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Sonoma County Women Make History

By Lois Peariman

During the later half of the 20th century Lesbian/Gay Liberation and Women's Liberation have developed side-by-side. In fact many Lesbians came out within the context of the Women's Movement. One of the avenues through which Lesbians and Gays and Feminists have gained strength and pride is in the reclaiming of their long suppressed history/herstory. Each March the American people celebrate National Women's History Month as designated by the United States Congress. The important roles all women play in our society are finally coming to light. For our March issue *We The People* spoke with Ardy Tibby, a prominent member of the Lesbian community and an integral part of the Santa Rosa - based National Women's History Project.

The National Women's History Project, just a gleam in its founding mothers' eyes twelve short years ago, has become an American institution. Back in 1977 Molly MacGregor's Women's Studies class, after scouring the local libraries for books about women's history, discovered that they were few, outdated, and hardly ever used. Meanwhile, in another Women's Studies class, Bette Morgan and J.J. Wilson were embarking on a project which was to result in a slide show about women's history and the novel idea of including women in the multi-cultural curriculum taught in California schools.

When this concept was taken up by the Sonoma County Commission on the Status of Women they convinced the Board of Supervisors to proclaim the week of March 8 as Women's History Week. The local celebration featured a parade, speakers in the schools program, a multi-cultural potluck, and women's history curriculum for the schools.

Soon inquiries were coming in from educators in other parts of California and Molly MacGregor was invited to participate in the Women's History Institute at Sarah Lawrence College in New York where she introduced the idea of Women's History Week and the curriculum that the group had developed.

After a meeting with Congresswomen Elizabeth Holtzman, Barbara Mikulski, and Pat Schroeder National Women's History Week was declared by a joint resolution of Congress. And in 1987 Women's History



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Week was extended into Women's History Month by Public Law 100-9.

Ardy Tibby, who started working with the Project in 1983 as a seasonal shipper, says the "the project has grown like the proverbial snowball, but because it is feminist it retains the memory and consciousness of each snowflake". "It is the accumulation of the talents and work of everyone who has been part of it."

In order to provide materials for teaching women's history the Project has put together a 36 page catalog of books, posters, videos, games, cassettes, and teaching guides—many of them developed by Project members. They

also present in-service trainings for educators across the country on how to include women's history in the standard curriculum. The catalog includes resources about Afro-American women, Asian-American women, Mexican-American women, Jewish-American women, and others. It had also featured a Lesbian history calendar called *Tracking Our Way Through Time*, but the calendar has since gone out of print. "We make a conscientious attempt", says Ardy, "to include all ethnic, racial, and ideological groups".

Those who make use of the catalog and the in-service trainings include schools, girl

scout organizations, church groups, and the military. The Project has even sold materials to the Pentagon.

Ardy believes that the success of the National Women's History Project encompasses two very important aspects. "One is the enormous ripple effect of what we have done—the impact on thousands and thousands of young people's lives". The other is that as a "living, breathing functioning business the Project is successful" using feminist process as a business tool. "In terms of what we do on a daily basis with each other we are enormously successful."

Housing Project Born Again

By Sandy Lowe

At last report the AIDS housing project for Sonoma County was dead, so it came as a great surprise in early February when the state health department said it would award about half the money necessary to get the plan under way.

The announcement has breathed new life into the proposal of the Family Service Agency to fund a six bed group home for people with AIDS in Sonoma County. The award will provide fifty to sixty percent of the original \$100,000 request, and will allow the local agency to fund a 24-hour on-site staff person for the the group home, a proposal

which had earlier seemed to turn state approval away from the plan.

Bob Butler, program director of the Family Service Agency in Santa Rosa, welcomed the news and indicated that the agency was prepared to go ahead with the project. Butler feels that "more funding is justified" and so he "will try to shake loose some extra bucks" from the state. However, Butler is "ready to raise the money anyway." He is hopeful that the rest of the funds will come from local sources. The Santa Rosa City Council may act on a preliminary \$14,000 appropriation this spring, and the Sonoma County AIDS Foundation already has fund raising plans under way to support the hous-

ing project.

There may be some urgency to the funding efforts. The state, according to Butler would like a "quick startup" and a desirable housing site in Santa Rosa may no longer be available if the funding process goes on too long. However, "if the property is unavailable and the funding is, we'll find another place," said Butler.

The group housing facility is designed for people with AIDS or ARC who are homeless or who are threatened with homelessness because of economic hardship, employment discrimination or the disabilities of their illness. The shelter proposed for Santa Rosa would also be the only one funded by the state for all of Sonoma, and Lake counties. The state contracts with three shelters in San Francisco.

Adam's Apple

By Adam Richmond



One Step Backwards, Two Steps Forward

DOOLITTLE ALERT: State Senator John Doolittle is my favorite reactionary! This time the good ol' boy from Folsom is setting his sights on a higher elected office. Although last year there was much talk of him seeking the office of Attorney General, Doolittle is already the #2 favorite among Republicans for the job of Insurance Commissioner. As you may remember, John-boy made his first real mark on California politics by publicly endorsing the 1986 LaRouche AIDS initiative. Although he embarrassed most Republicans by endorsing the discredited Prop 64 he rose upward in a Sacramento marriage of convenience, emerging second in command of State Senate Republicans. John Doolittle is fanatically dedicated to dismantling the AIDS health care delivery system and is wildly homophobic. Giving him a promotion to direct insurance policy would be disastrous, especially since he not only vigorously supports widespread AIDS testing, he will also stand in the way for any serious insurance industry reform effort.

Three Cheers for all of the cast of hundreds who made the Names Project AIDS Memorial Quilt showing up here the success it was. Special kudos to Rick Dean and Dan Perdios, who helped create probably the largest and most accessible event our community has ever offered. The ramifications of the first rural showing of the Quilt will be subtle and long lasting. The effect on myself: Seeing that the names of some of my friends were not represented on panels. I wondered what could be so important in my own life that I had not taken the time to add them to this living memorial? This experience confirmed my own decision to temporarily leave politics for a spell. Since December, I've resigned from all of my commitments, trusting that somehow it will all have to get done without me. My only role that remains will be to produce this column monthly. After working like a madman since July 1986 it is time to work on my own life. Although I'm proud and honored to have been able to work so hard on behalf of this community for the last 2 1/2 years, I'll be equally happy to rid myself of the 40 extra pounds and thousands of dollars of debt, political life has brought to me. Nothing will hide the greying hair or the loss of the same! I'll be happy to just be one of the guys (for a while).

Letters



Doug McCulloch (right) dispenses condoms and booklets to Kevin Elrod (far left) and Joseph Coughlan (center), representatives from S.R.J.C. Gay/Lesbian Student Union.

AIDS Project has new Educator

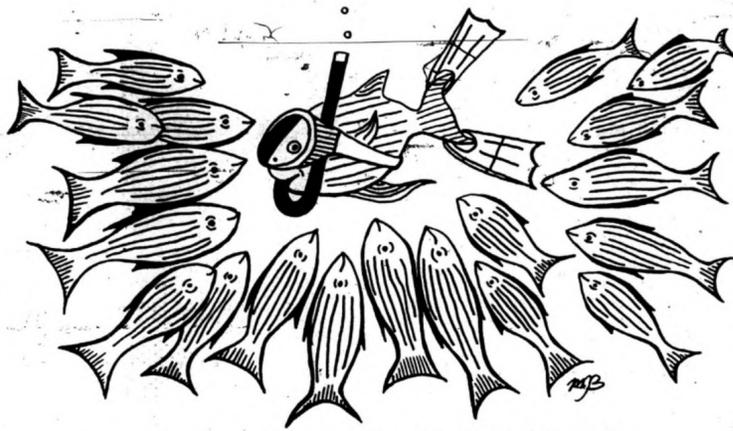
Dear Editor,

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself, Doug McCulloch, as one of the new AIDS Educators with the AIDS Project of Sonoma County. I will be serving as the contact person for the Gay/Bisexual communities of Sonoma County. My goal in this position is not only to increase knowledge of risk reduction behaviors among men at risk of HIV infection, but to also promote and encourage an environment which supports and reinforces reduced risk activities.

I am seeking ten to twenty volunteers to assist in developing educational seminars in private homes and business establishments to promote such behavior alternatives and

Drivel

By Michael Brewer © 1989



The other fish never did understand Fred's love for snorkeling

Editorial

Dishing It Out

Hi, since this is a community newspaper I want to share with you a little of what is going on with us. *We The People* had a potluck on Feb 10 and it was great. The reason for it was based on Julia Elliott's comment that even though she has worked with the paper for about 7 months she never gets to see the other people. As it turned out that was true for almost everyone except myself.

As was the usual or unusual, most everyone called and asked what should they bring, don't ask me was the reply; I mean really it's a potluck. And what a perfect dinner it turned out to be. So we had great food and a wonderful strawberry tofu cheesecake that you should ask Julia about. How many pieces did you have! Julia?

What was also exciting, was all of us introducing ourselves and what we do on the paper and in the other world. What a great mixture of people we have on our staff, and what a bunch of talkers. We had a small business meeting and energy was rejuvenated for *We The People*. We want to keep it a community newspaper and, of course, have it interesting and exciting. I think you will find as you have already, that each issue gets better. You will notice that we now have a monthly horoscope by Chipper, and you will see new columns

and ideas as they unfold.

Magi Fedorka has joined our staff as sort of editorial manager, which means that she will be in charge of creating new ideas and energy for articles, and coordinating and prodding folks to make their promised deadlines. Not always an easy task, let me tell you! There I finally got that off my chest. We very much appreciate input and suggestions, so drop us a few lines and let us know what you want or don't want or what you don't like. If you have an article that needs airing, write it up and send it in. We are very nice to work with.

We also have two new distribution points that are in Ukiah. The Ukiah Co-Op and Orr's Hot Springs. We very much want to include Mendocino and Lake Counties in our circulation, so we need to know possible places that will distribute *We The People*, and we need all the advertisers we can get. We would like to increase the paper to 12 pages.

If you are or know of, a potential advertiser in Mendocino or Lake County, please call me, Jerry (526-7464) and I will check on it. This is very important. Then if you have any Mendocino or Lake Co news let's hear from you. You are part of our community.

We also have been requested to get more distribution points into the town of Sonoma, but so far we haven't had much response to our contacts. So again if you know who will distribute the paper or will advertise, please contact us.

This paper is really exciting, and personally I'm have a great time with it

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John Darragh: A Profile

By Jim Melancon

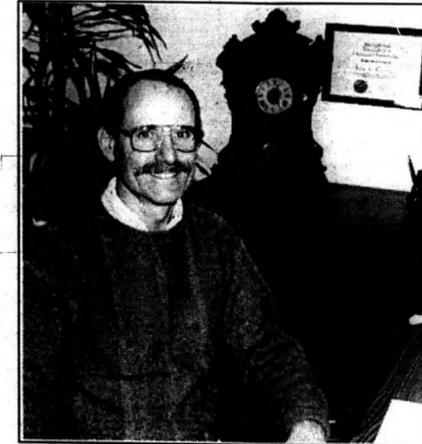
What is it like to be a professional and open as a gay man or lesbian to one's peers? Many of us struggle, often never resolving the issue, of whether and how to tell our employees and colleagues we are gay. Living in Sonoma county, we're luckier than people in more conservative parts of the country. Perhaps because of our proximity to San Francisco, it is likely that people we work with already know or know of another gay person. In general, it seems there is an awareness among intelligent nongay people that gay people exist and are not social deviants. Witness the recent extensive coverage by the local press, particularly The Press Democrat and TV50, of the AIDS Memorial Quilt display at the Sonoma County Fairgrounds. It's not necessarily a major risk nowadays to be known as gay.

Attitudes were considerably different ten years ago. The Briggs Initiative threatened to make it impossible for self-avowed gay men and women to earn a living teaching in California's public schools. Perhaps because the teacher whom John Briggs had named specifically as a homosexual was living and teaching in Healdsburg, the local press was intrigued with the issue of homosexuality, particularly in finding persons who would "go public" with their sexual identity. The Santa Rosa News Herald was planning a series of interviews with local gay men and women. Along with two gay women, financial planner John Darragh agreed to be interviewed.

Looking back from the present to that time, Darragh says he thought, "If I don't come out now, I may never have the chance to." The News Herald printed his story in detail: growing up south of San Francisco in Burlingame, political activism as a Young Democrat in the mid-60s, three years in the Marine Corps, a straight relationship with a woman that lasted several years, his move to Sonoma County, helping to start a 12-step program for gay men, and his eventually becoming comfortable with his gay identity. As a result of the interview, his family learned of his sexual orientation; his father was supportive, but his sister rejected him. (In the last year they have been reconciled.)

Darragh was more concerned with the effect that his coming out publicly would have on his standing in the business world. He admits that there was a lot of fear at first, that he felt very much alone. "I was the only openly gay financial planner. It was hard to think that in a room of 500 people, I was the only faggot. Other gay men I saw wouldn't even talk to me in the business context because they would be guilty by association." With time he "found out that coming out was all right." Rather than being on the defensive, he took the active role of coming out personally to his business associates. Most of them were not just tolerant but also accepting. Those who weren't at least had to respect his frankness. His associates encouraged Darragh's reaching out to gay clients and were open to suggestions on how to make their services more agreeable to them. A small but significant change came about in his firm's redesigning client forms to read "Client A/Client B" instead of the narrower "Client/Spouse". Darragh joined San Francisco's Golden Gate Business Association, a group for gay businesspeople, and was an early member and director of the Russian River Gay Business Association, which, he says, "brought gayness to Sonoma county."

His peers have shown their esteem for his abilities as



John Darragh JANET ZAGORIA/PHOTOGENICS

well as their acceptance of him as a person by electing him to office in their professional organizations. Darragh is a past president and past chair-person of the North Bay Chapter of the International Association for Financial Planning. He was also on the association's board of directors for six years. He is a former state director of the California Association for Financial Planning, Inc.

Energetic and articulate, Darragh speaks modestly of his accomplishments, but a listener can hear the pride in his voice. He has achieved success in the conventional, establishment sense, as well as the personal appreciation that comes from his being true to himself. Darragh admits that he "doesn't like to be in the limelight" and has never been a leader in the political arena. His value, he believes, has come as a result of his "talking to people one on one," from his being the contact his professional peers had with gay people. In the years immediately following his coming out, he says, he met many people who told him, "You're the first (gay man) I know."

More recently Darragh has found his informal role with clients and associates to be one of educating them about AIDS. He stays informed on that subject so that if they mention they have heard of a new treatment or a supposed breakthrough, he can help them understand its significance.

Darragh compares the gay community's current response to AIDS as a catalyst for action to the solidarity that resulted among some gay people ten years ago in reacting to Anita Bryant and John Briggs. The energy going into the response has matured, he thinks, and is being channeled into grieving for those who have died, raising money for organizations that support people affected by HIV, and direct emotional support for the same group.

Darragh was reluctant to let our conversation end without mentioning the importance of financial planning. With AIDS cutting short the lives of so many men still in their prime, the need to have their personal and financial affairs in order cannot be overemphasized. If everything is in order when they become sick or when they die, their lovers and other survivors have a much easier time coping. And it helps to insure that a person's wishes will be carried out.

"It's a completion process," Darragh adds, "and a lot of serenity comes from that."

REFLECTIONS

By Robin Gail

Femme and Proud

I've come a long way, baby

I never thought I'd claim the label "femme" with anything but resigned acceptance. After all, femme is so wimpy and uninteresting and boring, right? In terms of Yin and Yang, Yang is masculine, active; Yin is feminine and receptive. Yang is positive, Yin is negative. White and black, day and night, red meat and tofu.

But today, as I approach 50, finally the feminine and masculine sides of my nature have come into balance, and I can accept who I am. I no longer see the Yin and Yang polarities of "negative" and "positive" as judgments, but simply as descriptions of events in the physical and spiritual world. It's perhaps ironic that this acceptance comes now, on the verge of my menopausal years. Maybe it just takes this long sometimes for us to integrate ourselves in our process of personal growth.

In terms of cultural identity, it used to be that real lesbians were butch. As Tamara Kestrel and Susan Minde wrote in the song "Go Butch:" "It's important politically/To have our lesbian identity/And that identity just happens to be/Butch!" (When that song was performed in the play "Dip Me in Honey," some lesbians apparently thought it was a put-down of femmes, but it was a comment about the way it was even just a few years ago.)

I believe this attitude toward "femme" behavior was a reflection of anti-woman attitudes in the dominant culture.

One time in a study group we discussed the elusive concept of the butch/femme dichotomy, and we each wrote down our personal opinions of everyone else in the group — who was butch and who was femme. Everybody labelled me femme. I was so disappointed. Didn't my boots and short hair count for anything? I was also offended and felt somehow exposed, as if everyone else could see some deep character defect in me.

So anyway, real lesbians were butch, and femmes were somehow more like straight women — passive, subservient, and generally less-than. Don't get me wrong. Femmes have always been important — after all, every butch wants one, right? But, as I was saying, in terms of lesbian cultural identity, femmes just didn't stand out.

Until now.

The turns my life has taken have always been generally in tune with the times, and my recent acceptance of my inner femininity is no exception. Lipstick lesbians are "in" now. Of course, a lipstick lesbian is not necessarily femme. She may very well be butch with a different style. Nonetheless, dominant culture standards of femininity are much more acceptable in today's lesbian community.

How many more of us shave our legs now than five years ago? How many — butch or femme — wear make up or earrings or dresses? Plenty, believe it.

The plus side of this trend is that more of us can feel free to express ourselves as we choose without censure from our sisters. But there is a negative side too. It's quite possible this new "femmism" is a result of our oppression, of homophobia, of our eight-year relationship with Ronald Reagan, and of the general upwardly-mobile dreams of most of us. If we look like we fit in, life's a little easier, isn't it? I suppose it could mean that dominant culture attitudes about women have changed but I doubt it.

I think it's grand that after all this time maybe even lesbians are "Free to Be, You and Me" and that there is room for us all to be butch or femme or anywhere in between, but let's not put ourselves back in the closet by default.

Still, it pleases me today to be able to say I'm Femme and I'm Proud!

In another column I want to deal with exactly what butch and femme mean to us today. I have some ideas working, but I'd like to hear your opinions. Some lesbians hate the terms, feeling put in boxes. Some don't know what they are. Some don't care. I would value your input. Write to me if you care to: c/o We The People, P.O. Box 2204, Santa Rosa, Ca, 95405.

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Portfolio : Bazil Dean

By Peter Maslan

Bazil Dean and Craig Smith, his lover of eleven years, live on the edge of Forestville on a tree covered hill top. Walking through their back yard and into the house one is struck with a sense of orderliness in the physical surroundings. There is a feeling of peace and serenity in the selection of decor which reflect the personalities of both these men. Except for a large abstract in beige and green, not much of Bazil's work can be seen. '50's Objet can be seen throughout the house. "We just gave a 50th birthday party so there is more fifties junk than usual." Even so this is understated.

Bazil grew up in Southern California in the Costa Mesa area and moved up to San Francisco in 1969. He lived in several places in the Bay area and finally settled in Forestville three years ago. He studied drawing and painting at City College of San Francisco, animation and figure drawing at the Museum of Modern Art. Other studies include San Francisco Academy of Art and The College of Arts and Crafts.

Dean has been fortunate in having found work that related to his career. One of his best work experiences was the result of a California Artist-in-Residency Grant awarded to him in 1983. This enabled him to work for four years with CREATIVE GROWTH, Art Center for Disabled Artists in Oakland where he taught painting, drawing and tapestry making to both physically and mentally challenged people. "World class art is produced by these creative people".

His work in the parks of San Diego led him to develop a course in rag doll making for adults. In 1984 Bazil was invited (really just invited) to be a guest artist at San Quentin Prison. He had intended to teach drawing to interested inmates. During a slide presentation he showed some of the dolls his class had made and the men expressed an interest in doll making. The next week he returned to San Quentin prepared to teach doll making only to find that his students had all been locked up and he was presented with a completely new and somewhat burlier group of men.

"At first these men were embarrassed to do this work in front of their peers. But gradually it became an opening experience for them. (Doll) is a rather loose term for these. Actually they are like dream images. One of the inmates made a doll of the warden and he was able to express feelings he had for the warden which otherwise he would not have been able to do. There was one gay couple in the class and they were using this opportunity to be together and it was great to be part of this. I think that the whole experience was mutually rewarding for me as well as the inmates".

Bazil currently works as a graphic artist for The Press Democrat. "This is a perfect job for me - I'm able to keep facile as a painter/drawer and yet the restrictions and repeti-

tion of this somehow frees me up for my own painting". For the most part, Dean's work as a painter is one of tranquility and order. His earlier work consists of greatly detailed flowers all done in watercolor. His next period of work departed from the flowers and led to pastel drawings of landscapes. The same sense of order exists in these works. One feels the specificity of the locations which he chooses to depict.

In his most recent work Bazil Dean lets go of the sense of order and he dares to look at our current times. These paintings are called "Public Restroom Wall Series". "Painting this series has enabled me to explore the mythology of fear and change that is reflected in the art and personal language scribbled by individuals on public restroom walls". These works are large six foot panels that are un-framed and can be rolled up. They are like skins that can be peeled and are painted with latex, spray paint and magic markers - the same materials that people use to mark up walls.

"For as long as I can remember, I have been fascinated by the written and drawn graffiti dialogue exhibited on public restroom walls. There is a profound source of provocative suggestion, sexual expression, time-date arrangements; displays of anger, lust, humor, sarcasm - all feelings. And all of a sudden there is the amazingly moving dimension provided by the existence of AIDS".

Bazil feels that he has been able to liberate a lot of tension and fear. There is a sense of violence and urgency seen in this work not appearing in his earlier paintings. The beauty of the male figure is layered on these panels and yet not finished. They are suspended and floating just as we all are in these times. "In revealing this work to friends, I discovered it touched a deep common chord in others that goes beyond my own personal experiences, hopes and fears."

He has finished with this series and is now working on abstracts. There is always change and growth in his work. "My art is my revenge against mediocrity. It is what I do to create a space for myself to feel special in." And in so doing Bazil Dean enables the viewer to feel special as well.

Peter Maslan is a freelance director and designer in the Bay Area and is the chairman of the Theatre Arts department at Sonoma State University.

AIDSNEWS

By Dough McCulloch

To Test or Not To Test?

New Reasons to Consider Taking the Antibody Test

"Should I take 'the test', should I not take it?" "Should I ask my friends about it?" "Do my friends even want to talk about it?" These are questions most of us have asked ourselves. Until recently the best advice was if you did not take the HIV antibody test assume you are positive and behave accordingly. Most people felt helpless, there was nothing that could be done. So, why bother torturing ourselves with knowledge we could do nothing about? THINGS HAVE CHANGED!

Every person who has participated in high-risk activities in the last 10 years (unprotected anal or vaginal intercourse or sharing IV needles) needs to have an HIV antibody test, NOW!

Why? Most infections in the gay/bisexual community occurred between 1978 and 1982. After 1982 our community became aware of the risks of HIV transmission, and the rate of new infection declined. Because of the extended period between exposure and the development of a disease state we can expect that 1989 through 1993 will be extremely critical years for development of HIV diseases.

We now know much more about predicting the onset of opportunistic infections such as pneumocystis carinii pneumonia (PCP). This newfound knowledge cannot save your life, however, if you remain in the dark as to your HIV status. If you test positive for antibodies to HIV your doctor can begin an immune-system monitoring program which may help delay or prevent the development of opportunistic infections such as PCP. The value of the human T-helper cell count ranges from 0 to 1500. There is now enough evidence for doctors to predict that a T-helper cell count of below 200 means it is more likely a person may develop PCP.

We now have treatments such as Septra and pentamidine, which can not only treat primary infections of PCP, but can also be used as a preventive medication. There is also strong evidence to support the position that early intervention with AZT may delay or prevent the development of a disease state in HIV infected individuals.

For those of us who are currently monitoring our immune systems, this news is very exciting and encouraging. For those of you who do not know your HIV status, this information is useless. And, if you indeed harbor the AIDS virus, you cannot benefit from this knowledge unless you take charge of your health and get tested. It is sheer foolishness to bury your head to the testing issue with all of the new early intervention currently available. We no longer need to harbor an attitude which tells us to just wait and see. To do so could lead to unnecessary death. To take charge of your health could mean living long enough for even greater strides in developing more effective treatments. Please—take charge, TAKE THE TEST!

Doug McCulloch has a BA in biology and works as an AIDS educator for Sonoma County Public Health. He will be writing this column on a continuing basis to keep you informed of the AIDS Project activities.

Four Seasons

By John O'Malley

Planning your vegetable garden

March is a good time to start planning this year's vegetable garden. With spring just around the corner, it feels good to get out and get your hands in the earth. Growing your own vegetables can be fun and healthy as well as educational and economical. Choose an area in your garden that will receive at least five to six hours of sunlight each day.

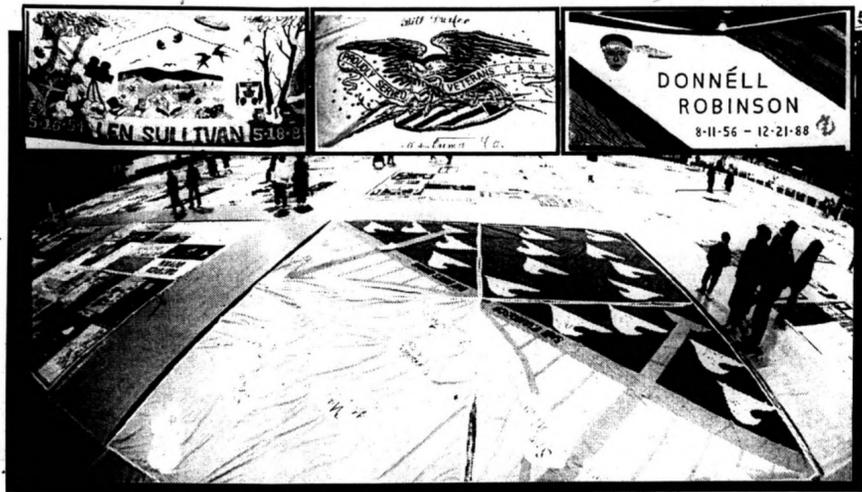
After selecting the area in your garden, start by weeding, rototilling and leveling as much as possible. Now add some organic material to the soil. Organic material improves aeration and drainage in adobe soils and improves the retention of moisture as well as important nutrients in sandy soils. It is important to add a generous amount of the organic material that you choose. Available materials include, steer manure, chicken manure, peat moss, leaf mold, wood shavings and compost.

Now that the ground is prepared let's think about what you want to grow. Depending on the amount of space you have, decide which vegetables suit your needs. Some vegetables require more space than others, such as corn, melons, and some varieties of squash. You will be overwhelmed with the amount of beans, peas, or tomatoes you will harvest from just a small space.

Since we sometimes do have a frost through the first of April it's best to start from seeds grown in flats. Keep the seed flats in a warm well-lit place, never allowing the soil to dry out. Lettuce, tomatoes, corn, cucumbers, squash, peppers, and herbs are some of the vegetables you might start with. These should be ready to set out in your garden by the first of April.

Flowers not only add beauty to a vegetable garden, but are also beneficial in preventing damage by repelling certain garden pests. For instance, white geraniums repel Japanese beetles. Marigolds repel nematodes, white flies, and bean beetles. Nasturtiums repel white flies and beetles. Some herbs also work well such as thyme and sage which repel cabbage moth and black flea beetles, and chives which repel aphids. Gopher purge planted along the border of your garden will deter gophers and moles. An attractive plant that will grow to about three feet tall, this plant is a natural way to keep those pesky rodents away.

By following these easy steps, this year's vegetable garden will undoubtedly result in a wonderfully producing and tasty harvest by mid summer lasting into the fall. Enjoy!



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The Quilt Graces Sonoma County

By Lester Bush

*Memory, Like tapestry,
Sets forth in colors gay
The hopes, the dreams, the happiness
That blessed our yesterday*
—Ruth Craven

As Sonoma County residents visited Grace Pavilion last month to view the Names Project AIDS quilt, the range of emotion was fully covered by the personalities embodied in the panels. Mere words fall miserably short in expressing the power and feeling one is faced with when looking at the names, the short poem or epitaph, a piece of clothing, a faded photograph. Words sewn into the quilt like *dad, beloved son, sister or lover* pierce an observer with the overwhelming heartache of loss and frustration.

From the internationally famous to the children to those who simply struggled as best they could to find a happy place in the world amid confusion and uncertainty, their memory stands as a symbol to everyone of the always unfair brevity of human life.

Above all the feelings which course through one when looking at the quilt, a single dominant force stands solid and firm—love. It becomes an inescapable fact that it is possible

to love someone you have never known. The love of those close to each person represented in the quilt is simply too strong not to experience. As one observer put it, "Some of 'em sure pack a wallopp". You said a mouthful, brother.

As tears are a natural part of any painful experience, they often flowed freely. Volunteers were on hand to pass out tissues and hugs, both of which were needed and greatly appreciated. In the air of reverence permeating the atmosphere of Grace Pavilion while the quilt was on display, a stranger's arm around the shoulder served as an extension of love's spirit in that room.

No matter how each individual interprets the quilt, or with what attitude one approaches it, it is impossible to turn away from the horrible reality of AIDS and the countless lives it has affected in a myriad of ways. Names will be added. Lives will be splintered. People will suffer. Love will endure.

If there is one piece missing from the quilt, it is the piece belonging to those who have died alone with no one to devote the time, energy and love dedicating a panel in their name. Perhaps the piece will fall in place as the picture becomes more focused through love, understanding, research and with the knowledge that we face the dragon together—necessarily so—to ensure our tomorrows are blessed with stronger hopes, more realized dreams and the sustenance of happiness.

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Queer Happenings!

The Linguistic Society of America, the primary national scholarly association for linguists, recently passed a resolution not to hold conventions in any state with anti-sodomy laws. (LSA Newsletter)

UC Berkeley students held marriage ceremonies in front of Sather Gate (on the UC campus) on Valentine's Day to protest Chancellor I. Michael Heyman's refusal to allow gay and lesbian couples to live in married student housing. Two gay couples and one lesbian couple were married by ASUC Campus Affairs Officer Kevin Goebel. The marriage was intended to publicize the fact that many lesbians and gays are domestic partners. Some believe the housing bill will eventually pass because it has been endorsed by the ASUC Senate. (The Daily Californian)

The ACLU's Lesbian and Gay Rights Project filed a brief in the New York Court of Appeals arguing that its client, a gay man, should be considered to be a member of his deceased lover's family and accordingly protected against eviction from the couple's rent controlled apartment. (SF Sentinel)

The Lesbian and Gay Civil Rights Bill (officially call the Civil Rights Amendments Act of 1989) was reintroduced into the US Senate by Senator Alan Cranston (D-CA)

Sonoma County ACT(s) UP

By Lots Peatman

Following in the footsteps of San Francisco AIDS activists who halted traffic on the Golden Gate bridge last month to bring AIDS awareness to a complacent public, a group of West County PWA's and their friends are organizing a Sonoma County chapter of ACT UP. Vowing to produce a public event at least twice a month, the group will be using non-violent Civil Disobedience tactics to focus public attention on the need for more AIDS education and better services for those already afflicted with the disease.

The group's emphasis will be on colorful theatrical events that grab media attention through humor and creativity rather than on risking arrest.

Some of the priorities the group will address through its events are: Funding for Face to Face, discrimination against PWA's and others who are HIV positive, dental care, housing, a candlelight march on Memorial Day and a kiss-in to promote Lesbian/Gay Pride Week. Activists who called together the first planning meeting on Friday, February 17 are the same people who organized the AIDS die-in at the county Board of Supervisors last June.

To get involved in ACT UP activities or for more information call Charley at 865-2411 or Michael at 865-1732.

and into the US House of Representatives January 24 by Congressmen Ted Weiss (D-NY) and Henry Waxman (D-CA). The bill would amend existing federal civil rights statutes to protect people on the basis of "affectional or sexual orientation" from discrimination in the areas of employment, housing and credit, government-assisted opportunities, and public accommodations and services. (SF Sentinel)

Dentist cannot refuse treatment because of fear of AIDS. San Francisco. . . National Gay Rights advocates won an important victory today when a San Francisco court rejected a dentist's attempt to dismiss NGRA's lawsuit against him for AIDS-related discrimination. (NGRA Press Release)

AIDS toll surpasses that from Vietnam. Sometime in early February, the number of Americans killed by AIDS passed the U.S. death toll from the Vietnam War. As of 1985, the number of GIs reported dead or missing in action was 47,328. AIDS-related deaths reported to the federal Centers for Disease Control by January 30, 1989 were 48,582.

AIDS Quilt Stirs Nobel Bid. The Names Project, sponsor and custodian of the giant quilt memorializing those who have died from AIDS, has been nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize by Democratic congressional representatives Nancy Pelosi and Barbara Boxer.

Deep Dish Still Cookin

S & M ravioli and meatless brownies were on the menu as the Sonoma County Gay Men's Deep Dish Pot Luck held its regular dinner recently at a home overlooking Santa Rosa. With the table groaning with vegetarian delights and the dinner conversation lively, it became easy to see why the mailing list for the monthly event has grown to over 100 participants.

The pot lucks were started a year ago so that Gay men in the county could get together in a convivial (and nutritious) way, network and otherwise dish. The pot lucks are held the third Friday of each month in different men's homes.

If you are interested in getting on the mailing list announcing up-coming pot lucks call 544-4109 and leave your name and address or phone number. The mailing list is confidential (you will not start getting mail from Ed McMahon).

Next months pot luck will not be vegetarian, but a proposal for an all-processed(sic) food pot luck was soundly dismissed.



Karen unpacks the antiques at Food For Thought's second benefit auction. Over \$12,000 was raised for the AIDS food program

Food For Thought AIDS

By Howard Gitlin

Food For Thought, the AIDS food program, has captured the imagination of Sonoma County residents who donated four vanloads of packaged and canned foods and over \$700 dollars at the Names Project AIDS Quilt display in Santa Rosa on February 4 and 5.

As Treasurer Sid Smith said, "Without the Quilt, it would have taken us six months to become know. The Quilt put us in business."

Smith said that, besides the food, the main benefit of having the Quilt come to the County was to provide an outreach to new volunteers. "Men and women from Santa Rosa, Healdsburg, Petaluma, and Sonoma offered to collect and distribute food for us. Some even offered to cook food and deliver to the homes of the sick."

The donated food is presently being distributed from a temporary site. Food For Thought is still seeking a permanent building in the River area for its Food Bank. It should have approximately 1,500 square feet, have adequate parking, and be wheelchair accessible.

On Wednesday, February 8, the second Food For Thought benefit auction at Molly Brown's Saloon in Guerneville raised over \$1,200. Many lucky people won door prizes, such as gift certificates for clothing, dry cleaning, video rentals, and dinners, as well as cases of wine donated by Redwood Vintners and Simi Winery.

Kari Kemp, organizer of the event, said, "Our actions serve two functions. They allow people to sell some of their possessions and make a few bucks to live on, and they raise money to buy food. Everyone wins."

The next auction will be on Wednesday, April 5 at 7 p.m. again at Molly Brown's Saloon in Guerneville. Please bring auction entries to Molly's between 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. on the day of the auction. Any rejected or unsold items must be removed that evening. Door prizes will be awarded.

For more information, or if you wish to volunteer or donate food, please call 869-0151.

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Musician Needed: Russian River Metropolitan Community Church needs a Pianist/Organist for Sunday Services. Call 869-0552

Seeking Lesbian and Gay Parents and children of Lesbian and Gay parents to interview for a series of up-coming articles in *We The People*. Call Lois at 869-9160 if you are interested. You can participate anonymously if you wish.

Mature attractive gay male 35 seeks sincere honest male travel companion over 25 under 40 to camp with at State and National Parks throughout the Northwest during the month of July possibly August. I have older

but dependable vehicle and need a responsible individual with good driving record to do most of the driving. Must share expenses and be flexible. Smoker and moderate drinker ok. If interested in getting away from it all in the summer and would enjoy sharing a little adventure you may contact me at 538-7544, my name is Patrick.

GAY MECCA? Not Yet, but were getting there. Apt. Bldg in Santa Rosa, 1BD \$425, 2BD \$525, 3BD \$600. Gays appreciated and welcomed. Call Sport 578-4552 for details.

The Social-Life Club is growing, but we still need you to send in your request to receive you questionnaire. So if you want to join the G/L community in having fun and adventure send in a self addressed stamped envelope to Social Life Club, PO Box 2204, S.R. CA

95405. This is not just a singles club, it's for people who like to have fun with people.

Massage Space available. Do you need a professional space that furnishes everything you need for your treatment. Body Benefits Studio at the Flamingo Hotel now offers space for G/L Mas. Therapist, for single appointments or more, at a reasonable low rate. Call Jerry 579-1470.

INTIMACY, RELATIONSHIP AND FAMILY - GROUP FOR GAY AND BISEXUAL MEN AND MALE COUPLES. This group is now forming and will meet on Friday evenings from 7-8:30pm beginning March 3, 1989. Facilitated by Bob Casanta, MA, MFCCI (Reg. #IH13379). \$15 per meeting. For information call 887-1037.

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Redwood Empire Star-Guide By Chipper Bohlender

March 21 to March 20
Remain faithful. Luck comes your way. Commit to the new relationship. Watch your cash this month and spread your love around and you'll receive lots of love in return.

Aries, March 21 to Apr 20
Possible family trouble. Your ideas can become cash if you work at it. Love at first sight happens while traveling. Possible promotions. Need to recheck your health regimen. End that old relationship.

Taurus, Apr 21 to May 20
Take a mini-vacation. Limit business. Watch all joint checking/savings accts. Lover may be spending too much. Throw that party you have been waiting to do. Money, fitness, health, love and work all come together nicely as you come to the end of the month.

Gemini, May 21 to June 20
Play dress up, time to impress. Awards may follow. Get mental health in order or you'll be a mess by the end of the month. New love lingers close by, keep eyes open. Pay all bills, collect outstanding debts. Romance turns serious.

Cancer, June 21 to July 22
If you're in love, you better let everyone know. Don't spend too much money. Make fast decisions and get it over with. Devote time to those in need. Gossip will travel fast behind your back - don't dish. (continued on back page...)

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Intimacy, Relationship and Family - a group for gay and bisexual men and male couples, facilitated by Bob Casanta MA, MFCC Intern. Begins March 3, 7-8:30 pm. \$15 per meeting. For info call 887-1037. (See Weekly Meetings, below.)

Saturday March 4

Dignity, gay Catholic organization, meets 1st Saturday of the month. 6:30 pm. Mass at 7 pm, followed by potluck dinner. For info call Ron S. at 252-7468 or Mert at 579-5308.

Elaine Townsend on vocals and guitar and **Glenda Choate** on piano, two members of the East Bay band **ET and the Uperstarts**, will provide an evening of soulful originals and upbeat instrumentals. 8 pm, ClaireLight. Admission \$4-8 sliding scale. 575-8879.

Sunday March 5

The Drum is the Heartbeat, a ritual of drumming, dancing and dreaming for womyn. Gather at 6:30 pm, ritual from 7-9 pm. Community Church (Social Hall), 14520 Armstrong Woods Rd., Guerneville. \$4 donation requested. Offered by Yalode. Call 869-0664 for info on what to bring.

Monday March 6

Campus/Community reception celebrating the 11th **Women's History Month**, refreshments and video showing of "One Fine Day." 11:30 am-12:30 pm, Multi-purpose Rm, Student Union, SSU. For info call the SSU Women's Resource Center at 664-2845 (See 'Women's History Month' under Other Programs.)

Tuesday March 7

Veterans C.A.R.E., gay and lesbian veterans and their friends, meets 1st Tuesday of the month. Dinner, 6:30 pm, Petaluma Vets Bldg. For info call 829-5393.

Wednesday March 8

BANGLE, Bay Area Network of Gay and Lesbian Educators, meets 2nd Wednesday of the month. 7:30 pm, SRJC, Faculty Senate Room. For info call Jaye Miller at 433-9158.

Sonoma County Lesbian/Gay Democratic Club meets at 7:30 pm. For info call 527-0485.

Thursday March 9

"She Even Chewed Tobacco", a slide show from the San Francisco Lesbian/Gay Historical Society on turn-of-the-century women who passed as men. With Ruth Mahaney of SFSU. 5-7 pm, Stevenson Hall 1002, SSU. For info call the SSU Women's Resource Center at 664-2845 (See 'Women's History Month' under Other Programs.)

Friday March 10

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

Sunday March 12

Mary and the Moon, a womyn's ritual celebrating Mary and the moon with the Judeo-Christian tradition and reflection on moon goddesses of other traditions. 6:30 pm, 16451 4th St., Guerneville. Sponsored by Russian River MCC's Women's Spirituality Group. Call 869-9161 for info on what to bring.

Musica Femina Flute/Guitar Duo, an evening of classical music by women composers, with **Janna MacAuslan**, classical guitarist, and **Kristan Aspen**, flutist. 7 pm, ClaireLight. Admission \$5-8 sliding scale. 575-8879.

Tuesday March 14

Healing Alternatives Group, for people with AIDS/ARC or HIV positive, meets 2nd Tuesday of the month. **Allen Roland, MA, MFCC** will speak on his Unified Field Theory and getting in touch with the child within. 7-9 pm, Face to Face, Guerneville. 865-2411.

Thursday March 16

Coming Out and Lesbian Relationships: Do you struggle with such situations as family gatherings, work-related events, public displays of affections? A presentation and discussion with **Frances Fuchs, MA** and **Mary Hirsdale, MFCC**. 7 pm, ClaireLight. Admission \$3-7 sliding scale. 575-9979.

"Women and AIDS", in-class presentation with Jackie Robb of Face to Face. 10 am - noon, Carson Hall 10, SSU. For info call the SSU Women's Resource Center at 664-2845 (See 'Women's History Month' under Other Programs.)

Merv Silverman will speak on "AIDS and our lives". 12-2 pm, Warren Auditorium, Ives Hall, SSU. Parking fee \$1.50 (in quarters).

The Goddesses and Gods of the Yoruba/Santeria/Macumba Traditions: An introduction, led by Yolanda and Claudia Vierra-Allen. 7-9 pm, Yalode, 16216 Main St., Guerneville. \$3-6 sliding scale. 869-0664.

Friday March 17

"Deep Dish" - **Gay Men's Potluck** meets 3rd Friday of the month at 7 pm. For info call 544-4109.

Sunday March 18

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Sunday March 19

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

Monthly Interfaith Service, AIDS Interfaith of Marin. 4 p.m., 10 Old Mill Rd., Mill Valley.

The Descent of Innana: facing our shadow side, workshop for women with **Pauline Pfandler**. 7 p.m., Santa Rosa Senior Ctr. Cost \$10, pre-registration. For info call Martha at 823-7349. Sponsored by LVAC.

Spring Equinox Celebration for Womyn, outdoor ritual in Cazadero on womyn's land under the moon and stars. 6-8 pm. To carpool, meet at 4:30 p.m. at Coffee Bazaar in Guerneville. For info on what to bring, call Yalode - 869-0664.

Tuesday March 21

Open House, SSU Women's Resource Center. Refreshments served. 12-1 pm, Carson Hall 31-32, SSU. For info call 664-2845 (See 'Women's History Month' under Other Programs.)

Thursday March 23

Janice Spotwood will channel "The Council". 7:30 pm, Yalode, 16216 Main St., Guerneville. Bring pillow or stool. Donation requested. 869-0664.

Saturday March 25

Acting Our Age, an award-winning video documentary about six old women who share their feelings about themselves, their lives and futures. 5 pm, ClaireLight. No admission charge. 575-8879.

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Weekly Meetings:

AA Gay Freedom Group Thursday, 8 pm, Methodist Church, 17790 Greger Ave., Boyes Springs.

AA Gay Men's Group Sunday, 8 pm, Unitarian Church, Stony Pt. and Todd Rds., Santa Rosa.

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

AA Gay People's Meeting Friday, 8 pm, Benton St. Clubhouse, 1055 Benton St., Santa Rosa.

AA Gravenstein Gay Group Wednesday, 7 pm, Church of Christ, 420 Murphy Ave., Sebastopol.

AA Stein Group (Lesbian) Sunday, 8 pm, 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 pm. Call (707)865-2159 for more info and location. (See article last issue.)

AIDS/ARC Support Group, facilitated by Marjorie Thirkettle, MFCC (ML021923), meets every Thursday, 12:45-2:15 pm. No fee (donation accepted). For info call 869-3304. Sponsored by the Russian River MCC.

Drop-in Group for Battered Lesbians meets every 2nd and 4th Wednesday. 7-9 pm, YWCA, 865 3rd St., SR. \$2.50-\$10, sliding scale. For info call 546-1234.

Gay and Lesbian Support Groups, weekly on-going sessions. Presented by Ministry of Light, 1000 Sir Francis Drake Blvd., San Anselmo, Marin County. For info call (415)457-0854.

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

HIV Positive Support Group, facilitated by Marjorie Thirkettle, MFCC (ML021923), meets every Thursday, 2:45-4:15 pm. No fee (donation accepted). For info call 869-3304. Sponsored by the Russian River MCC.

Intimacy, Relationship and Family, a group for gay and bisexual men and male couples, facilitated by Bob Casanta MA, MFCC Intern (IH13379). This group is now forming and will meet on Friday evenings from 7-8:30 pm beginning March 3rd. \$15 per meeting. For info call 887-1037.

Lesbian and Gay Overeaters Anonymous, meets every Wednesday at 8 pm. Christ Methodist Church, 1717 Yulupa Drive, Room 5, Santa Rosa. For info call 823-5845.

Lesbian Co-Dependents Anonymous, meets every Monday at 7 pm. Santa Rosa Senior Center, 704 Bennett Valley Road. For info call Faye at 829-5392.

Lesbian Support Group, facilitated by Marjorie Thirkettle, MFCC (ML021923), meets bimonthly, Fridays at 7 pm. For info call 869-3304.

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

Support Group for People with AIDS/ARC (or Who Are HIV+) and Their Lovers, Families and Friends, meets Thursday evenings, 6:30-8 pm. For more information, call 258-AIDS. Sponsored by Napa Valley AIDS Project.

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

Rainbow's End, gay/lesbian/bisexual youth project sponsored by the Ministry of Light, meets the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Thursday of each month for support and discussion. Ages 15-21. Ministry of Light offices, 1000 Sir Francis Drake Blvd., San Anselmo. For info call (415)457-1115.

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

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

Support group for women lovers of women who were sexually abused as children, meets every Tuesday, 7-9 pm. Free. For info call 523-3953.

Weekly Groups Now Forming: Couples Group where one or both partners are HIV positive or have AIDS/ARC; and a Support Group for women who are HIV positive or have AIDS/ARC. Both groups facilitated by Marjorie Thirkettle, MFCC (ML021923). For info call 869-3304.

Other Programs:

Lesbian Business Owner's Association meets once a month. For info call 585-7654.

Metropolitan Community Church, oriented toward a gay congregation. Service every Sunday at 11 am with Pastor John Torres. Church of Religious Science, 515 Orchard St., Santa Rosa. For info call 526-5399.

Russian River Metropolitan Community Church is a church for all people regardless of sexual orientation. Service every Sunday at noon. 14520 Armstrong Woods Rd., Guerneville. For info and counseling call 869-0552.

Women in Touch, a lesbian social group meets every second Sunday for brunch. For info call 526-2938.

Women's History Month - Activities at Sonoma State University include presentations, discussions, video and slide shows on such issues as: women and leadership, domestic violence, co-dependency, abortion rights, women and the workplace, women in American history, sexism, racism, global concerns. All events are free and open to the public. Sponsored by the SSU Women's Resource Center, the Women's Studies Dept. and the Women's Union. For info and a full schedule of events call the Women's Resource Center at 664-2845.

Womyn's Passover Seder, Friday April 21 in Guerneville. Only 10 spaces left. For reservations call Yalode - 869-0664. \$8 per woman.

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.

Horoscope

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Leo, July 23 to Aug 22

Get some new outfits - add a dash of excitement in your wardrobe. That "prince" on the white horse will trot by. You'll have lots of competition, be alert. If you decide to have a weekend fling, do it. You'll be surprised.

Virgo, Aug 23 to Sept 22

Put energy into your home, limit the partying. You'll be pressured to make major decisions. Give it much thought and if possible put it off for as long as you can. No travel. Love life is in limbo, sorry. Keep all doctor appointments!!!!

Libra, Sept 23 to Oct 22

It's love all month long. Up and down. Lovers past show up or call. You come to realize that fairy tales can come true but there's lots of work involved. Love can overtake you and put you on a cloud, but remember there's lightning in there them clouds.

Scorpio, Oct 23 to Nov 22

No need to be conservative regarding money or love. If you don't feel well, see a doctor at once.

Very important! Don't sign for more credit at this time. It's important that people know where you stand, make your side known. Good luck.

Sagittarius, Nov 23 to Dec 21

Work on old relationships. Pay attention to family, build new friendships as old ones are ending. Look for love - it's right in front of you. No need to spend money on friends, they'll spend it on you.

Capricorn, Dec 22 to Jan 19

Make your career change that you have been wanting to do for some time. Don't end any relationships just yet. Travel alone in style. Children pay an important part in your life this month. Accept all invitations. Write those letters you've been putting off.

Aquarius, Jan 20 to Feb 18

Start thinking about your summer activities now. Time to be carefree, but make commitments to those in need. Get your resume in order, you may need it. Your love life will take a turn for the better, but only if you work at it.

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