

# LEAPING LA CROSSE

## NEWS

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### BOOKS FOR FUN SUMMER READING

With temperatures keeping all but the most avid sun-lovers in the shade or in the airconditioned house, it seemed a good time to do a quick list of some of the new books that have recently come out.

For those of you who were/are so addicted to baseball and softball that you bought bubblegum for the baseball cards and threw the gun away, Sharon Noepke has written just the book for you. It's called *Diamond Girls* (cute, huh?) and tells the story of women professional baseball players in the 1940's. They played 125 games in a season (for \$125 a week) and were sent to charm school during spring training. This short booklet sells for \$3.00. In addition, you can get your very own sets of baseball cards for 38 of the players. Each set of 19 cards has the player's history and picture, and each set sells for \$12. If you are interested in ordering, add 75 cents postage for each item and send to: A.A.O.B.L. Cards, PO Box 3625, Flint, MI 48502-0625.

All the books that follow can be ordered from the

publishers or from Red Oak Books in La Crosse.

Also on the lighter side, Firebrand Books has published a second collection of Alison Bechdel's cartoons, called *Mare Dykes to Watch Out For*. Follow the continuing adventures of Mo, the angst-ridden every-dyke; Clarice, her ex-lover, the subversive law student; Lois, Mo's ardently monogamous colleague at Madwoman Books, and all the others in these comics that appear in lesbian and gay papers across the country (including *Equal Times* from *Minneapolisist*). Also from Firebrand is a new light romance by Ellen Galford who wrote that wonderful romp through Elizabethan England, *Mail Out-purse*. If you haven't read that one yet, you may want to check it out in addition to Galford's new book, *The Firm of Bride*, which is set on a remote Scottish island with rambling castles and a ruined monastery harkening back to more matriarchal times. We follow the heroine, and artist named Maria, as she discovers the mysteries of that matriarchal past as well as the mysteries of a local doctor, who is a witch.

Naiad Press has, of course, added lots of new light romance, mystery etc. to its list. One, titled *Sunday's Child*, by Joyce Bright, deals with a woman who is trying to qualify for Olympic trials in running. At the same time, a clone friend and supporter is involved in trying to do something about a rapist who is terrorizing Sacramento (the story locale). Of course, it turns into a love story as well as a story of woman working hard and doing well, and a mystery on top of all that! (I'll bring some Naiad flyers to the next potluck for anyone who is interested in other titles on their list.) One other Naiad that looked interesting is *Before Stonewall: The Making of A Gay and Lesbian Community*, by Andrea Weiss and Greta Schiller (forward by Barbara Grier, of course). The book is an illustrated historical guide to the film by the same name.

New Victoria Press has put out a new Stoner McTavish mystery called *Gray Magic*, that is set in the Arizona. Stoner, of course, gets embroiled in a mystery on a visit to Stella (a friend introduced in earlier Stoner books) and learns about Kapi legends and magic in the process, and even finds she may have a bit of magic power herself. As always, the Stoner books make for fun light reading. (The other two are: *Something Shady* and *Stoner McTavish*). The author of the Stoner books, Sarah Dreher, also writes plays and they are available from

New Victoria as well. The collection is called, *Sarah Dreher's Lesbian Stages*. Anyone out there interested in directing and/or producing a lesbian play? I think it would be fun.

Seal Press has a new collection of stories by Barbara Wilson, called *Miss Venezuela*. They also have published *Lesbian Couples*, by D. Marilee Elliott and G. Dorsey Green, which is described as a book that is "the first definitive guide for lesbians that describes the pleasures and challenges of being part of a couple." A third new book is *Bird-Kyes* by Madelyn Arnold, set in a mental hospital in the 1950's where a teenager has been sent for her incorrigible lesbianism, it is the story of her friendship with a deaf woman who teaches her sign, and is the catalyst for her eventual act of defiance.

If you're looking for heat of a kind different than our daytime temperatures, you might try Hanned Books which publishes Tee Corinne's explicit collection of short stories and poetry called, *Dreams Of The Woman Who Loved Sex*. Also new is another Cass Milan book (*Cass and The Stone Dutch* was the first in the series). Cass searches for her first lover, whom she has not seen for fifteen years. It is action-packed suspense all the way as Cass gets involved with a murder and ends up in a chase scene through a cemetery, during a hurricane!

And finally, a book that doesn't sound like light reading, but may be of interest to some, is one titled: *Things They Never Told You in Sunday School: A Primer For The Christian Homosexual*, by Rev. David Day. This is put out by Liberty Press, and the blurb they include to describe the book says it "...brings a message of

hope and inspiration to lesbian and gay Christians. The book contains an easily readable exploration of relevant Biblical texts." (Ordering info: \$7.95 plus 16% shipping/handling; make checks payable to Liberty Press, Inc., at PO Box 50421, Austin Texas 78763.) I think these people are probably okay despite their name and location, since they also publish Rev. Troy Perry's autobiography and the flyer came with some Naïad stuff.

Happy summer reading, and if there is anyone out there who would like to do a review of one of these books, or anything else for that matter, remember that the LLN is happy to print anything you want to write for it.

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**CLASSIFIED ADS**

Oregon or East: Mariah's moving sale is Friday and Saturday, July 22 and 23 at 2145 Cass Street. Furniture, clothes, snowshoes, housewares, knick-knacks, recording equipment, and stereo equipment. Time: 8:00 to 2:00 both days.

**BT CRTKHA**

Minnesota Parents of Lesbians and Gays (P-FLAG) seems to put out a good newsletter. The Rochester, MN newsletter recommends it as especially good. If you would like to subscribe for yourself or a family member, they can be contacted at: Minnesota P-FLAG, PO Box 208, Burnsville, MN 55335, or call them at (612) 459-6980.

Gay labor activist, Howard Wallace has been named a full-time national field representative for the United Farm Workers of America. UFW President Cesar Chavez says Wallace was chosen to promote the union's boycott of grapes in the lesbian and gay community. The UFW says over 100 different pesticides

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totaling 8 million pounds are used each year on California grapes. This may or may not be good for the grapes, but it is not good for consumers or workers. Many pesticides sprayed on grapes have an oil base and cannot be washed off by consumers. Nationally 300,000 workers are poisoned each year from pesticide application. UPW has a 15 minute film available called *The Wrath of Grapes*. They urge all consumers to boycott California grapes (not including wines or raisins). For more information, contact: United Farm Workers of America, 240 Golden Gate Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94102, or call (415) 441-5008.

**Couples Survey.** A national survey of lesbian and gay couples is being undertaken by *Partners: The Newsletter for Gay & Lesbian Couples*. The research will help determine the nature and needs of this often invisible segment of the gay community. All gay men and lesbians in a relationship are invited to participate. The short, anonymous questionnaire requests general information on subjects such as discrimination, finances, children, relationship problems, and sources of relationship support. For more information or to request survey forms, write: Partners, PO Box 9585, Seattle, WA 98109, and include a self-addressed, stamped business envelope. (EDITOR'S NOTE: There will be a copy of the survey at the July potluck if you are interested in looking at it.)

**Lesbians sought for menopause study.** Two feminist researchers have developed a questionnaire for lesbians about sex at menopause. If you are a lesbian in the midst of or past menopause, and would be willing to complete a confidential questionnaire, write to: Dr. Ellen Cole, Goddard College, Plainfield, VT 05667.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**REMEMBER:** First and third Saturdays are drop-in nights at Tatton's.

**REMEMBER:** A support group for lesbians who have been battered physically, emotionally, or verbally by their partners, meets every Thursday at 7:00 pm. Call New Horizons at 784-6419, Barb R. at 895-6666, or First Call For Help at 782-8010, for location of meeting.

July 15: **MAG RAG**, Wisconsin's Lesbian-Feminist newspaper, is sponsoring a women-only fundraising swim party in Milwaukee from 7:00 to 9:00. Boats are locked promptly at 7:00 to allow women to frolic in the water undisturbed by the public. Call Mary at (414) 372-3330 or Justice at (414) 372-8850 for information on location. There will be another swim party on August 20.

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July 18: July's super potluck is at 15 Superior Lane in Winona. This is a special Saturday afternoon playday, potluck on a lake. See the article and map elsewhere in this issue.

July 22-23: Mariah's moving sale. See CLASSIFIED AIN for more information.

July 26: LLN DEADLINE.

July 30: Deadline for discount on Michigan Women's Music Festival tickets.

August 10-14: Thirteenth Michigan Womyn's Music Festival. See last month's LLN for more information.



## NATIONAL LESBIAN MAGAZINE TO APPEAR IN OCTOBER

Lesbians around the United States have been ignored in the media long enough, according to a group of women in Ames, Iowa.

"When the gay press began opening up in the sixties much of the material and advertising were devoted strictly to gay sales," said Claire Huebner, editor of the soon-to-be-born *The New Moon* magazine. "This trend has not reversed itself over the years. In fact, several publications have become very successful that do not even pretend to cater to women."

*The New Moon* will be a lesbian quarterly and will be in print for the first time in October. The idea for the magazine evolved during a brainstorming session between several Ames area women and Elaine Noble, the first openly gay person to be elected to a public office in the United States.

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Participants in that early discussion lamented over the need for a networking tool for lesbians. They also pointed out the necessity, because of the differences between gay men and lesbians, for some sort of independent, healthy identity to be established for lesbians.

"We looked around and realized that as lesbians we could read about things that affect us as gay people in the gay presses, and about those things that affect us as feminist people in the feminist presses," Hucholt said, "but there is really no place that we can gather information about the richness and diversity present in our own lesbian community."

Many women around the country have perceived a need for something geared specifically to their needs, but because of the large amount of capital and the enormous task involved with an endeavor of this sort, none have been successful. In fact, several groups have attempted to start magazines specifically for lesbians and have not been able to continue because of financial shortfalls.

"We are not attempting to start a publication that will be simply a letter/informational exchange or a literary publication," Hucholt said. "Those things are already available to lesbians. We want to cover the events and people who are constantly shaping and reshaping our

community, we will also choose particular subjects to explore in the journalistic style of an entertaining feature or news magazine."

*The New Moon* is to be a non-profit, national publication for lesbians. It will examine the lesbian community as a positive group with very unique interests and issues. The magazine will include features, profiles, travel, arts and entertainment, politics, news, short stories and poetry, sports and, of course, classified and display advertising.

Although enthusiasm for the potential of the magazine has been enormous, the willingness on the part of many to subscribe and/or advertise has been lacking, Hucholt said. "We can have all the dreams, talent and energy in the world, but if the community is not willing to support this kind of magazine, it simply won't happen. I understand that many women want to see the product before they sink hard earned cash into a subscription or an ad. But, the bottom line is we need a few risk takers."

Subscriptions will be \$15 for a year (4 issues), and are tax-deductible.

For more information about subscriptions or contributions of work, contact: *The New Moon* at 2 Kings Terrace, Ames, Iowa 50010, or call (515) 292-1972.

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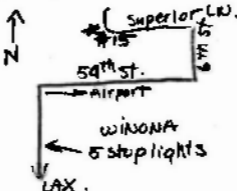
JULY'S POTLUCK

AND SWIM PARTY!

DATE: SATURDAY, JULY 16  
TIME: NOON  
PLACE: Jean's - 15 Superior Lane, Winona  
Jean lives on a lake - great swimming!  
bring an inner tube, air mattress, boat,  
etc., oh, and don't forget a dish to  
pass.

Special Events:

1. Dressed watermelon contest.
2. Every year the Winona Jaycees hold a "Miss Winona" competition with the culminating event being the swimsuit contest. In honor of this event, we will hold our own swimsuit contest or wet t-shirt contest. Bring your favorite swimsuit or t-shirt, (zipping wet, of course) ON A HANGER and we'll judge it. Prizes for the best ones.
3. Lots of stupid lesbian tricks.



DIRECTIONS: Take Highway 61 north to Winona. When you first come into Winona, start counting stop lights. After the fifth set of stop lights go about one more mile and look for a little green sign on the right that says

"Airport →".

Turn right at the sign (you'll be on 54th St.) Go about 4 blocks until you come to a stop sign - turn left onto 6th street. Go about three more blocks and look for Superior Lane (1st entrance into the mobile home court) Turn left and Jean's home is the 7th one on the left; 15 Superior Lane. CALL IF YOU GET LOST - 452-4899

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