Presented by Demeter Productions

Feminist Talent Show Sept. 8th

On Saturday, September 8, Demeter Productions will present Monterey's first Feminist Talent Show. The show will be held in the Robert Down School Auditorium, 485 Pine Avenue, Pacific Grove, at 8 p.m.

The performance will benefit Demeter, who will, in turn, donate half of the proceeds to the Pacific Grove Art Center’s Community Mural Project by artist Kate Elvin. Kate is in the fundraising stage of a project that will see the huge blank wall of the Caribbean Motor Hotel transformed into a beautiful mural depicting the landscape and horizon of the Lovers Point area when it was still in a natural state.

There have been three auditions held and the response was very good. There are many talented women in this area who perform only in the living rooms of friends because there is no other place available. Through this talent show we hope to give women that place, and give the audience an opportunity to see the gifted women in this area perform.

The show will feature music, dance, theater, and comedy acts. Among the performers are: Theater — Sue Putnam, CJ McArthur and Sandra Faulkner; Music — Kathy Reclusado, JT Mason, Micky Welsh, Kathy Stoner, Barbara Bastian and Laurie Meagher; Dance — Mary van Buuren, Sandra Faulkner, CJ McArthur, Dawn Sare and Laea Clayton. A full list of performers was not available at press time, however, rumor has it there will also be a comedy act and a mime performing.

Tickets are $2.50 in advance or $3 at the door and are available at Bookworks, PG; Recycled Records, New Monterey; Do-Re-Mi Records, Carmel; and the Record Cove in Monterey. For information on tickets or child care call 372-4466, 372-6680 or 659-3752.

Please come out and support local talent.
A Guest Editorial — Support the ERA

SECTION I — Equality of rights under the law shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of sex.

SECTION II — The Congress shall have the power to enforce, by appropriate legislation, the provisions of this article.

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When the news media mentions, or fails to mention, the ERA write them and share your comments. For example, the September issue of Family Circle magazine is carrying an interview with Phyllis Schlafly, chief spokesperson for the anti-ERA forces. The magazine is inviting comments. They will then carry a follow-up article of the comments they receive. Read the article, send in your comments. This magazine reaches many people over the country and the impact of the majority of comments being pro ERA will be significant.

Support organizations which are working for the ERA by giving money and/or time. You can pay now or pay for the rest of your life. If you belong to a professional, civic, or social organization, find out if it supports the ERA and if it has joined the boycott of unratified states. If not, urge the group to do so.

Locally, the Monterey Peninsula NOW has started an ERA Action Team which can respond within hours to a call for letters and telegrams in a particular state. The ERA Action Team can help you work for ERA. Everyone is welcome. To contact them call Bev Harrison at 375-6484 or Sandra McKee at 375-7794.

—Claire Parrish & Bev Harrison

Monterey YWCA Opens New Women’s Center

The Monterey Peninsula has long needed a Women's Center, and now we finally have one. Over the last six months a small committee of women has organized a central information center to serve all women on the Peninsula.

The Center has evolved from a necessity known to us all: communication. "Where can I find a doctor? Childcare? Books about women? Information on women’s activities?" The answers to all these questions are available through the Women’s Center of the YWCA.

The YWCA is changing right along with the rest of us. Its goals are becoming the same as ours. It’s not just “a place to swim” anymore. The Center sponsors programs such as a Women's Support Group, exercise classes, self defense, river rafting, backpacking, investment classes, sewing classes. The Y is willing to help with anything supporting the growth of women.

Services provided by the Women's Center include:

The library — A collection of books by, for and about women. Located at the Y, the library has turned into a great success thanks to the donations by local women of books, magazines, and even the book cases! There is space at the Y to sit and read. Books may be borrowed. They range from psychology to biographies and are not always found at the public library or local bookstores. If you have any books of special interest to women, the library is still in need of donations.

Information and Referral — A listing of professional services often needed and not available all in one place. This aspect of the center is very much needed. A listing of services (medical, financial, repair, etc.) is being compiled. If anyone has any contributions to make to the listings, call the Y. If you’re a mover, gardener, doctor, lawyer — get your name on the referral list. Also, if you know of an exceptional specialist of some kind and would like to share your knowledge with other women, please call.

Clearinghouse — A comprehensive listing of monthly events and meetings on the Peninsula of interest to women. A calendar will be kept listing activities by or for women on a monthly basis. Meeting dates, concerts, rallies, parties — any activities pertinent will be listed and available to anyone inquiring. If you would like your group or organization included in these listings, call the Y.

On Friday, Sept. 28 from noon to 8 p.m. the Women's Center will hold a grand opening celebration to show off our accomplishments. Everyone is welcome.

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Letters to the Editor

On Lesbianism and Feminism

Editor:

I am writing in response to the article in last month’s issue concerning lesbianism and feminism. My reactions are mixed between enthusiasm over seeing such an article in Demeter and disappointment, first, in the title and second in the content.

I feel the title “An Ounce of Perversion Is Worth a Pound of Cure” is confusing and, to me, offensive. I could see the humorous intent behind the title. Regardless, I felt it inappropriate. I realize the necessity to be able to laugh at the stereotypes society makes about lesbians, thus reducing the power of such labels. Yet, for me, the subject of perversion in association with lesbianism is quite threatening and misleading. As a lesbian I have had to deal with my own fears of being different or “perverse.” This has made my choice of loving women difficult for me to accept. The tongue in cheek tone of the title seemed inappropriate in discussing an issue which is sensitive both politically and emotionally to many readers. I felt that the use of a paradoxical title such as “An Ounce of Perversion Is Worth a Pound of Cure” was beyond the understanding of many people who are just beginning to think about the issue of lesbianism.

I was also disappointed by the content of the article. I felt the article simplistically portrayed feminists as political while lesbians as women who simply love women. True, not all lesbians are feminists; not all feminists are lesbians. While it was explained how lesbians challenge heterosexual assumptions and restrictions placed on women, by virtue of their relating to women, it was not pointed out that some lesbians are definitely feminists. Lesbian-feminism is a political theory in itself consisting of some of the most radical ideologies for social change I have yet to read.

The lesbians who performed at the Trish Nugent concert are not only lesbians but lesbian feminists dedicated to women’s lives. Both lesbian feminists and straight feminists work to end the oppression of all women. I hope to see more articles in Demeter concerning lesbians, and feminist feminism. As a lesbian and a feminist any related articles are of particular interest to me.

Cyndi Sumner
Pacific Grove

Thank you for an excellent letter which, in many ways, helps clarify certain aspects of the article.

However, I think you’ve missed an important point. Lesbians have long been at the forefront of the women’s movement, even in the early days when they were asked to stay closeted. The women’s movement benefits from the experiences of all lesbians, whether politically defined as feminists or not.

To “simply love women” is a very profound and political act in a society that devalues women. In a very fundamental way revolution begins from the heart.

As far as the headline is concerned, while there was humor involved, it was not a joke. It is important to sort through our anger and focus it effectively. “Perverse” is defined as: “I. willfully determined not to do what is expected or desired; contrary.” In this society, to “simply love women” is a “perversion.” It is also, as Robin Morgan says, “worth it.”

—Debi Busman

Women’s Rap Group

Editor:

I attended a women’s rap session in Monterey, Friday, Aug. 17. Although predominately members of Monterey’s gay community, women simply wanting to share interests and concerns with other women were there also.

While nothing was structured or defined in depth, plans were made to form other, smaller groups to focus on specific areas of need for women. The women’s coffee house was one of the many exciting ideas that was discussed. I look forward to hearing more about this.

The need for a gathering place for and by and of women has existed in the Monterey area for much too long. Horrah for the proponents of this latest effort to gather us together to discuss the things that are of interest to women in our community.

It has long been a claim of men that women can not remain united in a cause because of pettiness and we must not let this become a truth. The larger need must be to unite as women and from this build the small groups which will focus on specific issues. Individual needs of woman will become fulfilled as the needs of Women are met.

Peg Hemenway
Watsonville

Praise From a Printer

Editor:

Too often, in printing, excellence is sacrificed for the sake of economy and expedition. This is not true of Demeter. Your dedication to quality is obvious and impressive — and contagious. I would be proud to help.

You are doing such an excellent, professional job of producing Demeter that I am too embarrassed to continue picking up a free copy at the library each month.

Please enter a one-year subscription.

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Monterey

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Local and National News Briefs

New York Women Take Back the Night

This month, New York City feminists launch their assault on porn-entrenched Times Square with a two-day Take Back the Night conference, followed by an October demonstration expected to draw more than 20,000 supporters. Sponsors of the war against violence in pornography - the New York affiliate of WAVPM (Women Against Violence in Pornography and Media) - aim to raise awareness of the link between porn and violence against women.

Lynn Campbell, who is organizing Take Back the Night, reports that backing from New York feminist groups has been on a "magnitude that is inspiring."

"New York Radical Feminists has turned its resources and membership over to us and WAVAW (Women Against Violence Against Women) has done the same," Campbell says. "We've received commitments of time, energy, money or all three from feminist leaders - Gloria Steinham, Robin Morgan, Shere Hite, Phyllis Chesler, and especially Susan Brownmiller. We've formed a coalition called Women Against Pornography (WAP) that will be a New York sister organization to WAVPM on the West Coast."

The goal: that pornography be viewed as a serious, threatening issue.

Mother Jones

Women Missing Out On Foundation Funding

Less than one percent of private foundation funding goes to women's projects, according to a study conducted by Good Measure, Inc., a research organization.

Although the study found that there was a sevenfold increase between 1971-1976 in foundation support for programs designed to help eliminate discrimination and to further opportunities for women, the total was miniscule.

Esther Schackster, who supervised the Ford Foundation supported study, said a major reason that women's groups receive so little from foundations is because "women's programs touch economic, political and social issues that challenge many accepted public policy and traditional lifestyles."

Another problem unearthed by the study concerns the purpose for which foundation grants are to be used by women's groups. Although 250 representatives of women's organizations emphasized the importance of institutional change, only 13 percent of the grants support "public activist programs" while the balance of the funds were intended to create change in individuals.

The Ford Foundation study is the first comprehensive summary and analysis of private foundation and government funding for women's rights and opportunities.

Hiring Victory for Women

The state Court of Appeal recently upheld the right of the state prison system to give special consideration to women and minorities in hiring and promotions to help meet the goals of its affirmative action plan.

The unanimous landmark decision overturned the 1977 ruling of San Francisco Superior Court Judge Byron Arnold that such preferential treatment is unconstitutional reverse discrimination.

While limited to the California Department of Corrections in its details, the case will affect all public agencies in California.

The court ruled that the prison system's affirmative action plan - which originally sought a work force composed of 38 percent women and 36 percent minorities by this year - meets the constitutional tests set by the U.S. Supreme Court in its Bakke reverse discrimination case last year.

More Warnings on the Pill

Women over 30 should avoid long periods of oral contraceptive use, scientists recently reported in a new study confirming an earlier association between the pill and liver tumor incidence.

Dr. Howard Ory, one of the team of scientists, defined "long term" usage as five years.

First Woman to Sail Solo Around the World

Naomi James, 29-year-old New Zealand woman, sailed around the world via the clipper route around the three capes. She was the first woman to do so.

James' voyage took 272 days and covered 30,000 miles.

What lured her to this lonely and exhausting adventure? At first she thought her motives involved a desire to win approval.

After five months at sea, she decided she was sailing after more intangible goals. Like all explorers, she was seeking the undiscovered.

"In a life at sea, your limits are the extent of your outer physical and psychological makeup," she said. "You succeed or fail by your own efforts without any influence from the outside world. Survival is sticking to them no matter what," she said. "It's holding on to ideals."

Reproductive Rights

On August 9 drastic limits on state aid for abortions were stayed by the state Supreme Court, six days before they were to become effective.

The court ordered that state officials refrain from instituting parts of the Budget Act of 1979 limiting abortion funding.

The Committee to Defend Reproductive Rights asked the court to order Controller Kenneth Cory and other state officials to continue MediCal abortion funding, contending the budget restrictions were unconstitutional.

The committee said the budget cuts, which would have taken effect August 15, would have stopped funds "for more than 90 percent" of the abortions sought by low-income women needing state aid.
Community News and Events

WADV
Women Against Domestic Violence will hold its monthly meeting Wednesday, Sept. 12 at 5:30 p.m. at the YWCA, 276 El Dorado, Monterey.

WADV and Rape Crisis will co-sponsor a “Media Education Press Conference” at 10 a.m., Sept. 12. They will release the latest statistics on rape and domestic violence on the Monterey Peninsula to the media. Call Maria Gitin at the YWCA, 649-0834, for location.

Representatives from WADV will be guests on a phone-in talk show on KOKQ (107 FM), to discuss issues related to domestic violence and answer questions over the air on Sunday, Sept. 9, 9-11 a.m.

YWCA
-Women’s Center. General meeting Wednesday, Sept. 12 and 26, 5:15-7 p.m.
-Swimming. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, 7-9 p.m., Monterey High School. Begins Sept. 10. Fee $10 per month plus membership.
-Investment Club. Sept. 13 and 27. Big Dipper Restaurant, Pacific Grove, 7:30 a.m. A financial expert shares her knowledge at these breakfast meetings.
-Women’s Support Group. Tuesday, 7:30-9:30 p.m., YWCA. Begins Sept. 18. Fee $16 plus membership. An eight week series intended for women trying to meet the challenges in their lives.
-The Women’s Center will have a wine and cheese grand opening celebration, Sept. 28, noon-8 p.m. Everyone is invited.
-Call the Y at 649-0834 for registration and further information on any of these programs.

Women’s Rap Group
The Women’s Rap Group continues to meet Friday evenings at 7:30 p.m. Each meeting provides an opportunity to exchange specific information about events in the community, socialize, and discuss personal needs. All women are welcome. For information on meeting location call Claire Parrish at 375-6484 or Mary van Buuren at 372-6680.

Mural Project
Headquarters for the Pacific Grove Art Center’s Community Mural Project on the Caribbean Hotel has been established in the Art Center, 568 Lighthouse, Studio 12. Project coordinator Kate Elvin is in need of help. If you have even a few hours to spare, drop by and see Kate, Tuesday-Friday, 1-5. In other words HELP!

NOW
The National Organization for Women had not scheduled its September meeting at press time. Call Sandra McKeel, 375-7794 or Bev Harrison, 375-6484 for date, time and place.

The NOW Action Team is working for ratification of the ERA. There will be a meeting Sept. 4, 7:30, at the YWCA. Volunteers are needed.

National Women’s Political Caucus
The National Women’s Political Caucus will hold its regular monthly meeting Sept. 20, 7:30. The agenda includes presentation of November ballot measures and school board candidates. Call Shirley Chapman for location, 373-5193.

Camping Women
Camping Women will hold a canoeing and rafting trip Sept. 8 on the American River. All women and their children are invited to participate. Call leader Pam Aldrich (916) 891-6443 for more information.

Cafe Balthazar
Photographer Bonnie Hawthorne will have a show of her black and white infrared photographs at the Cafe Balthazar, a women-owned business located at 170 Forest Ave., Pacific Grove. The show will run Sept. 18-Oct. 28, with an opening reception for the artist scheduled 8-10 p.m., Tuesday, Sept. 18. The public is invited.

Infrared film was designed for scientific use because unlike regular film, which records on the visible light wave lengths, it records red light and sees things the eye can’t.

The show can be seen during the restaurant’s regular business hours.
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The First ‘Wave’

Early Feminist Courage

A thorough analysis of the political and moral arena within which the first women’s movement grew (1848-1869) is traced in a recent social history by Ellen DuBois, entitled *Feminism and Suffrage: The Emergence of an Independent Women’s Movement in America* (Cornell University Press, 1978).

The earliest activism of Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Lucretia Mott, Susan B. Anthony and many other women’s rights advocates stemmed from their participation in the antislavery movement and their dedication to its premises. This was followed by the awareness of their own institutionalized oppression and the need for social reform. They particularly challenged the limited domestic sphere prescribed for women, and the increasing isolation of women from the major economic and political developments of their time.

A fascinating aspect of DuBois’ account is the determined and daring radicalism which characterized the work of these early feminists. We can only begin to imagine the opposition and criticism which they met in trying to spread the cause of women’s rights. They were ridiculed and demeaned by certain men and women in the abolitionist movement (who were afraid that the suffragists were undermining the fight for black suffrage), by the respected Republican party, by the labor movement, and by many working class women.

The period on which DuBois focused (ending in 1869) is significant. It is at this time, after much work and frustration, always adhering to their belief in the priority of and need for women’s suffrage, that the National Woman Suffrage Association was founded. It was from this association that the suffragists “could proceed to build an independent movement of women for their own enfranchisement.”

This book is well-balanced in that it points out many contradictions and problems with political tactics which existed in this early movement, as well as the enormous amount of work and zeal that these women invested in order to achieve a difficult social reform. It is an excellent historical documentation of the birth of a radical women’s consciousness and the evolution of this consciousness into a dynamic social movement.

—Vicki Smith

‘The Women’s Book of World Records and Achievements’

If you wandered through Judy Chicago’s show gazing at the plates and wondering at each name, “Who?”; if every *Demeter* quiz completely baffles you; if you think the only important women in history were either married to presidents or sewed flags, you should read *The Women’s Book of World Records and Achievements*, edited by Lois Decker O’Neill.

This book is a well organized, well written compilation of hundreds of women and their accomplishments, ranging from Eugenie Moore Anderson, the first woman to become a United States ambassador; to Julia Morgan, architect for the Hearst Castle; to Margaret Kuhn, founder of the Gray Panthers. It fills in all the missing parts to every history lesson you’ve memorized.

Whether you’re a woman in search of her roots or an historian looking for the whole picture, I recommend you read *The Women’s Book of World Records and Achievements*, from Doubleday Anchor Press.

—JT Mason

The Battle for Reproductive Rights

Have you ever thought about the meaning of reproductive rights for women, or wondered exactly what is happening currently with abortion funding, or felt confused about the bits of information you hear about the “Right to Life” and “Pro-Choice” movements? These questions and issues are addressed clearly and logically in *Women Under Attack: Abortion, Sterilization Abuse, and Reproductive Freedom*, a brand new booklet produced by CARASA (Committee for Abortion Rights and Against Sterilization Abuse).

Topics that CARASA covers include the political context from which anti-abortion forces stem; ways in which different women are affected by laws and funding according to class, race, age and region; the need for safe, effective contraception and contraceptive education; the meaning and implications of sterilization abuse; a comprehensive understanding of the current legislative battles over abortion; and the distinction between an ironic choice, representing “the real conditions in which low-income women are denied decent health care and forced into motherhood or severe risks to health,” and choice based on positive personal circumstances.

CARASA’s notion of genuine reproductive choice rests on a comprehensive vision of equality in our society: “We want reproductive freedom for all women — the right to decide when and whether to have children, and the right to be respected and accepted no matter what decision we make. Reproductive freedom depends on equal wages for women, enough to support a family, alone or with others; welfare benefits for an adequate standard of living... Reproductive freedom demands a radical transformation of society and the quality of life.”

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Poems by Ruth Hatch

“Birds Do Not Sing in Caves”
—Thoreau

What most means freedom
begins in dreams.
Leaning into the black man
I can finally rest.
The shiny silver dimes that magically fill my pockets
give me courage to turn my back
on the woman who grips my arm.
She is the child strangler.
We are old friends.
The apple that is caught in my throat
becomes a womb for what will happen later.

When I am myself, it is different.
The world backs off to its normal size
and once again I can see faces;
once again our eyes meet.
My flowers will grow for me now.
Strange children want to walk through me.
And then I learn that love is just as dangerous.
I want to give the world over to you and keep to my corner.
It is so easy. I am used to these restrictions.
I see the long shelves overhead with the jars of formaldehyde and my poems in them.

Each morning I decide to try again.
This time I will insist on my rights.
This time I will insist on my own beauty.
This time I will emerge.
I will stand before the mirror and make friends with her.
She is not so bad.
See how gentle she is? See how patient and soft?
She reaches out her hand and smiles.
Turning her head to the side she says:
“The dark and light sides
of the world were made for you.”

Quickening

As a blade of grass
grows in some
desolate sidewalk crevice
a small will to live,
definite as snow
and fiercely gentle,
wedged its way
inside me.

I packed you on
my back like sticks
and walked waist high
with the wild onion.

Rain left its
net of stars.

In Memory of Sharon Lee Brown
And For Her Friends

Now you fly over some surreal mountain.
Below your shadow scissors
on the burning sands—
indomitable, dazzling arrow,
black bird of prey.
Or belly up to the sun
you are the exquisite flower of light
that breaks my heart.

Your oranges,
they are unspeakable.
They glitter like the tropics.
Your fires like pinwheels
pulse their magnificence.
You are the Bengal tiger
in a blaze of autumn leaves.
You are the calico cat
in pursuit of a butterfly.

Most like a sunset,
you are there and
then you are not there.
Each evening I watch you
boil your way down into the sea
and efface yourself in purples.
The quick sea birds
dive through your waters
and emerge with a trail of pink pearls.

I place my hand
where you were wrenched
from the photograph.
I am distracted by your blues
that envelope me like mist.
Your eyes were the sad eyes
of Hollywood stars.
You were the screaming woman
in the silent film.
Your dust is the dust of rainbows
and touches like a kiss.
I remember you as easily
as you slipped into that other world,
arms raised up to the sky,
a poem on your lips.
You are the fiery angel presence
I feel in wind and sun and stars.

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Misogyny has Roots, Too

We Don’t Want to Ruin Your Day, But . . .

(Woman is) in every respect backward, lacking in reason and true morality . . . a kind of middle step between the child and the man, who is the true human being.

Schopenhauer

We may thus conclude that it is a general law that there should be naturally ruling elements and elements naturally ruled. The rule of the freeman over the slave is one kind of rule; that of the male over the female another.

Aristotle

. . . how can he be clean that is born of a woman?

Job 25:4

Blessed art Thou, oh Lord our God, King of the Universe, that I was not born a woman.

Orthodox Jew morning recital

In childhood a woman must be subject to her father; in youth to her husband; when her husband is dead, to her sons. A woman must never be free of subjugation.

Hindu Code of Manu

Men are superior to women on account of the qualities in which God has given them pre-eminence.

Koran

The five worst infirmities that afflict the female are indolence, discontent, slander, jealousy and silliness. Such is the stupidity of woman’s character, that it is incumbent upon her, in every particular, to distrust herself and to obey her husband.

Confucius

Frigidity, as we see it today, is an outgrowth of woman’s running away from her biological destiny, which is to be wife, mother, and homemaker.

Dr. Arthur Mandy

As much as women want to be good scientists and engineers, they want, first and foremost, to be womanly companions of men and to be mothers.

Bruno Bettelheim

Biologically and temperamentally, I believe, women are made to be concerned first and foremost with child care, husband care and home care.

Benjamin Spock

The whole education of women ought to be relative to men. To please them, to be useful to them, to make themselves loved and honored by them, to educate them when young, to care for them when grown, to counsel them, to console them, and to make life sweet and agreeable to them — these are the duties of women at all times and what should be taught them from their infancy.

Jean-Jacques Rousseau

Feelings, moods and attitudes . . . rule a woman, not facts, reason nor logic. By herself, woman is all mixed up, but superb as an auxiliary.

G.C. Payetter

(Woman is) defective and accidental . . . a male gone awry . . . the result of some weakness in the (father’s) generative power.

St. Thomas Aquinas

In the East, women religiously conceal that they have faces; in the West, that they have legs. In both cases they make it evident that they have but little brains.

Henry David Thoreau

No matter how friendly and obliging a woman’s Eros may be, no logic on earth can shake her if she is ridden by the animus. Too often the man has the feeling — and he is not altogether wrong — that only seduction or a beating or rape would have the necessary power of persuasion.

Carl G. Jung

Women, then, are only children of larger growth: they have an entertaining tattle, and sometimes wit; but for solid, reasoning good sense, I never knew in my life one that had it, or who reasoned or acted consequentially for four and twenty hours together.

Lord Chesterfield

A menstruous woman is the work of Uhremaut, the devil. A woman during her periodic illness is not to gaze upon the sacred fire, sit in water, behold the sun, or hold conversation with a man.

Zoroaster

Nature intended women to be our slaves; they are our property, we are not theirs. They belong to us, just as a tree that bears fruit belongs to a gardener. What a mad idea to demand equality for women! Women are nothing but machines for producing children.

Napoleon Bonaparte

I believe women are designed in their deeper instincts to get more pleasure out of life — not only sexually but socially, occupationally, maternally — when they are not aggressive. To put it another way I think that when women are encouraged to be competitive too many of them become disagreeable.

Benjamin Spock

Woman is nurturance; anatomy decrees the life of a woman. When women grow up without dread of their biological functions and without the subversion of feminist doctrine and therefore enter upon motherhood with a sense of fulfillment and altruistic sentiment, we shall attain the goal of a good life and a secure world in which to live.

Joseph Rheingold

One way of dealing with these disparities between the athletic promise and achievement of men and women is to view women as truncated males. As such they should be permitted to engage in such sports as men do . . . but in foreshortened versions.

Paul Weiss

Professor of Philosophy at Yale

Girls we love for what they are; young men for what they promise to be.

Johann Wolfgang von Goethe

One hundred women are not worth a single testicle.

Confucius
Reproductive Rights

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The right of women to exercise reproductive control for themselves is a right that is currently negligible. It stands an excellent chance of being revoked altogether, due to a massive conservative movement which is playing on the feelings of people who are afraid and confused by rapidly changing values and institutions.

We need to be informed of the changing status of laws on the funding and availability of abortion, sterilization, health care, day care, and welfare in our struggle to see a progression rather than a regression in women's rights.

-Vicki Smith

Editor's Note: This is the first of a two part article. Next month's article will discuss California legislation and reproductive choices available on the Monterey Peninsula. For copies of CARASA's booklet, write to CARASA, P.O. Box 124, Cathedral Station, N.Y., N.Y. 10025. Cost is $2.50 per copy or $2.00 each for 10 or more copies, pre-paid.

Women's Center —
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The women primarily responsible for the Women's Center are: Linda Robinson, Y staff member; Maureen McEvoy, library committee and publicity; Jill Cohen, library committee; Pam Stevens, representative to the Y Program Committee and clearinghouse; Carol Hess, information and referral; Anne DuBois, information and referral; Judy Roth, clearinghouse and grand opening celebration; Gwen Scott, publicity and facilitator of many meetings.

Anyone interested in the progress and development of the Women's Center is invited to attend the general meetings held every other Wednesday at the YWCA, 276 Eldorado Street, Monterey. Our next meeting will be Sept. 12. For further information about the Y and the Women's Center call 649-0834.

-Maureen McEvoy

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Feminism—A Personal Perspective

FEMINISM... MMMMM...

life like a river, flowing backwards, backwards
(Kindergarten) "Why can't I wear pants?"
I like to play, climb, run fast. I have a stick horse
I'm in the old west
I do remember my favorite dress
I play the doctor and the nurse
I have dolls and marbles

I'm in junior high
I've lost interest in the clarinet and the flute
I love playing football and hate to break a fingernail

I want to run—girls' track team—no training
Racing against well-coached boys' team...
My competitor lets go a handful of sand
Flying in my face
So much for P.E.

"GET IN STEP!"
My trumpet gleams in the sun
I'm several years—and 2 steps—behind;
The only girl in the brass section)
Fortunately, there's a girl drummer

(17) I want to break away!
To bust out into the world...

Marriage
Life flowing by
Isolation
Lack of information
A feeling slowly grows
It has no form
No direction but away (towards?)
I'm afraid
I go

To live
Live alone
River flowing through the days,
The years

A Continuing Series

"Feminism—A Personal Perspective" is a continuing series. Arriving at a feminist perspective is a profoundly personal experience. The process forces one to re-examine many unquestioned customs and relationships. Feminism helps women realize they have a right to make many more choices than society commonly permits. Each month a woman will be writing a chronicle of the process she went through in becoming a feminist. We encourage others to send in their own accounts of their emergence as feminists.

Emotionally unconnected in my work
I am not a bank teller
I am not a secretary

I can learn and teach martial arts
I can learn and work in a recording studio

Connection
In the darkness
There is this form
Soft, warm
Woman

Explosion! The world is spinning—all order to chaos
Slipping, melting—all at odd angles
A being reaching for balance in an off-center world

A new world
Illegal? Illegal? Whose law is this?
I can learn to live the impeccable life of a warrior

Life full of growing
Life without limitation
Life full of loving support
I am not afraid

Feminism... MMMM...

The word is new for me... I look it up:
Femi-nism (n) 1: The theory of the political, economic and social equality of the sexes
2: Organized activity on behalf of women's rights and interests

Circle:
Women circle of friends and lovers
Woman strong

—bb bastian

Women Speak Out

Difficult as it is to deal with realities, some Vietnam veterans have been able to speak about their experiences in Vietnam, because they began to understand the nature of sexual violence in an aggressive, colonialist war. The roots of this violence come from deep within our own culture and take their toll on women all over the world, including ourselves.

—Jane Fonda and Nancy Dowd

Vietnamese Women's Slide Show