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Neighbors: The Woods defense a 'snow job'

By John De Salvo

Oscar Birkhofer, a neighbor of The Woods Resort in Guerneville, commented after the resort presented an hour-long defense of its operations, "It seems like quite a snow job has been going on."

The April 21 hearing before attorney Mary Ann Egan for the Sonoma County Planning Department was conducted in response to an appeal by neighbors who felt the complex had expanded its use since 1985, the last time Planning had issued a decision that The Woods was a legal non-conforming resort.

About a half dozen neighbors showed up for the hearing. Missing was Attorney Joseph Baxter, whose letter on behalf of near-neighbor John Moe was instrumental in calling for the hearing.

Many statements by the defendants were greeted with outspoken disbelief by members of the audience, some of whom said loudly that The Woods' spokesmen were lying. Towards the end of the two-plus hour hearing, several left in apparent disgust.

Zoning Enforcement Officer Debra Watts had issued a staff report recommending that the resort apply for a use permit or face abatement proceedings.

Issues of concern were current zoning and
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Celebrating One Year



The proud We The People staff: (L-R), Top Row: Lester Bush, Doug McCulloch, Peter Maslan, Jim Malancon, Rick Dean, Kris Mazura; Middle Row: E. Babcock, Adam Richmond, Cheryl Traendly, Robin Gail, Jerry Noakes, Janet Zagoria; Bottom Row: Patrick Satterthwaite, Sandy Lowe, Lois Pearlman, Magi Fedorka.
PAMELA NEWMAN

We The People staff celebrates its first birthday. These happy faces produce the articles, photos, advertisements, columns and graphics each month. They also distribute, edit, coordinate and otherwise see this paper reaches you. The We The People staff thanks all of you; the

readers, the advertisers and the faithful supporters for your help in keeping the paper healthy and growing. As We The Paper continues to evolve, your praises and constructive criticism is not only welcome but necessary for its future survival.

Lesbian Marine Serves One Year in the Brig

Lesbians and gay men represent ten percent of our nation's population," Representative Robert T. Matsui wrote recently in a letter to a top U.S. general. The California Democrat said, "They have served as dedicated and decorated military professionals in the past and should be allowed to continue to nobly serve in our armed services."

Matsui wrote seeking the release of Marine Sergeant Cheryl Jameson, who currently is serving a term of confinement in Parris Island, South Carolina, because of her sexual orientation.

In his letter to Major General Jarvis

Lynch, Jr. of the Parris Island Marine Recruit Depot, the California lawmaker called for the release of Sergeant Jameson, charging that the base's current pattern of behavior is indefensible. Jameson, who is from Napa, wrote her own congressman, Doug Bosco nearly a year ago but did not receive any support. She had been sentenced to a one year term of confinement. Jameson is the third woman at the Parris Island facility who has recently been court martialed because of her sexual orientation. Jameson's release was scheduled for mid May, Rep. Matsui's March 9 letter may have been a little too late. None the less, Matsui said that he will closely watch the situation at Parris Island while making the

military's treatment of homosexuals one of his priorities during the 101st Congress.

"This treatment of lesbian and gay members of the military is indefensible," Matsui told the Maj. General. "A growing number of court decisions are repudiating the military's practice of blatant discrimination against lesbians and gay men. The courts recognize that no evidence supporting the military's view on the incompatibility of homosexuals and military service has ever been produced. To exclude lesbians and gay men from the opportunity to serve in the military is an economic injustice as well as a violation of fundamental human rights."

March by Candlelight

By Lois Pearlman

On Sunday, May 28 Sonoma County will once again participate in the annual International AIDS Candlelight Memorial March. Over 100 other metropolitan areas around the world, including London, Amsterdam, Sydney, Los Angeles, New York, Managua, and cities in Mexico, Venezuela, Israel and South Africa will be participating.

Memorial Day last year 150 people gathered in Guerneville and marched from the Community Church to the Face to Face Office.

This year organizers of the event have decided to move the march to Santa Rosa in order to accommodate the 500 to 1,000 people expected to participate from around the Redwood Empire. The Candlelight March is usually held on Memorial Day, but since this day is a holiday only in the U.S., it has been moved up one day to Sunday in a show of international solidarity.

Departing from the front lawn of the Santa Rosa Junior College at 8:00 p.m. (facing Mendocino Ave.), the march will culminate in a rally at Court House Square featuring speakers and entertainment. Everyone is encouraged to participate in this moving and empowering event. Please call Michael at 865-1732 or Chuck and Dan at 865-2159 if you want more information or if you or your organization are interested in working on the event.

Adams Apple

By Adam Richmond



OUTRAGE

Just who does Senator Jim Nielsen think he is?

Emerging from the blush of his recent honeymoon, Sen. Nielsen started round two of his barrage against our community. It is political gay bashing. Just before his marriage in late March, Sen. Nielsen began his verbal abuse declaring, on KTOB radio in Petaluma, that God is punishing us deviants with AIDS. In eight years that was the Rohnert Park legislator's only public comment on the epidemic which rages in his district. His callousness is only compounded by his timing, coming just a few days after the fiscal crisis at Face To Face became apparent and they started turning away new clients. More outrageously this man is on the State Senate Select Committee on HIV. His ignorant comments hold the full social weight of that office. That this man sits on that committee is unacceptable. Bigots may have the right to their opinion, but they should not be in charge of the health concerns of the minority they despise.

Having dug his ditch deep already, he went further down by adding his signature to a letter denouncing the pioneering Project 10 of Los Angeles. Project 10 serves Lesbian and Gay youth in the LA Unified School District through sensitive counselling and does important AIDS outreach. State-wide conservatives want to hold this important agency hostage by threatening to cut off all LAUSD's state funding unless Project 10 is cut. LAUSD is, like all school districts, highly dependent on state funds for its survival. Largely Hispanic and other minorities, it is the largest school district in the west. With Nielsen in the lead, minority is pitted against minority, fighting over what crumbs are left for education. (Just ask any teacher what kind of priority school funding is.)

Nielsen represents a county with the highest HIV infection rate in rural California. He doesn't come from the back woods of Klan country, but from our own backyard, Rohnert Park. This is the home of the hot tub, not the John Birch Society! If Nielsen thinks the voters will really go for this line of thinking, he's wrong. This county organized and defeated the "Homosexual Teacher" (Briggs) initiative in 1978, the two LaRouche AIDS Quarantine initiatives and the well-funded Dannemeyer AIDS initiative in 1988. Sonoma County has a proud track record of trouncing attempts to politicize bigotry against lesbians and gays. Every time we've been attacked at the polls we've come out stronger and stronger. We are lesbians, gay men, our families, friends and all those who believe in freedom have long memories. We all remember Anita Bryant. We all remember Harvey Milk. We will remember our hundreds of dead right here. And we will remember you, Senator Nielsen.

LETTERS

An open letter to Senator Nielsen

When my son Jack was fourteen, he told me he was gay. I can't say I was thrilled, but I certainly did not consider it an abnormality. I encouraged Jack to seek out responsible members of the gay community who could show him positive gay life styles. Now, twenty years later, he is a responsible, contributing member of society and a dutiful son.

Research has shown homosexuality has existed in every culture through the ages. Reaction has ranged from celebration to persecution, but there is evidence that it has always been with us.

The American Psychiatric Association and the American Psychological Association have declared that homosexuality is not an illness. I assume they mean it is not abnormal. The Kinsey Institute has described normal sexuality as a continuum - from homosexuality through bisexuality to heterosexuality. Masters and Johnson, I believe, agree.

Even Ann Landers and Dear Abby have accepted homosexuality as normal.

When I attend events in the lesbian/gay community, I am always amazed at the number of people there I know from other groups. Senator Nielsen, and all of us, encounter homosexuals everyday without being aware of it.

We know that homosexuality is not a "choice" that an individual makes, but occurs through genetic and/or early childhood influences. Therefore, teaching teen-agers about homosexuality can not be a danger to heterosexuals.

Our schools must show that individuals develop their life styles through many cultural, biological, and societal influences. We need to understand that these differences are

Drivel

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Computers for pets

what make the American culture so varied and interesting. We need to expose these differences and celebrate them.

To do otherwise, to teach that there is only one correct lifestyle, is to teach intolerance and encourage violence.

Ann H. Englar

Dear Editor,

I have been reading *We The People* since February and I think that it's a wonderful publication! I was introduced to the paper by a friend of mine and since then I look forward to receiving a copy each month.

At first, I was mainly interested in the calendar of events, although by the April edition, the articles took preeminence. What caught my attention was last month's Editorial, "What's Happening in Sonoma County?". As I read it, I gradually became aware of the blinders that I'd been wearing. I had generally associated the gay community to be an environment solely made up of obnoxious bull-dykes and promiscuous men, but the editorial debunked such a myth. It presented various questions and encouraged me to ask myself, "How do I live? Am I employing all of my abilities?" Here I am, a gay male and up until recently, I considered all other homosexuals to be living a stereotypical lifestyle!

My ignorant perception acquired an education after I attended the first anniversary party for *We The People*. I met so many creative, intelligent, receptive people; I was embarrassed about the fear I had allowed myself to feel toward other homosexuals. Sure, we may share a common interest in that we prefer to sleep with a member of the same sex, but a mutual sexuality does not necessarily yield clonal personalities. Accepting stereotypes in the gay community and within society at large only validates the individualities of those who believe themselves to be outcasts. Thanks to *We The People*, I no longer feel like an outcast, but simply a member amongst rare company.

Keep up the great work, Robby Moore

Opinions:

False Dichotomy Among Lesbians

By Julia Elliott

I must take issue with some of Robin's comments in her "Reflections" column. I know the subject of recovery is a sensitive one and I'm glad she brought it up. However, I have a real problem with the dichotomy Robin posits in describing "the AA community" vs. "the drinkers", "those women who choose to use alcohol" vs. "those who choose not to"; "those who consider themselves 'clean and sober'" vs. "those who do not so label themselves". I think this dichotomy is very false. I for one (and I consider myself in the majority) do not belong in either of those two groups. I drink occasionally and never to excess. I have never had a problem with alcohol or substance abuse and neither has anyone in my family. I would not call myself a "drinker" or someone who "uses" alcohol. Neither would I call myself "clean and sober". It's quite simply a non-issue for me. If there is a dichotomy here at all, it's between alcoholics (recovering or practicing), and non-alcoholics. I think the mistake Robin makes is apparently to lump the practicing alcoholics with the non-alcoholics and call them all "drinkers". A practicing alcoholic and an 'occasional drinker' both drink alcohol, but they do not belong in the same category. A recovering alcoholic and a teetotaler both abstain from alcohol, but not for the same reasons. The label 'clean and sober' is completely irrelevant and inappropriate when applied to someone who has never been 'stoned or drunk'. To illustrate with a rather extreme example: My Southern Baptist grandparents have never tasted alcohol in their lives. Are they 'clean and sober'? No, they're teetotalers. It's not the same thing.

When you're just coming out, it sometimes seems like you see lesbians and gays everywhere. When you're thinking about buying a new Toyota, everywhere you look you see

Toyotas. Is it possible that people in recovery programs have a tendency to see addiction everywhere they look? I don't deny that there are numerous major problems in this society, or that some or even many of those problems could be caused by addictive behaviors. However, that's a far cry from saying that "nearly everyone needs to 'recover' from something", with the implication that we all need to be in some type of recovery program. An accusation of "trendiness" is not insignificant. In following fads we put on blinders that keep us from seeing other possibilities. Many people struggle with major difficulties that have nothing to do with addiction, such as hunger, poverty, racism. If we try to use an addictive model (or any other single model) as the basis for analysis of almost every possible social ill, we run the risk of misinterpreting, trivializing or completely ignoring key issues. The "nearly everyone needs to..." approach is simplistic. There is no one model that can explain everything, and no one solution for the complex problems that plague our society today.

Another question - are all lesbians members of the "lesbian community" by virtue of being lesbians, or is this community a self-selected subset of a larger group? Is there more than one lesbian community? I realize these are big questions and not ones Robin was addressing in this column (perhaps a future one?). However, she describes a conflict within what she calls the "lesbian community" and seems to imply that (most?) all? members of this community are either recovering alcoholics/substance abusers or drinkers/drug users. (I should add that virtually no one I know falls in either of these groups.) Setting up this false dichotomy increases polarization and alienation in the "community". What I end up saying to myself is: I'm not "clean and sober" and I'm not an alcoholic, therefore I must not be a member of the "lesbian community". In any case, I know I'm not a member of a community that defines itself (at least partially) in relation to alcohol.

Spring has Sprung

By Magi Fedorka

Nielsen has sprung: "homosexuality is not normal". We live in a society that prefers lesbians and gays to hide or feel shame and guilt. Some people discriminate, some want to persecute, maim and kill. Some just label us sick.

Being a lesbian is not a problem. Problems arise from those who do not accept us, but we can learn to refuse the shame, guilt and discrimination. We can take pride in being part of a people who are homosexual.

We are proud. We have the strength to live as the lesbians and gays that we are, though we experience the problem of invisibility. Too often we feared being visible. Too often visible lesbians and gays have been distorted stereotypes. Too often these problems keep us apart.

If we can not connect with each other and be who we are how is our society to know that we are "normal"? In truth they see us everyday but not as we are. We are not "the norm". My point is that we know it so why not show it. Let it be known that we are a people with pride.

Spring has sprung back at Senator Jim Nielsen. Five years ago lesbians and gays did not have as much support from our friends and families. Three years ago mainstream churches might not have put Nielsen down as a bigot. Today we have support. Together we can go out and claim our pride.

I urge each one of us to show our pride by supporting Lesbian/Gay Pride Week. There is a resolution before the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors to proclaim June 18-24 as Lesbian/Gay Pride Week. There are many ways to show pride - this is just one.



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In Celebration of Life

By Carl Hedberg

The 1989 Fantasy Ball, this year with the theme "Gone With the Wind", will be held May 13th at the Druids Hall, 1101 College Avenue.

The Fantasy Ball is a fundraiser for In Celebration of Life, a non-profit public benefit corporation, whose purpose is to produce an annual conference for members of the recovering community in Sonoma County.

Born in the lesbian and gay AA and Alanon community 8 years ago, In Celebration of Life has evolved to embrace all recovery programs. For several years I.C.L. attempted to follow the AA Traditions, specifically the 6th Tradition which states: "An AA group ought never endorse, finances, or lend the AA name to and related facility or outside enterprise, lest problems of money, property, and prestige divert us from our primary purpose." Being in and of itself an "outside enterprise" I.C.L. was constantly at odds with AA and Alanon Traditions and had an undefined relationship to other recovery programs.

The 1988 I.C.L. steering committee rewrote the bylaws establishing I.C.L. as an independent entity with the function of producing a conference for the recovering community and dedicating itself to the concept of unity in recovery. With these problems resolved, I.C.L. seems poised for a new period of growth.

Over the years one of the most enjoyable aspects of I.C.L. functions has been the opportunity to meet members of other 12 step programs.

This year with "Gone With the Wind" as a theme, sex and love addicts, overeaters, alcoholics, co's and the rest of the tribes have the opportunity to take recovery from dysfunction and addiction to the Old South. Anyone can see Melanie needed Alanon and Scarlett was ripe for Relationships Anonymous.

Come join the fun; costumes are encouraged, but not required. Tickets are \$10 at the door, \$7 in advance (ask a member of I.C.L. for advance purchase). Doors open at 8:30, and the dance ends at 12:30. See you there.

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Eater's Digest

By E. Babcock

Simple Class & Good Food

There is a god. There is a heaven. Sourdough Rebo's, having gone the way of all good fishhouses that have lost their standards, has been sold. (I told you there was a god.) Kalo, new and exciting, has risen gracefully out of the proverbial ashes with a simple, trendy Southwest decor. The menu at a glance is largely Southwest meets nouveau California cuisine. The food is a mix of old favorites thoughtfully prepared, interestingly juxtaposed, and simply presented.

This does not mean what I call art food: miniscule servings at a generous price. If you order dinner, you get dinner. Don't expect to graze at Kalo.

Appetizers can pass as light meals or after movie snacks, starting with roasted garlic served with warm tortillas, black beans and salsa - very good (\$3.25 - going up to Tomales Bay Oysters on the half shell served with champagne mignonette and pecan cocktail sauce (\$6.50).

For dinner I had the Yucatan chicken (\$9.95). Chicken roasted with lime and garlic, served with a roasted onion, black beans, a corn tamale and (slightly incongruous, but delicious) sourdough bread.

My girlfriend had one of the specials: red snapper and shrimp baked in parchment. It was exquisite. So much so I had to threaten her with the bill to get a mouthful.

I had to be more tactful with another friend as she huddled protectively over her Kalo seafood stew (\$12.75). The stew consisted of shrimp, scallops, clams and tender chunks of fish lightly simmered in a delicately spicy tomato broth - served with aioli and rouille. It was quite good.

For those of you who are or who date less adventurous, Kalo serves a burger with sweet potato fries (\$6.50), a smoked chicken melt sandwich on rye (\$6.50), Greek salad (\$5.95) and clam chowder (\$3.25).

The service was prompt and efficient, a little over zealous in the hovering busboy department. (Don't touch my plate!) I had heard the service was slow and erratic: happily this was not our experience. I am inclined to chalk up those reports to the settling in period.

Kalo accepts MC, VISA, AMEX, Diners Club and Sonoma Express. 24 4th St., at the corner of 4th and Wilson. Don't save it for a special occasion, Go now and happy eating!

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REFLECTIONS... BEEFLECTIONS?

By Robin Gail

The 'C' Word

Just what does 'commitment' mean?

Does a (capital 'C') Commitment differ from a (small 'c') commitment?

We commit ourselves to various courses of action hundreds of times daily; we just may not notice we're doing it. For instance, once you choose between two forks on the freeway, you have committed yourself to something. There's no going back.

When first you decide to change lanes on that freeway, you signal to let others know. But as a CHP officer once explained to me, that blinker only signals intent. It's not a definite commitment, and it doesn't give you right-of-way. You cannot be totally committed to your road until you are actually on it. Sudden U-turns will cause confusion and may have painful consequences!

Interesting. How does it apply to relationships?

I believe commitment is not a device, like a cookie cutter, to be applied to the raw material of a relationship, forcing it into a certain shape. Rather, commitment must grow out of a relationship. Our plans and dreams and promises to one another, like the turn signal, show intent only. Commitment becomes evident through action.

What does it mean, then, to "make a commitment" to a lover? The commitments we make to one another are as diverse as the people who make them. As our intimacy deepens, so does the commitment level, ranging anywhere from keeping that first date to staying a lifetime. Small 'c' versus capital 'C' commitments.

A monogamous commitment generally means neither partner will be lovers with anyone else, but some couples are emotionally committed and pledge to stay with each other, even though either or both may seek out other sexual liaisons. Generally, as I said earlier, the commitment level deepens with the intimacy level, so that a couple beginning to "date" may commit not to see anyone else on a romantic level but may not be ready to move in together. Or they may live together but not be willing to look ahead to the possibility of years or a lifetime together.

For some the C word is frightening in and of itself, signifying as it does, intimacy and closeness and perhaps some loss of autonomy. For most of us, especially as we get older, the fear is mostly of being hurt by U-turns and sudden exits.

So we proceed with caution, but if we're healthy and willing to grow and learn, we do proceed eventually into the Commitment Zone in a relationship. I am of the opinion that deep intimacy with another person is a means toward understanding of Self. And being willing to commit to a relationship (which, at the beginning, remember, really means serious signalling of intent) is just the start of intimacy.

I also believe there is great value in honoring a commitment with a ceremony of some kind. I perform them for other couples, but I've never gotten married before. My love and I are planning to this summer. It's exciting and scary, and feels like the right thing to do. As lesbians and gays, we have been forbidden legal marriages, but it's time we begin to take ourselves seriously. I loved the wedding announcement in last month's WTP.

Our whole society is being forced to reconsider its attitudes toward sexuality. We can enter our Committed Relationships with greater consciousness and be more more willing to partner each other in growth as well as in other ways.

And as we learn to choose our partners for reasons other than hormonal, we have a greater likelihood of making that capital 'C' commitment to someone with whom it will work. Count on it.

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Cruising the River

By Patrick Tifer

HAPPENINGS AROUND TOWN ... Would you believe? Molly Brown's got a facelift this past month. New paint, deck tables, even fresh sawdust on the floor. Looks great for the old lady. Speaking of Molly's ... try and catch the floor show every weekend around 3:00 when manager John Mackin hosts his own version of "Don Rickles Plays Darts". John tags each contestant with such endearing nicknames like Little Nel, Weird Wanda, Silly Philly, Madame X, Kitchen Hag, Scrub Lady and One-Eyed Richard. Turnabout is fair play as many players are now coming up with their own monickers for John. They include Quaken Mackin and Mac the Mouth. It's a lot of fun and it's all free. Check it out.

NOW THAT Memorial weekend is upon us, many parttime residents of the River will be coming back to stay in their summer homes and cottages. The population of the River jumps from May to September. One thing we year-round locals do ask from our part time neighbors is this ... If you get a dog or a cat in May, think about what you will do with it in September. Sadly, last year, pet abandonment was a serious problem on the River. There's nothing pretty about having to watch homeless animals scavenge for food or shelter.

MONDAY HAPPENINGS ... check out the Monday night movie circuit. You can watch a movie for free (bar's choice) at the Rainbow Cattle Company or drive five miles down the road to the unique Rio Theatre in Monte Rio. The Rio has a \$2 double feature on Monday evenings. The movies are of recent release, the seats are comfortable and the popcorn delicious. The theatre is housed in a World War II style Quonset hut. After the show, you can drop around the corner to the Village Inn for a good nightcap. The bar is quiet, friendly and loaded with lots of mind play toys to entertain yourself. By the way, the Village Inn was a famous backdrop for the Bing Crosby movie "Holiday Inn".

THE RIVER'S CUP ... The annual Russian River River's Cup Race is coming up soon and preparations are already well under way. This year's race, June 11th, will run from Vacation Beach to the Village Inn. There are two categories, serious and fun. In the serious category, commercial sponsors have a \$100 registration fee, individuals \$25. The other category is just for fun with creativity the goal. Elisha Marsh from the Village Inn asks participants to sign up early, especially the local businesses, so their names can appear on the promotional posters. After the race, there will be live entertainment and lunch at the Village Inn. All proceeds go toward local groups.

CONGRADULATIONS ... to the Russian River Pool Association after a terrific third season. Much thanks to Bud, Curt and Sheila for all the work they put into the association. This year, the six teams all sported their new shirts with sponsor logos on them. The team sponsors were Fife's, Woods, Molly's, Triple R, Rusty Nail and the Rainbow. The winning team this season was Molly Brown's. This column is written by and about our community on the River. If you have an item to share in this column (an anniversary, meeting, special event, etc) please let me know at 869-9454. I'd like to hear from you.

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Shaking Up Funds for Face to Face

By Lols Pearlman

Catalyzing "good faith" negotiations" between the County Administration and Face to Face, a public demonstration by ACT UP Sonoma County and other concerned community members at the Board of Supervisors March 28, helped to open the door for county funding for the Guerneville agency, which is Sonoma County's only provider of support services for people with AIDS and ARC.

Despite assertions at the demonstration by Janet Nicholas, Chairwoman of the Board of Supervisors, that Face to Face had not applied for funds through the proper channels, there is, according to Helen Wilbur, Executive Director of Face to Face, no official process by which this can happen. She says non-profit agencies like Face to Face can apply directly only for funds allocated for specific purposes, but there are no funds set aside for AIDS services. Therefore, Wilbur says, reporting to the Commission on AIDS and unofficial discussions with individual supervisors are the only ways Face to Face can express its financial needs, and all of these avenues had been explored. The demonstration by ACT UP resulted from the feeling that no other avenues were available. Mert Preston, President of the Board of Face to Face, said, "We thought that we were doing everything required to work towards a solution. We were shocked and dismayed to discover that the Board does not agree".

Since the demonstration the relationship between Face to Face and the county seems to be changing. Wilbur has been meeting with various supervisors and with officials from the County Administrator's office who have assigned a budget analyst to work with Face to Face on an ongoing basis. According to Wilbur, "The county has been more helpful than we had expected, more helpful than they need to be — not just telling us what information they need but helping us to prepare it".

In the past Face to Face has received two emergency grants from the county amounting to \$80,000 — monies which were given to the county by the state, ear-marked for AIDS services. In the future, starting with the '80 - '90 budget, Face to Face would like to attain line-item status, receiving regular yearly funding from the county.

Help for Face to Face also seems to be on its way from the state and federal governments. Subsequent to a meeting with Dan Perdios, is a member of the Commission on AIDS and of ACT UP, 1st District Representative Doug Bosco paid a visit to Face to Face. After talking at length with members of the staff and with Wilbur and Preston, Bosco investigated why Face to Face has been ineligible for federal funds. He also offered to throw a major fund-raising event for Face to Face and to assign an aide, Joel Rogers, to work with them. Federal funds for AIDS services are restricted to large urban areas with 400 or more reported cases, but, Bosco's office is talking about introducing legislation to change the eligibility for those

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funds. And, possibly as a result of all the media attention, Dan Hauser's office has also made contact with Face to Face. Currently state funding to the agency is only for research to demonstrate that home care for PWA's is more cost-effective than hospitalization. Face to Face is now working on a budget which will enable the county to obtain state monies to fund the specific needs of the agency's clients.

'We thought that we were doing everything required to work towards a solution. We were shocked and dismayed to discover that the Board does not agree'

Carol Owens, who was officially the coordinator of client services and unofficially the director of the agency from April, 1984, through July, 1988, believes that internalized homophobia has prevented the agency from "going out and getting funds and publicity". She asks, "why haven't the people at Face to Face built a case for themselves?" Expressing her support for groups like ACT UP, Owens believes "empowering people with AIDS is where it's at — the more empowered they get, the more they will be in touch with what they deserve". She also believes some of the constant fundraising efforts currently necessary to Face to Face would be alleviated by the establishment of a national AIDS Foundation to raise and distribute money to local organizations.

As Face to Face struggles under the burden of an ever-increasing case load, the agency is beginning to find new sources of financial support. "We are cautiously optimistic", Wilbur declares, "that the county, the federal, and the state government understand that we can't do this alone".

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Portfolio: Janet Zagoria

By Peter Maslan

Janet Zagoria is one of those fortunate individuals who has managed to support herself through her art. Her earliest artistic endeavors were in batik and fabric. From there Janet worked for a while in newspaper graphics and now she is a free-lance graphic artist as well as a photographer. Janet doesn't consider her photographic work as necessarily an artistic endeavor, but people who have seen her work might disagree.

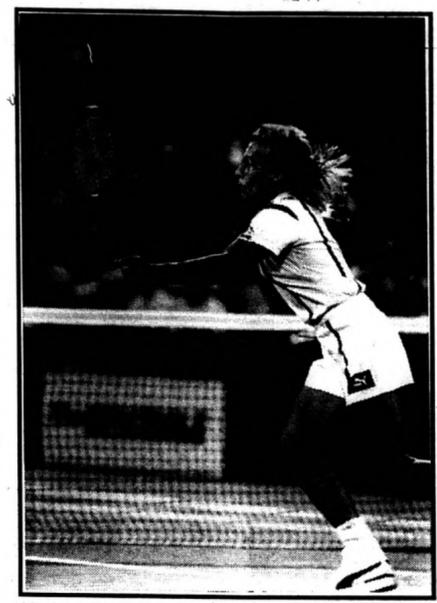
Much of her work as a photo-journalist has been for Tennis World. She has attended many matches throughout the country has done more than the merely document of a tennis event. She has not just frozen an action skillfully on a piece of paper. Instead Zagoria's subjects seem to continue their jumps or swings right off the page. Facial expressions are always clear, and there is a well defined opinion about what is going on by both the subject and the photographer. Janet was drawn specifically to tennis because of the nature of the sport and because she found it to be an easy sport for a woman photographer to break into.

Janet has always enjoyed drawing and spent much of her early years working in this medium. She majored in Fine Arts at college and worked first in painting, but she "never really took herself seriously as an artist." Ironically it wasn't until her third year in a philosophy class that she realized that it was possible to be creative as well as highly technical.

"I started thinking about art in a different way," she says. She left that school and moved out to the west coast where she took more technical courses such as print making. After a trip to Europe Janet formed a small business with another person and became a street artist making and selling leather goods. Janet and her business partner moved to Las Vegas, "an education in itself," and lasted for a short time there.

When she moved back to San Francisco, she joined a women who was quite gifted in her work of hand painted clothes. This included batik work which interested Janet a great deal, and over a period of seven years she worked in this medium, exhibiting her work in several craft shows. However, she was still searching for an art form that allowed room for creativity and was technical enough to provide an income.

In 1980 while she still ran the T-shirt business which had grown out of her work in batik, Janet started working for The Paper in the graphics department. She has developed her interest and skills in this media and now has her own business as a graphic artist. Janet feels that her many areas of art and the varied business experiences have enabled her to be quite sensitive to the needs of her customers. Her work, under the business name of ZaGrafix, extends from consumer flyers to the design and copy development of logos and promotional brochures. She maintains her work in photography with private clients through her business PHOTOGENICS with her business partner, Cheryl Trendly. Janet volunteers her time as both photographer and graphic artist for We The People.



Martina Navratilova in the final at the U.S. Open in New York in 1987. Janet was covering the tournament for Women's Sports and Fitness magazine
Janet Zagoria/Photogenics

Unitarian Church Reaching Out to Gays/Lesbians

The Gay and Lesbian Concerns Group of the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Sonoma County will sponsor a forum at the fellowship June 3, to bring together the various organizations in Sonoma County serving gay and lesbian persons in the county. Members of the group at the UU fellowship believe that time has come to determine the needs of the gay and lesbian community and to identify existing services.

It is also felt that it is time to bring about a coalition of existing groups to work together to provide, or obtain funding and facilities for services. Representatives of all groups are invited to attend. For information call Neil at 823-6190.

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Pride Resolution

The last week of June is the 20th anniversary of the Lesbian/Gay Freedom movement. The National theme is STONEWALL 20: A generation of Pride. Supervisors are requested to pass a resolution proclaiming June 18-24, 1989 Lesbian/Gay Pride Week. This is the third year for the resolution. The first year it did not reach their Agenda. In 1988 the Board voted it down.

This year our strategy includes your support. Individuals and groups are urged to call, write and meet with each Supervisor. The Supervisors need to hear from a broad spectrum. This is an opportunity to recognize the often invisible Lesbian/Gay community.

Your sponsorship includes a letter to Supervisors stating sponsorship and urging them to pass the resolution. As a sponsor we hope you contact each supervisor, endorse the resolution and encourage others to do the same.

Endorsements of the resolution can be by letter or use your business card and write on the back that you "authorize use of your name in support of the Lesbian/Gay Pride Week resolution." Then sign your card. A packet of endorsements will be presented to the Supervisors showing the spectrum of supporters. This will be more impressive than a petition with signatures. Your support is vital. We hope for a vote the first week of June. If you wish more information please contact me at 528-6244.

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AIDS News

By Doug McCulloch

In the course of my work on the AIDS Project I am often confronted by men who claim they know HIV infected people who are engaging in high risk sexual activities (presumably with uninfected individuals). I am often asked "What can we do about these people?"

My answer is: while these people are certainly a concern to us, our primary concern is the uninfected person who continues to put him or herself at risk for infection by engaging in unsafe sex practices. My concern is that the gay community in Sonoma County has not made an unwavering commitment to safer sex. If an individual makes such a commitment will his or her community support that commitment? Or are we still dealing with a community norm which says if you want that hunk at the end of the bar you had better be willing to do certain unsafe sexual acts? From what I hear, the latter is often the case.

We at the AIDS Project want to turn this scenario around. We would like to see a community which supports and encourages individual commitment to consistent self protection and reduced risk behavior. The question is how do we begin to bring about a change in a standard by which gay males have for so long identified themselves. For lack of any other clearly defined self image, gay men have traditionally relied on their sexuality as their sole identity. This is what has made a community based change in sexual behavior so difficult. Individual behavior change which is not supported by the community cannot be very successful.

In an effort to acquire some skills in how to address this community based issue, I attended a pre-conference in San Francisco April 5th. The workshop was entitled Sex, Dating, and Intimacy in the Age of AIDS. The institute offered facilitator skills for conducting small group workshops to help men explore the emotionally significant issues and attitudes affected by the AIDS epidemic which have impacted our social lives and sexuality. I also attended a "Buddy Connection" workshop in Sacramento April 29th. The intent of this workshop was to provide health educators the skills to develop safe sex workshops for local community outreach.

It is my intention to begin offering small group safe sex workshops in Sonoma County which will address issues such as: how to talk to a partner about safer sex practices; how to set, communicate, and respect personal limits with a partner; and how to deal with the anxiety, embarrassment, and awkwardness of meeting other men, whether for sex, romance, dating, or friendship. We hope to have these workshops under way by mid May and, of course, it is only by your participation that we can hope to create a community of support for such important individual sexual behavior changes. Keep your eyes open for fliers indicating dates, times, and places, or for more information or to volunteer to help organize this program please call me at 579-AIDS (2437).

SRJC CAMPUS NEWS

Day of Dialogue

On March 23, seven gay and lesbian Student Union members spoke in panel form at Santa Rosa High School. The event was called "Day of Dialogue". A number of groups/people were invited to speak about human rights issues, among them were: Face to Face, Alan Cranston, and Amnesty International.

The Woods

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legal non-conforming use, days and hours of operation, outdoor activities, use of structures, number of employees, and parking and shuttle service.

Watts said that the legal non-conforming use of the property had changed from emphasis on a restaurant with incidental dancing and entertainment, to an emphasis on nightclub and disco with incidental emphasis on the restaurant.

Key to her position was that a new kitchen had been built to service a much smaller restaurant upstairs.

Willard Carle, attorney for The Woods, had manager Eric Pariser and owner Jon Schmidt testify that the new restaurant was actually almost as large as the previous one and that the kitchen had always been there as part of private living quarters. The downstairs kitchen had burned, and they could not get insurance on the property if they rebuilt the kitchen in the same place.

They added that there had been no structural changes and therefore did not apply for permits. When they were informed that the equipment required a permit, they obtained one.

Watts said that by staying open past 2:00 a.m. the resort had expanded its operation in violation of an agreement made in 1985. Pariser said the resort never received notice to curtail operation to 2 a.m., and only discovered the existence of a letter from Watts to former partner Bob Drew when he saw her file a year ago. He also maintained that the original resort often had events that ran until 3 or 4 a.m. He added that the only reason The Woods stayed open until 4 a.m. was to give people "a chance to cool down before sending them out on the road."

Pariser noted that a meeting had been held last year among the neighbors, Planning, Fire Department, Sheriffs, Highway Patrol and State Parks to help resolve some of the problems.

"We decided to go through the season and meet again to

Santa Rosa J.C. Gay/Lesbian Student Union has been actively trying to reach the youth for the past two years. Late in February, one of our members, (a high school student), came to our meeting and informed us that we had been asked to speak at SRHS. Members of the club had meetings throughout March in order to prepare for the event.

The Student Union spoke to approximately 93 students who were all receptive and honest. I feel that the student union did a remarkable job, and I hope that they are given the chance to speak, again.

discuss the issues," said Pariser. "No meeting was ever called at the end of last season to discuss those issues. It was just left open. Therefore I assumed that things were going OK. This is the first indication - this hearing - that they are not."

Pariser said that regarding outdoor activities, nothing has changed from the operations of the resort in the 1960s. Regarding the structures, Pariser and Carle testified that no structures had changed, only uses had been moved around. The county agreed that the number of employees was not a major issue.

Parking has been a major problem, and The Woods detailed some of the remedies they have applied. Included were making and installing "no parking" signs and placing barricades adjacent to neighborhood driveways. A shuttle was added to drive people from downtown Guerneville to The Woods and back on weekends.

Watts contended that the addition of a shuttle indicated a change in use, and an expansion because of a need for additional parking. Much of the staff report noted that many more people were now going to the resort, and considered that an expansion of use.

Attorney Carle stressed that increased business is not a land-use issue, and therefore not in the jurisdiction of the Planning Department. In fact, he told Egan, a letter sent by Watts to a park ranger supervisor after the 1985 opinion by Planning specifically stated:

"The change in style of music and entertainment, as well as clientele, is not a land-use matter that we can consider... the success of the business does not constitute an expansion of a legal non-conforming use."

Attorney Carle said there would always be a core group of complainers, and drew attention to one letter from John Moe to Supervisor Ernie Carpenter which began: "Well, Ernie, here we go again. Sun, sex and sickness. When will they ever learn?" Carle said that "That's the mindset of the people that are out there."

A decision will be mailed to the resort within 45 days.

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

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The Social-Life Club monthly reminder. To join send in a self-addressed stamped envelope to PO Box 2204, S.R., 95405. The only Gay/Lesbian Fun Club in the Redwood Empire. Monthly reminder. To join send in a self-addressed stamped envelope to PO Box 2204, S.R., 95405. The

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Rowland's Review is seeking a secretary for our organization. Persons applying to this ad must volunteer for the position until a non-profit status is obtained. Possible pay in future. Join an upcoming theater company on the move. Must be very dedicated and responsible individual.

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Very handsome, intelligent man, 26, into recovery, therapy, and communication seeks same, 23-33, to hang out with and poss. dating/sex send short letter to AD 502

May/June Calendar...

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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 program 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 information call (415)457-1115.

Lesbian Business Owner's Association meets once a month. For dates, times and further information call 585-7654.

Metropolitan Community Church meets at 11:00 a.m. on Sundays. All lifestyles welcome. John I. Torres, Pastor. For location call 526-HOPE.

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 information and counseling call 869-0552.

Second Conference for Homophobia Educators, "Strategies for Homophobia Education". Participants will showcase their work, network with others, and examine resources in print, slides, film and other media. June 30-July 3, UCLA, Los Angeles. For more information call Jaye Miller/BANGLE at (707)433-9158.

Second West Coast Conference and Celebration of Old Lesbians will be held at San Francisco State University Aug. 4-6, 1989. Contacts in the Bay Area for more information are: Natalie Zarchin (415)528-0018 and Sally Binford (415)989-5372. Registration materials will be available on request from West Coast Conference and Celebration, P.O. Box 31787, San Francisco, CA 94131.

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.

OTHER PROGRAMS

Father John A. Struzzo Retreat, sponsored by Dignity, a gay Catholic organization. May 5-7, Petaluma. For info call (415)826-6110.

Redwood Empire Star-Guide May 1989

By Chipper Bohlender

TAURUS, Apr 21 to May 20
A close friend can be of great help with any emotional difficulties. Time for short journeys and business expansions. Romance is strong this month, but, please use common sense. Don't put off any legal problems any more. It can bring rewards.

GEMINI, May 21 to June 20
Mingle with the big shots for you have so much charm. Watch overboard spending. You may have been waiting for some additional monies, such as tax refund, raises, etc., but be forewarned, it may not come. Possible problems with job or health, but love life is strong.

CANCER, June 21 to July 22
Good results come from business deals or planning. Grab all new social opportunities. Favor your partner with lots of "I love you's." Time to move ahead into a plane of consciousness. Incoming mail this month can bring good news.

LEO, July 23 to Aug 22
Time to shop for the kitchen. Avoid all controversial discussions. Some of your friends are very touchy right now. Time to be on your toes at work - or you may miss something very important that has an effect on your career advancement. Don't be afraid to take charge in all your love relationships.

VIRGO, Aug 23 to Sept 22
You lack the cooperation you need this month. You need a good rest. Take a mini trip for a few days. And doing this you will be able to encounter nothing but friendliness wherever you go. Open up with your boss and tell him/her just what you think are the problems at work. You'll be thanked more ways than one.

LIBRA, Sept 23 to Oct 22
Make sure all plans you make this month have the approval of your life partner. Finances are a source of worry. You have strong will power, use it to the max. Watch yourself with your friends.

You may be taking advantage without knowing.

SCORPIO, Oct 23 to Nov 22
Make those phone calls to family members. Answer all letters. You will be very happy this month. Keep your sincerity in your relationships. Very romantic month. Don't anticipate too much, however.

SAGITTARIUS, Nov 23 to Dec 21
Get a firm grip on your own circumstances. Budget time and money. Be prepared for the unexpected. Don't insist on having your own way if you don't want disappointments. Excellent time to make those decisions you have been putting off.

CAPRICORN, Dec 22 to Jan 19
Be considerate of others. You may make changes and improve things, especially the way you look. Family relationships are very stressful. Do not let anyone feel lonesome or neglected by you.

AQUARIUS, Jan 20 to Feb 18
Respond to all opportunities presented to you at once. Home life and your mate call for more than average attention. Re-dedicate yourself at work. You may be in several financial pinches this month. Update your little black book.

PISCES, Feb 19 to Mar 20
Clear up any disagreements with roommates. Watch your behavior, it's becoming very questionable. Taking suggestions from others is not too wise this month. Be very sympathetic and understanding to those you care about. Love life, go for it.

ARIES, Mar 21 to Apr 20
Danger of extravagance and self-indulgence, watch out. Routine task bring great pleasures. Educational matters spring unexpected surprises on you now. Avoid any attractive propositions friends may offer. It will cost you. Romance comes from attending social events.

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Calendar

MAY/JUNE

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

WEDNESDAY MAY 3

Sonoma County Lesbian/Gay Democratic Club, meets 1st Wednesday of the month. 7:30 p.m. For information call 527-0485.

THURSDAY MAY 4

The Zuni Man-Woman, a traditional gay role - slides and lecture by **Will Roscoe** on the life of We-wha. 5:00-7:00 p.m., Stevenson Hall 1002, Sonoma State University, Rohnert Park. Free. (Parking \$1.50 in quarters.)

FRIDAY MAY 5

Women's Weekend at the Russian River. Friday 5th-Monday 8th at Fife's (869-0656) and The Woods (869-0111). **Women Against Rape** will be sponsoring a flea market during the weekend. For donation pick-up call 546-8316.

SATURDAY MAY 6

Jennifer Berezan celebrates the release of her new album, "In the Eye of the Storm" - a performance of songs that weave the personal, political and spiritual. 8:00 p.m., ClaireLight. \$4-8 sliding scale. 575-8879.

Women's Weekend at the Russian River. Friday 5th-Monday 8th at Fife's (869-0656) and The Woods (869-0111).

TUESDAY MAY 9

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

Lynn Lonidler hosts a book party for her new work, *Clitoris Lost*, a take-off on John Milton's ordering of a heaven, hell and earth. 8 p.m., Buster's, 1127 Folsom St., S. F.

WEDNESDAY MAY 10

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

THURSDAY MAY 11

Lesbian/Gay Pride Week 1989 committee meeting to coordinate activities for the last week of June. 7 p.m. For more info call Magi at 528-6244.

FRIDAY MAY 12

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

SATURDAY MAY 13

Buddy Connection/Safer Sex Workshop, presented by the AIDS Project. 1:00-4:00 p.m., Public Health Rotunda, 3313 Chanate Rd., SR. No charge. For information call Douglas McCulloch at 579-AIDS.

Dignity, gay Catholic organization, meets at 6:30 p.m. Mass at 7:00, followed by potluck dinner. For information call Lar and Scott at 433-1896 or Mert at 579-5308.

The Human Race, Face to Face fundraising event. For pledge sheets or more information contact Rick Dean at 887-1581.

SUNDAY MAY 14

ACT-UP (AIDS Coalition to Unleash Power) General Meeting. 3:00-5:00 p.m. For information call Sam at 865-2411 or Paul at 765-9857.

Mother's Day Concert by the Choir of St. Eugene. 2:00 p.m., Santa Rosa Vet's Memorial Building. \$8 advance, \$10 at the door. For advance tickets call 576-4310.

FRIDAY MAY 19

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

SATURDAY MAY 20

Out in Suburbia - In this documentary video, eleven Bay Area suburban women speak for themselves about their lives as lesbians. Meet Pam Walton, the producer, and two of the women who appear in this upbeat video. 7:00 p.m., ClaireLight. \$3-5 sliding scale. 575-8879.

Sonoma County California Men's Gathering: "Healing Men's Isolation," for information, call 579-5308.

Veterans CARE will march in the Santa Rosa Rose Festival Parade.

SUNDAY MAY 21

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

The Tear Gas Certification/Self-Defense Workshop presented by Dr. Judith Fein and Nancy Worthington incorporates practical physical and psychological defense techniques as well as Department of Justice approved tear gas certification training. Advance registration strongly suggested: \$12 before the 21st, \$15 at the door. State permit to carry and use tear gas is available for an additional \$8.50. ClaireLight. 575-8879.

TUESDAY MAY 23

Stages of Long-Term Lesbian Relationships, one evening in a monthly series of information and discussion with **Frances Fuchs**, CET, CHT and **Mary Hinsdale**, MFCC. This presentation will focus on the successive stages of long-term relationships - the challenges and characteristics at each stage, and helpful tools that couples can use. 7:00 p.m., Santa Rosa Senior Center. \$10. For information, contact Frances at 578-4322 or Mary at 795-3279.

THURSDAY MAY 25

Lesbian/Gay Pride Week 1989 committee meeting to coordinate activities for the last week of June. 7 p.m. For more info call Magi at 528-6244.

FRIDAY MAY 26

California Men's Gathering: "Facing Our Fears Together," Fri. 26th-Mon 29th, for brochure, call 579-5308.

SUNDAY MAY 28

ACT-UP (AIDS Coalition to Unleash Power) General Meeting. 3:00-5:00 p.m. For information call Sam at 865-2411 or Paul at 765-9857.

International AIDS Memorial Candlelight March at 8:00 p.m., followed by a ceremony at 9:00 p.m. in Santa Rosa. Many local organizations are participating. For more information or to volunteer for the event, call Michael at 865-1732 or Chuck at 865-2159.

SATURDAY JUNE 3

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 Jim F. at 544-1769 or Mert at 579-5308.

SUNDAY JUNE 4

Paul Mariah of ManRoot Press reads from his work. 7:00 p.m., Sweet Life Cafe, SR.

MONDAY JUNE 5

Paul Mariah of ManRoot Press reads from his work. 7:30 p.m., Russian River Writers Guild, Sebastopol.

TUESDAY JUNE 6

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

WEDNESDAY JUNE 7

Sonoma County Lesbian/Gay Democratic Club, meets 1st Wednesday of the month. 7:30 p.m. For information call 527-0485.

FRIDAY JUNE 9

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 Gay Petalumas Tuesday, 7:30 p.m. First Presbyterian Church, Petaluma.

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 info and location.

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

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/ARC/AIDS Health Maintenance Group, a closed entry level process group focusing on how we can care for ourselves. Facilitated by Donna L. Jones, RN, FNP and Marjorie Thirkettle, MFCC. A 10-week commitment is asked of each member. Limited to 8-10 people, the group will repeat every 10 weeks. Meets every Monday night in the library conference room at Community Hospital, Santa Rosa. For info call 578-0855 or 869-3304.

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.

HIV Positive Support Group, facilitated by Marjorie Thirkettle, MFCC (ML021923), meets every Thursday, 2:45-4:15 p.m. No fee (donation accepted). For information call 869-3304. Sponsored by the Russian River Metropolitan Community Church.

Lesbian and Gay Overeaters Anonymous, meets every Wed. at 8 p.m. Christ Methodist Church, 1717 Yulupa Dr, Rm 5, Santa Rosa. For info call 823-5845.

Lesbian Co-Dependents Anonymous, meets every Monday at 7 p.m. Santa Rosa Sr Ctr, 704 Bennett Vly Rd. For info call Faye at 829-5392.

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

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

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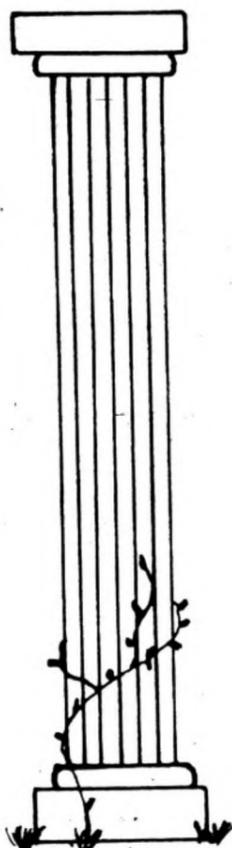
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