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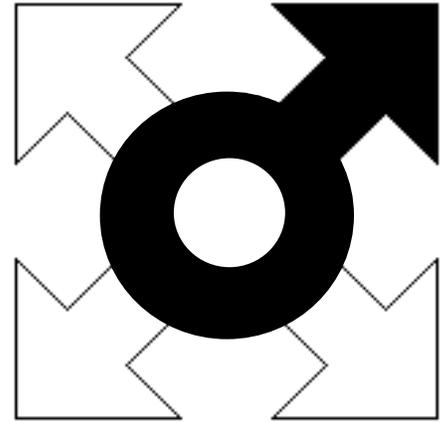
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## Responses to Richard Doyle

### The Men's Movement As It Should Be By Kenneth Pangborn

But alas, probably never will be. Dick Doyle again hammers a bent nail that has never changed since he and Charlie Metz first tried to organize men in the United States. It has been the inability of men to work together that has kept the movement ineffective. It is a movement of too many chiefs and almost no Indians. That does not mean I am saying that these chiefs are stupid or aren't talented, because that's not true. They just have a stubborn inability to work as part of a team.

When Dick Doyle and I first spoke I was a radio news anchor in Salt Lake City considering a fight for custody of my children of my first marriage. Our organization "MEN International" was beginning to tear itself apart after only just being formed. Everyone wanted to be the Grand Exalted Leader. As a newsman looking at the issues of the day and the women's movement having great success with the media I was working in, I tried to get across to Dick why the women's movement got attention and the men's movement was ignored. I think Dick understood why but not how to correct it. After all these years I don't know how to correct it either because you'd have to change the minds of too many men. That is simply much easier said than done.

Men come to this movement angry and looking for help. They either get the help and leave after their problem is fixed, don't get the help and walk away in disgust, or they form a group

as a great leader and get the ego boost of followers worshipping them. This process is toxic to effectiveness. The movement needs those talented people to be able to subordinate their egos to a bigger purpose. Most of these men have been as Doyle describes it, "single issue" folks. Custody, false allegations, joint custody, or whatever. They fail to see the problem in its real context they just knee jerk to symptoms.

The biggest issue at hand is to form a "REAL" organization that gets the big picture and focuses on first things first. Before the men's movement will ever have any success it will have to gain credibility by building a credible movement. That means something other than 150 little local groups with local dictators. The women's movement can almost instantaneously put 5,000 very angry women on the street in almost any state in the country to stand up on an issue. The men's movement cannot get 50 people at a national convention. Most can hold meetings comfortably in a phone booth.

You can feel free to call me a cynic or pessimist but I see no hope of that ever changing, which is why I don't waste my energy with the "movement" stuff today. I see the same sickening internecine warfare that has always castrated the movement persisting. In some cases the authors are some of the old-timers doing the same numbers they have for decades. Every now and then I see a project being promoted by a talented fellow and the same crap attacking him and the project because of the same stupid jealousy. Projects I had hoped might succeed. I fear speaking out in too much support for any of these programs in fear of waking up the egotistical jerks who will double their efforts to sabotage those projects.

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## Editor's Comment

In the Sep/Oct 2007 issue, I printed an article from Richard Doyle on the state of the men's and fathers' movement. In the months that followed, responses to this article trickled in. Some members of NCFM are (thankfully) more optimistic than Richard seemed to be. Therefore, I gathered up these responses and now present them as the focus of this issue.

Also, I include Steven Svoboda's review of the fourth edition of Doyle's book, *Save The Males*. As you may remember, the Sep/Oct 2006 issue was all but dedicated to the release of this edition. However, the review from Steven Svoboda that I included in this issue was actually written for the first edition of the book. My apolo-

gies to Richard for that error. Now it's time to set things right!

Ever Yours in the Cause,

*Jason Leatherman*

## Responses

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Things will never change until two things happen. The first is that enough people tell the nay-sayers to shut the hell up, to BOO them loudly enough for them to get the message. The other is to see the bigger picture and grow the movement into something to be credible. Project one is to recruit members. Make up your mind that you and your 10 friends will change nothing in a nation of over 300 million. That's not credible. If you could even get 2,000 people in your local area the media would pay attention to you, so would the people. The great leaders have to be willing to sublimate their egos, and those who refuse must be ignored. Follow only team players who put the interest of all in front of their own needs to be worshipped as a messiah.

The problem is and has been that men on the outside looking at the movement see mostly the rampaging egos and back biting and how ineffective we are, the demands that they constantly kiss the ass of the wonderful leader for saving them. The point is, that is what people on the outside see and why they don't join in. The hard fight has never been fought to show them something else.

Doyle is right. I have seen the enemy, and the enemy is US! For all the bad things the women's movement does to us, none of it could succeed without our willing capitulation by sabotaging each other and not parking our egos. Until that tendency changes, your misery will continue unabated. United we stand, divided as we are we remain defeated!

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### Rebuttal of Richard Doyle's Article

By Ray Blumhorst

Curiously, this article criticizes the "do-ers" in the Fathers' and men's movement, rather than addressing the much bigger problem of the "do-nothings." As I read the article, I wondered, "What about all the apathetic people sitting on their butts doing nothing? What about all the despondent and depressed men who've given up hope? What about all the men in graveyards who are beyond reach?"

There's not much we'll ever get out of that last group. However, confronting the reality of male suicide sheds some light, and understanding, on why there are so few men complaining, and doing nothing, about the horrible injustices heaped on males in American society.

Yes, there are reasons for low participation in the Fathers' and men's movement, but I heard absolutely nothing in the article about how to better reach the apathetic, uninvolved masses who are doing absolutely nothing. That problem is far bigger than problems of conflicting leadership styles or clashing leadership personalities. Cheated and disenfranchised males who think (rationalize), "There's nothing that can be done," may help the beaten-down, slave mind to just accept his fate, but such acceptance feeds the evil, gender feminist hoards who depend on such complacency.

Dare I mention that such complacency is responsible for not only much apathy in males today, but even more so much despondency, depression and suicide. Such complacency is so dangerous, it is completely unacceptable. Where was any mention of all that?

The article was narrowly focused and therefore, very limited in accuracy and usefulness. In fact, the article was rather insulting to those father's rights activists and men's rights activists who are busting their butts, working proactively with other FRA's and MRA's to tangibly build a Fathers'/men's movement. Personally, I'd rather have a handful of those active dedicated volunteers, than a whole roomful of misguided, disparaging "scholarly critics" who do little but spew words, words, words. Don't get me wrong. There's a place for scholarly works like those of Dr. Warren Farrell and others, but some of what we see in print today is not up to that level of scholarly research and therefore worth little or entirely counter productive.

Will the critics please tell us, "Are we doing anything right? What is working? How better can we innovatively build the Fathers'/men's movement with limited or no resources?"

Perhaps we should be asking all FRA's, MRA's, and their critics alike, "When's the last time you rolled up your sleeves, literally, to present men's issues to the public in other than the maudlin, written, complaining style of the apathetic male?" Critics of hard working FRA's and MRA's need to tangibly and practically get involved or just get out of the way and stop running down the "do-ers."

“Do-ers” could be better motivated with warranted praise, rather than inaccurate and counterproductive criticisms. There is much that is being worked at and accomplished these days in the area of town I’m working in, and with more proactive work, positive thinking and accurate assessment, much more will be accomplished.

Enough of this criticism of criticism. I have a big protest sign to make out of a big cardboard box. Future installments of my criticism can be viewed on a government center, street corner, or other select public location, coming soon to my neighborhood. I suggest you all do the same in your neighborhood, or some other “tangible” endeavor promoting men’s and fathers’ issues. Personally, I have found such exercise of free speech works wonders in healing the despondent, depressed, male slave mentality.

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Editor: For the third and final response, Ed Bartlett sent me a nice layout of RADAR’s accomplishments in 2007. This list is shown on page 9.

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# Media Digest

*Excerpts from recent news reports and commentary on men's issues*

compiled by Mike Spaniola

## Two Dangerous 'Loomings'

by Gerald L. Atkinson

[newtotalitarians.com](http://www.newtotalitarians.com), January 1, 2008

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I define the Looming American Matriarchy as that group of radical feminists (and their other supporters) who have used their gender to advance the concept that women have been oppressed by a so-called male patriarchy. Their anger reaches much further than the normal frustrations, disappointments and misgivings that ordinarily arise between two sexes who bridge differences through communion, marriage, bargaining and courting as has been the norm in civilized societies since the beginning of mankind's quest for a civil society.

Their anger is fueled to the point of ridicule, contempt and angst directed toward men that is displayed everyday in our nation's TV programming, Hollywood movies and many mainstream national newspapers. One is overwhelmed by the vast amount of such male-bashing, shaming of men and male whining that abounds in our entertainment venues, our colleges and universities, and even in our K-12 public schools.

This situation has finally reached the stage wherein it has produced hatred, yes, hatred of men. This hatred has led them to reach for political power – of a kind that has produced disastrous revolutions in the past – the French Revolution of 1879, the Soviet Revolution of 1917 and the German National Socialist Revolution in 1933. This vitriol on the national scene of women versus men is of the same nature as that used by fundamentalist Islamic jihadists in their waging of Holy War against America.

## DNA wins freedom for man after 26 years

[CNN.com](http://www.cnn.com), Associated Press, January 3, 2008

<http://www.cnn.com/2008/US/01/03/dna.exoneration.ap/index.html>

A man imprisoned since 1981 for sexual assault was freed after a judge recommended overturning his conviction. Charles Chatman, 47, was released on his recognizance after serving nearly 27 years of a 99-year sentence. He was freed on the basis of new DNA testing that lawyers say proves his innocence . . . . Chatman became the 15th inmate from Dallas County since 2001 to be freed by DNA testing. That is more than any other county nationwide, said Natalie Roetzel of the Innocence Project of Texas, an organization of volunteers who investigate claims of wrongful conviction. . . .

Before his Thursday morning hearing, Chatman said throughout his 26 years in prison that he never raped the woman who lived five houses down from him. "I'm bitter. I'm angry," Chatman told The Associated Press during what was his last night in jail. "But I'm not angry or bitter to the point where I want to hurt anyone or get revenge."

Mike Ware, who heads the Conviction Integrity Unit in the Dallas County District Attorney's office, said he expects more inmates to be proven innocent. One of the biggest reasons for the large number of exonerations in Texas is the crime lab used by Dallas County, which accounts for about half the state's DNA cases. Unlike many jurisdictions, the lab used by police and prosecutors retains biological evidence, meaning DNA testing is a viable option for decades-old crimes.

## Hillary without Tears

by Camille Paglia

[salon.com](http://www.salon.com), January 10, 2008

<http://www.salon.com/opinion/paglia/2008/01/10/hillary/?source=whitelist>

It's no coincidence that Hillary's staff has always consisted mostly of adoring women, with nerdy or geeky guys forming an adjunct brain trust. Hillary's rumored hostility to uniformed military men and some Secret Service agents early in the first

Clinton presidency probably belongs to this pattern. And let's not forget Hillary, the governor's wife, pulling out a book and rudely reading in the bleachers during University of Arkansas football games back in Little Rock.

Hillary's disdain for masculinity fits right into the classic feminazi package, which is why Hillary acts on Gloria Steinem-like catnip. Steinem's fawning, gaseous *New York Times* op-ed about her pal Hillary this week speaks volumes about the snobby clubbiness and reactionary sentimentality of the fossilized feminist establishment, which has blessedly fallen off the cultural map in the 21st century. History will judge Steinem and company very severely for their ethically obtuse indifference to the stream of working-class women and female subordinates whom Bill Clinton sexually harassed and abused, enabled by look-the-other-way and trash-the-victims Hillary.

## Ex-New York prosecutor faces sex charges

[USA Today](http://www.usatoday.com), Associated Press, January 22, 2008

[http://www.usatoday.com/news/nation/2008-01-22-prosecutor\\_N.htm?csp=34](http://www.usatoday.com/news/nation/2008-01-22-prosecutor_N.htm?csp=34)

A former prosecutor, who is also the wife of a suburban police chief, has been charged with having sex, smoking marijuana and drinking with high-school-age children. Beth Modica, 44, a former assistant district attorney in Rockland County and Queens, N.Y., pleaded not guilty Tuesday to counts that included statutory rape, sex abuse and endangering children. Her hands were cuffed in front of her in court, where the indictment was unsealed. Bail was set at \$75,000.

Her husband is the police chief of Spring Valley, N.Y. He is "not implicated whatsoever," Rockland County District Attorney Thomas Zugibe said. The 35-count indictment says that, beginning in July, Modica had intercourse with a 16-year-old, as well as oral sex with that boy

and a 15-year-old. The judge issued orders of protection for the boys.

### The Wrath of Feminism Scorned

by Kathleen Parker

Washington Post Writers Group, February 1, 2008

Reacting recently to Ted Kennedy's endorsement of Barack Obama, the president of the New York state chapter of the National Organization for Women (NOW) issued a press release insisting that Kennedy had committed "the ultimate betrayal" of women by supporting Obama. ... In the press release, which featured the

sort of exclamatory punctuation one usually associates with a too-tight bodice, NOW-NYS President Marcia Pappas wrote that Kennedy's endorsement of Hillary Clinton's opponent "really hit women hard." According to NOW-NYS' interpretation, Kennedy has joined other "progressive white men" who can't handle the prospect of a female president. ...

Pappas may have accurately expressed what other feminists feel. They've snuggled up to Kennedy and other men, including Bill Clinton, whose behavior toward women wouldn't be tolerated were it not for their usefulness in pushing through legislation demanded by women. ... But such thinking

reveals an ugly truth about feminists and identity groups in general. They don't want what's best for the country; they want what's best for them. NOW wants a woman not because she's the best candidate, but because, by damn, it's their turn.

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## Book Reviews

### By J. Steven Svoboda

#### *Save the Males: Common Sense on Gender and Family Issues*

By R. F. Doyle

Forest Lake, Minnesota: Poor Richard's Press, 2007. 4<sup>th</sup> edition. [www.lulu.com](http://www.lulu.com). No price stated on book, but website gives price for book as US \$16.49, for download US \$5.50. 223 pages.

Richard Doyle, longtime toiler in the trenches on behalf of men's rights, recognized for his efforts by the National Coalition of Free Men (among others), and emeritus editor of the eminent *Liberator* newsmagazine, has used his spare time since he handed over editorship of the *Liberator* to pen the book *Save the Males*. (Full disclosure: I have spent some brief yet treasured time with Mr. Doyle and admire his work and persistence. This review of the latest edition updates my earlier review of the first edition. *Editor's Note: This earlier review was printed in the Sep/Oct 2006 issue.*)

For an honored old-timer, Doyle has done an admirable job integrating recent developments into his book. He provides generally excellent if intermittently grumpy and idiosyncratic summations of pertinent issues, reading somewhat like a ruffled, less erudite (but who isn't?) version of the late Daniel Amneus. Doyle's proposals near the end of the book are often fresh and

engaging, and frequently provocative, while varying in practicality for actual implementation. Doyle suggests creating defaults for custody awards that are based on the age and sex of the child. Younger children will tend to be placed with Mom, while older kids, particularly boys, will live with Dad, while some room is included for consideration of individual circumstances.

I was thankful for new information such as the discussion on p. 60 of the centuries-old roots of alimony in a now long obsolete type of limited divorce, in which the husband was still liable for the wife's expenses. Fathers' importance is deftly summarized in six pages, plus an additional three pages of commentary by a fascinating range of experts on the crucial nature of fatherhood. Doyle underscores the facts that neither rape nor income in itself affects the crime rate in a community, only family status, specifically, the absence of Dad. Doyle is good on health issues and I appreciated his mention of circumcision.

Previous editions suffered from poor organization and factual errors, two shortcomings that have been largely eliminated in this fourth edition. Outdated statistics have been updated, another needed improvement.

Doyle is not a proponent of men crying and repeatedly states his distaste for the entire mythopoetic movement. (In a

paragraph on pp. 144-145, the author reveals himself to carry some pretty blinding prejudices toward men's work toward self-discovery.) In my opinion, Doyle is right in questioning feminist-oriented men's groups such as NOMAS (National Organization for Men Against Sexism), but his half-baked speculation on the sexual proclivities of NOMAS folks is a bit embarrassing. It strikes me as somewhat sophomoric to list one's supporters in an attempt to strengthen one's credibility, and even more so to then add "and most anyone with a modicum of common sense."

I learned about a number of new books from Doyle, and I appreciate that. The author backs up well his argument (pp. 175-176) that women have a higher obligation to chastity, and makes some interesting proposals regarding marriage a few pages later.

*Save the Males* in its new improved version merits serious attention for its insightful suggestions and fiery, quirky summary of the current state of males. It offers the reader a ride worth several times the ticket price.

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### *Partnering: A New Kind of Relationship*

By Hal Stone and Sidra Stone

Novato, California: New World Library, 2000. US \$14.95. 249 pages.

[www.newworldlibrary.com](http://www.newworldlibrary.com).

Hal and Sidra Stone are a husband-and-wife psychologist team who have written a number of books and who travel the world giving workshops on their techniques for improving one's life and relationships. *Partnering* does not represent a stunning advance on the authors' previous work but it does expand, in the specific context of relationships, on the work they have helped pioneer in exploring the multiple selves each of us contains through the voice dialogue technique.

The Stones firmly believe that relationships often end when they do not need to, and that it is possible to hold onto the magic that initially brought a couple together, after marriage, after children, and as life continues. But how do you get there? The authors favor approaching relationship as a joint venture. Differences thereby can be seen to enhance the blend of talents each individual brings to the relationship. Equal partnership can be attained while assigning specific areas of interest or expertise to one particular partner, but in the authors' opinion it is imperative that both partners retain input and veto power on all issues. So if your spouse is leading a search for day care for your child, and you direct investments, nevertheless each of you must be consulted prior to any final decision points. Simple enough.

The authors believe it's not what you say to your partner that is of central importance, but rather who in you is saying it. Voice dialogue techniques pioneered by the Stones have familiarized us with the different selves inside each of us, selves that take turns being in charge in our lives. So at one moment, our rebellious teenager might be directing our response to what we in the heat of the moment perceive at our spouse's attempt to control our leisure activities. Then later our responsible parent might be in charge of our interaction with our spouse over the other's desire to buy an

expensive sports car. Our "primary selves" are who we think we really are, and our "disowned selves" are those aspects ourselves from which we separate, that we think are bad or not who we really are.

The Stones recommend explicitly incorporating your dream life into your partnering as a mirror to your relationship. Chapter 10 helpfully explains the likely meanings of some common themes in dreams.

Typically couples co-create both positive and negative bonding patterns between each other, in which a pair of complementary selves (such as controlling father and irresponsible daughter) interact. Why is it that the very things that attract us to our partners — our differences — so easily become the enemies of the partnership and can destroy it? The authors provide some enlightening ideas and suggestions. Vulnerability, they remind us, is a key to intimacy. On the other hand, unexpressed or disowned vulnerability can ignite negative bonding patterns. Our vulnerable selves, the Stones believe, are closest to our essential beings.

*Partnering* provides useful exercises and concepts for enhancing a primary relationship. While explicitly focused on any partner relationship, including gay relationships, the tools here seem particularly applicable to the sorts of polar differences that are often most starkly confronted in heterosexual relationships. Eventually the authors' regular references to their own products, listed in lavish detail at the end of the book, become more than a little annoying. Nevertheless this one lamentable defect in an otherwise excellent book should not in itself be enough to keep anyone away from the delights and learning that these folks have to offer.

The Stones encourage the reader to learn to choose how open or closed to be depending on one's needs and those of the partner. Exercises are provided in regulating the level of energetic connection between you and your partner, and in handling invasive energy.

Regarding sexuality, the authors believe that the core issue behind sexual problems is usually which selves are trying

to have sex together. Relationships can be suffering in many different ways unrelated to sex, and yet the problems may manifest themselves sexually.

On the practical level, it is recommended that regular couple's "business meetings" be held, at least once a week. For couples with children, the relationship between the parents is considered to be of fundamental importance, even taking precedence over the parent-child relationship. At the same time, the Stones firmly believe that marital happiness does not need to suffer a setback when those delightful little ones (can you tell I'm a happy Dad?) come on the scene.

Chapter 9 tabulates the top ten challenges to relationships. The list does omit a couple of important issues such as conflict with in-laws, lack of money, problems at work and addictions. Three basic keys to meeting these challenges are explained to the reader: 1) make your relationship a priority; 2) when you feel uncomfortable with your partner or the relationship, don't ignore your feelings; and 3) create time for the relationship to flourish. Most importantly, the reader is urged to keep in mind that whatever

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destabilizes you is something you have disowned. And whatever you disown, that same self will find you.

*Partnering* is not the most stunning relationship guide I have ever read, and possibly not even the Stones' best book. But time spent perusing this unassuming, yet growthful and lovingly produced book will be amply rewarded by an expansion of and enrichment of your partnership.

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### *The Men They Will Become: The Nature and Nurture of Male Character*

By Eli Newberger, M.D.

Cambridge, Massachusetts: Perseus Books, 1999. 371 pages.

This guide to raising and understanding boys and supporting their development of positive character traits frequently gets mentioned in the same breath as the works of William Pollack and Michael Gurian. However, for all the nits that may be picked with the latter two authors, *The Men They Will Become* is not quite in the same league.

Not that Eli Newberger has written a bad book. Certainly he would have profited from a strong editor who might have honed his work down to a more manageable size and eliminated some of the duplication and less than fresh insights.

One nagging flaw is that the book seems to want to be friends with everyone. Newberger focuses on boys, but at the same time often shies away from fully delving into the reasons why life is so tough for them. He tells us that many infants, particularly boys, don't get enough baby talk, which they find delightful, but fails to elaborate on our reluctance as a society to nurture boys. He notes that we have diminished boys' and men's emotional lives by defining crying as a weakness which even three-year-olds are already starting to suppress or hide, but then almost immediately moves on to another subject. Remarkably, he exceeds William Pollack in his stubborn yet slippery refusal to admit that sons living with single mothers may have a particularly tough time figuring out how to integrate the wide range of images of masculinity and create their own identities. He can also be overly facile, as when he blandly asserts, "The goal of the

teaser is to make the teased feel ashamed." Personally, I believe the situation is much more complex than this sentence would have us believe.

At other points, this book is nothing short of infuriating. In Eli Newberger's world, it seems, 100% of violence, including 100% of domestic violence, is committed by men. 100% of child abuse is apparently carried out by male perpetrators as well. In fact, in market contrast to a number of gratuitous references to various evils attributed solely to men, I could find virtually no acknowledgement that women and mothers ever behave other than angelically. And how does Newberger really believe that boys show fewer adverse psychological effects from going through puberty than girls? The mind boggles.

In all fairness, Newberger does at times display some strong insights and admirable thinking. For all the importance of patience in raising a boy, tenacity, which requires energetic engagement with the boy, and a refusal to give up on him, may be the greatest virtues. He usefully suggests striving to offer one's boys a degree of autonomy even when they are toddlers by giving them choices about diet, clothing, bedtime stories, and playmates. He offers a useful two-page list of some of the chief findings from research on boys' need for their fathers. He proposes always explaining to children the reasons why they are being disciplined.

Also, Newberger does occasionally discuss in adequate detail the larger implications of the issues he addresses, as with an interesting section on how boys learn that anger is the preferred emotion for them, while girls learn to preferentially express sadness, happiness, and fear. And I think he is right that parents can help build their boys' character by letting them know that they will not bail them out of trouble they create for themselves. I also agree that it is best to support a boy's development of honesty by not setting up mini-entrapment situations where he is tempted to lie. Finally, it is worth remembering his suggestion that to get a teen-age boy to talk, you take him for a ride in a car.

Newberger is at his best in his discussion of attention deficit disorder

(ADD) and attention deficit hyperactive disorder (ADHD). I was somewhat surprised by his relatively bold statement (quoting a physician) that probably most children diagnosed with ADHD have no neurological problem but simply have caretakers who do not find their temperaments as easy to manage as they might like. One problem, Newberger notes, is that ADHD medication can be given to a child who does not have the disorder but is acting out in class, and the medicine will stop him from acting out. So teachers, child psychologists and even parents may be tempted to err in favor of medication. Newberger also mentions the often neglected economic issue: Many families cannot afford what is often the only viable alternative to medication: an expensive battery of diagnostic tests, possibly to be followed by a counseling course or psychotherapy.

Eli Newberger has written a deeply problematic but still periodically instructive guide to nurturing male character. If we read him with our critical apparatus firmly engaged, we may find ourselves provoked, entertained, and even at times enlightened.

### ncfm now has coffee mugs for sale!

Chapter Reps: These mugs make a great fundraiser! Discounts are available for chapters purchasing 5 or more mugs.

These mugs are made by MWare and are high quality regular sized coffee mugs. Choose a Cobalt Blue or Hunter Green mug. Each mug sports the NCFM logo, name and the scripted motto: Giving Men a Voice Since 1977.

Price per mug is \$12.99, including shipping to the 48 contiguous United States.

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## NCFM's 2007 Award Winners

by Michael G. Rother, NCFM Awards Chairman

Each year, NCFM issues a series of awards to various activists, media personalities, and elected officials to recognize various contributions to the men's movement. We find that we need a way to say THANK YOU loudly and clearly to people who take action and make a difference. Therefore, NCFM created its series of three annual awards, which have been a proud tradition of ours since 1986.

The three annual awards are:

- \* The Award for Excellence In The Advancement Of Men's Issues (This award recognizes activists and activism in the area of men's issues.)
- \* The Award for Excellence In Promoting Gender Fairness In The Media (This award is given to a media source for presenting what, in NCFM's opinion, represents male interests on important issues.)
- \* The Award Of Honor (For those working hard behind the scenes to benefit NCFM.)

You can see the history of our award winners on the web at <http://www.ncfm.org/awards.html>

All award winners are elected by the NCFM board of directors, and the winners are required to acknowledge and accept their awards IN WRITING to complete the process.

For 2007, NCFM is proud to announce the following winners:

- \* The Award for Excellence In The Advancement Of Men's Issues goes to Mr. Larry Kerkman in recognition of his successful efforts in forming the Children's Rights Initiative for Sharing Parents Equally (CRISPE) and promoting its activities all over the country via the "CRISPE Bus". If you haven't seen this bus, I highly recommend that you visit [www.crispe.org](http://www.crispe.org) and take a look!
- \* The Award for Excellence In Promoting Gender Fairness In The Media goes to Mr. Tom Leykis, host of the nationally-syndicated radio program The Tom Leykis Show. Mr. Leykis promotes a male-positive view of many men's issues, such as paternity fraud, dating, feminism, and family law, almost daily on his show. For more information about Tom, please visit [www.blowmeuptom.com](http://www.blowmeuptom.com).
- \* The Award Of Honor goes to Mr. Pradeep Ramanathan for his tireless efforts to help establish several chapters of NCFM around the country over the past decade. Pradeep has been a member of NCFM for many years and has been very active in helping to form many chapters of NCFM in Northern California, the Twin Cities, and many other areas around the United States. Thank you, Pradeep!

All members of NCFM are welcome to nominate potential award winners. If you know of anyone who deserves one of our three awards, please feel free to send the nomination to the awards chairman, Michael Rother, at [michaelgrother@gmail.com](mailto:michaelgrother@gmail.com). Be sure to include the following information about your nominee:

1. The name of the award nominee
2. The award for which he or she is being nominated
3. A brief description (one or two paragraphs) describing the achievement or accomplishment that qualifies this nominee for the award in question
4. A postal mailing address for the nominee (additional contact information, such as an email address or phone number is welcome, but the postal address is required.)

Thank you to all of our members for helping to support this fine NCFM tradition!

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# RADAR Accomplishments in 2007

By Ed Bartlett

## Highlights:

1. **Expanded VAWA Reform Coalition** – 90 members
2. **Achieved strong media presence** – 4 campaigns, 17 releases, 42 Alerts, 12 interviews, many op-eds
3. **High-quality web page** - Jan.-August – 89,000 to 146,000 page requests per month
4. **Consistent lobbying on Capitol Hill**
5. **Developed Agenda for VAWA Reform**
6. **Researched and published 4 new Special Reports**
7. **High visibility Domestic Violence Awareness Month in October** – 10 participating organizations
8. **Freedom of Information Act** – documented the lack of services to male victims of DV

### Media Committee:

To promote balanced and accurate media coverage of the domestic violence issue.

#### 2007 Objectives:

1. Monitor DV bias in the national media, and issue Alerts as appropriate.

**Accomplished — Issued 42 Alerts**

2. Develop and implement two media campaigns (including Alerts, press releases, and op-ed columns)
- Accomplished – Did 5 campaigns.**

3. Do 10 media interviews as a result of our press releases
- Accomplished – 12 interviews**

Also, issued 17 press releases

### Legislative Committee:

To develop and implement VAWA Reform Coalition's legislative agenda in the US Congress.

#### 2007 Objectives:

1. Develop and implement a legislative agenda

**Accomplished – I-VAWA, HRES 590, general education activities**

2. Make 4 presentations to Washington, DC area policy/political groups

**Accomplished – 5 presentations to Americans for Tax Reform**

Also, developed Agenda for VAWA Reform

### Research Committee:

To assure academic research on domestic violence is rigorous and balanced, and to counter biased research.

#### 2007 Objectives:

1. Develop 6 products (Fact Sheets, letters to the editor, academic articles, policy analyses, etc.) that are supportive of RADAR's mission

**Accomplished – Issued 4 new Special Reports:**

1. Why have DV programs failed to stop abuse?
2. Education for injustice
3. A culture of false allegations
4. Has VAWA delivered on its promises to women?

#### Issued 2 updates:

1. Justice denied
2. DV programs discriminate against men.

### Website Committee:

To oversee the maintenance and enhancements to the website.

#### 2007 Objectives:

1. Do software enhancements to website and other computing-related tasks, as needed.

**Accomplished**

2. Update data in webpages, as needed.

**Accomplished**

3. Maintain proper functioning of software.

**Accomplished**

4. Make policy recommendations to the SC.

**Accomplished**

Also:

Jan.-August – 89,000 to 146,000 page requests per month

### VAWA Reform Coalition

To support and implement media and legislative objectives at the state and national levels.

#### 2007 Objectives:

1. Increase number of affiliates to 150, with a more diverse range of groups

**Not Accomplished – 90 members of VRC**

2. Implement media and legislative efforts at the state and local levels

**Accomplished**

### DoJ/OVAW Reporter:

To keep the Steering Committee apprised of developments at the DoJ OVAW and VAWA Advisory Committee.

**Accomplished**

## What's Happening??

# National Coalition of Free Men News

### L.A. CHAPTER REPORT

(By Marc Angelucci)

#### Lawsuits:

On 2/20, NCFM-LA filed a supplemental appellate brief in *David Woods v. California*, as requested by the court of appeals. This is the case in which four men are raising equal protection challenges to the exclusion of male victims from California's domestic violence statutes and the exclusion of incarcerated fathers from programs for incarcerated mothers with children under six years old. We expect a decision in a few months and our attorney feels optimistic. NCFM-LA also continued to draft the opening brief in

*County of Sacramento v. Guadalupe L.*, a paternity case that could have precedent-setting impact. We also talked to several other men about their paternity cases and provided them with referrals and basic information.

NCFM-LA also issued a news release about NCFM-SD member Al Rava's successful class action against Club Med for denying men free airfare that was given to women during its "Ladies Fly Free" promotion. Largely due to our success in the recent California Supreme Court decision in *Angelucci v. Century Supper Club*, Club Med settled the case of Al Rava v. Club Med and agreed to pay 50+ class

members a few thousand dollars each plus \$400,000.00 in legal fees. NCFM-LA's news release generated a story in the Metro-News Enterprise that quoted NCFM-LA and is on the media page of our website at [www.ncfmla.org/media\\_coverage.html](http://www.ncfmla.org/media_coverage.html).

#### Groundbreaking Domestic Violence Conference:

On 2/15 and 2/16, NCFM-LA members attended and participated in a historic domestic violence conference in Sacramento with leading domestic violence experts and speakers from around the world who are mostly honest about the dynamics of domestic violence. The conference was a huge success and was standing room only.



NCFM-LA and Fathers4Justice members, Columbia Park, Torrence, 3/2/08.

The California Attorney General and California Judicial Council were there along with probation departments, judges, public defenders, service providers and other professionals. The purpose of the conference was to support positive, research-based, gender-inclusive alternatives to current, ideology-based, discriminatory policies.

#### Media:

On 2/8, NCFM-LA was quoted extensively in a California Chamber of Commerce report on male victims of domestic violence. In particular, the story quoted NCFM-LA member Ray Blumhorst about his former wife's violence assaults and other issues related to battered men. Way to go, Ray!

On 1/25, NCFM-LA was quoted in the *Metro News-Enterprise* in a story about sex discrimination lawsuit against the Oakland A's and Macy's.

On 2/22, the *Newbury Port News* quoted NCFM-LA regarding male victims of domestic violence that were neglected at the White Ribbon Day event.

On 2/23, the *Columbus Telegram* quoted NCFM-LA in story on male victims of domestic violence as a result of NCFM-LA writing to correct the Telegram on its prior misleading article.

On 2/7, the *Capitol Weekly* (Sacramento) printed NCFM-LA's reply to San Francisco prosecutor Jim Hammer's sexist comments about domestic violence in which he referred to victims only as "women." The letter was followed by a reply from Hammer explaining that he agrees male victims should be treated equally under the law.

NCFM-LA also printed letters to the editor in the *Los Angeles Daily News* (1/5) (by Ray Blumhorst re the DV shelters excluding male victims); *Longville News-Journal* (1/18) (on DV); *Webster University Newspaper* (1/24) (on DV); *Alameda Sun* (1/25) (on DV); *Shreveport Times* (1/25) (on DV); *Mile High News* (Colorado) (2/8) (on DV); *Metro West Daily News* (2/9) (in response to biased DV comments by feminist Ben Atherton-Zeman); *Marin Independent Journal* (2/18) (on DV); and *USA Today* (3/6) (calling on male students at Harvard to sue the university for sex discrimination in gym hours).

#### Miscellaneous:

On 2/6, NCFM-LA members Joe Miranda and Don Saxton set up a table at UCLA to hand out NCFM-LA materials and survey students.

On 2/19, NCFM-LA sent a certified letter the International Labour Organization protesting and demanding information on the exemption of "abled-bodied males" ages 18-45 from the ban on forced labor in the Forced Labour Convention of 1930. The letter is posted on the activities page of the national website at [www.ncfm.org/activities.html](http://www.ncfm.org/activities.html).

NCFM-LA continued to provide referrals and other support for men who contact us through our hotline, website or by mail.

### SAN DIEGO CHAPTER REPORT

(By **Harry Crouch**)

January 13, 2008: NCFM-SD members join the CRISPE coach, President Larry Kerkman (NCFM-SD member), and crew for the annual Martin Luther King Day Parade. We had a great time. Ray Blumhorst (NCFM-LA) joined us and led our precession walking backwards taking pictures as we snaked through the streets of East Village San Diego.

January 16, 2008: *North County Times*, "It's time for us to boycott talking vaginas" — a letter to the editor about Eve Ensler's *Vagina Monologues*, by NCFM President Harry Crouch. It's rumored that this article helped fire up the Temecula City Council, that and several hundred complaints about the play being shown in Temecula.

January 19, 2008: *San Diego Union Tribune*, "Single-family homes and talk-radio hate", NCFM-SD member and Chapter President of the Coalition of Parent Support, James Shaw, responds to the article Plan, then act/Gang panel moves from paper to practice.

January 25/26, 2008: NCFM President Harry Crouch, NCFM Board Member Ray Blumhorst, and CRISPE President Larry Kerkman attended the Concerned Women of America (CWA) Conference in Newport Beach, California. We networked, discussed issues, and handed out brochures and buttons. Everyone one we spoke with seemed genuinely interested in our issues, if not supportive.

January 31, 2008: Harry Crouch was invited to Leadership Training at the Office for Social Ministry Diocese of San Diego. Ken Peters, Director, above, talks with another of the many participants.

February 5, 2008: NCFM-SD Larry Kerkman, CRISPE President, gave a Power Point presentation on the importance of children having both parents in their lives ("Equal Parenting") before the Kearney Mesa, CA Kiwanis Club ([kearnymesakiwanis.org](http://kearnymesakiwanis.org)).

February 13, 2008: 1. California Men's Center and CRC-SD President Guillermo (Bill) Avad gave a presentation about the CRC before the Kearney Mesa, CA Kiwanis Club (they like us). 2. NCFM-SD member John Van Doorn attended the San Diego County State of the County Address with several friends who happened to be carrying John Van Doorn for County Supervisor signs. 3. Ms. Cook of Bolander Cook & Associates spoke at our Second Wednesday of the Month Meeting about a number of things including crossover issues related to updated trust and estate planning for single parents.

February 15-16, 2008: NCFM-SD President Harry Crouch and NCFM-LA Recruitment Coordinator Ray Blumhorst attended the National Family Violence Legislative Resource ([www.nfvlrc.org](http://www.nfvlrc.org)) Center's first international conference on domestic violence — a true milestone and historic event for equal treatment, truth, and men's rights.

February 25, 2008: California Superior Court Judge Ronal L. Bauer awarded the largest Unruh Act judgment in the state's history to NCFM-SD member and men's rights attorney extraordinaire Mr. Al Rava. This class action law suit cost behemoth Club Med \$400,000 for offering a sex based and discriminatory promotion in which women were offered the same vacation package as men except women went free while men paid.

February 28, 2008: Ardy Shaw Polanski Children's Center Director of Resource Development was our guest speaker at the monthly NCFM-SD evening meeting. Ardy is a dynamic and gifted speaker who for years had her own radio talk show. She said that she agrees with our efforts to reform child custody laws in

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California and volunteered to write a business plan for us, for free even!

February 29, 2008: Californians for Equal Parenting founding (CAFEP) was quietly formed several months by CMC member organizations. Today representatives presented the initial work to San Diego Assemblywoman Lori Saldana. We based our proposed legislation on the recent West Virginia model put forth by advocates down south...err, east.

March 6, 2008: 1. CRISPE crew gave a nice Howdy Do to Family Court Judges in San Diego during drive to work time. Passerbys waived, honked, and gawked at the CRISPE bus and crew in front of the court house. We passed out brochures, answered questions, recruited new members, ate doughnuts, and had a great time. One of the County Sheriff Bailiffs came out and asked where we'd been — said they missed us. Another kept bobbing his head up and down over the roof railing apparently sneaking pictures of us. I hope he had a good camera and telephoto lens. 2. NCFM-SD member John Van Doorn officially became a candidate for San Diego County Board of Supervisors, awesome! That is, the Registrar of Voters printed his name on the "Candidates List".

You can see pictures related to many things above on the "Activities" page at [www.californiamenscenters.org](http://www.californiamenscenters.org).

### NEW ONLINE MEMBERSHIP FORM

There is a new, easy-to-use membership sign-up/renewal form on the NCFM web site. Check it out at <http://ncfm.org/JoinNCFM.html>.

### PUBLIC RELATIONS DIRECTOR

(By Steven Svoboda)

NCFM Public Relations Director Steven Svoboda appeared on Los Angeles area radio station KVTA 1520 AM ([www.kvta.com](http://www.kvta.com)) on February 15. He discussed the book recently published by Oxford University Press, *Does Feminism Discriminate Against Men?: A Debate* (by Warren Farrell [with Steven Svoboda] and James Sterba). He also reviewed some

recent developments regarding intact rights, such as growing legal opposition to male circumcision in Australia and the ongoing Oregon circumcision case, *Boldt v. Boldt*.

NCFM Public Relations Director Steven Svoboda was interviewed on February 11 by Bill Reed of the *Colorado Springs Gazette* in an article about divorced men's experiences with retaining or losing shared friends following divorce.

## *Transitions* Needs Your Talent

*Transitions* is always looking for your contributions in writing on issues affecting men. If you have an article or essay, please submit it for publication. Email your work to the editor at [transitions@ncfm.org](mailto:transitions@ncfm.org). Use a good Subject line to distinguish it from spam. Please see [www.ncfm.org/write1.htm](http://www.ncfm.org/write1.htm) for more information.

## Special Thanks Due

Special thanks are in order to the following recent financial contributors. Your donations make a great deal of difference.

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## Letters to the Editor

**Editorial Policy:** *NCFM and the Transitions staff welcome letters from readers and will print them as space allows. We reserve the right to edit letters for editorial style and space restrictions but will continue to publish letters in their entirety when possible. Send article responses, corrections, or other comments about the newsletter itself to the editor: Jason Leatherman at [transitions@ncfm.org](mailto:transitions@ncfm.org). Letters sent directly to him will be addressed "Dear Editor". Send opinions, stories, requests for advice, or other letters to our webmaster: Michael Rother at [ncfm@ncfm.org](mailto:ncfm@ncfm.org). Letters sent to him will be addressed "Dear NCFM".*

### DEAR EDITOR:

Dr. Baumli is a prolific writer and this negative missive from an angry female (I think women are born angry at men) certainly set him off. Frank writes about his dealings with homosexuals and his lessons learned from reaching out to them in the past. However, while we are often overly sensitive in not wanting to appear "homophobic," gay men have no problems with being "heterophobic." It is a double sided coin. I fail to see gay rights folks seeking us out, us being what they call the "breeders," and trying to build bridges of communication.

All of this, it seems to me, misses the bigger picture that men — straight, gay, or indifferent — just can't seem to get along without being competitive. As I write a war is waging between the forces of Jim Cook (Joint Custody fanatics) and the Victor Smith contingent that wants only sole custody for men, and they each try to undermine the efforts of the other. They all, in my opinion, miss the point, the point being that our mutual problems stem from being male. Whether straight, gay, single, married, divorced, or at any other stage of male existence, we are divided by that we have in common, outdoor plumbing.

Why does it seem the world (including other men) is against us? Because the world IS against us. It is against the family — the historical organization of human civilization. It's the building block on which human society has always been con-

structed. What we are seeing is as old as civilization. The part of us that are deconstructionists that for whatever personal demons drive us, want to see the historical order thrown on the trash heap of history.

There was a good slogan in the 1960's. It went; "If you are not part of the solution, you are part of the problem." Nice jingoism, eh? Yet true.

After over 35 years of involvement with "The Movement" I have become very pessimistic that there will be any solution in the foreseeable future. Certainly I won't see it in my lifetime. It just seems people can't get along. There is so much backbiting and fratricide that it all seems almost pointless to me. Too much ego, too much of the attitude that it is "my way or the highway" that separates us from finding ways to work together on anything truly constructive that keeps us spinning our wheels. It also seems to me that no matter how loudly one tries to call attention to that, the point is always missed and all you get for trying is being stoned by all sides.

We are not going to be "Free Men" until, despite our differences, we are Free to be Men. In whatever flavor we each are. That means accepting each other and trying to work together and quitting this King of the Hill junk. But I'm not holding my breath.

Kenneth Pangborn

### DEAR NCFM:

This is to bring to your urgent attention the escalating problem of false dowry cases against Non-resident Indians (NRIs) and the indiscriminate denigration of NRIs by the Ministry of Overseas Indian Affairs (MOIA).

The Indian legal system considers all complaints filed by a wife as genuine by default. Hence, laws made to protect women from dowry harassment, such as Indian Penal Code section 498A, are being rampantly misused as weapons to blackmail, extort money from and seek revenge

on NRI husbands and their India-based families. According to a recent study by the Center for Social Research, 98% of dowry cases are false and baseless. False cases are being filed by women in the event of any kind of marital discord and these cases are taking a huge toll on the personal and professional lives of NRIs and their families in India. NRIs who unwittingly land in India for various reasons have been arrested, ill treated, and exploited in the name of dowry laws. The passport of an accused NRI is invariably seized as one of the conditions for granting bail and, subsequently, the NRI is required to furnish enormous amounts of security in order to retrieve his/her passport. Many innocent NRIs have lost their hard-earned overseas jobs and had to relocate to India in order to fight the long-drawn legal battles to prove their innocence. Those that remain overseas due to the fear of legal harassment are either declared or threatened of becoming "proclaimed offenders". The economic and emotional damage resulting from this "legal terrorism" is creating a fear psychosis among NRI men when it comes to marrying women of Indian origin.

While the flaws in the provisions of the IPC 498a and its implementation remain uncorrected, the Indian government has caved in to the pressure of radical feminist organizations and recently passed the Domestic Violence Against Women Act. The Domestic Violence Act assumes that violence is only committed by men against women. In addition, this law provides unlimited scope for a woman to make false claims, entangle a husband and his family in legal battles and deprive the accused man of his own earnings and property. Like IPC 498A, the DV Act is replete with loopholes and has enormous potential for misuse, as has already been demonstrated by the recent case where Azim Premji, the CEO of Wipro, was accused under this act.

The Ministry of Overseas Indian Affairs, under auspices of Minister Vayalar Ravi, has released a booklet, on marriages with NRIs, which makes blatant general-

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zations denigrating NRI husbands. Some of the exaggerated and demeaning claims in the booklet are as follows:

- NRI husbands and their families are responsible for failed and fraudulent marriages

- NRI husbands physically, emotionally and financially harass their wives

- NRI husbands get married for dowry and abandon/divorce their wives after a short honeymoon

The booklet assumes that only women married to NRI men are victims of fraud, abandonment or harassment while the truth is that there are hundreds of cases of women indulging in fraud, harassing and/or abandoning their husbands and eventually filing false cases in India to legally torture the NRI husbands and their families. Despite the repeated suggestions by NRI organizations to make the MOIA booklet balanced and truly informative and useful to Indian citizens, the biased version with lopsided views, was published, reflecting utter irresponsibility on the part of MOIA.

Rakshak was formed to help legally harassed NRIs and their family members, specifically elders. Rakshak is contacted by around 10-15 new victims of IPC 498A every week. We have spoken with hundreds of NRIs who have been falsely accused under this law. Representatives of Rakshak met with the MOIA minister, Vayalar Ravi, during his recent visit to the US, to appraise him of the situation of NRIs and to request him to make recommendations to the Government of India to redress their problems. A well researched and unbiased booklet by Rakshak, has also been circulated to several authorities, including Minister Vayalar Ravi. The Minister expressed sympathy, but refused to act fearing protests and demonstrations, by radical feminists.

IPC 498a and DV Act are clear examples of a growing anti-male attitude in Indian law, and the booklet by MOIA is an attempt to promote an extremely negative image of NRI males. Many NRIs trapped in false criminal cases are spending their valuable time, effort and money, and along with their families in India, going through enormous torture, due to pro-

longed or no trial. This trend is impeding the progress of extremely talented, intelligent and resourceful young Indians in India and abroad.

It is very disappointing that the Government of India has backstabbed the NRI community that has significant financial, intellectual and emotional investment in India. On the occasion of the Parvasi Bharatiya Divas, 2007, we appeal to the Indian organizations in the United States to unite and raise their voices against the legal terrorism on NRIs, and demand a response from the Indian Government regarding the defamation of NRIs by the Ministry of Overseas Indian Affairs.

Related websites and resources:

1. [www.498a.org](http://www.498a.org) - A website that provides information about various aspects of IPC 498A, its misuse and serves as a support system for victims of this law.

2. <http://www.498a.org/contents/seminar/498aReport.pdf> - A detailed report that describes the provisions of IPC 498A, the extent of its misuse with statistics, personal stories of victims, news items related to IPC 498A and recommendations to the Government of India.

3. <http://www.498a.org/dv.htm> - A document containing the complete version of Domestic Violence Against Women Act.

4. <http://moia.gov.in/shared/linkimages/46.%2003-251005> - The biased booklet on marriages to NRIs, published by the Ministry of Overseas Indian Affairs.

5. <http://www.498a.org/contents/Publicity/moiaBooklet.pdf> - The booklet on marriages to NRIs, prepared by Rakshak and [498a.org](http://www.498a.org).

6. <http://www.rakshak.info/1.html> - Website of Rakshak.

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**DEAR NCFM:**

We'd like to introduce you to our Pro Se Self-Help Guidebook Series that

were created specifically for the person who is unfamiliar with the legal system and who has to face the family law court on a self-represented basis.

These guidebooks fill a present void with much-needed Florida law-oriented practical books that will help people contend with the court system and possibly save a lot of money or stay out of jail. Not only that, but they can even be of use to people who have a lawyer representing them as a way to see some of the options that are available to help them in their situation and perhaps provide them with a sort-of "second opinion" backup.

A layman who has had 4 years extensive, practical experience with the family law court system has authored them. They are in plain, easy to understand, everyday language that will appeal to either men or women who are involved with support payments. They take the reader step by step through what they need to know in order to deal with most of the court proceedings and documents they will encounter.

We would appreciate it if you would look favorably upon recommending them to your NCFM members and site visitors. I will be glad to send you a review copy in Adobe PDF format of any of the books you would like to read.

You will find these publications at [www.panama-publishing.com](http://www.panama-publishing.com).

- \* How To Modify Your Alimony Payments
- \* How To Defend Yourself In Contempt Of Court Hearings

- \* How To Appeal In State Court of Appeals

Bill Cabana

**DEAR NCFM:**

A Father's Rights is a movie based on a true story about a father's struggle with the legal system in how his daughter, who was born out of wedlock, was treated differently than other children while fighting for his rights to have a say in said daughter's life. Please go to [www.williamfain.com](http://www.williamfain.com) to find out more about the company and see clips of the movie.

William Fain Productions would

like to make you aware of a fundraising opportunity. The soundtrack CDs retail for \$15.00; however, WFP will sell them to you for \$7.00 so you can resell them for \$15.00.

Amanda Maher

**DEAR NCFM:**

My sister found your email address for me. I'm in Iraq and I can finally access the Internet. Do you have any info on how a dad can have the visitation court order enforced? Seems like my daughter's mother can do what she wants regardless of the child custody agreement/court order. I am an officer in Iraq and I want to see my daughter when I return. Any advice would be appreciated.

Captain Philip Flecher

**NCFM:**

Our experience is that it is rather difficult to enforce visitation orders, but I would refer you to this article, which might help:

<http://mensnewsdaily.com/2007/12/23/how-to-enforce-your-visitation-rights/>  
We have NOT tested the information in this article; we are simply referring you to it in the hope that it helps you.

Thank you for serving in Iraq, and

good luck to you!

**DEAR NCFM:**

I am not sure if you have been made aware of this article I came across on the Internet. I have been and still am the victim of this woman's procedure. This needs to be exposed in the media and the women charged for inciting hate crimes against fathers and husbands. <http://www.realfamilylaw.com/real-tactics.php>

Eugenio Steele

**NCFM:**

Thank you for referring this information to us. I have passed the URL along to our membership email list, which includes many NCFM members all over the USA. I also included your email address, in case anyone wants to contact you to coordinate efforts. Good luck!

**EDITOR:**

If you go to the main site at [www.realfamilylaw.com](http://www.realfamilylaw.com), you'll see that the site is meant to be somewhat satirical. Still, this woman deserves a letter or two.

**DEAR NCFM:**

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**DEAR NCFM:**

No action necessary, other than perhaps to warn members about this version of the "custom". This is an article called "'Male' Honor Murders" by Stephen Brown. It describes murders of men by violent members of the Muslim community. <http://www.frontpagemag.com/ARTICLES/Read.aspx?GUID=A6A9577D-95EA-49F6-A613-EFC86B36B48B>

Robert W.

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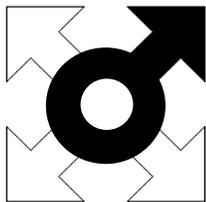
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