MAMA BEARS

ROVING BEAR REVIEWS

"...the heart of the Sirian dilemma (and why one should use HAMLET and HOWARD AT HOME)? MUCH and WHEN and WHAT FOR? Above all what for?" Doris Lessing, review of THE STRIAN EXPERIMENTS

In early April Doris Lessing made several speaking appearances in the Bay Area. I attended the first in Marin. The evening was evenly divided between her talk and questions from the audience. The first and last questions provided a curious frame-work and commentary of her own. The first question, heard on the PA system concerned her sexual politics, a question that was at least 14 years old and has not worn well with age. The last was a man asking, "Miss Lessing, when you were in Africa did you enjoy hunting?" I began to understand why British writers visit California and return home to write wacky novels of surrealistic life in the Redwoods. The predictability and mediocrity of the questions were appalling, and more than one questioner was seen to slink up the aisle after her responses, which some have told me they found harsh and arrogant. For instance, when Lessing asked about a book which in each of us resonates to the word is vehicle for the saired, that in you I have flyers, and by a special gene that makes cer-

A PROBLEM

Plexus is not listing any of Mama Bears events in its June calendar, owing to internal procedures that need correcting.

They have apologized and we know these things can happen.

Because we're a new business and everyone counts on the Plexus calendar for information about events, this could be a serious blow. It would help if you took copies of Mama Bears NewsNotes to your friends & to public places, especially in early June, so women can know what events we are having this month.

For our part, we're mailing NewsNotes first this month so it will reach you quicker than bulk mail would, but it's big bucks.

Postage donations welcome.

MZ BRADLEY CLEARS Aways THE MISTS OF AVALON

Mama Bears has yet another special treat in store for us. On June 24th, the summer solstice, a special program with Margaret Mead will be presented. Mama Bears is in Oakland, in the East Bay, one of the largest, most active woman's communities you'll find. Mama Bears owners are among the Founding Mothers of this community, dating from 1969.

If you tire of the Parade and Convention hurley-burley and get a chance, come over and visit. For one thing, we love finding out how it is in other places, and telling how it is here. We're at Telegraph Avenue, at 666th St, 3 blocks from Ashby & Telegraph (a well-marked intersection on your map and easy to get to by car, Bart, or bus.) We're right across the street from the White Horse, well-known Berkeley gay men's bar.

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Mama Bears welcomes the June 24 Gay Day Paraders, and the woman's, lesbian, and gay Caucuses arriving here July 16 for the Democratic Convention...plus all you other souls who make your way to the Bay Area in the summer.

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FRIDAY, JUNE 1
ONE NIGHT SHOW OF ART BY WOMEN IN PRISON (CIV)
Presented by ROSI (Remember Our Sisters Inmate) - 7 p.m. The purpose is to publish the artwork of sisters locked inside, away from society. This event is happening along with the regular Friday evening socializing scene. Members of ROSI will be there at about 7:30. Open till 11 pm.

SATURDAY, JUNE 2
AN EVENING WITH MARION ZIMMER BRADLEY
The Mists of Avalon, a significant empowering addition to the understanding of women's past, has just come out in paper. (See review elsewhere in this issue.) Tonight, on the eve of Ms. Bradley's birthday, we celebrate one of our foremost teacher-storytellers, one who is more than adept at her craft. Ms. Bradley will read from her book and talk to us about it. 8pm, $3
--and after the event--
Mama Bears stays open till 11 pm plus, for woman-only socializing & hangout.

THURSDAY, JUNE 7
ELAINE BLAKE DOES MINI-ASTROLOGY READINGS...along with the Thursday night scene of women-only socializing & hanging out that goes on till 11 pm & later. From 7:30-ish on, Elaine will be sitting at a table, should you wish a reading.

FRIDAY, JUNE 8
SHELLEY SINGER READS FROM HER FORTHCOMING MYSTERY NOVEL
Shelley Singer, author of THE DEMETER FLOWER, has been writing very satisfying mysteries set in the East Bay, and featuring a develops of anastasia, has just come out in paper. Shelley will read from her new novel, and talk about mysteries...out of the closet! 8 pm, women only, $2
--and after the event--
Mama Bears stays open till 11 pm plus, for woman-only socializing & hangout.

SATURDAY, JUNE 9
JUDY GRAIN READS FROM HER NOVEL IN PROGRESS
Judy has been crafting a complex novel for several years in between her other writings, and once in a great while she uses us to peek at it...when she who writes, pieces of the atmosphere right themselves. 8 pm, women only, $3
--and after the reading--
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SUNDAY, JUNE 10---AFTERNOON
OPENING & RECEPTION: ART SHOW OF JERI ROBERTSON
Reception with Ms Robertson, and the opening of her show TRADITIONS will begin at 6 pm. The show will be on display through mid-July.

SUNDAY, JUNE 10---EVENING
MARGO TUFFY & JENNY THORNTON SING & PLAY
--BLUES...50's ROCK...POP
Jenny and Margo jammed at one of our open mikes, were so great together they decided to team up. Accomplished musicians, they both sing, and accompany, Margo on guitar, and Jenny on keyboard. 7:30 pm, women only, $4-

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 13
SANDY BOUCHER: THE LESBIAN IN WRITING
Sandy, whose most recent work is HEART-WOMAN, is also noted for conducting writing workshops that provide a safe, nurturant atmosphere in which women can explore their own writings. Sandy has gone back over all her own writings and charted the development of the lesbian characters that appeared in each, even those she wrote while heterosexual 18 years, women only, $2

THURSDAY, JUNE 14
WHAT EVERYONE SHOULD KNOW ABOUT GEMINI
Tonight Elaine Blake, astrologer, will discuss the Gemini personality, in Mama Bears upper level (52), from 6-7:30 while regular Thursday night socializing & hanging out goes on in the lower level, open till 11 pm plus, women only.

FRIDAY, JUNE 15
PERSEPHONE'S GONE TO HELL: PERFORMANCE POETRY BY JENNIFER STONE
"For women," says Jennifer, "the road to hell is full of hairpin turns, but it often leads straight back home." Jennifer Stone is a teacher, mother, journalist, poet and actor. And she's got the gift of gab, and uses it to shrewdly pursue feminist politics with relish and wit. 8 pm, women only, $2-

--and after the show--
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SATURDAY, JUNE 16---AFTERNOON
REGISTRATION FOR PAULA GUNN ALLEN'S CLASS: COMPARING SPIRITUALITIES
Ms Allen's class is an intensive delving into varieties of spirituality and what they have in common. Ms. Allen, the author of SHADOW COUNTRY AND WOMAN IN THE SHADOWS, is at a point in her life where she is ready to transmit what she has learned, and we have come to the point where we are ready to hear it. 8 sessions. Sessions begin at about 9:30 pm, the regular Friday night socializing and hanging out goes on, till 11 pm plus.

SATURDAY, JUNE 16---EVENING
BAREFOOT STACK ON GUITAR, MANDOLIN, VOCALS
Barbara Stack on fiddle & Kate Murphy on guitar, mandolin & vocals. These 2 irrepressible multi-stylists romp their way through the decades of American popular music, with side trips to Ireland's magic shores, toe-tapping Appalachia, & lands where gypsies roamed. 8 pm, women only, $3-
--and after the show--
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SATURDAY, JUNE 16--EVENING
LINDA JOAN ZEISER
Author of WOMAN TAKEN
$6.00 postpaid
The Rainbow Path
by
RED RIVER
14 years experience reading
life cycles
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DEADLINE FOR THE NEXT ISSUE: JULY 15.
JULY

THURSDAY, JULY 5
Open til 11 pm for women-only socializing and hanging out.

FRIDAY, JULY 6
JUDY GRAHN & ELOISE KLEIN HEALY: POETRY READING
Judy Grahn's powerful poetry has been a major influence on a whole generation of women. ...and her readings are special. Eloise Klein Healy, visiting here from L.A., is the author of 3 poetry books, BUILDING SOME CHANGES, A PACKET BEATING LIKE A HEART, and ORDINARY WISDOM. Mama Bear's is pleased to be able to present this fine poet to the Bay Area. 7:30 pm, women only, $5-

THURSDAY, JULY 12
WHAT EVERYONE SHOULD KNOW ABOUT THE SIGN CANCER
This month's sign is cancer, so tonight we hear about cancer personalities. The talk & discussion will take place on the upper level (7:30 pm, $2), while regular Thursday night socializing and hanging out goes on in the rest of Mama Bears, Til 11 pm plus. women only

FRIDAY, JULY 13
A SCRABBLE TOURNAMENT—ARE YOU READY!
Well, we weren't either until the gang at Mama Bears dreamed it up. To enter, call here and get your name on the list. Each player will pay $2, which goes to the winner. Spectators and all others enter free, and Mama Bears regular Friday night socializing & hanging out goes on till 11 pm plus. women only

SATURDAY, JULY 14—EVENING
LINDA MAKES, HUMORIST
Linda is a humorist we've been hearing raves about, and one thing we like at Mama Bears is laughs. What could be funnier than our own crazy community. The dialog goes on. Linda might bring a friend and get into double trouble. 7:30 pm, women only, $2-

SATURDAY, JULY 14—EVENING
Mama Bears stays open till 11 pm plus, for women-only socializing & hanging out.

THURSDAY, JULY 19
Open Mike Music & Humor
Come on out and play! There's lots of talent out there, and we enjoy giving a chance to display it. Call here to get on the list...perhaps a jam session will follow, who knows? 7:30 till 10 pm or later, women only.

SATURDAY, JULY 21—EVENING
FRIENDS OF ANEMONE—HUMOR
Friends of Anemone is a hilarious comedy team which one viewer describes as "...brilliant hodge-podge of puns, social satire, wild wit, and just plain good material." This goes on till 11 pm or later. women only

SATURDAY, JULY 28
DID YOU COME OR DID YOU FAKE IT?
Mama Bears stays open till 11 pm plus, for women-only socializing and hanging out.

CLASSIFIED AD RATES: 10 WORDS PER DOLLAR. ALL KINDS OK: PERSONALS, EVENTS, SERVICES, ETC. DROP AD & MONEY OFF AT MAMA BEARS (OPEN EVERY DAY). PLEASE DON'T TRY TO DO IT BY PHONE.

DISPLAY AD RATES: $4.00 PER COLUMN INCH. CONTACT MAMA BEARS FOR MORE INFORMATION.

Linda Scaparotti, Amy Oppenheimer and Leslie F. Levy announce the opening of their law offices on July 1, 1984.

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- A women's law office to serve your needs
- General civil, family and criminal law
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the Bernstein schlep

or, my year at the Concord Pavilion

Well, Leonard B and I got back a long way. Even if he doesn't know it I do. You see, in the manner of all GABRIEL GARCIA MARQUEZ, the great, my friend, 'Judy' went to school with Mr. B. and she oft referred to him in conversation as 'Lenny' and I locked her up. And I always said, "Do you mean Leonard Bernstein the great composer, conductor and generally famous person?" and she always said, "Yah, well, it was stunning and I felt it was a sort of way that the Maestro too. I read all the books on 'Lenny' and when he said in an interview that a lot of ideas just lying around and that no one should mistake an artist's lying around for just anybody's lying around, I know. I mean I am creating and don't even know how I knew it or not things would stir. That's how it was with the Bernstein schlep after %1, Space Fiction?"

No need to sit at the machine day and day and have nothing happen, one could lie on the couch and watch Perry Mason (also have a friend who knows Raymond Burr) and whether you would mistake an artist's lying around for just anybody's lying around, I am sure I do not have it off the hook. 

And I thought, oh dear, I cannot write, after %1, Space Fiction?"