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Leadership Changes at Face to Face

By Sandy Lowe

Sharon Tomas, the executive director of Face to Face for the past two years, submitted her resignation "with great sadness" to the board of directors of the Sonoma County AIDS Network at its regular meeting on December 14. She expressed her confidence in the agency and its "competent staff" and made it clear that her departure was for personal reasons. Her "beloved Amber" and life-partner now lives and works in Hawaii. "The phone bills are excessive," and, she explains, "I just want a three dimensional Amber again."

The board accepted her decision without question and acted immediately to hire Helen Wilber, currently the vice president of the board, to be the interim executive director. The transition will take effect on February 15.

According to Mert Preston, president of the board, the interim appointment is meant to provide strong leadership and to allow enough time for the agency to conduct "an appropriate search for a new executive director, using an open hiring process and taking as much time as we need to get the best..."

Preston praised the departing Tomas and evaluated the present status of the local AIDS network by saying that "Sharon and the current board have brought Face to Face from a mom and pop operation to a very viable agency with nine staff members."

He also acknowledged that Face to Face is at a crossroads as the current case load and future demand for services from the volunteer agency threatens to become "overwhelming."

Both Tomas, the out-going, and Wilber, the in-coming executive director, agree that, while the challenge is great, the agency is "on track and in place for another and necessary transition."

The Sonoma County AIDS Network began four years ago as a small volunteer effort and has grown to meet the burgeoning demands of the AIDS epidemic. The transition to which everyone alludes involves the exploding case load, volunteer shortages, burnout and many other problems associated with, as Tomas describes it, "a rural county with big city problems."

Helen Wilber approaches the interim position with a great sense of optimism and sees the transition as an "exciting time and a time of growth."

Wilber recognizes that what has made Face to Face "so special is that it carries the flavor of a small, committed volunteer agency which started out with people trying to meet the issues of AIDS and to help their friends. It's important to carry these things through. It's what makes the agency unique."

Wilber has been a member of the board of Face to Face and head of the personnel committee, responsible for staff development and planning. She is convinced that Face to Face has "some of the best people in the field anywhere." She is also aware that "we've been doing amazing things on a lick and a

VOLUNTEERS SOUGHT

Quilt Comes To Fair Grounds

By Rick Dean

The Names Project has just completed the 1988 National Tour, taking the AIDS Memorial Quilt and its message to 25 cities across the country. In the first year, over a million people have visited the Quilt and over \$500,000 has been raised for local AIDS service agencies. In the most recent San Francisco display at the Moscone Center December 14-18, Face to Face was one of the 18 AIDS organizations chosen to receive a portion of the donations collected.

On Saturday and Sunday, February 4 & 5, the Quilt will be on display at the Sonoma County Fairgrounds. Grace Pavilion, the largest indoor space in the county, with its 40,000 sq. ft. floor will accommodate a small percentage of the more than 8,500 panels made for people who have died from AIDS. Quilt panels made for people who lived in Sonoma County will be coming home for the first time. Included in the opening ceremony will be a presentation to the Names Project of newly created panels. A section of these new panels will then be added to the existing Quilt.

Although there is never an admission charge, allowing as many people as possible the opportunity to view the Quilt, donations are encouraged. All of the donations collected at this event will be used by Face to Face to provide service for people with AIDS/ARC in Sonoma County. The display will be open from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. both Saturday and



The Names Quilt in Washington, D.C.

PATRICK BALLARD

Sunday.

The organizers at Face to Face are confident that this event will be an awareness creating tool. One objective in bringing the Quilt to Santa Rosa is to introduce the general public to the AIDS situation in Sonoma County, gaining new volunteers and donors to support services. Schools, churches and other social groups are now being contacted about the educational opportunity that the Quilt provides. A request has been made to declare the first week of February "Sonoma County AIDS Awareness Week."

Many volunteers will be needed to support this event. Positions include; setup, Quilt

monitor, emotional support, sales and information and clean up. If you would like to volunteer for a shift or if you need information about creating a memorial panel, call Face to Face at 887-1581. Food for thought, the new food bank for PWA/PWARC in Sonoma County will be collecting nutritious packaged or canned foods at the door.

The visual impact of the Quilt surpasses what words have been able to say about the grief and loss associated with AIDS. What remains with the viewer is the impression of the Quilt as a symbol of love and remembrance.

GOOD NEWS BAD NEWS IN LAKE COUNTY

By Andy Nyberg

There's good news and bad news about aids in Lake County.

The relatively "good" news is that the number of diagnosed cases is running about five years behind those in Sonoma County.

The bad news is that Lake County apparently didn't use its "grace period" to prepare for the crisis. Until the past few months, in fact, local response to AIDS amounted to little more than some educational programs in public schools and hospitals focusing on prevention of the disease. None of the programs were aimed specifically at gay men.

"Dealing with AIDS in Lake County is like shadow-boxing because it's still so underground," says Patrick W., a Lake County resident who has AIDS. He himself has offered to speak to local groups about his illness, but he's afraid to break his anonymity for fear of harassment. He says, for instance, "a firefighter at a local fire department told me that if they knew I had AIDS, they wouldn't respond to an emergency call here."

The Lake County Public Health Department estimates 10 county residents have AIDS. But actually there's probably "several dozen" cases, says Kevin Burke, a representa-

tive of the Willits-based Community Care AIDS Project which serves Lake and Mendocino Counties.

Lake County public Health offers no statistics on how many residents have ARC; how many have been exposed to HIV; and whether the diagnosed cases were contracted through sex, intravenous drug use, or blood transfusions.

County supervisors have begun to educate themselves about the disease — with a few exceptions, according to a local board-watcher. Supervisor Bud Franklin said at a recent meeting, "We do not go along with the idiotic practice that causes this . . . The innocent people who are affected by this are the ones I'm concerned about. The others I could care less about."

Franklin was rebuked by several of his fellow supervisors, including Walt Wilcox, who pointed out, "AIDS is a disease that knows no boundaries."

Tim Choat, a longtime Lake County resident, helped found a grassroots group called RALLY last May to help gay men who have AIDS — simply because "no one else was doing it," he says. (RALLY loosely stands for "Response to AIDS in Lake County, and Lake County Only").



JANET ZAGORIA/PHOTOGENICS

Dr. Helen Wilber

promise" for a long while.

The challenge of the transition and the future for Wilber is how to "allow that idealism to become more mature." She is concerned that the rapidly increasing case load and "the sheer number of clients can't be served, by feelings and ideals anymore." She is convinced that the volunteer network can continue to grow into "a larger more mature, highly respected social service delivery agency" and still remain "human and humane."

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Adam's Apple

By Adam Richmond



It's A Brave New Year

Welcome to January! President-elect Bush will be sworn in, oh joy. But a few days before we have the opportunity to honor freedoms motion forward with the fourth annual recognition of Dr. Martin Luther King's Birthday, January 15. That evening, at 6 pm in the Santa Rosa Vet's Building, there'll be a commemoration of him, featuring gospel music, an oratorical contest, and a film. Like our local effort to gain recognition for Pride week, MLK Jr.'s birthday is not as readily appreciated as one would hope, for instance it is still not a holiday for City of Santa Rosa. I had the good fortune to meet Dr. King as a small child in New Haven, where I grew up, as a pink-diaper baby. Dr. King served communion to me at the famously liberal and rich Yale Battell Chapel, under the pastorage of Rev. Sloan Coffin, now the leader of the National SANE/Freeze. We later strolled around the campus of Yale, where blacks are routinely tossed off, and by chance ran into Dr. King where my adoring parents chatted with him. Years later our family moved to Ohio, into the heart of KKK territory, and were the subject of racist cajoling, as my parents were of the minority of whites who had joined the NAACP. I will never forget the community hatred and its icy stares, as I will never forget the parallel abuse as a gay young person, by the same lot.

January is also resolution month. Usually my resolutions start in May. I've always been good at having better intentions. It is the practice part that's my downfall. They say, we judge ourselves by our intentions, but the world judges us by our actions. Well with the Names Project coming to Sonoma County next month, get on the stick and call Rick Dean over at Face to Face. They will need all the help they can get, besides it is only here for two days. The emotional impact of the Quilt is profound. Make a point at least to see it. I visited the Quilt last year at Moscone Center. I searched along with my then lover Sam for the special panel for my dead pal Don Denney. I'd been unable to attend Don's funeral in August 1986, due to a commitment to work on the state campaign against the LaRouche AIDS initiative. Suddenly coming upon the beautiful panel with an iris on it, I unleashed the years of sorrow pent up in Don's slowly disabling condition. I cried for all of the pain and beauty the Quilt summoned. Both the devastation and the power of the response to it. Like the Vietnam Veteran's Memorial Wall, the Quilt aoints a deep pain. Let's honor our friends by doing it right.

I know Bill W. Bill Welch, one of the better people in life, is a great guy. Not only did he generously donate his time to put together a superb data base for Forward Together, not a small task, since I'd fouled it up, he is one of those people of principle, who has refused to take a side in my recent celebrity divorce. A first among equals, y'are.

P.S. My apologies to the English language, Madame Hollowell. Until we meet again-

Letters

EDITOR
As a member of the MEDI-CAL CONSUMERS TASK FORCE, I would like to thank you for your article on the dismal state of dental care for those of us in Sonoma County on Medi-Cal. Our survey shows that in July, of the 285 dentists listed in the Sonoma County/Pacific Bell directory, that 16 out of the 233 contacted will accept Medi-Cal insurance. Twelve of these only in cases of extreme "pain" and/or "emergency" (neither is clearly defined) or in cases of children or senior citizens. The remaining 4, will accept Medi-Cal only in cases of partials or dentures being all that is required.

We join the dentists in your article in voicing our frustration with a system whose paperwork is too cumbersome and whose re-imburement rate is inadequately low. We are presently looking at ways of revising the system by 1) Opening dialogue with our legislators in Sacramento 2) Supporting a class action suit to ensure proper dental care to Medi-Cal recipients 3) Working with the DENTAL ACCESS TASK FORCE mentioned in your article and 4) Displaying our displeasure through public demonstrations.

We, as consumers, invite other recipients interested in change, to join us in our efforts, contact us by calling Sam Lawman (865-2411) or Dave Hoffman (CRI 528-2745 or 528-2151 TDD).

Thank You
Sincerely, Sam Lawman

Drivel By Michael Brewer



King Kongdom

Editorial

Art or Porn?

Somewhere along the way I've gotten it in my mind that editorials are supposed to be thought provoking, stimulating readers to respond. So let's give it a try. Here is my part.

The December issue of WTP ran an ad that showed a women's naked ass and in the past bare tits were shown. Some readers commented they did not think it a necessary item to display in the paper. We actually had an advertiser quit because of this. Our policy at WTP is that we will not run sexually explicit ads of any kind. So why did we run the ad for Hay Fever the first women's full length erotic video?

First, it was a women's event that was taking place locally. It was not just an ad for phone sex. (I know: what's wrong with phone sex? Answer: nothing, give me a break; please!) Second, that it was an ad for the first erotic all women's comedy somehow made it different. Third, women's issues are a very touchy subject, and sexuality is one of the most difficult to deal with. And Fourth, being a man who is doing the advertising accounts it makes it even harder to deal with. Nobody wants to be politically incorrect.

I did not see the film. Sorry, I had a lack of interest. But what I would like to know is this: what makes it pornography or erotic, or are they the same. I would think that if the film had no nudity and was somehow artistically suggestive, it would be erotic. But if it deals with naked bodies and is more explicit in its meaning, then it is pornography. From the ad in the paper I would guess it was pornography.

I have assumed that the women's movement was and still is against pornography. Last year I went through the

Dear Editor:

We appreciate the coverage and stories about Face to Face programs. However, there were a number of errors in the article by Pamela Canyon Rivers and we believe that two of them are important enough to require us to supply you with correct information. First, the County Board of Supervisors provided us with \$600,000 as a one time emergency grant for FY88-89. That money (masquerading as nothing more than the limited response it is) is in no way related to the services and requirements of our Home Health Care/Case Management Research Project funded by the State Office of AIDS. Second, and most important, we will receive 100% of the donations received at the Sonoma County showing of the Quilt in February. We are all very excited about the Quilt coming here and believe that the impact of the quilt will exceed what even we can imagine.

Again, we do appreciate the coverage of our events and descriptions of our services. We also understand how few of you are producing this paper and what a struggle it can be to reflect accurate and error free stories. We like your efforts and are grateful for this paper.

Sincerely, Sharon Tomas,
Executive Director, Face to Face.

Men Evolving Non-violently training, and a speaker from the women's crisis center addressed the issue of pornography and really raised the hackles on many males. Her stand was that it promotes violence against women, it degrades women as being just objects of lust and diminishes women to no value other than as sexual objects.

If pornography does this, doesn't it do this even if it is a production by women and for women? Or is it OK as long as it is for women and by women. Or is this a double standard? Personally I feel that men's pornography hurts our community. It gets us used to looking at people as sexual objects and not as people. Are we as guilty of this in our community as the straight community? I believe that the gay men's community is just as guilty pertaining to male pornography, and I see the women's community moving in the same direction. And didn't the gay men's community call it liberating, (porno videos, phone sex, bath houses). I think the women need to be careful of whose footsteps they are following.

So, did we at WTP permit an advertisement that was not to the benefit of our community? Is it WTP's job to decide what is OK for the community? I can answer this one: no it isn't, but it is our job to decide what ads we will run, which will effect our advertisers and readers. This we do because, without our advertisers and readers, we simply wouldn't have a paper, non-profit or not.

For me a porno film or magazine has the capability of lowering self-esteem. It can be exciting and make one feel more lustful than usual, encouraging us to see each other as sexual objects and not as persons. This way of viewing each other is not what I would consider in alignment with the goals or ideals of our community.

I hope this has pushed a few buttons and stimulated the grey matter. So what do you readers think about all of this? I do realize this is a touchy area but let's hear from you.

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People, AIDS and Love

By Jim Melancon

A part of its services to people with AIDS and ARC, Face to Face/Sonoma County AIDS Network trains interested persons to be advocates, or peer counselors. An advocate provides emotional and practical support to his or her client, who usually is a person with AIDS or ARC but could be a loved one of a PWA/PWARC. Face to Face offers the training several times a year; the most recent training was held over a six-week period in September and October, one night a week for three Fridays in addition to one day-long Saturday session. The training has also been given on consecutive weekends, two all-day Saturday and two all-day Sunday sessions. Topics covered during the training include psychological and social issues of AIDS, a medical overview, active listening, unfinished business, dependency and co-dependency, death and dying, and spirituality. There are presentations by professionals in the fields of the topics covered, discussions led by group facilitators, awareness exercises, and small group interactions.

The next Advocacy Training begins Thursday February 9. Those interested are urged to attend an introductory meeting on January 5. For an application to take the training or to obtain more information about the introductory meeting or the advocate training, call Jude Winerip at Face to Face, 887-1581.

The following are several interviews of people who have taken the advocate training:
Doug Schaeffer lives and works in west Sonoma County. He has been a Face to Face volunteer for two years, and took the training to be an advocate in September and October, 1988.

JM: Doug, what interested you in becoming an Advocate for Face to Face?

DS: I had been doing the in-home care for about a year and half, and the advocate training seemed like the next step in working with PWAs. I wanted to get closer to the people I work with...the advocate training seemed to offer the tools for that. Also, I wanted to be part of a support group, to have a place to talk about what was happening with my in-home care client and my feelings about that.

JM: What did you think of the training given by Face to Face to become an advocate?

DS: It was great. I really got a lot out of it. It opened up some things for me that I hadn't looked at before. Some of the exercises we did gave me new perspectives on things. Particularly the exercise we did on unfinished business—it brought up some things for me that I thought had been put to rest some time ago. Stuff that we think is over tends to hang around longer than we expect sometimes. There was a real varied mix of people who did the training. One woman in particular, Jan, from Healdsburg, I made a nice connection with. She's a straight woman, married, has teenaged children; she felt strongly that she

wanted to work with people with AIDS, that it was work that needs to be done. It's very gratifying to see that kind of attitude from people who aren't gay. All the people in the training were very warm and supportive.

JM: Did the training prepare you for the work you're doing?

DS: I have been working with the same client as an in-home caregiver for nine months, so the training came during my time with this same client. He and I talked about my assuming more of an advocate's role with him, but we decided not much would really change between us. He's already taken care of a lot of the things that I as an advocate would help him take care of. In general, since the training, I find I'm better able to bring up subjects that are close to the heart, so to speak, to ask him how he's feeling about the condition he's in, how things are going with family, that sort of thing. I feel more confident about my ability to be supportive. My original reason for doing the training was that I had had a friend die from AIDS and I hadn't been able to do as much for him as I had wanted...I didn't know what to do. I wasn't comfortable. What I have gotten from this work has been incredible. It's funny...you get into a relationship where you think you're going to be giving and instead you get ten times that given back to you. Also it's opened up a lot for me around death and dying...a new way of looking at death than I had before. Actually being with someone at the time of his life when he's close to death, there's much more life in that situation than there is death. You're dealing with life in a heightened state, I think.

Cindy Abilay lives in Healdsburg and owns her own business there, Cloud 9 Productions. She is also a past president and active member of the Healdsburg Chamber of Commerce. Cindy also trained to be an advocate in September. Cindy's first involvement with Face to Face was the fundraising event honoring Dr. Marshall Kubota in October, 1987.

JM: What made you decide to do the training, Cindy?

CA: I decided to get more involved after the Kubota event because I believed in the work Face to Face does and I knew Face to Face depended on volunteers. I've had a lot of gay friends, at least in part because I'm an accepting person. I'm concerned about my gay friends.

JM: What did you think of the training?

CA: It was very well organized. Jude and the other facilitators did a great job of keeping the group focused on the subject at hand. The time commitment of six Thursday evenings and one Saturday was easier for me to manage than two consecutive weekends, but the longer drawn out, less time intensive training seemed to limit the opportunities for bonding between me and some of the people I felt close to.

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REFLECTIONS

By Robin Gail

Love - Ain't it Grand?

I thought this month I'd write something about love, (as if I knew much about it!)

From the first Cinderella tale ever told to the most recent pop song, our culture has been flooded with the concept. It used to be we knew what ideal love was supposed to be, and if the person we were with couldn't provide it, the fault was theirs, and maybe it was easy to move on. Today nothing is quite so simple.

Used to be, too, we worried about not having enough love, now we worry about loving too much! Aren't we complicated, thoughtful?

Popular music brainwashes us with the idea that without true love life isn't worth living, and when we find that perfect person, they'll make us totally happy and fix whatever is wrong. Don't you usually change the sexes in the songs so they'll fit? Maybe what we should do is change the lyrics or the concepts instead. Because what we're taught, and what we perpetuate, is the rheumatic bullshit notion that somehow whatever the problem is—depression, loneliness, unemployment, or bad government—true love will cure all.

But guess what, kids? It just isn't true. Now actually, I suspect most of you reading this already know that. After all, this is Sonoma County in the 80's, and there's probably isn't any area of the country that has more self-improvement, self-discovery, and spiritual awareness per capita than you'll find right here in River City. But that doesn't stop me talking about it.

The Recovery process is wonderful. The concept of recovery began around drug and alcohol use and the 123 step programs that exist to help people with those addictions. There are now hundreds of 12 step programs, designed to help people with almost any problem that manifests itself in an "addictive" pattern. When we're feeling cynical, we can say how boring it all is, people talking about recovery and self growth.

But when we get really honest and look at ourselves and our lives, we can see that the addictive process is everywhere, and whether we're into drugs, alcohol, sex, shopping, work, love, gambling, eating, or anything else compulsively, we'll be healthier if we can begin to recover from it.

To get back to love. I believe most of us don't know how to love—whether giving or receiving it. We weren't loved very well as children, and then we've been fed those ideas of romantic love as if to make up for it. But nothing makes up for it, of course, and we are fortunate indeed if we're able to begin to consider our lives and our addictions and to begin to recover.

It isn't an easy job, this internal process. But once we begin the journey of self-discovery, there's no going back to the way we were before. And even when self-knowledge is painful as hell and we'd rather be ignorant, we still find ourselves trudging along, getting healthier little bit by little bit.

Love is what it's all about after all. But not that sick, compulsive kind. Rather something more full, more whole, more truly accepting of one another. If there is any benefit from a tragedy like the AIDS epidemic, it is that the gay community has had to learn about love. How to give it, how to receive it, and how to let go.

I'd like to salute all of you who, like little flowers, are reaching for the sun, reaching toward having healthy relationships and living saner lives.

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Throngs of Lesbians Get 'Hay-Fever'

By Lois Pearman

MAYBE IT IS LONG OVERDUE or maybe the timing is just right—producer/director Lynn Dorgan is not sure which is true—but women across America, in the privacy of their own homes can now watch the first feature length X-rated video made by and for women. "Hay-Fever", a comic-erotic western shot in Humboldt Co. by Tigress Productions of Santa Rosa had its world premier at the Cotati Cabaret on Sunday, December 11. While the audience filed in and looked each other over, the same band that appeared later in the video set the mood with its raunchy Country/Western Women's Music. Among the sparkling crowd of women (and a handful of men) who filled the club were scattered many of the performers, crew members, and their friends, neighbors, and lovers. After the hour plus video a vegetarian chuck wagon repast was graciously provided for the hungry audience.



CHERYL TRAENDLY/PHOTOGENICS
Roles in the hay—three of the video's stars at the premiere.

The video itself was funny, sexy and friendly. Lynn Dorgan, who has always wanted to make a cowgirl movie, set the genre on its ear by producing a Western with no violence, minimal conflict and the idealistic vision that loving, pleasurable, emotionally satisfying relationships are available to everyone within the context of the matriarchal community. With the exception of one woman who is a professional X-rated performer, all of the cast of 38 women were amateurs chosen because they are friends of the producer. As a result the

acting is not always believable but the camaraderie and cooperative spirit are always apparent. The camera work, especially during the sex scenes, could have profited from a little more variety and imagination. The sound track is very exciting and really keeps the action moving along. The simple plot involves several women friends who are gathering together on a piece of lesbian land for their annual roundup - and their exploits and misadventures along the way. Early on in the video a black-suited villain on a dark horse appears but her role in the plot is never really clear.

Certainly the most effective episode features a frolicsome threesome making love in fast-motion after discovering each other in the act of observing the passionate embraces of our hero and her lip-sticked lady.

After the video was shown people mingled in the bar of the Cabaret, eating, drinking, and sharing their responses. Many of those present seemed to be connected to the production in one way or another. A woman who identified herself as Beth said, "When I was watching the people I didn't know have sex, it was easier. It shows me why I like my friends. They have a sense of humor." On the other hand, Linda Reeves whose lover performed in an erotic short produced by the same company replied, "I really enjoyed the sex scenes. It was nice to see my friends having sex." Ethyl Supreme (not her real name) who played Mary, the hero of the video, said that her favorite part about shooting the video "was the dish and rag that went on behind the scenes," and that the hardest part was "keeping my horse from bucking."

When asked how she was able to get such openly sensual performances from inexperienced actors Dorgan remarked that the video was shot entirely on woman-owned land with a very sensitive crew. She felt that her primary role as a director was to make her performers feel comfortable. She held training sessions for the cast during which they observed other X-rated videos and learned to take direction. Also she believed that working on the video had brought out everyone's voyeuristic and exhibitionistic tendencies.

"Hay-Fever" is available from Tiger Rose Distributors who also feature some shorter X-rated lesbian videos and other women-made products. Since this distribution company, which is owned by Dorgan and her partner Suzanne Myers, has a mailing list of 60,000, "Hay-Fever" should soon be galloping its way into the living room of lesbians everywhere.

Art, Art, Art

Next month and there after We The People will try to feature a local gay artist. Peter Maslan will be doing the column and the first one will feature Peter. If you are a local artist and would like to be in We The People please notify Peter by writing him a brief letter about your work. Mail to We The People, Attn: Peter Maslan, P.O. Box 2204, Santa Rosa, Ca. 95405

Wilber

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Sam Lawman, an activist and PWA (person with AIDS), expressed his confidence that "everyone is trying to be really sensitive to the human needs of the people who need the most." He knows that "some difficult decisions will have to be made" as Face to Face adapts to face the future. Lawman "expects the PWAs to be vocal as the transition proceeds... to make sure that no one falls through the cracks."

Helen Wilber comes well qualified to the interim executive director's position. Besides being a board member of Face to Face, she is a medical psychologist with seventeen years of experience in human service agencies. She is associated with the Erickson Institute of Santa Rosa, and has lived on the Russian River since 1977, raising a family there and being deeply involved in the community. This appointment to lead Face to Face has also, she said, "led her to come home."

Psychic Road Show Passes Thru

By Patrick Satterthwaite

ELISABETH KUBLER-ROSS, author of *On Death and Dying* as well as ten other books, the most recent being *AIDS: The Ultimate Challenge*, appeared at the Luther Burbank Center on December 7, 1988 along with Charles Thomas Cayce, Irene Smith, and Kevin Ryerson. Charles Thomas Cayce is the president of the Association for Research and Enlightenment and the grandson of the late Edgar Cayce, the "Sleeping Prophet." Irene Smith is the founder of Service Through Touch, a San Francisco based massage therapy educational program. Kevin Ryerson, a trance channel, is probably most famous for his association with Shirley Maclaine's television miniseries *Out On A Limb*.

The event, called "Hope For The Future," was a benefit for the Elisabeth Kubler-Ross Center/Shanti Nilaya, a non-profit organization dedicated to the promotion of the concept of unconditional love as an attainable ideal.

Ms Kubler-Ross, appearing as spunky as ever, told the audience about her stroke this past summer and her search for a new life challenge. She likened her life to the four horsemen—so far she has examined and written about famine, war, death and dying. Now she is examining and writing about pestilence—namely, AIDS.

Kevin Ryerson channeled three different entities, John, Tom McPherson, and Aton-Re. Aton-Re is an ancient Egyptian spirit; John comes from Biblical times around the



Elisabeth Kubler-Ross PATRICK SATTERTHWAITE

time of Christ, and Tom McPherson is a feisty Irishman from around 400 years ago. When Tom was asked why he had chosen now to come to modern man with his message of unconditional love, he said "I want to be sure there is a world to reincarnate to!"

Lake County

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"To a certain extent," Choat admits, "the gay community here was real remiss in not getting the word out. We didn't rally, we didn't circulate petitions, we didn't ask for help. . . But the county government hasn't taken a leadership role, either. They should have had a task force a couple of years ago. They're sitting on a time-bomb, and now we're doing catch-up."

For years, Choat say, local gays denied there was a problem, while gay tourists from outside the area figured rural Lake County was a "safe" place to do things they otherwise wouldn't do at home.

The county Public Health Department has also been criticized for offering "confidential" testing for exposure to the virus but not anonymous testing. In a confusing bit of double-talk, callers are told they must give a name when they're tested, even if it's a fake name — which critics says undoubtedly keeps some people from being tested and seeking treatment.

A recent letter from the county supervisors in support of the grant notes that the county has "a substantial 'closet gay' community among us."

The Community Care AIDS Project can be reached at 459-1514, the Recovery Center at 994-7112, and the Lake County Public Health Department at 263-2241.

Food For Thought

By E. Babcock

WHERE IS THERE TO EAT in Sonoma County? Where do we want to go on a date and get the right kind of attention (i.e. service) while holding hands with a lover, or just going out with friends who don't look straight (and probably aren't either). Well folks, check it out, a new column dedicated to the review of good food and good treatment. Sounds reasonable enough to me. Unfortunately, it's not reasonable to all; a while back a friend and I were asked to leave a chain restaurant in Cloverdale. My (very butch) friend scared the waitresses.

So it's the middle of the week. You and a friend just watched Clint Eastwood in that classic Spaghetti Western: *Two Mules For Sister Sara*. You're starved, there's no pasta in the house, and you always get stuck cooking anyway. Where do you go? *Mama Mia* in downtown Cotati! Bring cash, MC or Visa. They also accept Sonoma Express. They have Spaghetti. They have meatballs. They have outrageous calabrese sausage, all in a wonderful homemade Marinara sauce. Is it good, or what? Watch out *Mary's Pizza Shack* because not only is their pasta better than yours, they have pizza too! You'll have to judge the pizza on your own folks, a stomach can hold only so much. Ala carte entrees start at \$4.45. There's also a respectable salad bar and hot or cold sandwiches. Tuesday is Pizza night, a large for the small price. Wednesday is All You Can Eat Pasta, and Thursday is Lasagna Bonanza. So tuck in your napkins, bring a coat you can sit on (no cushions in the booths) and chow down. No sideways glances, slow service or trying too hard here.

We stopped in at *Tachibanas* for some of the best sushi in Sonoma County the other day and learned a lesson: find out when the next staff party is and don't go the day after. Ooowhee, hot and heavy for awhile; lousy service, cold tempura, and the best sushi you ever had melt in your mouth. Eyewitnesses have it: a waitress was sent scurrying by the touchy sushi chef, who then turned gesticulating, to an offending table and told them to shut up. Presumably the people were trying to get in and out during the executive hour and a half lunch.

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JM: How about the material covered in the training? Do you feel prepared to be a peer counselor?

CA: One difficulty I faced right away was the medical terminology, the names of the diseases... I told my client right up front: Look these terms don't mean anything to me; I have a hard time understanding them: all the medicines you take, initials and abbreviation. He told me to let him know what I didn't understand, and if he had to repeat them a few times, that's all right. My client is very good about helping me with that sort of thing, and with time I'll get better at understanding all that. I felt the training could have put more emphasis on the practical aspects of applying for benefits, like Social Security, and what benefits there are. All that information is probably available... it would be nice to have it collected somewhere more easily accessible.

JM: Actually, Paula Chiotti, on staff at Face to Face, is the client resource coordinator and could answer all your questions about those issues.

CA: My small-group leader, Steve DiVerde, was incredible—very sympathetic and understanding. I would have liked to have more time for small-group interaction. I made some good new friends in the training. I found the work we did on co-dependency helpful. I have done some work since the training on my own on that subject, because I tend to have co-dependant tendencies.

JM: You mentioned that you got married earlier this year. What is your husband's reaction to your involvement?

CA: He's very supportive, though a little hesitant about what it's all about. The experience has opened a lot of discussion for us about death and dying, what that means to us. He wanted to know what each night's training had been about, and he could tell when something had really affected me deeply.

JM: What would you say to someone who's thinking about applying to take the advocate training?

CA: I think sometimes we think that we have to be in really great shape to do this kind of work, as though you have to have everything in our own lives straight before we can do anything for anyone else. At first I was thinking, 'I've got some things in my life I need to take care of... maybe I don't want to bring all that into a client-advocate relationship. But if we really believed that, we would never get anything done, would we? I would say to a person, fill out the application, talk to Jude, take the training. If you've read this far, you must be somewhat interested.'

Mary Rufatto and Barry Dugan are married and Santa Rosa residents. Mary took the training to be an advocate in September. Barry took it in March 1988.

JM: Mary, Barry, what prompted you to get involved in Face to Face's advocacy program?

MR: I had been involved in Face to Face for two years in lots of different ways. I started out as an in-home care

person and worked with a client for about nine months. After he died, I didn't want to take on another client right away. I got involved in fund raising and worked on a benefit. I quit my full time job when I got pregnant and started working in Face to Face's office as a volunteer. Jerry Noakes, another volunteer, approached me about being an advocate. Since I had more free time, I said, "Well, sure." The training was coming up, and it seemed like a good time. I was a little hesitant, thinking I don't have the skills to be a "therapist." It was good timing for me, a chance to see another aspect of Face to Face's work.

JM: Why Face to Face and not some other human services agency?

MR: Some of my background has been in human services, and I had been longing to work in that area again. I had read some stories about Face to Face, and I just felt like it was serving a community I could feel comfortable in, that wouldn't judge me, that there would be space for me. I was also angry at the reactionary element of some of the straight community—the attitude that AIDS is a gay disease and therefore only the problem of gays. That's stupid. So my attraction to Face to Face was partly my crusade to prove that non-gay people could be concerned about AIDS too.

BD: I got involved for two reasons: One, I saw Mary's work and the kind of people she was working with, clients and other volunteers, and I was impressed. Second, I also have a background in social services—volunteering, dealing with people, and wanting to help—and I hadn't done anything like that for a while. I also had the feeling that AIDS was something we all need to do something about. And here was the opportunity. Like Mary, it took me a while to decide. I knew the training was coming up, and I waited until almost the last minute to get my application in. It feels really good to be involved with this group of people, they're wonderful, and the work is also very rewarding. It's helpful for us that we're both advocates because we can support each other in what we're doing.

JM: You two did the training at different times, under different circumstances? How did the training meet your expectations?

MR: It was different from what I expected. I expected a heavy duty emotional experience... I thought I would come home weeping every night—and I didn't. Afterwards I realized I'm not that kind of person anyway. I thought all the presentations were good; I learned a lot. The most intense time was the last day when we were together all day on Saturday, especially when we broke up into small groups and role-played. I went into the training hoping to get out of it more of an understanding of my self, more of an awareness of death. Doing the death awareness exercise was a challenge because I would write one thing down, then think about it some more, and want to change it. That was hard for me. Overall the training was real good. I got exposed to information I needed and to the kinds of situations that might arise in doing advocate work.

JM: Barry, the format of training in the spring was different from that of Mary's, concentrated in two weekends.

BD: It was very intense. You enter the training with a



LESTER BUSH

Rowland's Christmas Review, Dec 17, and the Santa Rosa Inn raised \$1000 for Face to Face.

group of people you don't know and you come out with some strong ties. I got a lot out of the training—both personally and in gaining tools to work with clients. The training was a very emotional experience for me, and it did prepare me in general for the work. Then again, there's nothing that can prepare you to work with a specific client. I think people have to be cautious about expectations about what it's going to be like working with a client, because clients are people, and all different, in different situations. You probably can't expect that you will have just a beautiful relationship with this person and accompany them through this spiritual completion that we call dying. That's the ideal. It probably happens rarely. It may turn out that you don't even like your client, you might not have a good relationship, you may decide that you're not right for each other. Not everyone is open and ready to talk about dying... your client may just want to go out for a cup of coffee and talk about the spot on his shirt that the dry cleaner couldn't get out. I think, as much as it could have in the two weekends I took, the training did prepare me.

JM: What would you say to a person who is thinking about taking the training but is still undecided?

BD: That would depend on the person, of course, and how well I knew him or her. I think for anyone who is both concerned about AIDS and willing to help people, that I would encourage him to do it. It's not an easy thing, but it can be beneficial to him as a person and as an active citizen.

MR: Even if someone goes through the training and decides being an advocate is not what he or she wants to do, there are plenty of other ways to be a part of Face to Face. Maybe in-home care, maybe providing transportation. BD: A lot of the people who go through the training question themselves during the training, "Am I going to be able to do this?" It turns out that the answer is "Yes." Like Mary said, it's not something you have to be a professionally trained therapist to do. It's peer counseling; the job is being with someone, being yourself, being honest. If you can sit down with somebody, and be honest and open and share some of your compassion, then you can be an advocate.

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Lesbians in Committed Relationships Support Group. facilitated by Marjorie Thirkettle, MFCC (ML021923), meets every Friday at 6:30 p.m. For information call 869-3304.

Living with AIDS Support Group for PWA/PWARC, facilitated by Carol Owens, MA, meets every Monday, 7:00-9:00 p.m., Face to Face office. No fee. Call 887-1581 to enroll.

Positive for Positives, support group for HIV+/AIDS/ARC, meets every Wednesday at noon. For information call 865-1834 or 869-3255.

Santa Rosa AIDS Awareness Group. An open informational/support group committed to decreasing the isolation of people with HIV, ARC, and AIDS. The program is sponsored by Face to Face. Monday nights, 7:00-9:00 p.m. at the library of Community Hospital, Santa Rosa. Newcomers, family, and friends are welcome. For information call 578-0855.

Support group for lesbians living with life threatening illnesses, facilitated by Carol Owens, MA, meets every Wednesday, 6:45-8:45 p.m. For information call 869-0869.

Support group for women lovers of women who were sexually abused as children, meets every Tuesday, 7:00-9:00 p.m. Free. For information call 523-3953.

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Competition Volleyball, on the other hand, is for those aspiring athletes who feel the need to GO! GO! GO! SPIKE! SPIKE! SPIKE! WIN! WIN! WIN! in preparation for the 1990 Vancouver Gay Games. Practice for the Competition Volleyball teams will begin in February on Monday nights from 8:00-10:00 p.m. In addition to practice there will be at least one competition per week with the Santa Rosa Volleyball League or other Bay Area gay/lesbian teams. Other team sports are being considered for inclusion in a "Team Sonoma County" patterned after Team San Francisco. If you have organizational capabilities in this area or if you just want to find out about joining in the fun, call Tom Stanley at (707) 869-9696.

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Women in Touch, a lesbian social group meets every second Sunday for brunch. For information call 526-2938. Items for the *Calendar of Events* should be submitted in writing by the 15th of the month. Late items will be included as space permits. Please note that because of our press time, events scheduled before the fourth of the month should be submitted two months in advance. *We The People*, P.O. Box 457, Graton, CA 95444.

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Tuesday January 3

Veterans C.A.R.E., gay and lesbian veterans and their friends, meets 1st Tuesday of the month. Dinner, 6:30 p.m., Petaluma Veterans Building. For information call 829-5393.

Wednesday January 4

Sonoma County Lesbian/Gay Democratic Club, meets 1st Wednesday of the month. 7:30 p.m., Sweet Life Cafe, 122 4th St., Santa Rosa. For information call Adam Richmond at 579-9347.

Thursday January 5

Face to Face Advocacy Training, introductory meeting. Training begins February 9th. For more information, or to apply for training, call Jude Winerip at Face to Face - 887-1581.

Saturday January 7

Dignity, gay Catholic organization, meets 1st Saturday of the month. 6:30 p.m., Santa Rosa. Mass at 7:00, followed by potluck dinner. For information call Jim F. at 544-1769 or Mert at 579-5308.

Katherine Sturtevant, San Francisco author of *A Mistress Moderately Fair*, reads from her novel set in mid-17th century London. Against this background, the story of playwright Margaret Featherstone and actress Amy Dudley is told. 5:00 p.m., ClaireLight. No admission charge. 575-8879.

Tuesday January 10

Healing Alternatives Group, for people with AIDS/ARC or HIV positive, meets 2nd Tuesday of the month. 7:00-9:00 p.m., Face to Face, Guerneville. 865-2411.

Freedom Song Network Songswap, affirming through songs and music, the right of all-people at home and abroad to establish more free, just and equal societies, and live in peace. Multiracial, multicultural, intergenerational, and of all sexual orientations. 6:30 p.m., SCOPE Union Office, 613 4th St., Santa Rosa. Wheelchair accessible, kids welcome. For information call Dave at 887-9450.

Wednesday January 11

BANGLE, Bay Area Network of Gay and Lesbian Educators, meets 2nd Wednesday of the month. 7:30 p.m., Santa Rosa Junior College, Faculty Senate Room. For information call Jaye Miller at 433-9158.

Friday January 13

Gay Fathers Group meets 2nd Friday of the month for potluck in members' homes. For information call 823-6190.

Robin Flower and Libby McClaren in concert. 8:00 p.m., Mendocino. Sponsored by WOMB, Women of Mendocino Bay. \$3-6, sliding scale. For location, call Eileen at 937-2028.

Saturday January 14

Monica Grant and Teresa Chandler, an evening of music and comedy. 7:30 p.m., ClaireLight. \$5-7 sliding scale. 575-8879.

Sunday

January 15

Fat Lip Readers Theatre presented by LVAC. Wheelchair accessible, childcare with 72 hrs. notice. 7:00 p.m., Santa Rosa Senior Center, 704 Bennett Valley Road. \$5-10 donation, no one turned away for lack of funds. For information or childcare, call 823-5082.

January 17

Lesbian Couples Group, a 10 week educational/therapy group facilitated by Mary Hinsdale, MFCC and Frances Fuchs, MA, ATR. Meets Tuesdays, 7:00-8:30 p.m. Call for information and registration by Jan. 10th: 795-3279 or 578-4322. (See Other Programs below)

Sedonia Cahill, Vision Quest guide and counselor, presents an evening of drumming, singing and ceremony. Bring something to place on the altar that represents the new parts of yourself you are bringing into birth in the new year. 7:00 p.m., ClaireLight. \$4-8 sliding scale. 575-8879.

Sunday January 18

LGRN Men's Potluck meets 3rd Sunday of the month at 6:30 p.m. For information call Mert at 579-5308.

Friday January 20

"Deep Dish" - Gay Men's Potluck meets 3rd Friday of the month at 7:00 p.m. For information call 544-4109.

Saturday January 28

Marin AIDS Support Network (MASN) Orientation Training for prospective volunteers. For applications or more information, call Jayne at MASN - (415) 457-2437. (See Other Programs below.)

Tuesday January 31

Jan Lyn Nerl presents technologies for creating. Learn to consciously create your future or what you want, using simple but sophisticated skills. Discussion follows. 7:00 p.m., ClaireLight. No admission charge. 575-8879.

Saturday February 4

Dignity, gay Catholic organization, meets 1st Saturday of the month. 6:30 p.m. - Mass at 7:00, followed by potluck dinner. For information call Mert at 579-5308.

Names Project AIDS Memorial Quilt. (See article this issue.) 9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m., Sonoma County Fairgrounds, Grace Pavilion. No admission charge.

Sunday

February 5

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9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m., Sonoma County Fairgrounds, Grace Pavilion. No admission charge.

Tuesday February 7

Veterans C.A.R.E., gay and lesbian veterans and their friends, meets 1st Tuesday of the month. Dinner, 6:30 p.m., Petaluma Veterans Building. For information call 829-5393.

Wednesday February 8

BANGLE, Bay Area Network of Gay and Lesbian Educators, meets 2nd Wednesday of the month. 7:30 p.m., Santa Rosa Junior College, Faculty Senate Room. For information call Jaye Miller at 433-9158.

Thursday February 9

Face to Face Advocacy Training begins. (See January 5th.) For more information, or to apply for training, call Jude Winerip at Face to Face - 887-1581.

Friday February 10

Gay Fathers Group meets 2nd Friday of the month for potluck in members' homes. For information call 823-6190.

Weekly Meetings:

AA Gay Freedom Group Thursday, 8:00 p.m. Methodist Church, 17790 Greger Ave., Boyes Springs.

AA Gay Men's Group Sunday, 8:00 p.m. Unitarian Church, Stony Pt. and Todd Rds., Santa Rosa.

AA Gay Newcomer's Group Friday, 6:30 p.m. Benton St. Clubhouse, 1055 Benton St., Santa Rosa.

AA Gay People's Meeting Friday, 8:00 p.m. Benton St. Clubhouse, 1055 Benton St., Santa Rosa.

AA Gravenstein Gay Group Wednesday, 7:00 p.m. Church of Christ, 420 Murphy Ave., Sebastopol.

AA Stein Group (Lesbian) Sunday, 8:00 p.m., 167 High St., Sebastopol.

AIDS Healing Group. Spiritual Healing Group for those involved with and affected by the AIDS crisis, facilitated by Dan Perdios and Laurel O'Neill, meets every Monday, 7:30-9:30 p.m. Call (707)865-2159 for more information and location. (See article last issue.)

Drop-In Group for Battered Lesbians meets every 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month. 7:00-9:00 p.m., YWCA, 865 3rd St., SR. \$2.50-\$10, sliding scale. For information call 546-1234.

HIV and AIDS/ARC Support Group, facilitated by Marjorie Thirkettle, MFCC (ML021923), meets every Thursday, 2:30-4:30 p.m. No fee (donation accepted). For information call 869-3304. Sponsored by the Russian River Metropolitan Community Church.

HIV Positive and Spirituality Support Group, meets every 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month. 7:30-9:00 p.m., Knox Presbyterian Church, 1650 West 3rd Ave., Santa Rosa. For information call Dennis at 575-5132. Sponsored by the Santa Rosa Metropolitan Community Church.

Lesbian and Gay Overeaters Anonymous, meets every Wednesday at 8:00 p.m. Christ Methodist Church, 1717 Yulupa Drive, Room 5, Santa Rosa. For information call 823-5845.

Lesbian Co-Dependents Anonymous, meets every Monday at 7:00 p.m. Santa Rosa Senior Center, 704 Bennett Valley Road. For information call Faye at 829-5392.

Lesbian Support Group, facilitated by Marjorie Thirkettle, MFCC (ML021923), meets every Wednesday at 7 p.m. For information call 869-3304.

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