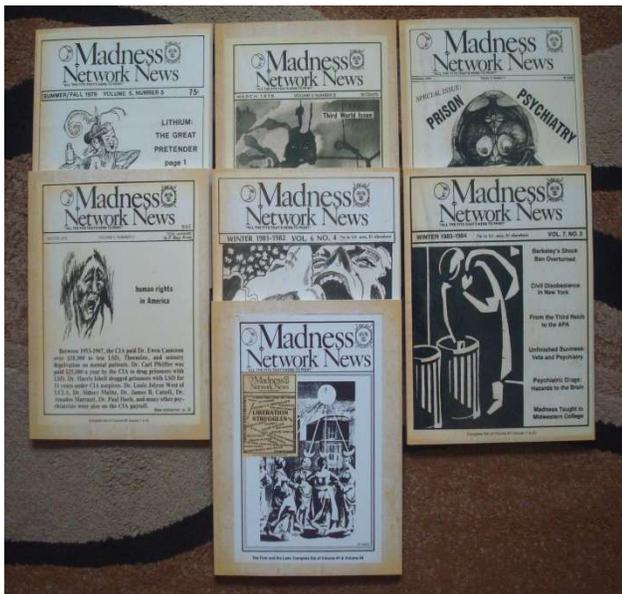


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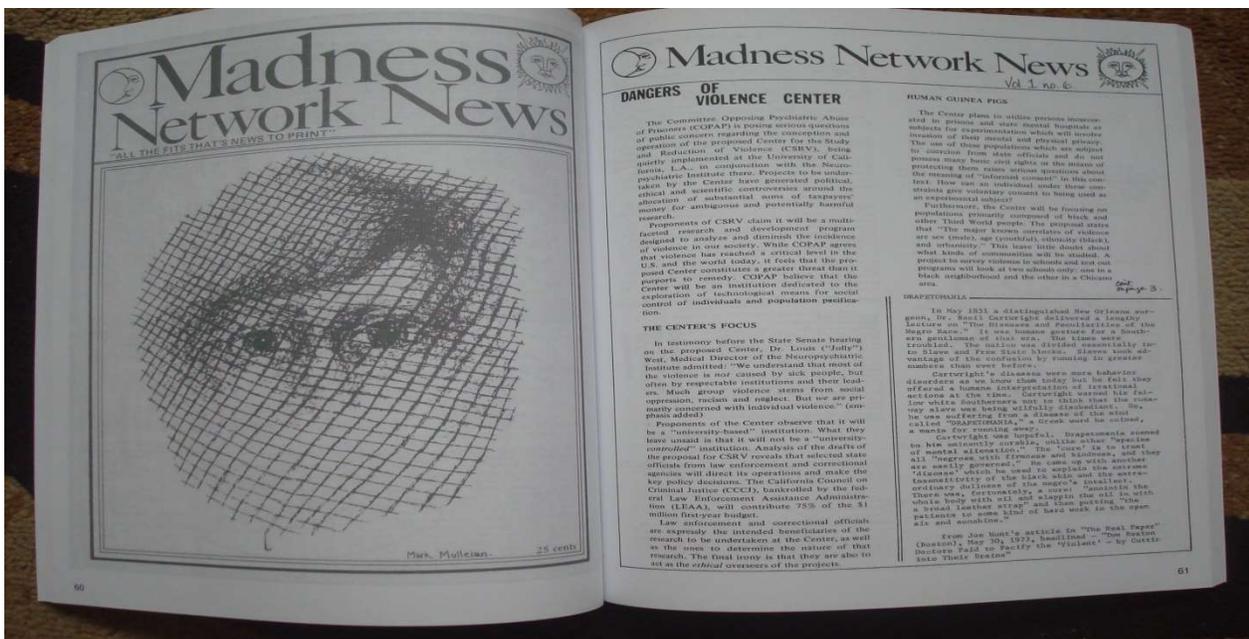


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Madness Network News Redux:  
An Historic and Priceless Opportunity  
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Advocacy is both paramount and essential to human dignity and survival. There are those who advocate for others—and then there are those who tenaciously and vigorously advocate for themselves. Fortunately I have almost always been of the former, although I'm not ashamed to admit that there have also been times when I have desperately needed others to advocate for me.

“Acting on my vision” my first act of activism as a mental health recipient was writing an article for a former NYC/Department of Mental Hygiene's Office of Consumer Affairs newsletter in 1999 titled “*You Have the Right to Remain Silent.*” That was nearly 20 years ago. And while I have also been an unrelenting advocate for others on many occasions, my motivating passion for advocacy was effecting change through activism. But then unexpectedly, without warning, tragedy struck and my health took a devastating turn for the worse. As a result of my deteriorating condition I was physically disabled, unable to sustain full time employment, and compelled to apply for disability benefits. My driving passion for activism had come to a sudden and screeching halt.

Spending the next couple of years attempting to regain my health and restore my passion to live, I had ample time to read and so I began to read and browse through saved copies of Madness Network News (MNN) which my close friend and mentor, Ron Schraiber, a well-known advocate from CA, had stored away in his archives. Ron has always been a major part of my support network and an unending source of information and inspiration for me. I was amazed by the list of authors who had penned articles for Madness Network News. They were highly respected pioneers in the “consumer empowerment” movement such as: Leonard Roy Frank (*The History of Shock Treatment*), Judi Chamberlin (*On Our Own*), Howie the Harp and Sally Zinman (*Reaching Across: Mental Health Clients Helping Each Other*) and a litany of other well-known activists and pioneers too long to list here.

To my dismay I discovered that MNN was no longer available to the general public, and so I sought out Leonard Roy Frank to explore the possibility of making Madness Network News once again available to the public in textbook format. I was elated and overjoyed when Leonard expressed interest and even supplied the missing MNN newspapers that I did not have access to. And to my amazement, my passion for activism began to reignite. I purchased all the necessary hardware and software and I painstakingly began to scan, crop and resize every single page of Madness Network News. And as a direct result of Leonard and Ron's unwavering support and assistance, the first copy of MNN in textbook format is currently available.