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Introduction

Lesbian and gay publications form the infrastructure of the communities. The printed word, read in furtive privacy, is often the first link to "the life." Reproduced and distributed, lesbian/gay publications allow local networks to extend beyond immediate social circles, reaching national and international horizons. The lesbian/gay press provides a voice, a countenance, shared culture, experience and concerns, and political power. It legitimizes, diversifies, defines, strengthens, and organizes.

The proliferation of gay/lesbian publications shaped and reflected the rise of the national gay liberation movement in the 1960s and 1970s. Prior to the emergence of these periodicals, the only regular appearances of homosexuals were made in the daily press consisting of names, addresses, and employees in stories reporting arrests in bar raids. Alternately, medical journals dissected one's physiological and psychological abnormalities, and religious publications condemned homosexuals' immorality.

There were few lesbian/gay periodicals at that time. *Friendship and Freedom*, published in Chicago in the 1920s, was the first short-lived gay male periodical to appear in the United States. Lisa Ben produced the country's first lesbian periodical in 1947. She typed her newsletter, *Vice Versa*, on her Remington, making carbons for distribution. The Daughters of Bilitis produced the first nationally distributed lesbian publication *The Ladder*, beginning in 1956. The Mattachine Society and One, Inc. also published magazines for the homophile community during that period.

During the McCarthy era, it was a tremendous act of courage to place one's name on a homophile organization's mailing list, or to buy its publication on a newsstand. Although circulation figures for these early publications were not high, single copies were, in some cases, read by hundreds. Lesbian and gay periodicals in libraries, unfortunately, were unheard of. However, the emergence of gay liberation after 1969 coincided with the flourishing of many gay periodicals, including *The Los Angeles Advocate* (now *The Advocate*), *Gay Community News*, and *Fag Rag*. By the 1970s and 1980s, feminist publications were addressing explicitly lesbian concerns. Some titles reviewed in the Women Section have important lesbian contents.

Three significant developments have occurred in the 1980s. First, of course, is the devastating impact of AIDS. Not only has the epidemic claimed many lives, it has drasti-

cally altered sexual practices, with the concomitant remedicalization of homosexuality. Persons with AIDS (PWA) have organized as well, challenging medical orthodoxy and governmental insensitivity, while creating mutual support networks. Some of the growing literature by PWA and supporters of PWA are reviewed here.

The second major development is the emergence of regional and national periodicals edited and written by lesbian and gay people of color (such as *AMALGM Newsletter*, *Black/Out*, *CelebrAsian*, *Other Countries*, *Trikone*) addressing racism, classism, looksism, and Third World sex tourism.

Third, the emergence of lesbian sex magazines (*Bad Attitude*, *On Our Backs*, *Outrageous Women*, and *The Power Exchange*, among others) reflect a significant shift, or rift (depending on your point of view), in lesbian and feminist thought concerning pornography and censorship. Refusing to be "politically correct," lesbian sex periodicals are nonetheless politically significant in that they embrace and revel in the sexuality that defines us. Many librarians will be doubly challenged to add these titles, because they are openly lesbian and explicitly sexual. Does your library not get *Playboy*?

The time is long past when librarians can assume no patron is lesbian or gay, or that there is no interest in gay research. Every library needs to have a basic collection of such titles; it must serve all its patrons. For more current information on lesbian and gay periodicals, check the listings in *Gayellow Pages*, reviewed below.

Basic Periodicals

Hs: *The Advocate*, *Conditions*, *Gay Community News*, *Gayellow Pages*, *off our backs*, *Other Countries*, *Out/Look*, *Sinister Wisdom*; Ga: *The Advocate*, *Black/Out*, *Christopher Street*, *Common Lives/Lesbian Lives*, *Gaia's Guide*, *Gay Community News*, *Gayellow Pages*, *Lambda Rising Book Report*, *New York Native*, *off our backs*, *On Our Backs*, *Out/Look*, *Sinister Wisdom*; Ac: *The Advocate*, *Bad Attitude*, *Black/Out*, *Christopher Street*, *Conditions*, *Common Lives/Lesbian Lives*, *Gaia's Guide*, *Gay Community News*, *Gayellow Pages*, *Journal of Homosexuality*, *Lambda Rising Book Report*, *Lesbian Ethics*, *Lesbian Herstory Archives Newsletter*, *off our backs*, *On Our Backs*, *Out/Look*, *Paidika*, *Sinister Wisdom*.

Basic Abstracts and Indexes

Alternative Press Index.

3869. AMALGM Newsletter (Formerly: *BAGMAL Newsletter*). 1988. m. \$10. Ed. bd. Alliance of Massachusetts Asian Lesbians & Gay Men, P.O. Box 543, Boston, MA 02199. Illus. Sample.
Aud: Hs, Ga, Ac.

This newsletter of Asian lesbians and gay men in Massachusetts pulls no punches, addressing the sexual exploitation of Asian youth by sex tourists in Asia, as well as the "rice queen" (attraction to Asians) phenomenon among white American gay men. Recent essays have also covered lesbians in China. For provocative writing on race, class, sex,

and sexual orientation, subscribe to this newsletter. Recommended for ethnic and gay studies collections.

3870. The Advocate: the national gay newsmagazine (Formerly *The Los Angeles Advocate*). 1967. bi-w. \$39.97. Robert I. McQueen & Gerry Kroll. Niles Merton, P.O. Box 4371, Los Angeles, CA 90078. Illus., adv. Circ: 76,000. Sample. Microform: USC.
Indexed: API. *Bk. rev:* 10, 1,000 words, signed. *Aud:* Hs, Ga, Ac.

After over 500 issues, the best-selling gay male newsmagazine continues to cover the national and international gay news and cultural scene. About half an issue of about 130 pages is now devoted to classified advertising, and its news coverage is sometimes too brief, but its arts section is always impressive. A recommended purchase for all public and academic libraries.

3871. Bad Attitude: a lesbian sex magazine. 1984. 3/yr. \$20 (Individuals, \$10). The Baroness. Bad Attitude, Inc., P.O. Box 110, Cambridge, MA 02139. Illus., adv. Circ: 4,600.
Aud: Ac, Ga.

Founded by former *Gay Community News* editors Amy Hoffman and Cindy Patton with help from the *Fag Rag* men, *Bad Attitude* and *On Our Backs* fit well within the same genre, with *Bad Attitude* leaning a bit more heavily (yet unpretentiously) on the written word than on the visual image (a common East Coast-West Coast dichotomy?). Better known contributors to *Bad Attitude's* erotic array include Olga Broumas, Sarah Schulman, Joan Nestle, and a competent complement of others. *BA's* editorials, opinions, and occasional feature articles discuss political aspects of "the lesbian sex movement" with intelligence and verve. Highly recommended.

3872. Bay Area Reporter. 1971. w. \$65. Ed. bd. Bob Ross, Benro Enterprises, Inc., 1528 15th St., San Francisco, CA 94103. Illus., adv. Circ: 35,000.
Bk. rev: 13, 1,000 words, signed. *Aud:* Hs, Ga, Ac.

One of the best city papers with many pages of movement news, some empowering and others sobering, as in its obituaries of those struck down by AIDS. Also, it features cultural news from the San Francisco Bay Area. A definite acquisition for area libraries and recommended for larger collections elsewhere.

3873. Big Apple Dyke News. 1981. s-a. \$25 (Individuals, \$10). Ed. bd. B.A.D. News, 192 Spring St., No. 15, New York, NY 10012. Illus., adv. Circ: 5,000.
Aud: Hs, Ga, Ac.

B.A.D. News is a brief (usually 16 pages) New York newspaper that digests national and international news of particular interest to lesbians. Published only twice per year, the *B.A.D. News* is not very timely, but it does interpret our world news from a recognizable radical lesbian-feminist stance. A recent issue contained, among others, a report on Thai feminism, an article on the lesbian sorority at UCLA, and a call to boycott *Time* and *Newsweek* for not covering the October 1987 March on Washington. *B.A.D. News* also

contains listings of gay/lesbian groups in the New York City area.

- 3874. *Black/Out*** (Formerly: *Habari-Daftari*). 1987. q. \$10. Joseph F. Beam. Natl. Coalition of Black Lesbians and Gays, Inc., P.O. Box 2490, Washington, DC 20013. Illus., adv.
Indexed: API. Bk. rev: 3, 600 words, signed. *Aud:* Hs, Ga, Ac.

This magazine is published by the National Coalition of Black Lesbians and Gays, an organization committed to ending "Lesbian and Gay oppression, racism, sexism, class oppression, militarism, and all the barriers which interfere with our right to live in peace and harmony." *Black/Out* is a voice for NCBLG's political and educational efforts to provide political advocacy and support for issues affecting the Black lesbian and gay community. Articles address national and international issues relevant to Black lesbians and Black gay men. The writing is excellent and important. Contributors include Joseph Beam (editor), Renee McCoy (NCBLG executive director), Barbara Smith, Audre Lorde, Michelle Parkerson, Essex Hemphill, and Gil Gerald among preeminent others. Highly recommended.

- 3875. *The Body Positive***. 1987? m. \$15. Robert Massa. Body Positive/New York, 263A W. 19th St., Rm. 107, New York, NY 10011. Illus., adv.
Aud: Hs, Ga, Ac.

As demands for AIDS antibody testing increase, those who have already tested antibody positive have to deal with likely discrimination. A group of HIV-antibody-positive people have organized, publishing this newsletter with advice, for example, on travel for seropositives. Each issue includes a list of resources for counseling and support. Recommended.

- 3876. *CelebrAsian***. 1983. q. \$12. Alan Li. Gay Asians Toronto, P.O. Box 752, Sta. F, Toronto, Ont. M4Y 2N6, Canada. Illus., adv.
Aud: Hs, Ga, Ac.

This Canadian publication has consistently addressed race and sexual orientation from an Asian Canadian perspective. It has also covered gay developments in Hong Kong. It also addresses the issue of erotica as developed by Asian Canadians. Recommended for special collections.

- 3877. *Christopher Street***. 1976. m. \$27. Charles L. Ortleb. That New Magazine, Inc., P.O. Box 1475, Church St Sta., New York, NY 10008. Illus., adv. Circ: 22,000. Sample.

Bk. rev: 1-2, 1,000 words, signed. *Aud:* Hs, Ga, Ac.

This well-established literary magazine continues to publish big-name writers, and more and more now, has interesting nonfiction articles, such as on AIDS and on the Ku Klux Klan, or interviews with writers (e.g., William Burroughs). Excerpts of forthcoming books are often included, as are poems and short stories. A glossy magazine, it also prints photographic studies, e.g., of gay writers. Recommended for all libraries.

- 3878. *Coming Up!: the gay/lesbian newspaper and calendar of events for the Bay Area***. 1979. m. \$24. Kim Corsaro, 592 Castro St., San Francisco, CA 94114. Illus., adv. Circ: 30,000. Sample.

Aud: Hs, Ga, Ac.

A free publication if you pick up one in the San Francisco Bay Area, this tabloid stands out for its progressive political viewpoints. In addition to provocative essays and reviews, it includes as a supplement a huge monthly calendar of local events. A definite purchase for Bay Area libraries and recommended for major gay studies collections elsewhere.

- 3879. *Common Lives/Lesbian Lives: a lesbian quarterly***. 1981. q. \$20 (Individuals, \$12). Ed. bd. Common Lives-Lesbian Lives, P.O. Box 1553, Iowa City, IA 52244. Illus., adv. Circ: 1,600.

Bk. rev: 5, 200-500 words, signed. *Aud:* Hs, Ga, Ac.

This journal publishes fiction, essays, poetry, photographs, and graphics born of the lesbian experience. In addition to publishing well-crafted writing and visual art, *Common Lives* provides a forum for lesbian social and political thought by encouraging women who have "traditionally been denied visibility" and who have "never before thought of publishing" to do so. The result is an important lesbian publication.

- 3880. *Conditions***. 1976. s-a. \$28/3 issues (Individuals, \$18). Ed. bd. Conditions, Inc., P.O. Box 159046, Brooklyn, NY 11215-9046. Illus., index, adv. Circ: 3,000.

Indexed: API. Bk. rev: 5-10, 2,000-3,000 words, signed. *Aud:* Hs, Ga, Ac.

Conditions is modestly self described as "a feminist magazine of writing by women with an emphasis on writing by lesbians." Each issue is distinguished by powerful, intelligent, insightful writing by well-known and lesser-known women, with an unstated focus on writing by women of color. The *Conditions* collective has nourished writers who speak to racial, cultural, sexual, and political realities of modern feminism, reflecting and feeding the essence of current lesbian and feminist thought. The magazine regularly features fiction, poetry, interviews, and reviews. Particularly significant recent issues have been one on Black women and two others that focused on international issues. *Conditions* is essential to gay/lesbian and women's studies collections. Highly recommended.

- 3881. *Equal Time: a non-profit community newspaper for gay men and lesbians***. 1982. bi-w. \$30. Susan Denelsbeck & John Ritter. Star of the North Publ. Co., 711 W. Lake St., No. 505, Minneapolis, MN 55408. Illus., adv. Circ: 12,000. Microform: MnHS.

Aud: Hs, Ga, Ac.

From the Midwest comes one of the better city papers that manages to raise important national issues, e.g., on the Library of Congress's tardiness in adding user-friendly and nonpejorative subject headings. Recent articles have also covered homophile magazines of the 1950s as well as a profile of Naiad Press. A recommended purchase for larger collections.

- 3882. *The European Gay Review*.** 1986. a. £7. Salvatore Santagati & Martin Metcalfe. Verlaine-Rimbaud, BCM Box 8970, London WC1N 3XX, England. Illus., adv.
Bk. rev: 3, 1,000–2,000 words, signed. *Aud:* Ga, Ac.
 Devoted to analyzing gay male culture, this well-illustrated booklet contains original essays by some of the better-known literary figures, such as Yves Navarre, Gore Vidal, and Edmund White. A section, "The European Gay Review of Books," includes critical reviews. Another regular feature is an interview with a writer in each issue. A promising publication emerging from Thatcher's Britain. Recommended for literature collections.
- 3883. *Fag Rag*** (Formerly: *Lavender Vision*). 1970. Irreg. \$10. Ed. bd. Fag Rag, Inc., P.O. Box 331, Kenmore Sta., Boston, MA 02215. Illus., adv. Circ: 5,000. Microform: NYPL.
Indexed: API. *Aud:* Ga, Ac.
 Remaining true to its gay liberationist origins, this usually provocative publication attacks conformity everywhere. Recent essays have covered travel to Central America as well as Asia. The antithesis of a yuppie publication, *Fag Rag* has been condemned by critics appalled at its unrestrained photography as well as writing. But subscribe, if you want an excellent example of the free press. For major collections.
- 3884. *Frontiers*.** 1981. bi-w. \$25. Michael de Lauzon & Don L. Volk. Bob Craig, Media Concepts, Inc., 7985 Santa Monica Blvd., No. 109, West Hollywood, CA 90046. Illus., adv. Circ: 25,000. Sample. Vol. ends: 26.
Aud: Hs, Ga, Ac.
Frontiers is one of many locally distributed gay periodicals in Los Angeles that stands out for consistent coverage of local events as well as national stories. It has featured cover stories on the LaRouche AIDS Initiative, on the People of Color Conference, and on gay Asian Americans. It also contains a hefty section of personals. Like many other gay papers, it also endorsed Jesse Jackson for President. Recommended for area libraries and larger collections.
- 3885. *Gai Pied Hebdo: hebdomadaire homosexuel d'information politique et générale*.** 1979. w. 676 Fr. Frank Arnal. Gerard Vappereau, 45, rue Sedaine, 75557 Paris Cedex 11, France. Illus., adv. Circ: 40,000. Sample. Microform: NYPL.
Bk. rev: 3, 600 words, signed. *Aud:* Ga, Ac.
 Profusely illustrated, this major French gay male newsmagazine covers the French and global gay cultural and political scenes with wit and vitality. Readers can also communicate with its editors on the Minitel, the country-wide electronic mail system. A recommended title for major collections.
- 3886. *Gaia's Guide: the guide for travelling women—international*.** 1974. a. \$9.50. Sandy Horn, 132 W. 24th St., New York, NY 10011; 32 Ivor Pl., London NW1 6DA, England. Illus., adv.
Aud: Hs, Ga, Ac.
 Named for the Greek primordial Mother Earth, *Gaia's Guide* is the premier lesbian travel book. Broader in scope than *Places of Interest to Women*—it covers the United States, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, and much of Europe. *Gaia's Guide* lists bars, restaurants, hotels, publications, bookstores, and the like around the world. It also includes an annual gay and lesbian calendar of events—festivals, conferences, meetings, and such scheduled throughout the world.
- 3887. *Gay Community News: for sixteen years, the lesbian and gay weekly*.** 1973. w. \$40 (Individuals, \$33). Laurie Sherman, Broomfield Street Educational Foundation, Inc., 62 Berkeley St., Boston, MA 02116. Illus., adv. Circ: 20,000. Vol. ends: No. 50. Microform: Pub.
Indexed: API. *Bk. rev:* 4, 500 words, signed. *Aud:* Hs, Ga, Ac.
GCN is the national lesbian and gay weekly newspaper "dedicated to providing coverage of events and news in the interest of gay and lesbian liberation." The news articles, book reviews, and editorial commentary are consistently thoughtful, politically astute, and cogent. The editorial collective remains responsible and responsive to its constituency, e.g., by recently publishing a self-criticism of its own inadequate AIDS coverage and outlining strategy for improvement. *GCN* is more strictly sociopolitical than the only other national gay weekly, *The Advocate*. *GCN* is frequently cited as the newspaper of record for the gay and lesbian political movement. Essential to all gay and lesbian collections.
- 3888. *Gay Times*** (Incorporating: *Gay News: Britain's national gay magazine*). 1974. m. £16. John Marshall & Peter Burton. Millivres, Ltd., 283 Camden High St., London NW1 7BX, England. Illus., adv. Sample.
Bk. rev: 12, 300–1,200 words, signed. *Aud:* Hs, Ga, Ac.
 The national newsmagazine for gay males in the British Isles, in many ways akin to *The Advocate* in the United States, but with fewer pages devoted to classified advertising and with better coverage of the European gay scene, including lists of resources in various European cities. Recommended for major collections.
- 3889. *Gayellow Pages: the national edition, informing the lesbian and gay community since 1973*.** 1973. a. \$10. Frances Green. Renaissance House, P.O. Box 292, New York, NY 10014. Adv.
Aud: Hs, Ga, Ac.
Gayellow Pages is an indispensable guide to lesbian and gay resources in Canada and the United States. It lists national movement organizations, professional and business resources, media organizations, lesbian and gay publications, bookstores, and archives, as well as resources within each state and province, including bars, switchboards, community centers, and AIDS projects. Regional editions also are available. But definitely get the national edition for the most comprehensive guide of its kind. Highly recommended for all libraries.
- 3890. *Gay's the Word Review: new lesbian and gay reading*.** 1980. bi-m. £3.50. Paul Hegarty. Gay's the Word, 66 Marchmont St., London WC1N 1AB, England. Illus.
Bk. rev: 14, 1,000 words, signed. *Aud:* Hs, Ga, Ac.

Published by the London bookstore that won a victory over government censors, this publication carries one-page reviews of many new British titles in each issue. In addition, briefer reviews are given for other new titles, divided by subject. Books reviewed can be ordered from Gay's The Word. A recommended title for larger collections, especially for gender studies bibliographers.

3891. *The Guide to the Gay Northeast* (Formerly: *Guide to gay New England*). m. Inquire. French Wall. Edward Hougen, Fidelity Publ., P.O. Box 593, Boston, MA 02199. Illus., adv.

Aud: Hs, Ga, Ac.

This funky monthly on newsprint is basically a resource guide to the gay Northeast, but each issue contains at least a couple of interesting essays or interviews on topics not otherwise often encountered, e.g., on foreskins and circumcision. A recommended addition to libraries in the northeastern United States.

3892. *Homologie*. 1978. bi-m. fl. 36. Ed. bd. Stichting Homologie, Postbus 16584, 1001 RB Amsterdam, The Netherlands. Illus., adv. Circ: 6,000.

Bk. rev: 9, 1,000–2,000 words, signed. *Aud:* Ac.

This Dutch scholarly and cultural publication on the emancipation of lesbians and gay males covers film, literature, and lesbian and gay studies. Its "Relevant" column, contributed by the staff of the Dokumentatiecentrum Homostudies in Amsterdam, is unrivaled for its bibliographic survey of lesbian and gay studies and is thus recommended for gay studies collections, even if one cannot read Dutch.

3893. *International Lesbian & Gay Association Bulletin*.

1978. irreg. Inquire. Information Secretariat, c/o RFSL, Box 350, S-10124 Stockholm, Sweden. Illus.

Aud: Ga, Ac.

This publication provides a wealth of information on the lesbian and gay struggle worldwide. Read about gay liberation in South Africa, Hong Kong, Hungary, and Poland. It provides a fascinating view of the global liberation struggle in progress. Recommended for major collections.

3894. *The James White Review: gay men's literary journal*.

1983. q. \$12 (Individuals, \$10). David Lindahl & Greg Baysans. Phil Willkie, P.O. Box 3356, Minneapolis, MN 55403. Illus. Circ: 2,500. Sample. Vol. ends: Summer.

Bk. rev: 8, 1,000 words, signed. *Aud:* Hs, Ac, Ga.

Gay poets and writers have in this review a forum to express their views. Open to new as well as established authors, the journal has now become the major literary publication for gay males. Compared with the more established *Christopher Street* (see above, in this section), this review exudes a liberationist perspective that is refreshingly open. Large photographs and artwork often accompany the contributions. Recommended for literature collections everywhere.

3895. *Journal of Homosexuality*. 1974. q. \$132 (Individuals, \$32). John P. DeCecco & Norman C. Hopper. Haworth Press, 12 W. 32nd St., New York, NY 10001. Illus., index, adv. Circ: 834. Sample. Vol. ends: No. 4. Microform: Pub.

Indexed: AbAn, ApSSIA, PAIS, PsyAb, SOCI, SocAb, WomAb. *Bk. rev:* 1–2, 1,000 words, signed. *Aud:* Ac.

The Journal of Homosexuality is the preeminent scholarly publication for the social scientific study of homosexuality. Recent issues have focused on particular themes, such as anthropology or the explosion of gay studies in the Netherlands. Controversial issues, such as pedophilia and pederasty, are also examined. Extensive bibliographies are also usually included. Essential for any serious collection.

3896. *Lambda Rising Book Report: a contemporary review of gay and lesbian literature*. 1988. m. \$18. Robert Dirmeyer. Lambda Rising, Inc., 1625 Connecticut Ave. N.W., Washington, DC 20009. Illus., adv. Circ: 213,300. *Bk. rev:* 20–30, 300–3,000 words, signed. *Aud:* Hs, Ga, Ac.

Although several gay/lesbian publications include book reviews, the new *LRBR* is the only national, mass-circulation publication dedicated to this endeavor. Published by the Washington, D.C., bookstore Lambda Rising, this 20-page newspaper features several lengthy and brief reviews of new books relevant to gays and lesbians. The reviews, written by a range of writers, are superb. *LRBR* also features articles on authors and other related literary topics. Regular departments include a best-sellers' list, letters, and marginalia (notes of interest). The coverage is fairly evenly distributed between gay and lesbian issues. *LRBR* is an excellent publication, long needed and so very important to librarians, scholars, and those in the gay publication industry. This title is included as a supplement to many city papers, such as the *Philadelphia Gay News*.

3897. *LesbenStich: das lesbenmagazin für den aufrechten gang*. 1980. q. DM 25. Annette Droge & Claudia Schoppmann. *LesbenStich-Press-Verlag*, Postfach 360 549, 1000 Berlin 36, Fed. Republic of Germany. Illus., adv. Circ: 1,000.

Aud: Ga, Ac.

This national German lesbian publication contains a mix of feature articles; literary and performance reviews (Kulturelles); and local, national, and foreign reporting. *LesbenStich* regularly includes a calendar of events and a directory of German lesbian and gay organizations. Like the French *Lesbia*, this magazine is "slick"—not really a glossy, but definitely not a newspaper. It is usually 35 to 45 pages in length. The publication is well produced with graphics and photographs.

3898. *Lesbia: revue lesbienne d'expressions, d'informations, d'opinions*. 1982. m. Inquire. *Lesbia*, B.P. 539 75529 Paris Cedex 11, France. Illus., adv.

Aud: Ga, Ac.

This French magazine is a national potpourri of politics, fiction, photographs, reviews, and entertainment. It regularly features profiles of famous lesbians and favorite straight women as well as compelling opinion pieces. Each issue includes a calendar of events, a travel guide of sorts, and classifieds. *Lesbia* is an intelligent and carefully produced magazine.

3899. *Lesbian Connection*. 1974. bi-m. \$17 (Individuals, \$5). Helen Diner Memorial Women's Center. Ambitious Amazons, P.O. Box 811, East Lansing, MI 48823. Illus., adv. Circ: 14,000.

Indexed: API. *Bk. rev:* 2-4, 200-300 words, signed. *Aud:* Ga, Hs, Ac.

LC is sort of a national bulletin board (not a bathroom wall) for lesbian culture. (For print versions of a bathroom wall, see the personals in *On Our Backs* and *Bad Attitude*.) Probably best known for its regular "Contact Dykes" listing of lesbian "welcome wagoners" in cities around the nation and the world, *LC* also features listings of conferences, festivals, merchants, resorts, restaurants, publications, jobs, and the like of interest to lesbians. Also included are newsy excerpts from other lesbian or feminist publications, and newsy or political commentaries from *LC* subscribers. In keeping with its purpose, this newsletter is cheap and widely distributed, e.g., at Women's Music Festivals. *LC* is not only important from a practical public service standpoint ("OK, I'm a lesbian, now what?"), but it also provides a research source of considerable value.

3900. *Lesbian Contradiction: a journal of irreverent feminism*. 1982. q. \$5. Ed. bd. LesCon, 1007 N. 47th, Seattle, WA 98103; or 584 Castro St., No. 263, San Francisco, CA 94114. Illus. Circ: 2,000. Vol. ends: Dec.

Indexed: API. *Aud:* Ga, Ac.

LesCon is a newspaper designed to cover varying perspectives of controversial, debated topics within lesbian communities. It features testimony, commentary, and responses to social and political issues as they impact lesbian lives. Topics include separatism, drug abuse, lesbian parenting, classism, racism—to name just a few. *LesCon* also includes wonderful graphics and cartoons. Also available on cassette from the Womyn's Braille Press, Inc.

3901. *Lesbian Ethics*. 1986. 3/yr. \$16 (Individuals, \$12). Jeanette Silveira. LE Publns., P.O. Box 943, Venice, CA 90294. Adv.

Aud: Hs, Ga, Ac.

LE's pages are filled with passionate political-ethical debate only radical lesbians can generate. It is a bound journal, usually about 100 to 125 pages an issue, containing five to eight articles. Articles are "scholarly" in that the positions and arguments presented are constructed to convince. True to *LE*'s radical sensibility, authors need not adhere to traditional forms of academic presentation. *LE* is important for its creative, in-depth exploration and articulation of a range of lesbian-feminist issues, e.g., separatism, sadomasochistic sex, butch-fem identities, nonpatriarchal spirituality. Highly recommended.

3902. *Lesbian Herstory Archives Newsletter* (Title varies: *Lesbian Herstory Archives News*). 1975. irreg. \$10/2 issues. Ed. bd. Lesbian Herstory Educational Foundation, Inc., P.O. Box 1258, New York, NY 10116. Illus. Circ: 6,000. *Aud:* Hs, Ga, Ac.

The Lesbian Herstory Archives in New York City is the largest and best-known lesbian archive in the United States. Founded in 1974, the archives currently contains over 1,000

subject files, 1,300 periodical titles, 6,000 books, 12,000 photographs/slides, 150 biographical files, and 200 special collections of letters, diaries, and papers. Archives coordinators Deb Edell, Joan Nestle, and Judith Schwartz along with a slew of volunteers form the nucleus of this widely supported, community-based lesbian organization. In addition to updating the archives' collections, the *LHA Newsletter* includes accounts of lesbian history as it is acquired, discovered, or reinterpreted by archives researchers. The newsletter also includes reports, news, and bibliographies. A basic reference resource for lesbian studies.

3903. *The Lesbian News: a digest of information and opinion from southern California and beyond*. 1975. m. \$12. Jinx Beers, 6507 Franrivers Ave., West Hills, CA 91307. Illus., adv. Circ: 20,000.

Bk. rev: 7-10, 300-600 words, signed. *Aud:* Hs, Ga, Ac. The lesbian rag from the Los Angeles area, *Lesbian News* contains local news, views, announcements, and the ever-important calendar of events for a number of southern California communities (Los Angeles, San Diego, Santa Barbara/Ventura, Pomona Valley/Inland Empire, Orange County/Long Beach). It also includes national lesbian news along with film, theater, and book reviews. Varied columnists contribute pieces on business and health, religion, pets, and sundry other topics.

3904. *NAMBLA Bulletin: voice of the North American Man/Boy Love Association*. 1980. 10/yr. \$25. Chris Farrell. NAMBLA, 537 Jones St., No. 8418, San Francisco, CA 94102. Illus., index, adv. Sample. Vol. ends: No. 10.

Bk. rev: 1-2, 1,000-2,000 words, signed. *Aud:* Ga, Ac. This publication raises important issues about age of consent, youth rights, and criminal justice as it explores how those men who violate the law and engage in relationships with teenaged lovers stir up societal opprobrium. A regular theme is researching how the government entraps suspected child molesters by selling them child pornography in sting operations. A challenging title recommended for the larger collection.

3905. *New York Native*. 1980. w. \$49. Charles L. Ortlieb & Patrick Merla. That New Magazine, Inc., P.O. Box 1475, New York, NY 10008. Illus., adv. Circ: 16,000. Vol. ends: No. 52. Microform: NYPL.

Bk. rev: 1, 1,000 words, signed. *Aud:* Hs, Ga, Ac. The only paper to consistently cover AIDS from the emergence in the United States of the dreaded disease, the *New York Native* has now become to some, a parody of itself and to others, the voice of truth in the perceived government cover-up of the AIDS epidemic. For its arts reviews as well as its critiques of state inaction in the AIDS crisis, subscribe to the *New York Native*. Recommended for all academic and public libraries.

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3906. *On Our Backs: entertainment for the adventurous lesbian*. 1984. q. \$19. Susie Bright. Blush Entertainment

Group, 526 Castro, San Francisco, CA 94114. Illus., adv. Circ: 15,000.

Aud: Ga, Ac.

Lesbian sex is at the crux of lesbian life, love, identity, and politics. *On Our Backs* is a daring, bold, lively publication that features lesbian pornography and/or erotica—stories, poetry, and black-and-white photographs—created by lesbians. And guess what, the articles are good, too. Columns and features in *On Our Backs* have fondled the pariah lesbian issues: lesbian safe-sex, butch-fem, and sadomasochism. Along with *Bad Attitude* (see above, in this section), *On Our Backs* is a forum for explicit talk about lesbian sex. This publication, inevitably controversial, belongs in libraries. Resist homophobia and display a commitment to intellectual freedom by adding this key publication to your library collection. Highly recommended.

3907. *Other Countries: Black gay voices.* 1988. a. \$11 (Individuals, \$6.95). Cary Alan Johnson & Daniel Garrett. Cultural Council Foundation, P.O. Box 3142, New York, NY 10008-3142. Illus. Circ: 2,000. Sample.

Aud: Hs, Ga, Ac.

A literary journal featuring the voices of Black gay males, this attractive publication celebrates the Black vision in America. Its first issue—spanning 120 pages—contains the last interview with openly gay, civil rights leader Bayard Rustin before his death in 1987. This valiant effort at creating a literature to support and sustain gays of African heritage is worth supporting. A highly recommended acquisition for all libraries.

3908. *Out/Look: national lesbian & gay quarterly.* 1988. q. \$26 (Individuals, \$19). Ed. bd. Out/Look Foundation, P.O. Box 146430, San Francisco, CA 94114-6430. Illus., adv. *Bk. rev:* 1, 2,000 words, signed. *Aud:* Hs, Ga, Ac.

An impressive, new publication that aims to provide a “national forum” for the diverse elements that make up the lesbian, gay, and bisexual communities. Attractively illustrated, its premier issue included thought-provoking essays on political strategy, gays in Tokyo, coming out in the age of AIDS, Black lesbian herstory, and the anthropology of homosexuality. An essential acquisition for public and academic libraries.

3909. *Outrageous Women: a journal of woman-to-woman S/M.* 1984. q. \$11. Ed. bd., P.O. Box 23, Somerville, MA 02143. Illus. Vol. ends: No. 4.

Aud: Ga, Ac.

A lesbian sex magazine with a focus on sadomasochism, or rough sex, *OW*'s self-imposed constraints are to be “all-inclusive with respect to techniques, interests, experience level, intensity, and sexual identity.” Includes photos, narratives, poetry, news briefs (called hot flashes), letters, cartoons, and classifieds.

3910. *PWA Coalition Newslite: published by and for people with AIDS and AIDS related conditions.* 198? m. \$20. Max Navarre. PWA Coalition, Inc., 263A W. 19th St., No. 125, New York, NY 10011. Illus., adv.

Aud: Hs, Ga, Ac.

As Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome continues its path of devastation, various groups, especially within the gay community, have organized to offer support to persons with AIDS (PWA) or AIDS-related complex (PWArC). One of the most active of these organizations is the PWA Coalition in New York. Its newsletter provides a compendium of news about clinical trials of new drugs, news of AIDS budgets, personal revelations, and an AIDS resource directory for the New York metropolitan area. Recommended for area libraries and larger collections.

3911. *Paidika: the journal of paedophilia.* 1988. q. \$75. Ed. bd., Postbus 22630, 1100 DC Amsterdam Z.O., The Netherlands. Illus., adv. Circ: 2,000.

Bk. rev: 1–2, 1,000 words. *Aud:* Ac, Ga.

Paidika is a scholarly journal devoted to the issue of pedophilia. In the first issue's statement of purpose, editors state their intentions to “examine paedophilia within its cultural context, with emphasis on the humanities, history, and social sciences.” Editors view pedophilia as an historically “legitimate and productive part of the totality of human experience.” *Paidika* is a journal intended for academics studying human sexuality as well as for pedophiles and pederasts discovering a history and an identity. *Paidika* is not erotica. Articles speak to the social and political conditions of pedophiles, homosexuals, and other sex radicals. *Paidika* raises issues crucial to the mature consideration of pornography, censorship, consent, abuse, and incest.

3912. *Philadelphia Gay News.* 1975. w. \$55. Stanley Ward. Mark Segal, 254 S. 11th St., Philadelphia, PA 19107. Illus., adv. Circ: 15,000. Sample. Vol. ends: No. 52. Microform: FLP.

Aud: Hs, Ga, Ac.

Among city papers, the *PGN* is perhaps rightfully proud of its professional team of reporters who not only cover the local scene well but often national issues. A regular column covers the international gay liberation scene, often neglected in other publications. *Lambda Rising Book Report* (see above, in this section) is included as a monthly supplement. Recommended for large urban collections.

3913. *Places of Interest to Women.* 1981. \$7. Ferrari Publns., Inc., P.O. Box 35575, Phoenix, AZ 85069. Adv.

Aud: Hs, Ga, Ac.

A lot of publications say “women” when they mean “lesbian.” This is one of them. Similar to *Gaia's Guide*, this annual outlines bars, hotels, restaurants, religious groups, bookstores, coffeehouses, radio stations, hotlines, and other services catering to lesbians. The guide covers the United States, Canada, and the Caribbean—city-by-city. *Places of Interest* also provides an annual national calendar of festivals, conferences, and other premeditated lesbian happenings.

3914. *The Power Exchange: a newsleather for women on the sexual fringe.* 1984. irreg. \$15/4 issues. Pat Califa. Lace Publns., P.O. Box 10037, Denver, CO 80210-0037. Illus., adv.

Aud: Ga, Ac.

Pat Califia, well-known for her work as a sex radical, is the founder and "editrix" of this publication. Short fiction, poetry, essays, humor, and art are published here explicitly designed to "stimulate fantasy." *TPE* also consolidates nationwide news about leather and sadomasochistic dykes. "From time to time," says Califia in the publication's front matter, "material will be published describing nonconsensual or unsafe activity. If you interpret such material as advocating mimicry, you are a fool."

3915. *RFD: a country journal for gay men everywhere.* 1974. q. \$15. Ed. bd. Ron Lambe, Rte. 1, P.O. Box 127-E, Bakersville, NC 28705. Illus., adv. Circ: 2,500. Sample. Indexed: API. Bk. rev: 9, 1,000 words, signed. Aud: Hs, Ga, Ac.

Escaping to the countryside may be not be every urban or suburban resident's dream, but for those who have made the transition, a support network exists through *RFD*. For over 50 issues, this unique publication addresses the needs and concerns of gay men living or aspiring to live in the country. With interesting graphics and thoughtful essays, the journal also provides space for those writing about spirituality and Mother Earth and for poets. A recommended purchase for rural libraries and for major collections.

3916. *Rites: for lesbian and gay liberation.* 1984. 10/yr. \$18. Ed. bd. Rites Publ., P.O. Box 65, Sta. F, Toronto, Ont. M4Y 2L4, Canada. Illus., adv. Circ: 2,000. Sample. Indexed: API. Bk. rev: 3, 1,000-2,000 words, signed. Aud: Hs, Ga, Ac.

This Canadian publication, on newsprint, outlived the lamented *Body Politic* and continues on a mission of lesbian and gay liberation "with a feminist bent." It has covered gays in China as well as sexual politics in North America. Undaunted, it carries on the best tradition of the early gay liberation papers to challenge and to provoke. A recommended addition to major collections.

3917. *The San Francisco Bay Area Gay & Lesbian Historical Society Newsletter.* 1985. q. \$15 (Membership). Eric Garber, P.O. Box 42126, San Francisco, CA 94142. Illus. Circ: 500. Sample. Vol. ends: No. 4. Bk. rev: 25, 30-50 words. Aud: Ga, Ac.

The historical society that publishes this newsletter is the most active such group within the United States in collecting and preserving lesbian and gay publications and manuscripts. A community-based group, it successfully pushed to have the University of California microfilm Bay Area lesbian and gay periodicals. Its newsletter is thus an important source for anyone doing lesbian and gay historical research. Highly recommended.

3918. *Sinister Wisdom.* 1976. q. \$30 (Individuals, \$17). Elana Dykewomon, P.O. Box 3252, Berkeley, CA 94703. Illus., adv. Indexed: API. Bk. rev: 2-3, 500-1,000 words, signed. Aud: Hs, Ga, Ac.

Editorial responsibility for *Sinister Wisdom* has been passed among capable hands over the years. Far from being uneven

and unpredictable, this publication has consistently produced high-quality fiction, poetry, and essays by established and first-time authors. *SW* work is oft cited—a primary journal for lesbian and women's studies collections. Two important issues are sold individually, No. 22/23 "A Gathering of Spirit: North American Indian Women's Issue" and No. 29/30 "The Tribe of Dina: A Jewish Women's Anthology." Recent issues have focused on themes or topics, e.g., women and work; sex fiction; death, healing, and mourning; visions fantasy; and science fiction. Highly recommended.

3919. *Square Peg.* q. £5. Ed. bd. BM Square Peg, London WC1N 3XX, England. Illus., adv.

Bk. rev: 3, 500-2,000 words, signed. Aud: Hs, Ga, Ac. Billed as "the journal for contemporary perverts" that would destroy previous concepts of what a lesbian and gay magazine should look like, this fine arts publication, true to its word, provides startlingly artistic graphics as well as interviews, essays, and fiction. Other topics have included a survey of "wank" fiction, women's pornography, homoeroticism in Italian cannibal movies, and a gay guide to Prague. A collective enterprise involving both male and female members, this title is recommended for larger collections.

3920. *Ten Percent: UCLA's gay and lesbian newsmagazine.* 2/academic quarter. Inquire. Ed. bd., 112-B Kerckhoff Hall, 308 Westwood Plaza, Los Angeles, CA 90024. Illus., adv. Sample.

Bk. rev: 3, 1,000 words, signed. Aud: Hs, Ga, Ac. Titled after the purported percentage of homosexuals in America; this tabloid publication from UCLA contains college student writing on gay politics and culture. A recommended title for larger collections.

3921. *Treatment Issues: the GMHC newsletter of experimental AIDS therapies.* 1987? 10/yr. Free. Barry Gingell, Gay Men's Health Crisis, Inc., 132 W. 24th St., P.O. Box 274, New York, NY 10011. Aud: Ga, Ac.

A publication of the Gay Men's Health Crisis in New York, *Treatment Issues* covers experimental AIDS therapies. Edited by a physician, the newsletter warns that "describing an experimental therapy should not be construed as recommending it." Recommended.

3922. *Trikone: gay and lesbian South Asians* (Formerly: *Trikon*). 1986. bi-m. \$10. Arvind Kumar, P.O. Box 60536, Palo Alto, CA 94306. Illus. Circ: 400. Sample. Vol. ends: Mar.

Bk. rev: 1, 800 words, signed. Aud: Hs, Ac, Ga. An important newsletter for gays and lesbians from Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Burma, India, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, and Tibet. As such, it reaches lesbians and gays of South Asian heritage as well as those residing in those countries. Articles address self-oppression and the conflict between ethnicity and sexual orientation. Its title derives from the Sanskrit for triangle. Its editors concede that while the newsletter was envisioned as a forum for both women and men, "women are still heavily

underrepresented." Recommended for ethnic and gay studies collections.

3923. *Visibilities*. 1987. bi-m. \$34/18 issues. Susan T. Chasin. Visibility Press, Ltd., P.O. Box 1258, Peter Stuyvesant Sta., New York, NY 10009. Illus., adv.
Bk. rev: 3, 300 words, signed. *Aud:* Ga.

Begun in the summer of 1987, *Visibilities* is a "lesbian magazine trying to be truly national—and international—in focus" according to editor/publisher Susan Chasin. This goal is yet to be realized. *Visibilities* contains feature articles, celebrity profiles (past and promised include Allison Bechdel, Holly Near, Kate Clinton, Audre Lorde, Alix Dobkin, Katherine Forest) columns; poetry; and reviews of books, theater, and art of interest to a mainstream lesbian sensibility, if there is such a thing. *Visibilities* is not heavily political or academic; it is "fun" and "entertaining." The publication is well designed and produced. As an up-and-coming national magazine, it is seriously challenged by an even younger publication, *Out/Look* (see above, in this section).

3924. *The Washington Blade: the gay weekly of the nation's capital*. 1969. w. \$25. Ed. bd. Don Michaels, 724 Ninth St. N.W., 8th Fl., Washington, DC 20001. Illus., adv.
Circ: 20,000. Sample.

Bk. rev: 1-2, 1,000 words, signed. *Aud:* Hs, Ga, Ac.

For the latest in federal action affecting lesbians and gays, read the *The Washington Blade*. Beyond Washington, there is coverage of international conferences and of liberation activities abroad and in the rest of the United States. The paper for the lively gay community in the Washington, D.C., area. Recommended.

3925. *Windy City Times: Chicago's gay and lesbian news-weekly*. 1985. w. \$42. Jeffrey McCourt & Mark Schoofs. Jeffrey McCourt, Sentury Publns., Inc., 3225 N. Sheffield, Chicago, IL 60657. Illus., adv. Circ: 20,000. Vol. ends: No. 52.

Aud: Hs, Ga, Ac.

Chicago's large lesbian and gay community is covered in this tabloid publication. Recent articles have addressed racism against Black gays as well as protestors of governmental inaction in the AIDS crisis. It joins other major city gay papers as one of the better publications of its kind. Recommended.

3926. *Womanews: N.Y.C. feminist newspaper and calendar of events*. 1979. 11/yr. \$20 (Individuals, \$12). Ed. bd. P.O. Box 220, Village Sta., New York, NY 10014. Illus., adv.
Circ: 5,000. Vol. ends: Dec.

Bk. rev: 3-5, 500-1,000 words, signed. *Aud:* Hs, Ga, Ac.

Collectively edited, *Womanews* is a "woman's newspaper" addressed to New York City area lesbians, more exactly. *Womanews* regularly features news of women's lives around the world, e.g., Palestine, South Africa, and Central America. It contains coverage of local news, conferences, and political and cultural events. The letters and opinions provide a steady voice from the New York City metropolitan

area lesbian communities. The monthly calendar of events (mostly lesbian) is always the *Womanews* centerfold—removable for posting.