

Mary Jo...
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three hundred different search groups in the world. It has become a very valuable tool in the adoption movement. Mary Jo spent some time talking about the library and the political side of the adoption movement. She then shifted gears to delve into the emotional side. She stressed the importance of listening to your heart, of the necessity for group support, and the power of love. She talked about the book she is currently writing, called Adoption Encounter, which looks at the emotional issues we all face. She ended with two slide shows. One was quite informative, and talked about the origins of various organizations dealing with adoption. The other was very touching, showing reunion pictures accompanied by the song, "We're Together Now", which was written for Mary Jo by her husband, Steve 'Butch' Rillera. All in all Mary Jo touched our lives in a very special way that evening.

POLITICAL NOTES

THE House in Vermont passed legislation as of February 2, 1984, that allows the release of confidential adoption records if the adoptee is 21, and both the adoptee and the birthparent have signed certificates of waiver permitting the information to be released.

THE Supreme Courts ruled 6-3 that an unmarried father with no "personal or financial link" to his offspring need not be informed when the mother puts the child up for adoption.



1. Keep a file of your search.
2. Keep a record in chronological order of everything you do.
3. Make copies of all correspondence.



We would like to welcome the following new members to ABA:

Linda P.	Stacey S.
Pete W.	Leonard J.
Donna B.	Marideth B.
Rosemary B.	Joy W
Daren S.	Charles J.
Kathleen Y.	Marry H.
Anna T.	Mary P.
Barbara R.	Dolores R.
Karen J.	

WORTHWHILE READING

THE ADOPTION SEARCHBOOK
Mary Jo Rillera

This book contains sample documents example request letters and specific guidance in the "HOW-TO'S" of search for all three sides of the adoption triad. Available at the Triadoption Library, 7571 Westminster Ave., Westminster, CA 92683. (\$10 plus \$1 Postage)

TO LOVE AND LET GO
Suzanne Arms

In this work about the struggle of adoption, choosing and refusing, Arms introduces us, through words and photographs, to a varied cast of adoption participants. (Knopf:\$14.95)

SEARCH ADS

BIRTHMOTHER searching for white male born 5-26-63, Booth Memorial Hospital, Philadelphia. Birthname: Eric Lee Walker. Please write to Dolores Romero, &ABA.

OUR STAFF

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CREATIVE CORNER

I cannot look back
 far enough,
 nor can I go beyond
 the grove of trees
 that sit like rows
 of ghosts
 fencing me off
 from whatever past
 I may or may not have.

He might be
 just beyond those trees
 or beyond another dozen
 rows of unmarked pine,
 but where,
 which tree?

Come forward, damn you
 and be recognized
 and heart.
 Stretch out your hand
 to me
 and mine will come back
 to you in return.

I only want
 to see your eyes
 and prove that they
 match mine.

I don't want from you
 your name
 I'm satisfied I have it.
 I'll make no claim
 on your insurance.
 Tell your newer heirs
 they can relax.

I'll be satisfied to
 touch you once
 so that I can
 put an end
 to my beginning.

Rod McKuen,
 "FINDING MY FATHER-ONE
 MAN'S SEARCH FOR IDENTITY"

SEARCH ASSISTANTS AND CARING NUMBERS

Please feel free to call any of the following people for assistance or emotional support:

- Alberta Sorensen, adoptee
805-482-8667
- Mary Lou Kozub, significant other
805-583-4306
- Marge Lee, adoptee
805-965-9530
- Robin Hanson, adoptee
805-649-2424
- Dolores Miller, adoptee
805-659-2529
- Dolores Romero, birthmother
805-682-5199
- Charlie Johnson, adoptee
805-492-1479
- Joy Walls, adoptee
805-652-1339
- Barbara Rockwood, adoptee
805-987-5849

Open Arms Quarterly
 P.O. Box 1522
 North Platte, NE 69101

Open Arms includes in each issue articles, issues, opinions and true stories from within the adoption triangle, as well as search ads. Fee: \$6 for a one year subscription.

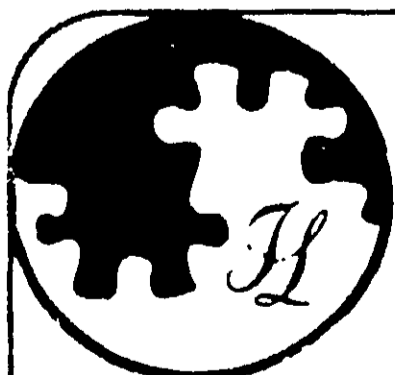
International Soundex Reunion Registry
 ISRR Registrar
 Emma May Vilardi
 Post Office Box 2312
 Carson City, Nevada 89702

The International Soundex Registry is a confidential and voluntary identification system. If you have completed your search, or find new information, write to them so they can update their files. If you wish to join you can get registration forms from Alberta. There is no fee.

Saturday, MARCH 31, Bonita Tower--Disneyland Hotel

8:00 - 9:00 a.m.	REGISTRATION	Lobby
9:00 - 11:00 a.m.	OPENING SESSION	Garden Room
11:00 - 1:00 p.m.	SESSION ONE	
	Search Class	Santa Catalina Room
	Soul Mates	Santa Rosa Room
	Beyond The Shadows	Santa Barbara Room
1:00 - 2:20 p.m.	FREE TIME FOR LUNCH	
2:30 - 3:50 p.m.	SESSION TWO	
	Being Found	Santa Catalina Room
	Telling Your Family	Santa Rosa Room
	Being In The Middle	Santa Barbara Room
4:00 - 5:00 p.m.	Looking To The Future	Santa Catalina Room
	Show & Tell	Santa Rosa Room
	To Be Announced	Santa Barbara Room
5:00 - 5:30 p.m.	RECEPTION	Lobby

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SESSION

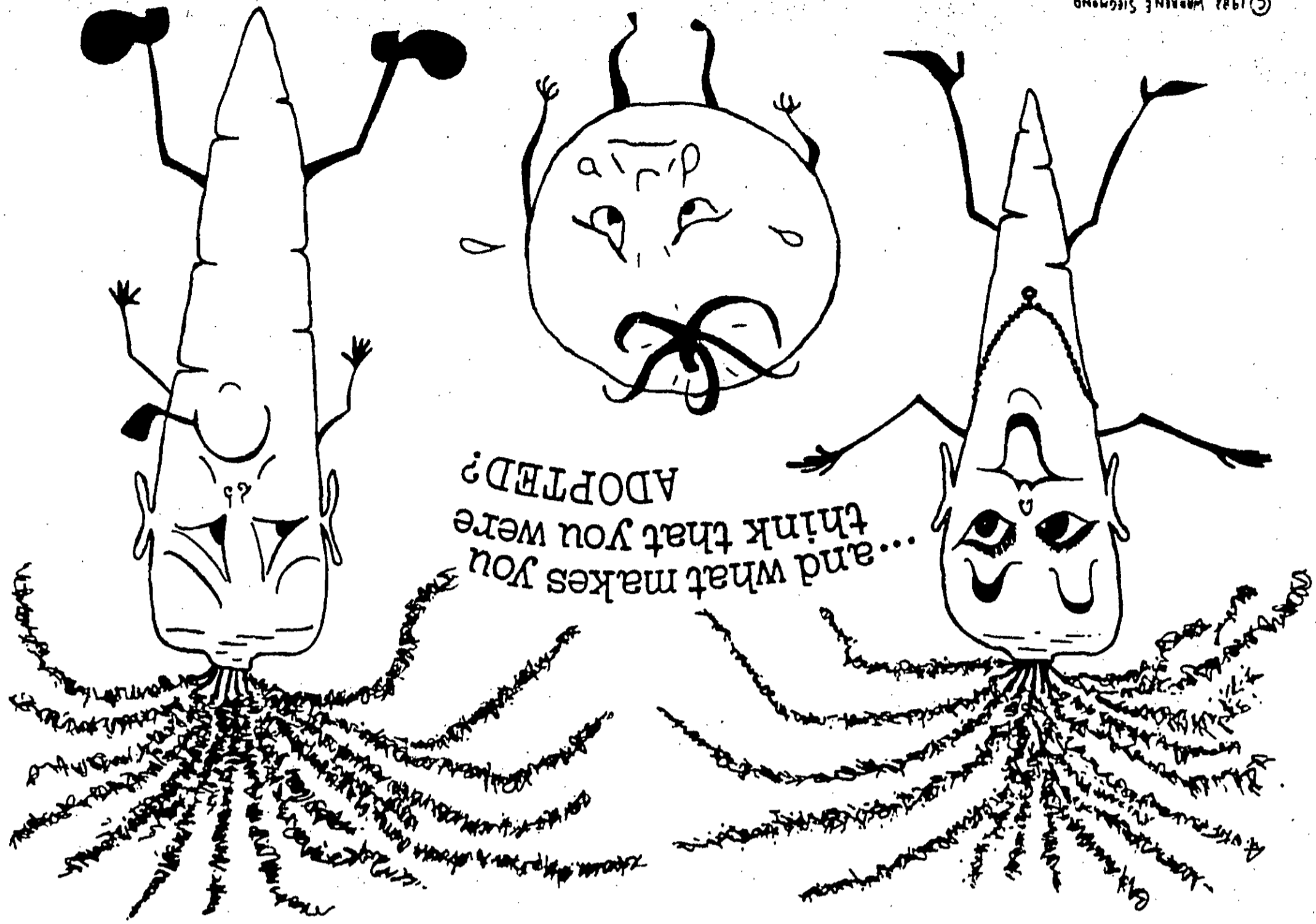
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