thanks a lot.

Lots love

Haley.
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Shocking Pink
Developments, Changes, Editorial.

Like so many hard left magazines Shocking Pink was in severe financial straits. ‘Bride’, similarly, was on the verge of folding. Shocking Pink thought there was only one thing for it; they approached ‘Bride’ and proposed a merger. Bride was initially unsure (SP called it coy) (actually SP felt mucked about by Bride’s changes of heart). But (thank God) ‘Bride’ eventually decided to go for the union and this issue is the outcome. There were no forced redundancies but a few of the ‘Bride’ group regrettably felt they couldn’t accept the huge drop in wages.

All the new merged collective believe the resulting magazine is a fair representation of both groups basic beliefs. If you think there is unreasonable bias towards EITHER one of the former magazines we’d be interested to hear your opinions.
JANET BRIGGS: Dedicated to fighting evil she knows she must get a mass strike to stop the Tory cuts & save the NHS. But how can she get others to join the struggle?

HUGO BRACEY-GIBBONS: A pedestrian on £40,000 pa. doesn't give a shit about the NHS, he's private anyway. £2 Billion in tax cuts to the rich in the budget appeal to him.

CRESSIDA SANDERSON: Indignant that everyone else is on strike, she's the only one still working. She's in the RCN, the no strike union & she's going to marry Hugo.

THE STORY SO FAR ... Thatcher is trying to dismantle the NHS. Tax cuts for the rich leave nothing for the Hospitals. Janet desperately wants to fight back but Cressida is scabbing.

HEARTBREAK HOSPITAL

SOME TIME IN THE FUTURE. NO ONE KNOWS WHERE. NO ONE KNOWS WHEN.

I can't stand it. Everyone on strike except Cressida. The Future of the NHS is at stake.

Cressida. STOP! We must talk.

I don't care what you say, I'm not going on strike.

But the emancipation of the working classes can only be done by workers themselves.

But I can't leave the patients. How can you say you care if you leave them to die?

THE OPINIONS EXPRESSED IN THIS STORY ARE NOT NECESSARILY THOSE OF THE SP2 COLLECTIVE.
*Note—thats if you've got 2 yrs training (for a 37½/hr week). A woman at COHSE head office says that after EIGHT years you might be on £3600. BIG DEAL.*
SUBSCRIBE WITH MELANIE MacFADGEN AND THE QUEEN MUM !!!!

Yes it’s true, these are two SP subscribers! So hadn’t you better do it too? All cheques to be made payable to: ‘SHOCKING PINK 2’. We’re a quarterly magazine (that means there are four issues per year, Not that we’re a quarter of the size of other mags). So subs are:

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£480 (four issues) for institutions, ‘cos we know you’ve got loads of money.

Donations are also very welcome.

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READERS’ QUESTIONNAIRE — THE TRUE RESULTS.

1. Two women confessed to belonging to a young women’s group, one of which has since left, 20,000 admitted to once belonging to the Socialist Workers Party.

2. An amazing 23,432 women bought their SP on the picket line at Fords, Dagenham.

3. Somewhat surprisingly no one had ever seen SP before.

4. 83.67% of our readers are under 13.

5. 62.87% are over 65.

6. 22.25% are 23.

7. 2.3% don’t know.

8. 10,769 women were bought SP by their mums.

9. 99% of our readers thought SP was ‘superbly brilliant’, one person (Kathy Baker of SP The High St, Bury St Edmunds) thought it was ‘stilt’.

10. 19,078 were handed into buying SP, the rest were too drunk to realise.

11. 96% of our typical readership did not know what the women’s movement was and thought that it was probably a new bra design.

12. This question seems to confuse a lot of our readership. Most were unsure about what all the terms meant, but one really said: ‘The women who picked up a SP at the women’s meeting for the first time, I think it was a “stilt”.’

13. We must admit that we were rather shocked at the answer to this question. Everybody without exception thought that we were already living in a socialist country, and thought that Thatcher has managed to uphold the ideals of Marx (and Engels) successfully. Is everyone living in Utopia we ask ourselves?

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This year SP sent 6 investigative reporters to the NUS women’s conference. 450 student women represented the colleges of Britain & voted on policy for the next year. It was a violent couple of days. An 80 year old man was knocked over by SP (women only) 1st pres who asked the women to leave the men’s conference which was the building had sexisly denied women access to the cafe & toilets. Later a woman was attacked by a man who was so angry he couldn’t come to the women’s bit.

Three women burst into tears, the RCP only got votes for national women’s offices despite the fact that there were 3 RCP delegates that could vote (the SWP and others were struck). Kate & Angle went swimming, we sold over 100 copies of SP & 5T shirts and got a parking ticket. (Lines any HELPFUL youth worker like Bertrand Davies want to pay?)

It was good to see so many women together, but it wasn’t perfect. It seemed a bit bureaucratic, illogical & unrelated to real life. The CP won the post of Women’s Officer.
The aim of the action is to cause the old and often infirm serious amounts of stress. Thus throwing them into confusion, which could possibly result in them voting against themselves.

One way of doing this was tested out by a group of 8 lesbians (ages ranging from 28-29) who gave not a damn and threw themselves, almost literally, into the midst of the House of Lords.

This was on an entirely impulsive decision made THAT VERY SAME MORNING.

The budget they were on resembled that of a government one eg. the NHS; they spent a mere £2.50 in Clapham High St market on a washing line. Ironically it was a Lord who granted the women entry to the gallery. Lord Monkswell. In doing so he expressed his wish that they wouldn’t do anything to embarrass him.

I remember hearing the shouts as the 2 women climbed down the ropes, "Lesbians are Out", "Shame on you", and "This is a peaceful demonstration!

(On the way I should add at this point that the women didn’t actually abseil, they climbed down the ropes.) Two nearby women thought they were going to hang themselves. I mean come on .... we’re angry but not suicidal.

One of our heroines said, "For me it was an expression of how angry I felt, I enjoyed myself. It didn’t change anything but I said what I wanted to say".

At least this action gained publicity in the tabloids, seven front pages, included the word LESBIAN on them.

A few weeks later on International Women’s Day they chained themselves to the railings at Buckingham Palace. This time the budget was higher; £140 for the chains. In their inimitable style they were dragged off by the boot boys singing women’s songs.

Both times these women have got away without convictions, merely a few hours in a cell. It goes to show that anyone can be involved in direct action, so don’t sit around waiting for this group to do all the work ....

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**SP2 Guide to Party Games.**

For girles aged 5-55 only.

**Musical Riots**

Rules—While the music is playing all the girles must run around gaily (no offices). When it stops all run into the street with arms ag bricks, metal piping, broom handles & other ordinary household weaponry. Then smash windows, whilst shouting a lot. This can be difficult to do at the same time.

Whoever is the last person to be arrested is OUT OF THE GAME—Shame on you!

**Pin the Black Triangle on Dame Jill Knight’s Nose.**

Rules—One picture of the Dame should be up on a big blank wall. A large black triangle with pin should be placed in the hand of the blindfolded person who will then attempt to pin it somewhere in the vicinity of the Dame’s nose. Each player takes a turn.

The winner is the one who gets the furthest away from her nose.

**The Ultimate Right-On Party Game.**

Rules—All players sit in a big circle, with crossed legs, smiling, wearing hand-made shoes.

Each person, with their right hand strokes the adjacent persons left shoulder.

Nobody. (Moody-well) wins.

* What to do When You’re Arrested, (Playing Musical Riots)

1. Be as loud and abusive as possible, using such words as “pigs”, “boob boys” and “faggots”.
2. Threaten them with instant death come the revolution.
3. Once having been thrown in the cell sing songs such as, “Paint them Pink”.
4. Woman detains when being body searched should smile laconically a lot, and giggle when she searches your waist. (I’ve done this. It really works them up a lot.)
5. Ask them personal questions like, “What’s it like being a faggot piglette?”

GOOD LUCK & we hope you all enjoy your birthday parties—don’t get pigged. (arrested).

Kate & Louise

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**IT’S BETTER THAN GOING OUT & GETTING PISSED**

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He Wasn’t Crying but he Was Scared.

* Last February at the university of East Anglia 2 male students went into a women’s room. She was alone in bed. Saying they were looking for her boyfriend, they ripped the covers off her & stood staring. They pulled her out of bed & she landed heavily, injuring her shoulder.

The Union of Students said any complaint had to go through the proper democratic procedures and then enothing. The University Authorities said it too. Most of the men said 'They were just drunk.'

It was only when the women did their own campaign, printing leaflets etc that the Union took notice. The men were then voted off university accommodation. It took two women, a flying beer glass & a cry of ‘fucking bastard’ to get one of them to leave the place. Chris told SP: 'He wasn't crying, he was scared.' Later he claimed he was being intimidated by women. He is 6 feet tall.

* The clause that has had more name changes than a certain well-known nuclear power station looks all set to grace the statute book as section 25 of the Local Government Act. After Commons vote of 134 to 62 the Bigots Charter will become law in June. In spite of his apparent opposition to the clause, Labour's Shadow Environment spokesman (person?) John Cunningham refused to give any undertaking that the clause would be repealed when Labour came to power. However, openly gay MP and SP reader, Chris Smith, spoke up against the clause, saying that ‘true morality and true decency mean accepting and celebrating diversity, and being tolerant’.

This clause will be utterly devastating. Don’t just sit there. Don’t just listen.

March on London—April 30th.

For more action contact OLGA on: 01 833 3866.

Poll Tax.

Polly ticks? No.

* Remember the debate around televising parliament? We were shattered and intrigued to learn that Tony MP’s former 80% of those who said no—having the cameras watching them.

* The 200 richest people in the British Isles are worth over $26 billion. These rich folk tend to be. They have left school at 18 and are self-made millionaires. No mention of course of the popstars, gardeners and TV presenters that own 1000’s of acres in Scotland. They plant trees, get massive tax benefits, cheap the trains down and sell ‘em. VERY smart, ruin the environment and get tons of money. Better than doing a 9-5 job. And what about the oasis’s me wonders? ... The depraved rich who work hard watching their interest pile up on their inherited wealth. (They’re mostly Librarians.)

* While we’re battling with Satanic Alton (eat and be blasphemyous!), California has become the 33rd state that requires written parental permission for girls under 18 before they can get an abortion.

* Alton has called for supporters of his bill to fast & pray. 

Fight the Fight...
The last time they tried to introduce a poll tax it led to a 'PEASANTS REVOLT'.

So you think we're living in a democracy? So you think everyone has a right to speak out?

**BEING ROWDY.**
* The new public order bill has a new definition of being disorderly. The bill does not require proof that the 'disorderly' conduct actually causes alarm, harassment or distress. It's enough for a police officer to say that it does. The burden of proof in a criminal trial is on the defendant, rather than the prosecution. What this means is the prosecutor doesn't have to justify why she is making a case, but the defendant has to make a case for proving her innocence. Innocent until proven guilty is a saying of the past.

**Control of Protest.**
I think this is good & should go in. If there's a free page lets put this in Partially edited.

I think I love this article. Good facts, good points.

**UNDER THE PUBLIC ORDER BILL.**
Organisers must give 7 days advance notice to the police of any proposal for a procession or demonstration. Organizers who fail to give advance notice, give certain details or do not comply with the details they do give the police risk prosecution. The maximum penalty for an offence is £400 fine.

The most senior police officer present (which could in practice be a junior rank officer) has complete freedom to impose any conditions and directions on the march if he or she believes the march—

a) may result in public disorder or
b) may result in serious damage to property or

c) may result in serious disruption to life of the community or

d) the purpose of the march is intimidation of others.

If the organisers fail to comply with the above conditions there are penalties of up to 3 months imprisonment or £1000 fine.

If you participate in (as well as organising or inciting others to participate in) a prohibited demonstration there are penalties of up to 3 months & a £1000 fine.

**OTHER LAWS...**
* Under the Town Police Clauses act of 1847 orders can be made for preventing obstructions during public processions. The public meetings Act of 1908, originally to prevent the disruption of meetings by suffragettes, makes it easy to arrest 'disturbers' at any public meeting. Using 'Common Law' powers police are able to set up road blocks and turn back packets (used often during the miners strike).

**WHO'S WATCHING WHO?**
* Since 1981 police have been involved in intelligence gathering operations. There is a Central Intelligence Unit based at Scotland Yard, London, that relies on 24 intelligence officers to pass on information about industrial disputes, marches, meetings & community tension. The CIU works at street level, which means they'll be listening to your conversation, gossip, noting down unusual incidents.
Anarchist Karl = heavy
Marxist Groucho = flipant

* OK ** Fat Believer *** Great!

C = corrupting, capitalist, evap
We don't know much...

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If she hurts you, you've only yourself to blame— You were ignoring her however hard she sulked— She's pesterin today— What tomorrow!

ANNIE ON MY MIND
Nancy Garden
When Lex Wintrop first meets Annie Kenyon in the Metropolitan Museum of Art, she knows something important is happening. Both seventeen years old, from opposite sides of New York—their chance meeting begins a wonderful, soothing romance. Frank and bitter-sweet, this love story was chosen by The American Library Association as one of the Best Books for Young Adults.

Published by the Women's Press.

ROMANCE BY THE BOOK

by Tsitsi Dangarembga

Published by the Women's Press.

Set in Rhodesia in the sixties, this book tells the story of Tambu, a young village girl, who finds herself in a new & alien environment when her rich uncle offers to pay for her education. Overjoyed at first she soon discovers that her education costs more than money. It also deals with her cousin Nyasha who returns from England only to find herself a stranger amongst her own people.

This book has serious comments to make about the violence & loss of culture produced by colonisation. But it has its light touches: 'you're better off losing your virginity to a tampon, which won't leak over its achievement, than to a man who would add you to his list of hymens'. (nothing else, the cover's brilliant!)
KIDNAPPING OF ABOREGINAL CHILDREN.

I DON'T MAKE THE PROBLEMS

WHY MUST I PAY?

In some Aboriginal communities, women & girls as young as 13 have been sterilised without their knowledge or consent. The drug that has been used on these women is called Depo-Provera, an injectable drug manufactured by the Contraceptive Co. The drug has many dangerous side effects ranging from vomiting the body's ability to resist infection & disease, nausea, change in sex drive, depression, change in blood pressure, loss of hair, weight loss & infertility.

Depo-Provera & mainly used in Third world countries (women in Africa, Asia, Latin America etc) also in Fourth world countries including Aboriginal women. In the 1990s, thousands of Aboriginal children were forcibly removed from their families by welfare authorities and put into white homes & institutions. In New South Wales alone, between the period 1883 to well into the 1970s over 6 thousand children were taken from their families. Considering that Australia has five other states and 2 territories, the overall figure must have reached appalling dimensions. They were forcibly taken in the past and then later through the legal process of adoption and warning.

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The instigators of these immoral acts, kidnapping, assaults & false imprisonments, were seen as 'Acting from high Christian Morality'. The policy of the governments of those thirty years was 'Assimilation', the common belief that, 'When children were placed in a first class private home, the superior standard of life would pave the way for absorption of these people, into the general population (Aboriginal Protection Board NSW, 1926). Aborigines were regulated by special laws, mostly 'Wards of State' and 'Protected Persons' restricting their movement, places of residence, sexual relations, the right to socialise and the guardianship of their children.

The onset of colonization had a disastrous effect on Aboriginal family life. It has produced a tangled network of tragedies. What occurred was a deliberate attempt to break the Aboriginal race. On missions and reserves (nothing less than concentration camps), Aborigines were raped daily, by stockmen, police, and the community. To save the local White man's embarrassment, the child born from the rape, was taken away by the White authorities without the mothers consent. It was nothing less than attempted genocide. This gross abuse and cultural genocide began with the governments deliberate policies of forced removal of Aboriginal children from their parents, which is continuing to this day, destroying thousands of Aboriginal families.

As in all other societies, children are vital importance, they are the future and hope. Basically the 'Assimilation' meant Australia was to become a homogeneous (White) society, and Aborigines had to give up all their traditions and culture. In view of all Australian Governments, Aborigines were expected to adapt the same manner of life as the White Australian.

Black men, we want to make you happy, but you cannot be happy unless you imitate White men. Build huts, wear clothes and be useful. You cannot be happy unless you love God... love White men... learn to speak English. (A speech from Governor Gawler, Adelaide 1835.)

(Author and compiled by ... Aboriginal Land Rights Support Group) Resource from (SNAIC) Secretariat of National Aboriginal And Island Child Care.

(Miss Dean Hall) Sister Kelly claimed that nurses & station hands from the area had been told when the girls had injections & were 'safe'. A statement from one of the girls who eventually sought alternative contraception (IUD) after being raped repeatedly by a truck driver when she was 13 during this time. I believe a breach of confidentiality occurred as this stockman was given information that I had an IUD inserted. He was also given the impression that even if I didn't have an IUD inserted I would have been SAFE anyway as 'all aborigines girls in Quandongana are unable to have babies anyway'.

The use of Depo-Provera on Aboriginal women is one of the many appalling examples of institutionalised racism in Australia. The drug is banned in the USA but not in the UK. A full report on sterilisation of Aboriginal women will come out in May 88 to coincide with Joan Wingfield tour (Black activist from 3 Australia, rep of the Coloured peoples). The report will be sent to various embassies and the United Nations to demand a full & public international enquiry on Depo-Provera use on Aboriginal Women. Joan Wingfield will be in London from June 12 to June 29. She will be giving a serious account of her peoples' struggle during this time. For more information about the tour dates contact the Black Australian Information Centre situated on the 3rd floor, 250 Clarence St, Sydney. Written by the Land Rights Support Group.
What Happening To The Children

The powerful ones say that we must make a world for the children of today. But the powerful ones are the children of today, and you're making a mess that we will have to clean up one day for the children of tomorrow. But if you carry on in those wicked greedy ways there will be no children tomorrow. So stop for a minute and listen to the children's laughing, crying, screaming and singing. Powerful ones you have no power, your power is greed, and your greed has become murder. Greedy ones listen to the children before it's too late and there's no one left to clean up your mess. Children have rights too!

They say the police are there to help you! The police in Australia, New Zealand, and South Africa don't help you if you're of a different colour or culture, instead they beat you, intimidate you, rape you and even KILL you! Violence to Aborigines in Queensland is the highest in the world, San Francisco is second. Street kids have been picked up by the police and driven to nearby harbours and thrown in the water (regardless of the child being able or not to swim). "We'll give you a lift if you give us a lay". She refused so they beat her repeatedly and took her home. Kids have been forced to stand for hours against the walls with their hands on their heads stripped naked and raped. The average age of street kids that stuff glue and petrol is 5-11.

Black women need to be able to make choices about what they want to do with their lives, which means that individual Black women need to be able to decide whether they want to terminate a pregnancy or not in the light of their individual circumstances. To force Black women to bear children they do not want is a further assault on their dignity and fundamental human rights as well as on their other relationships. If David Alton's Bill succeeds it may open the way to women gradually losing control over their fertility and their own bodies. For us this will not be a new experience. As slaves we were forced to carry children we did not want and to abort children we did want. May we not find ourselves in this choice-less situation ever again.

Now is the Time

For Black Women to Speak Out

We have not been targeted for involvement in these campaigns, and have indeed been excluded by racist assumptions that we are incapable of exercising control over our reproductive processes. The lives of most Black women have been a daily battle for the survival of ourselves and our children in what is a hostile environment. That battle leaves little time to get involved in any campaign on any issue.

FAB (01-831 6838)

The Fight Alton's Bill Campaign

For further information and involvement in Black Women Against Alton contact the FAB office at
An irreverent look at
CONTRACEPTION
-The 'INS' and 'OUTS'...
For 'With it' young things!

IN! CONDOMS
OUT! THE PILL,
because it
can fuck you
up.

THE CAP...
MASTURBATION
NUNHOOD
CHOCOLATE

His 'n' Hers...

Brook Advisory Centres, Central Office,
153a East St., SE17
Tel. 703 9860

Basic Facts about contraceptives
available ->

THE CAP...
The cap or diaphragm is a flexible rubber
dome which you put into your vagina before
you have sex and which covers the mouth
of the womb, preventing the sperm from
meeting the egg. You should always use
spermicide (which inactivates the sperm)
with a cap and you should leave the cap in
place for 6 hours after you have sex. It needs
to be fitted by a trained person and the size
checked once a year at least, or when
you've gained or lost a lot of weight, or had
a baby, miscarriage or abortion. If used with
care every time you have sex, it's very effec-
tive and there are no effects on your periods
or general health.

COIL — a small white plastic
device which is inserted in the uterus
by a trained person. No one is quite
sure how the coil works.

JUD - CAN BE
INSERTED INTO
THE VAGINA BY HAND,
USED WITH CAP OR SHEATH.

DUREX — fits over the erect penis
before penetration and prevents the
sperm entering the vagina.

Soft Plastic
Round
Thick
Rim — TEAT TO
CATCH SPERM
WHILE NO
COOL'S MESS
SHOULD NOT
HAVE AIR IN
WHEN OVER PENIS

Vasectomy:
- Men have to
go to their GP to get referred to a consul-
tant.
- Remember — spores are hardly
like a man swimming the Atlantic
covered in treacle...

Alternative applications for unused contraceptives:

PINGING CONDOM CONTESTS.

ONE SIZE FITS ALL.
Did you know... in
the beginning condoms
came in 3 sizes — small,
medium + large. Now
they only make them
large, because no one
ever bought the other
sizes. Hahaahaha

What the press say

What the public think

"He's a great"
Miss B. Leventhal

"A real-life..."
Mr. D. Leventhal

What is the world's most
successful contraceptive?"
R.D. Leventhal

"Nothing!"
Dentist's assistant

"In a test..."
Dentist's assistant

"And it really does..."
Dentist's assistant
"WE'RE HAPPY!"

"It was expensive but fun!"

"Yes. Expensive but fun..."

"AND WILL BE..."

"...From now on..."

"The doctors were right. According to the kits, HALF the men tested at Stepping Hill Hospital in Stockport were pregnant!"

"The doctors tested samples from men who were said to be pregnant and found that they were actually pregnant!"

"The doctors were..."
Dear Shocking Pink,

There's a group of 4 young women in Hull who want to set up a group at the women's centre to talk about sexism, abortion rights etc. The meetings will be on Sundays 2-4pm. We're beginning to wonder if there are any young feminists in Hull. If there is anyone interested then ring 0759 303283 and ask for Sam from a pissed off young woman.

Sam.
P.S. Hurry up with the next issue.

APOLOGY.

We are very sorry that the socialist revolution didn't take place on March 4th. This was due to heavy rain. The organisers of the event are planning it for late summer when the weather will be better. (to cater for fair weather revolutionaries as well as the hard core) & hope to move it further up North.

What do YOU think our model was looking for?

a) The women's (liberation) movement.

b) Her missing period,

c) Her knife,

d) Something to eat.

GUESS WHAT.

It is one of the most talked about days in the calendar. Radio, television and the papers speak of it weeks if not months in advance. Particularly this year with wide reported coverage of a surplus of money waiting around and not just in the city either. Have you guessed yet? The BUDGET. Yeah, that event where once a year the second most important person according to the hierarchy of government-the Chancellor, comes into his own. He wakes up in the morning, walks out of No 11 Downing St holding high in the air a suitcase of an excited mass. People clicking away with their cameras."Over here Chancellor, here, higher, higher!"

Speculation as to what was to be in this years' budget was rife. The NHS was top nomination. Supporters such as the Labour party made March 16th NHS day. They asked the government to spend a fraction of the surplus of money it had on what is generally accepted to be an NHS in desperate circumstances.

Hospitals closing, people dying because of a lack of staff and the funds to pay them. Modern equipment so badly needed is not being supplied. People have left the NHS in droves because of lack of pay and low morale.

Money is a reality in our lives, we need it in order to live. But what degree does this budget in the 11th year of Thatcheria consider for most of us to be an acceptable level of existing.

Taxation, relief for mortgages, Independent tax system for married women. Was there anything for the average working man. I'll say man because that's the way they analyse what we get, which speaks volumes to me. General taxation has gone down to 23% which means that for every pound earned 30p goes to the treasury (government), supposedly to help us. (in the way an opinion poll showed that most people would have preferred to give their one or two pence cut to the NHS.)

Great you might say, but when you consider that there are at least 5 million people who are dependent on supplementary benefits of us working here undetected as their only source of income and don't pay tax. Well, what's it for them? We now hand you over to Nigel Lawson, Chancellor to see what he has done to improve the situation. Over to you Nigel...er, blank, er) Nothing, well that's just not good enough quite frankly. That Nigel says that he has cut taxation and some of the mongols in the city. That 5% who can least afford to pay more. And what of the NHS which is so prominent in the countries CONCISSIONALITY? Would there be any extra money so badly needed?

NO... NOT A PENNY. Not even a red cent and no mention of future help either. Well done Nigel. (Maybe that's the brief case is so tidy!)

About Sup Benefit--By the time you get this article the SB system will have changed according to new government Laws (rules?). It will be called Income Support and will greatly down grade the living standards of effectively 60% of people on benefit. Once again thanks but no thanks. the squeeze is on.

Dear Shocking Pink,

You sent me a copy of SP2 under the instructions of my Aunt, Ross Bennett. She didn't actually tell me anything about SP2 at all. It just arrived OUT OF THE BLUE! But when I read it I instantly forgave her.

Other than the printing, I can't find anything wrong with Shocking Pink! By the way, have you noticed that when a mixed group of people get together, when a male (pratt) is speaking, he subconsciously (??!!) cuts out the women by only directing his eyes & speech at the other male (pratts)? Puke... Puke... Puke!!! (You probably already knew that, but anyway!!!)

GOOD LUCK!

Luv Clare, Byebye

[Image]
...NOT BAD, EH?

LESBIAN STRENGTH

LUCKY LOUISE .. won SP for a day and didn't regret it. She's also very happy with her SP twinset. Her winning sentence was 'Tve got no friends because ... I'm a power dresser.' Follow Louise's example—contact SP2 and you never know where it might lead.

Dear Shocking, Pink Women - It was very nice of you to come and visit me and eat almost all of my food. I had a lovely time, especially in bed and at Ms. Selfridge. Been seen out with you has done wonders for my street cred. Now you have gone I am very lonely with nothing to do except count my presents and contemplate my knickers.

Please print this in your mag, so more people will understand what a great privlege it is to have you stay.

An awful lot of LOVE, from LOUISE, A SP reader, Cambridge!

SP says—If you want us to come and stay with you let us know. We're planning a UK tour in 1988 and need people to put us up, tel P.S. SP are a really nice collective! ???????????!

Dear Shocking Pink & everyone in the world.
I think your magazine is pretty amazing, but am bored. My friends keep deserting me! (& I can't tell them a damn thing) so please could some of your wonderful people write to me (& I'd write to you). We could share secrets, problems, news, views, ANYTHING! & make really good friends all over the country!!!!!

Write to me about anything (except hamsters called bubble & squeak) at 23 Friars Walk, Westlands, Newcastle, Staffs, ST6 2HA.

Love & kisses,
Mary-Anne Harrington.

SP2.
Equality for women ... What is equality today? Getting the same as men? Taking on their standards & living on their level?

All very well and good, but why struggle to reach them? Men have made the world what it is today—throughout history they have made the rules and dictated the standards.

Now look at it. But there again, who is to say it would have turned-out any different if the roles were swapped from the beginning?

There must not be bitterness or despair, but we have to look ahead with hope, not reaching for 'equality' with men, but a different pathway.

Reject all this facade of politics & '1980's youth' crap—we are strong and we are beautiful in ourselves. Don't look back or make a big noise. Just turn away, not being oppressed & oppressing nobody.

Equality with men today is nothing to shout about, it should be enough to know you are woman, a young woman with youth and strength to shape yourself the way you want to be within yourself.

Love a Kate Bushing Tree, S. London.

SP2 says they agree with most things in this letter BUT think it is a bit unrealistic to say 'just turn away, not being oppressed & oppressing nobody.' If only we could. But we cannot really get away from male oppression in society today, its all over the place.
On the 20th of February 1988 thousands of men, women and children took over the city of Manchester in a national demonstration against Clause 28 of the Local Government Bill. The city's steeped in a history of struggle and rebellion (e.g., the Peterloo Massacre of the 19th Century, where textile workers fighting for the right to food and better living conditions were slaughtered by the army.)

Manchester was once again spearheading the cry of resistance, playing host to a national day of protest. People from all over Britain and Europe showed their anger at this new era of Victorian puritanism.

The government has clearly hoped that the Clause will go through unnoticed, but as shown in the now infamous 'House of Lords' and Ideal Home Exhibition demonstrations, and other actions all over the country, we are not gonna take this shit sitting inside our cozy closets: Gay or Straight, Lesbian or Heterosexual... This law affects you! So be there on the 30th, April in London!

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SP - What is your name?
MS - Maud Salter?
SP - You're Maud Salter?
MS - Uh, Brilliant - we've got a really good one here.
SP - Oh, I see.
MS - Oh, I see. You went that really... (Spoken very fast)...
SP - Well, there are long story short-

MS - I've got a long story short-
SP - Well, you're waiting out to be
Maud Salter is a poet and well known
works in Manchester.

SP - I've got a long story short-
MS - Oh, yes! I sometimes do young
women's workshops, writing
workshops and stuff.
SP - For young women in
Manchester.

SP - Well, all our British girls get
trying into college and stuff. So I think
we're gonna promote your magazine.

SP - What's your name?
MS - I'm Mads Salter.
SP - Where are you from?
MS - The London contingent is
HAYMARKET SQUARE.

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FOR SALE: Uncut copies of "The Bigot's Book" £50 from SP? (Just kidding). Send us an envelope stamped S.A.E. and we'll send you a copy. PS send us a C.O.D. and we'll send you all the juicy bits.

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Large Ad

**DISABLED LESBIAN SPEAKER.**

Honest it's on the streets against Lesbians and Gays. We must unite together, remember the differences. Remembering that we are from every community and that Lesbians and Gays will be here to stay. Don't let them snipe at our community. Fight back for our rights to live in decent humanity.

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**NATIONAL STOP THE CLAWS DEMAND MANCHESTER.**

SUE JOHNSON, (Sheila Grant, Brookside).

It's great to be here. I haven't attended to speak, I'm not very good without a script, but I have to say something. When I first heard about Clause 28, I thought about the 'Burning of the Books' and we've all heard what happened over there, and it must not happen over here. Bless YOU.

The crowd responds with roars of 

SHEILA, SHEILA, SHEILA !

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SP1 - Can you hear that? It's quite good.

SP2 - SCREECH, SCREECH, WHINE.

SP2 - This is a violent woman, she's exciting, she uses the sultry sultry and works with the crowd and doesn't look it. It's kind of lacking. I think you'd like SCREECH, SCREECH, WHINE.

SP2 - Well you might like it, I like it.

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On the train back to London, we spoke to some people who had been on the march, we were in good company, with the likes of Michael Cashman, Ian McKellen but we went for the common women, we heard them singing bold songs, most of which the tape machine failed to record because of it's bluness! (Liar, batteries ran out!) We did manage to chat with them and others.

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**SP - Give us a song, we're from Shocking Pink.**

Singing - We're abolishing, we're abolishing, down a walking line to the Lords, we're abolishing against the clause.

SP - Lovely, what's your name then?

SP - Give us a song, we're from Shocking Pink.

Singing - We're abolishing, we're abolishing, down a walking line to the Lords, we're abolishing against the clause.

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THE END... NOT BLOODY LIKELY! (We'll be there in London 5th April LOVE, SP)
In fact the answer is no, not in the slightest.

TAKE NO HEROES!

The Shocking List of Afro-African Heroes.

- Winnie Mandela
- Black activist

SHERI GRAYE—Veritable Tower
WILMETTE BROWN—Nice woman
from Women
For Wages For
Housework.

MICHELLE SHOCKED—S.P.
contributor.

EMMA WILD CHILDRELL—
Post feminist

and fast young
woman.

MY MUM—Or your mum if you
choose.

BERTRAND RUSSELL—For say-
ing, Religion is
the biggest single
hindrance to human
progress.

MARTINA SAVRATILOVA—Strong
left hand.

MAYA ANGELOU—For being so
honest.

LASSIE—For being a
female dog who saved
everyone within pawing
distance.
SP asked King's Cross Women's Centre to write something, here it is, we think it's pretty good.
In order to gain naturalisation as a British Citizen you need to meet the following requirements:

- You may apply if you are:
  - aged 18 or over and are not of unsound mind
  - of good character
  - have sufficient knowledge of the English language

This means:

- that your mastery of the English Language must be sufficient for you to fulfil your duties as a citizen.

If because of a disability you cannot speak, it will be sufficient if you can communicate in writing or by using British Sign Language.

*If you live either in the United Kingdom, or abroad in Crown Service i.e. working directly for Her Majesty’s United Kingdom Government.

*You meet the 5 year resident requirements or are unemployed overseas in Crown service under the United Kingdom Government.

You will meet the five year residence requirements if:

- you were in the UK at the beginning of the 5 year period; and
- in that 5 year period you were not outside the United Kingdom for more than 450 days; and
- in the last 12 months of the 5 year period you were not outside the UK for more than 90 days; and
- in the last 12 months of the 5 year period your stay in the United Kingdom was not subject to any time limit under the immigration laws; and
- you were not at any time in the 5 year period in the UK in breach of the immigration laws.

Once you have asked for naturalisation, you are then required to put an advert in a Local Newspaper stating that you intend to take out British Citizenship by naturalisation and that if anyone objects they should make their objections known. If no one objects then your application is sent to the Home Secretary, who then decides whether to grant you citizenship or not.

Immigration Proposals — the main points

1. There will be no automatic right for the wives and dependants of men already settled here to join them. It must be shown that suitable accommodation and support, without recourse to public funds can be provided before permission is granted.

2. The right of appeal against deportation will be severely limited. Appeals on points of law only will be allowed, but the right to appeal against the use of discretionary powers by officials will be stopped.

3. All claims to British citizenship must be established before arrival in Britain. Those arriving without a valid authority to enter the country will be removed with no right of appeal.

4. In the case of polygamous marriage, only one wife will be allowed to join a husband settled in Britain.
SHOCKING PINK ASKED BIENCE FROM SWAPO TO AN INTERVIEW. WHAT IS WRITTEN HERE ARE HER EXACT WORDS (ALTHOUGH WE'VE CUT A BIT).

What does SWAPO stand for? SWAPO is an abbreviation for the South West Africa People's Organisation. Namibia is situated in the South West of Africa, so it is called South West Africa. Around 1968 the name was changed to Namibia. The reason for this is that there is a desert called Namib, which is a word from one of our own languages meaning 'shield'.

In the 14th and 15th centuries when the Portuguese were going round the Cape of Good Hope, one of the places they landed was the Namib desert, and because it was desert they thought that the whole area must be desert, so they never penetrated the country. So for the Namibian people the desert shielded them, at least for a long time, from foreign intrusion. In fact the first white people who came to Namibia were the white missionaries who came across the South African border. They regarded our people as unclean pagans, their mission was to withdraw the people without any regard for our own cultures and our own traditions. So this is today, because of foreign values and traditions our own cultures and traditions are either totally destroyed or where people have been able to hold on to them, they have tried to hold on to them.

In 1884 the Germans came to Namibia and stayed until 1919. There was a territory that used to be divided between countries, two million South Africans, so Namibians feel they are out. If you look at the Civil Service, police force, soldiers - all are South Africans, and at the end of the day they will go back to SA, whatever happens, because they have no allegiance, and are there to make as much profit as they can out of their occupation of Namibia. Today about 100,000 SA troops are occupying Namibia. We have a population of 2 million that means there is one soldier for every 15 adults. Since 1897 parts of Namibia, especially the North, have been under German law. People were prohibited from leaving their homes after 6pm until 6am. Even farmers' barns were burned so that when 2 or 3 people were together that constituted a meeting. It was a severe restriction of people's movements.

Today if a woman is giving birth, there is no nurse, there is no one who can take her to hospital. Most black people don't have running water, so it's a very risky thing to make use of the toilet after 6pm. There have been occasions where people have been shot dead because they wanted to make use of the toilet. As a woman there is no part of my life that I can call my own under apartheid because all aspects are dominated by the fact that I'm black, whether it's health, education or basic human rights. All these things are determined by laws. In a country like Britain people take those things for granted, but one thing that one should know is that everything else has to get by day in whatever part of the world as a right and freedom to do what one is free to do. And we shouldn't wait as the Church made us believe...

Education is divided - there are schools for blacks and schools for whites. The black schools are further divided into different ethnic groups. People who speak different languages go to different schools. In terms of state expenditure on schools it spends 4 or 5 times as much on white schools. So in black schools sometimes you find 50 students in one classroom, some without desks or tables and more things we have to buy ourselves, like books, pens, pencils and uniforms. Education does not serve the purpose of this is supposed to be inserted in terms of giving you self-confidence, that self-confidence, self-expression, that knowledge of whatever is happening around you and around the world. In history we were taught how great the white people were when they came to Africa and fought the barbarians. We were taught that black people who resisted foreign domination were cruel and bad. So today back home you have status of white heroes and nothing of people that we regard as our heroes, so to a point that I really hated my black teachers and mothers and worked, shipped white heroes and heroines. The current history denies us our own past. Today in the context of the liberation struggle we are trying to tell the other side of our history and maybe one day, in an independent Namibia we will be able to have honours to people who fought for our country.

In geography, I know a lot about Europe. The first time I came to Britain was in 1982, but I already knew about Oxford, Newcastle and Liverpool were like, what was discovered by Newton, everything. The only thing that I knew about my own country was that Namibia was situated in the south west of Africa and had a population of one. We weren't even taught about our mineral wealth. Because of the restrictions placed on us we couldn't even move around to come to know our own country. In terms of science it was almost non-existent. Maths is non-compulsory and always placed against a course like history, and when finally you complete your education you find that if you want to become an engineer or doctor or whatever, you realize that you need maths to do that. Those are real hardships placed through your schooling to gear you towards certain fields.

One thing I have to mention is the use of Afrikaans in the schools. Afrikaans is a language that has only been used by 3 countries - South Africa, Zimbabwe and Namibia. It is a language that is spoken by our oppressors, and it also humbles us in terms of our international communication. When I first left Namibia in 1977, the first country I went to was Botswana, I could not communicate with the people because they spoke English and that is something that has really enclosed us within Namibia in terms of communication with the outside world. For those of us who have managed to complete our equivalent of A levels, there are still further obstacles; we don't have a university in Namibia so we have to go to SA and even if you've passed you need special permission to go to SA, you have to have a scholarship, which means that because it's a scholarship, they can determine the courses that you have to take, and they advise people to do either nursing, teaching or arts courses, like social studies. So for years the highest qualified Namibian was a teacher or a nurse. When I completed my A levels I wanted to study law, when I approached a white inspector of schools I was told that as a black child my intelligence was much lower than that of a white child and that I wouldn't be able to study law. Fortunately I got a grant from the Church so that I could go to SA and study my law degree there. I didn't stay long, I went in 1976 and because of the Soweto uprisings I was deported back to Namibia. When I went back I gave up anything about school and really got involved in political meetings, talking to people about the situation in the country, and why we shouldn't wait as the Church said. They made us believe that even if we were suffering now, after death there would be a better world, and that if someone hits you can one check that you should turn the other cheek. Religion combined with repressive measures by the state really paralysed our people.

There are people like my grandmother who has lived for 80 years under such a system. For her there is no vision that things can change. If a young person calls her that it is possible, if we fight, she thinks that because they have been educated they think that they are more clever. This whole thing of racial superiority and inferiority is really ingrained in people's thinking, just as white people think that they are more superior, black people also feel that they cannot do without whites. Simple things like if the white people leave the country, would you be able to make a box of matches? The whole feeling of dependency on whites has always been there. But things change in terms of us taking our own destiny in our own hands, especially the young people who have said enough is enough. We try to teach.

No-one on this earth can ever tell me that he or she would like to die.

No-one, out of fear and ignorance of what was going on in neighbouring countries, so that there is this vision that Namibia can also be independent, and that how many of us even get involved in various struggles inside Namibia or decided to leave.
Decisions to leave, involve a lot of considerations. One might be a direct threat or threat of drug-related violence, maybe, your village has been totally destroyed or you have been raped, or maybe decided or just the sheer regression that exists in the country forces people to flee. The other reasons are that we are seeing a lot of conflict weaving a struggle inside the country so confined that many of us feel that coming out and being voices for our people in the international forum is another dimension to our struggle, because we know that Namibia never reach the outside world. We feel that it is our responsibility to be out here to talk about our own experiences in the country. Others would leave because the menacing system as it is, none of them could ever think of having greater opportunities to further their studies, and choose the courses that they want to do.

Most important is the young people who have come out to join the armed struggle that is being waged by SWAPO against the SA government. For years and years we have tried to be very peaceful, we had demonstration in the United Nations, to the British government, to the USA and other governments, and nothing happened. In fact what happened was that all those people who were trying through peaceful means that the SA government was either impoverished or chose. Faced with such brutal measures by the SA government we had no alternative but to take arms. I think that people associated with it's either the warowers or people who have no regard for human life or that it's a very easy decision to be made.

That desire to be a free person or at least be treated better than a dog, can make people take up arms.

involved in a war. Speaking as a person who is involved in that war—it is not an easy decision. No-one on this earth can pull you out of the war and say, ‘Well, go and die. No. Unless you are forced by circumstanes, circumstances like freedom. That desire to be a free person or at least to be treated better than a dog, can make people take up arms.

Young people in this country have gone through the stages that any person goes through, you are a baby, then you become a child, then you become an adolescent, then you become an adult. For many Namibians, some normal stages of development do not exist. You jump to adulthood without experiencing what childhood means and for many people, especially those who have lived in a war zone, in a war zone, they have been born amidst a war situation and for them that's the only language that exists for them at the moment. I've got a daughter of 16 years old, and when she was about 12, said to me, ‘Mama, I want to go to a garden.' I said, ‘What do you want to do with a gun?' and she said, ‘I want to shoot the enemy.' Now I'm not saying that a child of 4 knows what being a soldier means, but what I'm saying is that we're brought up under certain circumstances that they would rather play with guns than with toys like other children do at the moment. Which is really hard and the longer the struggle, the harder people are coming to the conclusion and there is obviously a very very difficult decision. A decision first and foremost to decide to leave Namibia.

Now I'm not speaking about leaving Namibia, having a passport, getting on the plane and flying out. If I speak about leaving, it's not for reasons of being afraid of the Boarders, without food, without water. When some of us left we put on something like 12 trousers, 20 shirts and shoes. That was the only thing we had when we left. In South Africa, when you take to buses and days of walking there is no-way that you can manage to carry it across. And that's the way that people make their decision to leave Namibia. Leaving, also means that people have the choice for you have not been an enema for 11 years. When we leave Namibia we go to neighboring countries, Botswana, Zambia, Angola or Zimbabwe where we have got camps and people still have a big community. We have got schools and clinics and try to live as normal people do. For most people it is the first time in their lives that they can have a life that is worth living in comem of, inherently, feeling free. Sometimes I still feel that I am denied them in their own countries.

Like in the camps is really hard. Sometimes we sit together and try to make it easier by making jokes about it. We have to clear bush areas, set up tents or build houses from day to day. We train young workers, although we lack training. Most importantly, people who live in the camps need to exist, they need to dress and they need tents to sleep in, and that's where people like you come in, the international community by giving us some financial support. That's the intiative which will make the country would be people who are in exile and come either from the refugee camps in Angola or Zambia and are sent by the movement. Scholarships are offered to those who come from those countries and come on the scholarships. When I am finished I will go back to the camps to do whatever is required of me. Most of the doctors, engineers or whatever, are the ones that have been educated in the camps and they are putting things into motion back in the camps.

I spend three quarters of my time having to attend meetings, going to address meetings or writing articles, for various newspapers and journals, and so it's a great opportunity just to meet people. For 21 years of my life I lived in this big person—Namibia, in which I could never come out and I didn't know that I could become a citizen. It's been hard to learn so much from other people's struggles. I have talked to a great many people who said that by having involved themselves in solidarity campaigns for people thousands of kilometers away, they had also availed and strengthened their own consciousness of fighting against states in this country.

The other day I was telling someone that please remember we can also cry and that we need your help. We taught us not to cry for granted. At the same time the people who live in rural areas feel sorry for us as well because I remember being asked, ‘Blanco, do you have to buy everything in town?' ‘No, I'm not really talking about it, I'm not even able to buy clothes, go to a toilet.' ‘Do you want to do with a gun?' and she said, ‘I want to shoot the enemy.' Now I'm not saying that a child of 4 knows what it is to cry, but what I'm saying is that what we're brought up under certain circumstances that would rather play with guns than with toys like other children do at the moment. Which is really hard and the longer the struggle, the harder people are coming to the conclusion and there is obviously a very very difficult decision. A decision first and foremost to decide to leave Namibia.
Dear Shocking Pink,

My poems are all true experiences of my past encounters of living at home in a strict Muslim family, which is why I left.

Ami—Her true feelings

I have been suffering. For the past five years. The pain won’t be forgotten. Because I cried so many tears. The memories of the hurt. They played with my tears. They always put me down. But I smiled like a clown. I was always pretending. Because the pain was never ending. I always wanted to be cared for. Suffering, but nobody ever saw. Oh those blows to my heart. Why did it all start? Suffering in the past, The pain and memories of old times last. Now that I’m here. The hurt I will share. We’re in the same boat And it’s so shocking. It will get better. Because the boats stopped rocking. The calm waters have started flowing. At last love is showing.

By Ami

Survival kit for ‘youths’

1. NEVER trust a youth worker, they always think that they know best.
2. NEVER go to ANY local government body for funding ‘cos they’ll just give you a shit time and demonise you (they think that you’re too stupid to do things on your own and need them to help you).
3. Even if you do get some money from local government, it won’t last, so it’s best not to get too dependent on them.
4. Don’t show them what you’re made of. You don’t need some fuck—head telling you what to do.
5. Go get organised! (Without any help from the youth scene).
6. Dye your hair pink (like us)
7. If you need money, either do some fund raising or steal it.
8. Beware of police infiltrators.
9. Get publicity for your cause by doing illegal things.
10. Don’t get caught!

If you too, have had shit from the ‘youth scene write and tell us about it.

I’d only steal off some rich bastard!

A READER’S OPINION POLL

What do you think?

Is this woman...

1. More obsessed with her hair care than the new DMS benefits?
2. Promoting her Air Lines?
3. Very beautiful
4. The next best thing to a cup of hot chocolate (but only on Thursdays)
5. I thought this page was about ‘youths’

I thought this page was about ‘youths’

used to be a REAFL rebel...
JAGGED EDGE. Not quite a film review ....

This is a thriller about a woman lawyer who takes on a case involving a man accused of brutally murdering his wife. Although the woman character is shown as very strong and ends up confronting the killer single-handed and blowing his brains out (which I still realise that this film is just like most of its kind in that it’s about women getting cut up by men. That seems to be about as far as Hollywood can think, even in the ‘80s. One friend thought it was good that the lawyer was a woman for a change, but the film wasn’t exactly an advertisement for women to join the profession. I left feeling frightened all that femininity AND all night. I fed up with being scared, especially by films that pretend to be about “liberated, successful” women and have just the same underlying message as all the rest—women you better be scared! This one will probably be on TV soon. Its just blatant mass intimidation. Is this what they call entertainment?

THE DAUGHTERS OF EGALIA. by Gerd Brantenburg. Journeyman. $4.95

Petronius is a young ‘manwoman’ (meaning male, but the ‘worm’ part of the word becomes the man bit) who has been socialised into being a 'nono' (willy-holder) and shaving his chest, like all the other men-wim for the sake of common decency. His father, a ‘housebound’ (male housewife) accepts that his wife is the head of the family and that he must bring up his wife’s children. Petronius, after too many bad experiences with batch wim, abandons this role as his father has taken, becomes homosexual and sets up a masculine movement to fight the oppression of his sex.

This book can get a bit predictable but in general is hilarious. It puts men in women’s shoes in a (not-so) fictitious society, which is only a reversal of the one we live in now. If you could do with some self-indulgence & giggles, you should read this.
**Bigot.**

By Rifa Bhunnoo.

You are so pig headed. What just because I won't come around to your point of view? No it's not that at all. But don't you see that by oppressing women...

Oh you talk such a load of crap. OK OK. I'll grant you—women are fine working, but in their own fields. What like staying home, breeding babies and laying down for men like you? No, not only that, but they are OK at something artistic or nothing too atrociou. Oh, I could kill you sometimes. You don't know nothing. What about the women who don't want to do something artistic? What about the ones who want to fly a plane, mend a car or all those other things, 'masculine' things. Oh well, they're all lesbians anyway.

**BANG YOU'RE DEAD.**

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**HELEN’S SECRET GUN HOLD-UP**

A CHURCHGOING wife held up a post office at gunpoint and dealt in drugs... without her family knowing a thing.

Yesterday charity worker Helen Windeller, who turned to crime to get out of debt, was jailed for five years.

Windeller, 37, left her bank clerk husband asleep, stole a car and drove 70 miles to raid the sub-post office at Orpington, Kent, the Old Bailey heard. She carried out the robbery “in the gentlest way” and made her escape with £200.

**WOMEN JAILED ‘FAR TOO OFTEN’**

Too many women are being sent to prison, welfare campaigner Vivien Stern said last night. Women convicted in crown courts are more than twice as likely to be jailed as men, she said.

And a convicted woman's chances of being sent to prison have more than doubled over the last ten years, said the National Association for the Care and Resettlement of Offenders. Latest figures show there were 166 women prisoners in 1975, a 10 per cent increase in a year.

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**BUT WHAT are they lacking at I wonder?**
COMING NEXT ISSUE ......
Women In Labour.
This is not a joke. We are going to have a classified ads section. For 20p a word (money in advance please) you can say just about anything you want. This is serious. SP2 is distributed to nearly 4000 people & if we assume that 3 people read each copy that's 12,000 readers.

This play is excellent. It traces the life of a woman, Nell, through the centuries, from a jester in Elizabethan time to a woman in a present day women's centre. Nell is a feminist, a lesbian, a suffragette, a writer, a friend of Emily Bronte, but never ONCE did she join the SWP, I think this is a serious defect in the plot. The cast (all 3 of them) acted with tremendous courage and stamina, backed up by ingenuous special effects. Hysterically funny with serious undertones.

Bumping into 2 of the cast a couple of weeks ago in the street, they were ecstatic when we showed 'Red Rag, wooowoo!' having thought that fame had finally come their way. Sorry to disappoint them. But all the best in the future, Shit I can't write reviews. Get up off your arse and go and see this one you'll love it! Details on listing.

Advice & information on un/employment

Telephone: 01 587 1636
Or write: Room 203, Southbank House,
Black Prince Rd, London. SE1 7SJ.

* A woman has been sacked because of her sexuality!!! (I don't find this so surprising, ed.) Her name was "fine" but because she was openly lesbian she got the chop (grilled or fried? ed.) A. Dyke worked as a chef & allegedly sent messages to the customers revealing her sexuality in her cooking as she had no other contact with them. (Nouvelle cuisine a la Lesbian??) Anyway, she was sacked on the grounds that her sexuality was bad for business.

So, when planning your summer hols, remember NOT to book into the LESCEAVE CLIFF HOTEL, PRAX SANDS, NR. PENZANCE.

But we would suggest that you go and blow the place up (careful, we'll get done for incitement, ed.). First to bring us a bit of brickwork gets a desirable SP twinset. If you've experienced this kind of shit from employers contact: Lesbian Employment Rights, Room 205, Southbank Hse, Black Prince Rd, London SE1 7SS.
IT'S HARD TO GO ON WHEN YOU'RE ACHING INSIDE.

IT'S ONLY IN ADVERTISING FOR SANITARY PROTECTION THAT WOMEN ARE PORTRAYED AS BEING ACTIVE—TAMPAX & LIL-LETS ADS IMPLY THAT THEIR TAMpons ALLOW WOMEN TO GET ON WITH THEIR 'EVERYDAY' ACTIVITIES OF RESCUING CATS FROM SKYSCRAPERS, LEAPING OFF SKIS, SWIMMING THE CHANNEL ETC. NORMALLY WE ARE PORTRAYED AS THE STEREOTYPICAL PRODUCT ACCESSORY TO BOOST SALES... (Womens Media Action Group)

Call it what you like, a period's a bloody nuisance.

THE ADVERTISING

The Applicator

BECAUSE WE WANT YOU TO FEEL REALLY SQUEAMISH ABOUT TOUCHING YOURSELF

SUPER -PENETRATIVE SHAPE, TO REMIND YOU OF THE EVIL WILLY IN CASE YOU'RE SUFFERING ANY ENVY

TO PLUG YOU UP, LIKE A BATH MAYBE?

FEMINISM. THE COMPLETE PAIN RELIEVER.
Don't be fooled, even if 'Tampax' slender/medium/large does expand widthways inside of you it won't make the slightest bit of difference; it'll still fall out when you're on the bus.

="No-one will ever know you're wearing one..."

Hah! Yeah, but I bet the government does. Sanitary towels are taxed at a rate of 15%—that's £16.38 million the government gets off women every year. Each woman spends £518.70 in her lifetime on sanitary protection (from henceforward referred to as SP3). There's no other case of discrimination against one sex that has a physical occurrence that makes necessary protection (eg pads)

Another thing—it's not just the period that may hurt, you'll DEFINITELY feel SP3's biting uncomfortably into your pocket money/dole money/YTS pitance/wage (although we don't believe anyone has a paid job anymore, write and tell us if you know someone who

Dutch women don't pay tax either.

We're being taxed for being women, we should follow the example of Irish women who protested and got their VAT reduced within 9 days.

SP3's should be free, or at least free to women on low incomes. If you want some free try this easy prank: write to Barbara Lee at Tampax, Dept J4, Tambrands Ltd, Dunsbury Way, Havant, Hants PO9 5DG. She'll only send you 4 or 5 but keep writing.

OR... join the 124,000 people who've signed a petition of protest. Contact Denise Flowers, 58 Bloxham Cres, Hampton, Middx. Send an SAE. Send her a donation too if you can.
WOMEN DEMAND THEIR OWN SPACE, NOT JUST THE CORNERS

From our correspondents in Granada, Spain.

I spent International Women's Day as any other. The sun sets, Julie calls round & tells me there's a demo in town in 15 mins. Leaflets were passed around & chanting began. 'Women demand their own space, not just the corners.'

A big posse of women pouring down a side street, cheering, shouting & taking up a lot of space. For the first time in 2 months I felt safe on the street. A ladder appeared & a woman climbed up to the balcony of a building, climbed over, used her body to smash the windows & broke in. When we got in we started battering the entrance doors, enormous wooden double doors like you'd expect to see in a church. In no time at all they gave & we ropped in. The chant changed from 'Queremos un espacito para la mujer' (we want a women space) to 'teneremos un espacito para la mujer' (we've got one).

Later I found out it's a municipal building. We listened as a couple of women read our manifestos. One on the need for a women's space, the other on the specific struggle of young women in Granada. Julie takes over the story here. Women realised there was too little support for a permanent occupation, so we resolved to seize one of the buildings & keep the police out. Close to 10pm a police car appeared. Meanwhile, 3 blocks away there were 30 officers in vans. They successfully intimidated those who were unsure if they wanted to stay. It's hard to forget that only 15 years ago Franco was still alive, & most of the women there were old enough to remember. The women space, though temporary was being used. Women sat on the floor, exchanging recipes & beer, discussing what could be done in the future. It was symbolic—the women kept saying—a symbolic occupation. But the chant, as we walked down the street, resonated from nearby buildings. WE WANT MORE! 'QUEREMOS MAS!'

Contact address.
Asamblea de Mujeres de Granada. 7/9 Marques de Falces, 5/2, Granada, SPAIN.

OUT, PROUD & FIGHTING
By Noel Halifax of the SWP.

This was meant to go in the Shocking Pink hit of the issue but the rabash and Trot who laid out that page quietly removed it. This pamphlet is very very good. It goes into the history of Gay & Lesbian Oppression and shows how the shit classes & is part of a drive towards strengthening the family.

LESPOP (LESBIAN & POLICING PROJECT)

Not ANOTHER AGM ???!
Yes!—Come to this one though. LESPOP's work is exciting & essential. Come to the meeting & get involved.

London Women's Centre, Wesley House, 4 Wild Court, London WC2 5AU
17th MAY at 7pm.
Food .. Drink .. Creche .. Full Access
* GUEST SPEAKERS *

Concentración feminista en la Plaza del Carmen

HIP HOP LESPOP (HUP!)
Hatred.

Almost everyone touches the sore sometime. Some jump back immediately. But others continue to pick and, without even realising it get their fingers covered with pus. And, so the infection spreads. The first symptom is one's unconscious saying, "Don't mix with them." "Don't mix with them." So you avoid them. And because you have no contact with them you think that they must be different from you. We are born with rational hatred, not irrational hatred. And irrational hatred intensifies for such a small reason as once the first name has been called a second must follow.

And suddenly names aren't enough. More active hatred is required. So you throw a stone or two. Or three. You smash the window of the shop on the corner. (The one which is owned by the man from Bangladesh.) You write filthy words on his car which, don't come off easily so he has to drive around with the humiliation and shame publicly exposed. Then it has gone too far. The hatred cannot be reversed and is accelerating into something which was never anticipated. But you're in control. You've got the upper hand. You're holding the steering wheel. So you drive your car into his. You drive your car into his shop so you can loot and steal some alcohol (for a Whites-only party).

And then, there are your politicians. They talk about South Africa. It's a crying shame, a disgrace, an appalling regime. (And most of all it's uneconomic.) But the man in charge of the crying shame is one of their best friends. So they won't impose sanctions. They won't help the beaten, starving, ignored blacks. They won't hear the cry. They shut their ears and their minds and bask in the security of being conservative and wealthy and white.

So let the hatred reign. Let the hatred live. Racism is in. Equally is out. Racism stems from hatred. And ignorance. Ignorance of simple human emotions. Ignorance of how to live together in peace and harmony. But to live in peace and harmony with people of other nationalities we must first live in peace and harmony with people of our own nationality. And who is going to do that? Are there any volunteers?

By Joanne Hirschmann.

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What? That's a bit pessimistic isn't it?
All part of the plan?

When talks with the principal of Leeds Poly (ex Labour MP Chris Price) got them nowhere, student mothers organised a bit of direct action to draw attention to the lack of childcare facilities in their college. Six women with children under 5 stormed into the principal’s office accompanied by the local press, radio & TV. Meryl Cunliffe of the Poly Women’s group says, “there was no demonstration as such. The kids brought out their toys & sweets & within half an hour he had agreed to everything.”

The women have now been promised 4 places at Leeds University. Meryl describes this as a partial victory. Really we need facilities HERE. A lot of women are put off attending college because of the poor childcare provision.

1988 budget... well, it had to be in there somewhere, more government concern for the state of the family. And how do they plan to reinforce the sacred institution now? Abolish unmarried mums, THAT'S HOW. From April social security will force single mothers under 18 to rely on their families for financial support. Changes in the benefit system mean that if young women can't get help from the government (or charities, the government suggest), their children will have to go into care. So first it’s goodbye to abortion, and now if you end up with a baby, whether by choice or accident, they'll leave you with this dilemma: does off your parents (if they're sitting on a pile of inherited wealth or own a Scottish forest), or give up the kid, kid. Gives new meaning to family planning huh?

IT MAKES ME BLOODY SICK!!!

...and me too, and me (the typesetter)....... I'm going to wash my hair.
7. Women who do building work will:
(a) Get big ears
(b) Get very big muscles
(c) Get all hairy
(d) Get a useful skill

2. The 1975 Sex Discrimination Act says:
(a) Men and women have equal rights to jobs and training
(b) A man and a woman doing the same job must get equal pay
(c) Boys should be brought up at
(d) A man's place is in the home

3. The youngest ever channel swimmer was:
(a) A boy
(b) A duck-billed platypus
(c) A girl
(d) A salamander

4. The fastest cross-channel swim was by:
(a) A man
(b) A miniature poodle
(c) A woman
(d) A hovercraft

5. The highest-paid trade you can take is an apprentice for:
(a) Tailoring
(b) Toolmaking
(c) Painting & decorating
(d) Airplane mechanics

6. An employer turns you down because you're a girl. Your best bet is to:
(a) Contact The Equal Opportunities Commission
(b) Try another employer
(c) Put a spanner in his works
(d) Cut your hair and use a deep voice on your next interview

7. The average pay for men in the UK is:
(a) £50.50 per week
(b) £75.50 per week
(c) £192.00 per week
(d) £99.00 per week

8. Women's average pay in the UK is:
(a) £60.50 per week
(b) £154.50 per week
(c) £192.00 per week
(d) £99.00 per week

9. Your careers officer has a fit when you say you want to be a bricklayer. You should:
(a) Get her a glass of water and suggest she go home early
(b) Swing off and plan what to do on Friday night
(c) Insist that she contacts the CTB (Construction Industry Training Board) for you
(d) Promise not to be silly and ask her to train as an airman pilot

10. Your boyfriend says that women can't do manual trades because it's too dirty. You should:
(a) Ask him who cleans his toilet
(b) Suggest he wear hand cream
(c) Insist that 97% of cleaners are women
(d) Agree that yes, most cleaning jobs are done by men

11. In the UK in 1983 women as a percentage of the workforce were:
(a) 10%
(b) 43%
(c) 62%
(d) 34%

12. Your Dad says girls can't handle building work. You should:
(a) Cement him to the floor
(b) Demand that he does all the heavy, tiring housework from now on, since men are so much stronger
(c) Tell him that lots of girls win prizes for being the best apprentice in their manual trade
(d) Ask him why the towel rail is falling off the wall

Phew! Glad that's over! Now it's time to see how you scored...

1. a = 2 b = 1 c = 3 d = 0
2. a = 3 b = 2 c = 1 d = 0
3. a = 0 b = 1 c = 2 d = 2
4. a = 1 b = 3 c = 2 d = 0
5. a = 0 b = 1 c = 3 d = 3
6. a = 3 b = 0 c = 1 d = 1
7. a = 7 b = 3 c = 0 d = 2
8. a = 8 b = 2 c = 0 d = 2
9. a = 0 b = 2 c = 1 d = 3
10. a = 2 b = 1 c = 3 d = 0
11. a = 3 b = 2 c = 0 d = 2

Now add up your score and read on to find out how much you're prepared to put up with in the name of love!

24-30 Oh, dear you've got it bad, haven't you? You're absolutely convinced that this is the BIG LURVE THING and you're prepared to put up with quite a lot to make sure it goes on and on. Are you really ready for something so serious? You do have a life of your own, right? You know, perhaps you should cool it a little and try not to be quite so understanding. You'll probably find that your boyfriend is still interested even if you don't mop his broom every night!

10-16 It's a no—no! You're obviously not ready in to this romance thing at all. Don't panic, though, ask your boyfriend if he's ready too! You both quite like the idea of it but perhaps you're prepared to put in any effort. At least you're both on the same wavelength so neither of you is getting hurt, but maybe you're missing out on a better time with someone else. If there's no—no on the horizon for either of you, perhaps it would be best if you both stuck to your own pales for now.

Questionnaire courtesy of Women and Manual Trades
Answers courtesy of 'Jackie' the enemy magazine
A big thank you to them both for this unprecedented bit of cooperation.
IF... (A SORDID TALE)

Hello little boy.
What's your name?

Oh, he... hello
My name's
Richie.

Richie??! Urgh,
what a horrible
little name. I'll
call you Donald.

This boy is such
a drag but he'd
be alright for a
bit of hookey.

She's
gorgeous.
But I'm nervous.
She's so
popular.

BUT TRACY THOUGHT OF
EVERYTHING!

Yes we can!
I've got a lot of
condoms, love

Donald, just get your
knickers off and stop
wibbling on.......

I'm 5 months
gone and the new
Sols Tracy gave
me hardly fit.

LATER...
DOWN THE
FAMILY PUB...

I told you to wait
until you found
the right girl.
Now look at you,
2 months up
the duff and no
women in sight.

Fume fume
rage

IF ONLY 'DONALD' HAD HAD SOMEONE TO TALK TO, SOMEONE WHO UNDERSTOOD...

WHETHER HE HAD A BABY...
or merely a hairy cyst??

YOUNG, PREGNANT, MALE and
**Hey Donald**, you're such a sweet boy. How's about it? You and me? Get your act off.

**Shocked!**

**Oh dear, Donald's pregnant, and he barely knows the girl!**

Donald looks a bit weird. He keeps moaning about being scared and not sure.

**Slight pangs of conscience led Tracy to send occasional gifts and notes of sympathy to Donald... but really she was busy with her own life, and the token gestures very soon petered out.**

Donald was alone.

**Richie! You're keeping something from me aren't you? Don't you know you can't hide anything from your mother?**

I knew you'd find out. Do you want me to have an abortion? Mum?

**Out! You dirty slut!**

I'm so stupid.

**No, piss off.**

**Donald** was his mum who threw him out but it was his dad who wouldn't let him back.

_But he didn't. So no one knows what's become of him... where he is (if he is...)._
HELP!

- MANCHESTER GAY YOUTHLINE, 061 236 6283, Saturdays 12-4, Sundays 4-6.
- MANCHESTER GAY YOUTH GROUP, (under 25) is at Manchester Gay Centre, 61 Bloom St, Saturday 3-7, Tuesday 7-9.30.
- ALSO IN MANCHESTER, SAPPHO's, a women only upstairs bar at Ramsbottom's, 41k Street. It's open 'til midnight & serves food.
- AND ... THE VICTORIA. Another women only night on the first Saturday of the month. Get there before 9.30. It's run by Lesbian Link, and closes at 2am. Hardman St (off Deansgate).
- IN LIVERPOOL, Demo against Jill Knight. (The woman who wrote clause 28. Effect!) April 25th - at the university.
- LESBIAN ARCHIVE HAS IT'S FUNDING CUT! This is bad. It's appealing against the decision, but...(send donations if you can).

LEEDS. All this stuff goes on... or at least we hope it does. We got it out of an old copy of Re-Sister & we're sorry if any of it is derelict.
- Women against deportations every fortnight 4pm. Hereford Housing Aid, Roundhay Rd.
- Women's Reproductive Rights meet once a month. Ring 625445.
- Women & Ireland list Wed each month. 8pm. Trades club.
- Women & Manas Trades 2nd & 4th Wed each month. Primrose pub, Meanwood Rd. 8pm.
- LONDON AGAIN, Women Media Action Group. Thursdays, 6pm at a Woman's Place, Embankment Tube. Fights sexism in the media & advertising.
- The Irish Women Abortion Rights Campaign is active through the Union of Students for Ireland (UES). Women have a right to be in both N&I and US where even mentioning the word abortion is seen as a complete taboo. To have or not an abortion is punishable by a life prison sentence. Send letters of support or write for information to Karen of 72 Cabra Park, Phibsboro, Dublin, or Anne at College Student's Union, Belfast, N. Ireland.
- Shocking Pink would like to send good luck wishes to the recently formed Jewish Lesbian & Gay Helpline, a national service which operates on 01 833 8126. In a region which expects heterosexuality, marriage & family life to be a matter of course, lesbians & gays often experience new moral burdens which prevent them coming out. This help line is therefore invaluable in that it provides support, comfort & advice to Jewish lesbians & gays who feel alienated from their brothers and sisters.

HELP JOY ADVICE

- Want to make your bed & lie in it? Carpentry training for women - Lambeth Women's workshop. 2nd floor. Unit C22, Park Hall Trading Estate, Manx Rd, West Norwood, London SE21 8EA. Tel: 01 670 0339.
- Want to hit back? Women against violence against women. Every Wed. 7pm. AWP. Hungerford House. Embankment tube. Arena 923 1374.
- From a confidential survey conducted via a popular magazine in 1983, Dr Tony Baker estimated that there were over 1,000,000 incest victims in the Greater London area alone. Want to talk about it?
- Action against Incest, 1 High St, Dunvegan, DD1, IDT. Tel: 0382 2166.
- Rape Crisis Centre, Tel 01 637 1600.
- ISIS (Incest Survivors In Strength). Crisis line and office, Tel 01 724 7748 Morn 9am-10pm.

ASHA

Advice, support and temporary accommodation for Asian women with children and Young Women suffering from violence or threat of violence.
27 Santele St, London SW4 7QF.
01 737 5901 or 274 8854 (ansaphone).

ASHA - WANTS TO LAUGH & CLAP!
Red Rag Women's theatre Company see Review on p.23

- June 10. Landerdale, Highgate.
- WANT TO SIT QUIETLY & LISTEN! Mushroom Book Events. (Sounds nice ...)
- C. S. Lewis, Cytherea, Performance poet & novelist (see 'Angel')
- May 12. Maggie Goo. "La vaingloria novel" (oh yes, can she cook?)
- June 12. Michele Roberts. Write novel about Mary Magdalene & Mrs Nixon.

All at: The Auditorium, Country Library, Angel Row, Notingham. Tel. 0602 582 506. 15.50 waged, 75p unwaged.

- WANT TO ORGANISE? Lesbian Employment Rights, Room 205, Southbank House, Black Prince Rd, London SE1 7JX.
- WANT TO MAKE A RECORD? Osa music studio, recording studio. Music resource centre for women & girls. Tel 01 281 2528.
- MERIDIAN - Exists as a forum for discussion & understanding for people who are black, gay & lesbian. Contact HQ - 178 Oxford Rd, Manchester, 01 274 3493.
- THE SOUTH LONDON WOMENS CENTRE is open 10am-4pm Tues-Sat. There is a cafe, a sitting room, a cheap photocopier & quite a bit more. All women are welcome to come & use it. 55 Acres Lane, SW2.

A NEW EXHIBITION BY THE LESBIAN & GAY YOUNG PEOPLE'S PHOTOGRAPHY WORKSHOP takes the form of a fictional photograph story at coming out school. There are 12 coloured panels with factual back-up information at the front of each. It's available at free from: Camerosham, 121 Roman Rd, Bethnal Green, London E2 OQN.
- LESPOP - ON MARCH 16th 1988 THE LONDON BOROUGH GRANTS SCHEME has refused LESPOP since 1985 has refused to continue funding, though they have funded GALOP (Gay men Project) who do the same type of work. lesbian support in various women's groups. If LESPOP closes there will be one less place for Lesbians & Women to go for support. They are asking women to help support their fight against closure, and are appealing against the decision. To be a letter of support, esp if you've used the project & even if you haven't. There's a benefit on May 3rd at The Amaranth Club, The Market Tavern, Nine Elms Lane, Vauxhall & an Annual General Meeting on May 17th at 7pm at 4 Wild Court, London WC2B (which is where you should send your letters of support if you want yours returned)

Dear SP,

My name is Nigel. My friend, Sonia showed me a copy of SP and I'm worried as I think I am a lesbian.

This is because I fancy girls and SP says if you fancy girls you might be a lesbian.

My teacher says lesbians are ugly, monstrous, evil people who should be made illegal. Also I've heard that supporters of clause 28 will hunt me down and castrate me for promoting homosexuality. What should I do?

Yours, scared, Nigel, Essex.

Our advice is perhaps you should have a sex change as women are better than men anyway. Boys are generally spotty, emphysema. We feel this is where your real problem lies! GOOD LUCK.

- IF YOU WANT TO SEE MARY DAVY, ZOE FARRIERS OR LIZ STANLEY & hear them talk about things, contact West & Wide Bookshop in Edinburgh (031 556 0079) because they have organised it.

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BOOK Review
OUT OF THE GUTTER. A survey of the treatment of homosexuality by the press. [Armitage, Dicky, Sharples] (CPBF). Well I thought (Berenice) this book was really interesting & well prepared. It was a $4-hour for me as I used it for my dissertation on attitudes towards Lesbianism. Worth getting.

NEXT SP2 DUE OUT IN AUGUST - IF YOU FANCY SPENDING YOUR SUMMER HOLS SLAVING OVER A HOT LAYOUT BOARD, GET IN TOUCH!

Feeling Left Out, Rejected, Unwanted?
Nobody likes to be turned down, and no one likes to turn anyone down. Least of all the SP workers, who have the painful task of deciding who's stuff'll go in and whose won't. They want to say they are very sorry to all contributors who've been left out.

Subject to demand all material not in the periodical will be available in supplement form with titles like 'coping with death', 'schizophrenia', 'the build up to the SP/Bride merger', 'All those poems' including the celebrated 'moonlight swim reflections', 'toothpaste tragedy' and 'the Blob of authority'.

THANK YOU ....
Clare Somerton for admitting she knew us in Manchester, The South London Women's Centre, Jesu Bence, Kim, Louise (S), The CP, SWP, RCP, RCG, IMG, ITV, BBC, AEU & Bertrand Russell. Also thanks to Leveler Graphics. But where has Sandra Klement got to? Has she burnt out?

SORRY ....
To Steph, Hope Augustus's ex manager for calling her capitalistic. This was an unintended mistake. And to everyone else who knows us.

EXCERPT FROM 'BUNNY'
* Promoting homosexuality while it still can ....

ARE YOU SURE YOU'RE ALL RIGHT?

OH, YES - I'VE NEVER BEEN SO HAPPY IN MY WHOLE LIFE!

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GETTING OFF ON THE RIGHT FOOT—20 Cake cutting Tips.