

Letters to the Editor

Dear *OITM*,

As parents of a family with eight children, we find articles in *OITM* to be informative and often very moving. Whether it be the Hamilton custody case or the NAMBLA dispute, your publication has served as a springboard for family discussions that help us to learn about ourselves, our homophobic culture, and what it means to love and be loving.

For example, last summer we read aloud one woman's letter about how she and

her partner spent Gay Pride Day privately celebrating their new-found, sweet love. As one of our adolescent sons put it, "Now I finally understand!"

You bring both the struggle and the beauty of gayness into our lives out in these mountains, and we thank you for that gift.

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Submitting a Letter

OITM welcomes letters to the Editor and will withhold your name or use your initials or first name only on request. However, we must have your full name and address for our files if we are to print your letter. Letters may be edited for length or clarity. ▼

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couple and that it will encourage other lesbian and gay couples to adopt. According to various studies discussed by the court, three to four million lesbian and gay Americans have had children.

In an editorial the following day in the *New York Times*, the couple's lawyer, James Marks of the American Civil Liberties Union, described the case as a, "triumph. recogniz(ing) a functioning family in law as well as in practice." ▼

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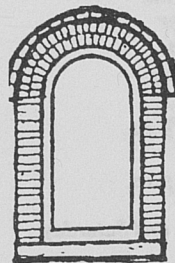
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