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As you know, the lesbian and gay community is in its third go-around with California conservatives over their efforts to pass into law propositions that are clearly not in the best interest of people everywhere, whether they be gay or straight.

To put this in perspective, we need to harken back to 1986. Lyndon LaRouche’s Prop 64 was perceived as a huge threat by gay people. There was plenty of money and volunteers throughout the state (and especially in Santa Cruz) to fight LaRouche and we clobbered him.

Flush from victory, a great many people thought that was that. But then came a similar effort to pass an equally insane measure this past spring. The LaRouche-backed Prop 69 was a duplicate of Prop 64, requiring once again our time and money to defeat it. The campaign, however, was not as smooth-running as in 1986. There was not the same immediate groundswell of concern and support as with 64. A great number of people were burned out. But we defeated Prop 69, and in a big way.

We are now in the midst of our third campaign to defeat similar conservative measures this November. Props 102 and 96, while not directly sponsored by LaRouche, are equally, if not more, dangerous. Their sponsors are rabid California conservatives, who, in the scheme of things, come off more level-headed and reasonable than a fanatic like LaRouche. Make no mistake about it, these men (Dannemeyer, Gann, Doolittle and Block) are dangerous, narrow-minded fanatics themselves. But they are therefore have a broader appeal than the likes of LaRouche. That makes their threat all the more salient.

By Michael Perlmans

California Magazine Blows It

"While everyone was searching for a cure for AIDS, we discovered the cause. The AIDS epidemic in America wasn’t spread by a virus. It was spread by a single man. Young. Egocentric. The star of the homosexual jet-set. A Canadian flight attendant named Gaetan Dugas, who continued to infect up to 250 men a year. Even after U.S. health officials begged him to stop.

In ‘Patient Zero: The Man Who Brought AIDS to California,’ Randy Shilts chronicled the horror of a promiscuous man with a deadly disease. A disease that may ultimately threatens an entire nation. And the story appeared first in California Magazine.

‘Patient Zero’ is the kind of involving journalism rarely found in America today. But the kind of articles our readers expect to find in California Magazine. Because no one covers California like we do."

-This horrible copy appeared with a picture of Gaetan Dugas in a recent New York Times ad that California Magazine ran in an effort to increase its appeal to national advertisers. The ad, which is also slated to run in Ad Age, Ad Week, and Publisher’s Weekly, three national advertising industry magazines, is being protested by the Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation/Bay Area. GLAAD has accused California Magazine publisher Perry Grayson of "providing medically false information about AIDS, and for sensationalizing the AIDS crisis in a way that promotes a vicious image of gay men as a group that deliberately spread the AIDS virus."
Community Center Acknowledgements

The Santa Cruz Lesbian and Gay Community Center would like to thank the following organizations and individuals who contributed prizes which we raffled off during the 1988 Gay Pride Week. With their help and that of the hundreds of people who bought tickets and the many volunteers, we raised over $1600. More than half of this money will be used toward our "building fund" dedicated to acquiring a physical space for the Center. Special thanks go to Marie Henley from Pacific Harbor Travel for donating the Grand Prize!

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Reaching the Uninformed

In these times of AIDS, ignorance is not bliss. It is dangerous. The sexual behavior of those uninformed about high risk activity will lead to HIV infection. If you are a frequent reader of the Lavender Reader, you most likely have learned about protection against AIDS. There remain, however, many men and women in Santa Cruz County who may be unknowingly at risk and uninformed about disease prevention. Consider these fictitious situations:

Scenario number 1: Two men have been in a relationship for over three years and both agree to be sexually exclusive. Both were practicing safer sex before they met. After a few months together, they decided no longer to take precautions and therefore discontinued the use of condoms. Neither one considered taking the HIV test since they assumed that there was safety in their coupled monogamy. They overlooked the fact of a long incubation period wherein either one might have been exposed in the last 8 to 10 years.

Scenario number 2: A south county Latino man recently separated from his wife finds himself in the company of other single men who socialize in the bars and parks. Although he would never identify with being gay, he may choose to have sex with men as an alternative form of sexual release. Frequently the available "pickup" will be a teenage hustler with an IV drug habit. With no access to accurate and complete information in Spanish regarding his sex health, he is unprotected and clearly at risk.

Scenario number 3: A Scotts Valley housewife in her 40's has just learned a month ago that she is HIV positive. She and her husband have been married 18 years, has been having clandestine sex with men for many years. After the initial shock, she enters therapy in hopes of discovering how she will adjust to this revelation. She is confronted with the possibility that she, like her husband, might be at risk for exposure to HIV infection. What does she do? Who can she turn to?

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BY DAVID BECKSTEIN

LETTERS

I am not really sure why I am writing this letter except that I wanted to tell someone - everyone, in fact, to watch out.

Last night I was attacked. What the news would call a random act of violence, except that I wanted to tell this letter except that I wanted to tell...
Community Center Moves Forward

In just four short months, active lesbians and gays in and around Santa Cruz have organized and cooperated to give birth to the new Lesbian and Gay Community Center of Santa Cruz. While they haven't found a permanent home yet, they are making the most of local facilities such as Auden Nelson and the YWCA from which to launch their efforts.

Already the LGCC has provided social and fundraising opportunities for the gay and lesbian community at their evening Coffee House featuring local artistic talent Linda Blain, Alone Smith, Deborah Abbott, Judy Havey, and the Calamari Chorus. Not to mention holding the raffle during this year's Gay Pride Celebration and sponsoring what may become an annual event at their first Barbeque and Rummage Sale, which was held on September 18th. Upcoming plans include a Game Night in October and a Halloween Ball co-hosted with the Campaign for Responsible AIDS Action.

Launched initially this spring from a forum held by the Alliance, the LGCC has proven from its events and outreach that there is clearly support both in terms of money and time from our community for this project. The experiment is underway and so far it is a success. Part of that success is measured in the tangible accomplishment of authorizing the non-profit corporation by-laws which took effect at the monthly business meeting September 13th. Much effort was put into this document so that it would reflect the needs and feelings of every volunteer involved, and with a mind to those whom we would serve. A unique structure of the Board of Directors calls for the shared responsibility of the "helm" by both a woman and man; a clear purpose and directives set the tone for the operation of the organization; and a broad interpretation of "membership" will result in the widest possible representation of our community. In addition, all of the business meetings will be run by consensus to ensure that all who want to be heard will be. To that end, the Board of Directors and other interested Community Center volunteers will be attending a workshop on the consensus process offered by the Resource Center for Non-Violence.

It was at this meeting that the first board of directors was elected: Mindy Storch as President/Co-chairperson, Ron Sampson as Co-chairperson, Shari Bandes as Treasurer, Greta Hughes as Secretary, Mardi Brown as Director at Large, Stacy as Director at Large; committee representatives Michael Lightstone for Fundraising (462-4730); Kathy MacCrea for Programs/Services (426-6646); and Lee Roden for Communications (462-2610). All of these directors will serve for one year with the exception of the co-chair who will assume the office of the President/Co-chair for his second year.

At this point, the LGCC is running on the energy of about 50 volunteers on the various committees, and the donations of a wide variety of supporters, including over 40 people who have pledged to donate so much every month (Thankyou!). It is because of our volunteers and donors that we are well on our way to the Building Fund goal of $3,000. Once the money is obtained, we will commit to a physical site for the Center. After our initial start-up costs, we are committing one half of all proceeds to the Building Fund which is clearly one of our highest priorities.

More energy and more money is needed to keep going, so the LGCC asks for your support in either form. You are welcome to attend our monthly meetings -- the second Tuesday of every month at Auden Nelson. If you are interested in working on any of the committees, please call the representatives listed above. Or - if you are interested in making a donation or monthly pledge, contact Mindy Storch at 475-6268.

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AGEM
Gears Up For 1989

The volunteers for next year's Gay Evening in May, Santa Cruz' largest lesbian and gay fund raiser, are looking for new faces and fresh ideas. We will be having a general meeting for all people interested in contributing their time in planning this festival occasion on October 20th at 7:00pm at the Auden Nelson Center. If you are interested in becoming a member of the Planning Committee or if you have input of any kind, please join us or call our acting coordinator Mardi Brown at 479-5600. With your help we can make this year's show better than ever!
National Newsletter For Disabled Dykes

A unique effort to link disabled lesbi­ans nationally (and possibly international­ly) has begun. "Dykes, Disability and Stuff" is one answer to the dearth of com­munication among members of this sizea­ble community. It will be a forum for women with a spectrum of health issues to begin addressing and resolving ques­tions that each may be having alone. "One goal," publisher Catherine Lohr states, "is to put lesbians, women's, and mainstream disability rights movements on notice that we will be taking our rightful place at the helm of our own des­tiny." This strong stance is reflective of Lohr's grassroots belief system. "The readers will also be the writers," Lohr continues. "Dykes, Disability & Stuff" will be a readers' forum and is expected to address the gamut of concerns women dealing with chronic disabilities are think­ing about. "My greatest wish is to see us create our own liberation... to make real, without interference or exclusion, the nat­ural abilities with which we came into this life.

Contributions of art/graphics, news, discussions and letters should be sent to "DD&S", P.O. Box 6194, Boston, MA 02114. Subscriptions for this start-up quarterly are available on a sliding scale from $8-20. For (print) sample of first issue send SASE. Braille and tape copies of the premiere issue will be available free through and courtesy of the Women's Braille Press, POB 8745, Minneapolis, MN 55408.

Book Submissions Sought

One founding member of the group of Jewish Lesbian Daughters of Holocaust Survivors, an international networking and support group, seeks submissions for an anthology of writings by Jewish Les­bian Daughters of Holocaust Survivors. Tentatively titled "The Hour of the Rooster, The Hour of the Owl," from a prose-poem of the same name, this col­lection will include poetry, photos, b/w ar­tographics and short stories all focused around life as a Jewish Lesbian Daughter of Holocaust Survivors. Fiction, histor­i­cal fiction, biography, autobiography and other appropriate styles will be consid­ered. Possible chapter headings include: Women Born in DP (displaced person) Camps; Polka Dot and Plaid: The New­comers Arrive; Hiding, Hoarding and Enough of Everything; Tim Warp — The Transcendence of A War, etc.

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Authors may choose to publish under a pseudonym for reasons of personal con­fidentiality. For further information please write: JLDHS Book, P.O. Box 6194, Boston, MA 02114 for more in­formation. JLDHS do not have to be members of the international group for submissions to be considered.

Insurance Co. Challenges Use of Aerosol Pentamidine

Prudential Insurance Co. (owner of Prucare) issued a decision from its national office that it will no longer pay for aerosol pentamidine as a treatment for Pneumocystis (PCP) in the United States. This reversal of its previous policy that the drug be approved for payment. The rationale behind this decision is that the drug has not been "scientifically proven" and is still "experimental," even though nearly every major hospital in the U.S. now recognizes it as a legitimate AIDS treatment.

The more obvious reason is to save Prudential money, for without pentamidine, most Pneumocystis patients will die.

This new policy of Prudential must be reversed. If it is successful, other medical plans around the country will be motivated to pass similar non-payment policies for pentamidine treatments, resulting in a "Kill-them-before-they-cost-you-money" policy with regard to AIDS patients.

You can help save the lives of your friends with AIDS by writing a letter to the Chairman of Prudential asking for a reversal of this callous decision.

The media also needs to be motivated to do stories on this outrageous decision, so make the TOP-BOTTOM of your letter to Prudential, CC: to at least two TV stations (att: News Dept); to your Congressman and Senators; and to others who could help (see sample letter). Publicity is the key to make Prudential reconsider. Mail copies of your original letter to everyone you CC'd. It helps keep this issue alive.

The more letters and copies sent helps keep the media swamped and the more likely stories will be written a bout it. The more letters written, the more effective this type of campaign, and the more likely that Prudential will reconsider its decision.

SAMPLE:

Mr. Robert Winters
Chairman of the Board
Prudential Plaza
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Dr. Mr. Winters:

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Yours,

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COMMUNITY AT LARGE

Coast to Coast: National Coming Out Day

In celebration of last year's march on Washington, and in an effort to rekindle the political fires of local Gay and Lesbian communities throughout the country, the National Gay Rights advocates, in an association with The Experience Weekend, is organizing a National Coming Out Day for October 11.

National Coming Out Day draws near, it is clearly evident that this day will be celebrated by people from coast to coast. Excitement is building in the gay community as thousands of lesbians and gay men plan to "take their next step" by participating in special events planned in cities and towns nationwide.

Last year's October 11th March on Washington energized the gay community across the country as it took our strength and spirit to the nation's capitol. This year the strength comes home to the local grassroots organizations that are the backbone of the gay movement. The event is a reminder to all gay men and lesbians that the time has come to get involved in the campaign for civil rights; the time for us to "take their next step." To excite gay and lesbian organizations in local communities, the organizing body of NCOD has begun a large scale campaign of its own. The national media has been put on alert, three full time staff members have been hired by NCOD to work exclusively on the event and "Coming Out Kits" have been mailed to thousands of different ideas for "coming out" from "not from your mother" to "organizing a demonstration for gay rights" are being offered to local organizations to call NCOD to share other ideas about "how to come out." In fact, phones at official NCOD headquarters are ringing off the hook with reports of dances, dinners, seminars, letter writing campaigns and celebrations that are in the works.

NCOD is making available a wide variety of support materials to groups coming on board as "Official Event Sponsors" including buttons, bumper stickers, key chains and lapel pins. The staff has put together a set of guidelines on how to go about obtaining media support as well as an informational circular on how to start a gay support group. Artist Keith Haring has designed an original poster to celebrate the event and there will be a commemorative journal in which individuals, businesses and organizations can place personal statements.

"National Coming Out Day is catching on all over the country," says Jean O'Leary, Executive Director of NGRA and Co-Chair of NCOD. Rob Eichberg, founder of the Experience Weekend and O'Leary's Co-Chair of the event adds, "It's a day that will help us renew our commitments to one another. Ours is a community that is coming out of the closet, from the family to the nation's capitol. This campaign encourages every gay man and lesbian to "take their next step." This October 11th, a step that for each individual is intensely personal. Jean O'Leary adds, "The Official Coming Out Kits can only offer suggestions for next steps, people must choose what is best for them." O'Leary goes on to say, "Some people may choose to come out to themselves for the first time that they are gay or lesbian, while others may choose to come out to a friend or family members. One thing is certain, no matter how far in the closet, or out of the closet we are, we all have a next step." More information about NCOD, and to obtain Official Coming Out Kits, contact National Gay Right Advocates at (215) 650-6200 or write to 8380 Santa Monica Blvd., Suite 202, West Hollywood, CA 90069.
This is why the Campaign for Responsible AIDS Action was initially formed — to serve as an ad-hoc organization ready to gear-up against these ballot measures as they appear in our state. And it's therefore up to every gay and lesbian person to support the campaign's efforts.

So please, donate some money, volunteer some time, and at the very least, educate yourself, your family and friends and vote No on Props 102 and 96 in November. (For more information about the Props and what you can do, see pages 20 and 21.)

This November's election also features our periodic exercise in the mediocrity of presidential politics. Bush is clearly a fascist. Dukakis, unfortunately, is about as exciting as warmed-over oatmeal. Furthermore, Dukakis does not have a stellar record on gay and lesbian issues (see Scott Brookie's piece on Dukakis in the Spring '88 issue of the Reader). But compared to a Bush Presidency, a Dukakis administration has far more appeal. (For more analysis on the race and its implications for lesbians and gay men, see John Laird's column on page 15.)

Finally, we urge you to register to vote, attend the Lesbian and Gay Action Alliance's election forums this month (see page 9 for details) and come this November 8th, get out and vote.

On behalf of the entire Lavender Reader staff — Thank You!

As I write this, it is two months before the Presidential election on November 8. Much has happened since I last wrote in this space asking everyone concerned about lesbian and gay issues to cast a vote for Jesse Jackson in the June California primary.

Massachusetts Governor Michael Dukakis won that primary with over 63% of the vote. Jesse Jackson carried Santa Cruz City with over 60% of the vote and also carried the measurable lesbian and gay precincts in California.

There was an active Lesbian and Gay Caucus at Atlanta's Democratic National Convention in July, with about 75 members that were delegate and alternates, including yours truly as an elected official pledged to Jesse Jackson. It was the only caucus of convention delegates that contained a majority of members supporting Jesse Jackson.
were small meetings involving caucus members for Jackson and Dukakis with Dukakis staff members asking for specifics on lesbian and gay issues.

The Dukakis staff reaffirmed the platform's non-discrimination policy and reaffirmed the language on AIDS in the party's platform. But there was no movement on the controversial issue of foster care nor the issuance of an executive order banning federal discrimination in employment against lesbian and gay men.

The staff also made a clear statement that the appointments of judges in Massachusetts have been made with a commitment to law enforcement and protection of civil rights. That was made clear because the next president will likely be able to make two or three Supreme Court appointments; right now, the Court is one vote short of different decisions on issues such as the Hardwick Georgia sodomy case.

Even though it was clear that Dukakis was the nominee, it was difficult for many Jackson delegates that had strong positions on lesbian and gay issues to support that vote at that time. There was a general belief that when the election rolled around in November, the issue of AIDS, general non-discrimination, and Supreme Court appointments would provide a strong difference between Michael Dukakis and George Bush. But most gay and lesbian Jackson delegates thought that an immediate Dukakis endorsement would downplay important differences on lesbian and gay issues — and would not be easily explainable back home.

Representative Karen Clark of Minnesota, the only open lesbian state legislator in the country and a Jesse Jackson supporter, made a strong plea to the Caucus at its last session. While she acknowledged Dukakis' poor stands on some lesbian and gay issues and her own strong support of Jesse Jackson, she felt that federal action on AIDS justified support of Dukakis in November.

Because of the split over Presidential candidates, I found the Caucus meetings among the least productive of any such state or national Democratic convention caucus I have ever attended.

The Caucus did set forth a clear platform on lesbian and gay issues — non-discrimination, AIDS, immigration, and other issues — and asked each individual state delegation to adopt it during daily delegation meetings. The California Jackson Caucus passed it unanimously, as did the California Dukakis delegation. Some states, such as Kansas, Minnesota and Maine, passed it. It was not passed in more conservative states, where the delegate that proposed it got a tremendous amount of credit for their courage in attempting to pass it.

As we look toward the November 8 election, I will recommend to lesbian and gay activists that they cast votes for the Democratic ticket. I have no illusions about Michael Dukakis on foster care policy; on Lloyd Bentsen; or in general, on lesbian and gay issues.

The Republic Convention keynote, Governor Thomas Kean of New Jersey, took a back-handed swipe at "the gays" by indicating that Dukakis was trying not to be specific on lesbian and gay issues in the hopes that we could be satisfied after the election. Poor Dukakis gets it from both sides on that one. We are unhappy because he is not specific or strong enough on lesbian and gay issues, and the Republicans accuse him of vagueness to conclude that he is.

But sitting out the election could allow George Bush to appoint rabbidly anti-gay Supreme Court justices. It could allow a continuation of the morally bankrupt federal AIDS policy of the last eight years. And Kitty Dukakis did make a sensitive, highly publicized visit to people with AIDS — more than the Vice President has done during his eight years of top national leadership.

As always, the real message is to continue to organize, to continue to press for our issues, and continue to make it very difficult for candidates to ignore us politically. The election is going to be close. If Dukakis carries California, it will be a close margin.

If we can show, as we did with Senator Alan Cranston when he won by a small margin two years ago, that we made the difference, then maybe we can exert influence the way we did when Cranston changed his position on the Helms Amendment and publicly apologized.

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Support the struggle of lesbians and gay men to be full participants in the life of Santa Cruz.
Most of the men and women who are going to jail for anti-choice politics no doubt feel as morally compelled as do feminists, peace activists and AIDS activists who choose similar tactics. But sincerity of conviction is no measure of what’s right. How, then, can we think about this? How can we respond? The current wave of demonstrations does not indicate increased opposition to abortion rights, merely the increased visibility that accompanies a shift to more radical tactics. Clinic administrators are quick to point out that polls consistently show majority support for safe and legal abortion. Some pro-choice activists are telling the media that anti-abortionists are in fact resorting to feminist tactics as a last gasp tactic because they lack the public support to outlaw abortion through legislative channels.

Feminists should think twice about making this argument. While it is clearly in our interest to stress public support for women’s right to choose, we are setting ourselves up politically if we imply that majority support is the measure of legitimacy. Other fundamental issues related to our right to control our bodies—including sexual privacy and self-definition, lesbian parenting, alternative fertility treatments and women’s workers’ rights—do not enjoy mainstream support. Our struggle to protect abortion rights must also support other feminist reproductive and sexual issues.

It’s also ridiculous to speak as if legislative channels are the only appropriate means for social change. Our few crucial victories within the system—including legalized abortion—are indecipherable to constant activism outside the political mainstream. Pro-choice activists risk underestimating the larger feminist movement—and their own cause—if they criticize the use of civil disobedience.
**ABOUT THE PROPOSITIONS**

First Proposition 64, and then Prop. 69. Now we’re fighting two new, equally ignorant measures to appear on the November ballot. Proposition 102 is sponsored by right-wing Congressman William Dannemeyer and supported by the equally rabid State Senator John T. Doolittle. If passed, Prop 102 would:

- Prohibit confidential/anonymous testing
- Require reporting of everyone who tests HIV positive, and of anyone who is SUSPECTED of being positive
- Allow employers and insurance companies to require an AIDS test prior to employment or medical/life insurance coverage
- Repeal current laws protecting people with AIDS/ARC from discrimination in housing, employment, and insurance
- Initiate extensive contact tracing
- Cost hundreds of millions of dollars to implement, and cut severely into AIDS research and treatment funds

Prop 96, while not as far-reaching as 102, is just as stupid. It’s an important measure to defeat. Sponsored by Sheriff Sherman Block of Los Angeles. If passed, it would:

- Allow court-ordered AIDS testing of persons ACCUSED (not convicted) of various sexual offenses, or interfering with a peace officer’s duties
- Permit reporting of an individual’s AIDS testing status to a wide range of institutional personnel and to the party demanding the test

**SOME KEY POINTS:**

**Safe testing outlawed—** Public-health experts agree that anonymous testing is the backbone of AIDS prevention. Those who are tested receive counseling and treatment. This kind of testing works because people have confidence in it. And yet, Prop 102 outlaws anonymous testing! It would break the back of the AIDS prevention efforts!

**Watch out for the “health police”!** Prop 102 turns our doctors, nurses and blood banks into spies. If a partner from a decade ago tests positive, you could wind up on a state list! Many others would not go for health care, knowing that their doctors must report their name or face criminal penalties. Driven underground this way, the spread of AIDS becomes worse.

Got a few hundred million dollars to waste? Prop 102 would shift millions of dollars in health care costs from private insurers to the taxpayers. It would cost millions more in useless testing and enforcement. All that money for a state law that only makes AIDS worse!

**Crucial research efforts destroyed!**

To fight this disease, medical researchers must be able to study HIV-infected people. People who are afraid they'll get turned in won’t participate in research studies. "The most significant obstacle to progress" That’s what the head of the President’s AIDS Commission said about discrimination against people who have HIV. Again, California has led the way. We were the first to pass laws banning such discriminating. Prop 102 would repeal those laws!

**No one is safer**

Prop 96 doesn’t help crime victims. It doesn’t protect police, firefighters or emergency medical personnel. It allows these people to get a court order for you to be tested for HIV. It creates only fear, confusion and panic.

**A pointless exercise—** Testing people for HIV because they were doing things like spliting or sneezing goes against all medical knowledge. And testing the accused tells nothing about the health of the victim.

**Civil rights down the drain—** "Innocent until proven guilty"—one of our most cherished principals. Prop 96 would take that precious protection away from you. You could be forcibly tested if someone simply accuses you of a crime, whether you committed it or not!

**Let’s promote the truth—**

The Surgeon General has said it. The President’s AIDS Commission has said it. Medical professionals unanimously agree: You can’t get AIDS from casual contact. Forcing people to be needlessly tested only diverts time and resources from real AIDS needs—education and research.

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In a recent creative phase, I began to narrate the stories of my life in my paintings. Grey buildings converging around a river with trees and parks and birds became my experiences in London and my feelings about the country that I grew up in. When Clause 28 (the anti-homosexuality bill) was passed by the Houses of Commons earlier this year, a pink triangle obliterated by the Union Jack appeared in a park and the anagrammatic title became "No Hero's Home." In another picture called "Thatcher’s Spring" two cranes tower over little grey houses symbolizing the priorities of the Conservative Government. In yet another I drew a naked man covering himself with his hands and called it "Self-Censorship"—it is about myself. As of this moment, the "stories" have started to spill outside the pictures, taking on a life of their own. Feeling outside the pictures, taking on "stories" have started to spill more intricate things, I have started to use the form most suited to "saying" things, which is writing. What follows is a story which describes in words some of the same things that I have been painting about in the last few months—my feelings about being gay—and in particular about being an gay artist.

What does being an artist have to do with being gay? Being an artist—like being a hairdresser, a gardener, an interior designer, like working in the "helping" professions or being self-employed, like cross-dressing or personal growth or alcoholism—comes with the turf. In a myriad ways we cope, make sense of, and respond to the absurd situation we are placed in. If we survive, we become tougher, we become cleverer—at finding niches, at both duplicity and honesty, and we come to know a good deal more about the world than other people do. Even if the gene for "artist" were not adjacent to the gene for "homosexual" on the DNA chain, we would become artists anyway, by dint of the fact that we are forced to observe the world in order to survive in it.

Having grown up gay in a heterosexist world, I find it nothing then to pick up a pencil and draw because we have already looked a good deal harder than most.

And the question in reverse—what does being gay have to do with being an artist? Well, we have to come out in our work, just as we do in our lives. For years I have painted landscapes and flowers and it is akin to when, as a teenager in the closet, I wore more feminine, more daring clothes even though I could not tell the truth about myself. It was a way of telling without saying anything. Now, after eight years of seriously pursuing art, I am beginning to get up the courage to make work that specifically identifies me as gay. It is very frightening. When I was a teenager the price of revealing myself would have been violence at the hands of my peers and now, as I think of putting "gay" art out into the world, I fear and expect violence and hatred to come back at me. The difference between coming out verbally and coming out in art is that when speaking, one can choose when to speak and whom to tell, but with art, once it is made and in the world, there is no controlling who sees it and when. And violence against us is pervasive.

Yet, in order to be a good artist, I believe I have to be true to myself. This means that coming out in my work, as scary as it seems, is the only option for me. I will not be the Continued on page 37

BY ROBIN WHITE

POETRY

BY PATRICE VECCHIONE

SIGNS

A border of trees so many miles long and a train ride of laughter. We slip through backyard gardens quickly across Holland.

Your black sweater and the trunk of a tree form the blunted shadow behind the self, the one who wakes us up at night.

We promise to drive there, take every circuitous route: monasteries at Meteora, live oaks of California, our own four walls.

WHEN GRIEF MOVES IN

It happens in the car. It happens standing in place. Those moments in between things, when the eye shifts, before it finds focus again. There at the edge of conversation the knowledge of grief moves in.

And such room she has taken, caused me to move twice in an attempt to house her. My body is not big enough.

The sadness of my bones cracks and snaps in the hold of her hunger.
There are major risks when a known lesbian feminist—who is not a known sex worker—attempts to write about the real problem. Too often we come off sounding like well-meaning missionaries: we are all brothers in the eyes of God, sisters under patriarchy, but those poor puffed babies are really in need of salvation.

So, if I don't focus here on the very real suffering of some women involved in the sex trade, it is not done out of reality of abuse and desperation some experience as a direct result of their work. I realize that not all sex workers are independent businesswomen cleaning up on men's ability and desire to pay for sexual services. Sex workers also include within their ranks women who stay in the trade for the same reasons other women might be abused and you want out, but you don't leave because the alternatives look even worse. How are you going to survive on the little the state is willing to give an 'unskilled woman' and her kids? How will you pay the rent, support your family, support your political work, support your art?

Family, political work, art—doesn't fit the popular profile of a sex worker who may believe themselves to be more than a pimp and a habit. But the fact is, most sex workers are neither fools nor addicts. Yes, there are women working in the sex trade who support expensive drug habits and they unquestionably do have a problem. But 'respectable' performers, businesswomen and lawyers consuming most of their income through their noses have a problem, too. The problem is addiction to an illegal and expensive substance. Few would suggest that the entertainment industry, or the business and law industries, be criminalized in order to deprive their member addicts of an income to support their habit. But women's work always seems to operate under a different set of rules. It's already a little menacing when a woman has an income of her own, whatever its origin. Add to that a woman charging for services expected to be 'freely given,' taken, or under exclusive contract to one man and things can get very nasty.

People who never would think to complain about the capitalist organization of society in which a boss makes a profit off a worker's labor suddenly become outraged at the exploitation of women working in the sex trade. Santa Cruz District Attorney, Art Danner, for example, explained the closing of county massage parlors and the subsequent loss of women's jobs, in just these terms: "My view of the business is that the women are exploited for financial gain. It is organized in such a way that money is siphoned off by operators. It's an exploitation kind of activity the community doesn't need."

Somehow I don't doubt Danner will stop short of busting all businesses in town not run as worker cooperatives. Santa Cruz County Sheriff Al Noren is worried about prostitutes, too. His concern, though, is tempered with resentment at women getting away with 'charging for sex.' He's recently had the interesting experience of interviewing Noren about his part in the crackdown on the parlors. Noren is a real shot-from-the-hip, can't-spade-a-spade and a-whore-a-whore cop: you call them 'sex workers' if you want. And they can say 'I'm doing a damn good job,' but they are charging outrageous prices for it. It's an easy way to make money, literally thousands of dollars lying on your back... calling it a 'profession' is a bunch of crap, you know. Having sex is no great accomplishment I don't think. I'm like saying when you have breakfast you are a professional breakfast eater. (But you might be called a professional cook what you do is cook a breakfast for someone else, no?) No, just eating breakfast would make you a professional in these terms. I don't think that sex workers can be said to be just 'having sex,' they are performing sex. You don't think that is true? (short laugh) 'No, Do you?'

Of course, if I was faced with a client with an attitude like, oh say, Sheriff Noren, for example, the job would have to bring in some pretty outrageous money and require some academy award winning acting to make the sex look effortless.

So what are these women doing with all that money anyway? If my friends are any model, many of them are women getting by without the support of a 'male provider': unmarried women, single parents, lesbians. And their work allows them time with their kids, time for themselves, time for their passions. Which brings me back to family, politics, art. One of my friends uses her sex-generated income to support herself in independent theater and video production. Another is a political activist in Central America solidarity campaigns and the peace movement. A third, works during the week in one of those critically important service jobs women traditionally fill (working with physically and emotionally abused children) at ridiculously low pay and at the battered women's shelter for free. On weekends, she makes a couple of hundred dollars for two or three hours of work stripping at private parties. Welcome to life in the 80's.

So what do lesbians have in common with sex workers beyond the obvious fact that many sex workers are lesbians:

* Lesbians are beginning to produce and consume erotic material on a scale previously unimaginable and this means that the relationship between sex workers and dykes will never be the same again. We are discovering that the same sexual images and acts which can be so intrusive, inappropriate and offensive in some contexts are also hot and exciting in our own environment. Before dismissing this argument just because you'd never be caught at a lesbian strip show or with a copy of On Our Backs, ask yourself how many times you've sat through the sex scene in Desert Hearts.
* Dykes and whores are sexual outlaws—we are defined and marked by what we do with our genitals, with whom and under what circumstances.

* Sex workers and lesbians are also inevitably gender outlaws—even the most fem—y among us. Real Women, those imaginary embodiments of the feminine gender ideal, are first and most fundamentally dependent on a man. Preferably both financially and emotionally. Dykes without a man and sex workers without a man are profoundly disruptive of that ideal.

And, finally, in the age of AIDS, it might be useful to remember that historically, laws against prostitution have been coupled with campaigns against venereal disease. England in the 19th century was the first country to control prostitutes through medical measures. It is now the first country to pass laws that would authorize quarantining of people with AIDS.

Sexual outlaws would do well to hang together so we do not hang separately.
It used to be that we thought we would live forever, or at least that we wouldn't have to think about our own mortality for another forty, fifty or sixty years. Death and dying were the province of the old, and we, the young and healthy, did not worry about such things.

This attitude has radically changed in the past few years, in part due to the AIDS epidemic, and in part a natural consequence of growing older. It is no longer rare for a gay man or lesbian to have outlived close friends or lovers, and it has begun to dawn on us that we are mortal, that we will die at some time, and that AIDS is only one of many causes of death before eighty. As we become more conscious of the issue of death and dying were the province of the old, and we, the young and healthy, did not worry about such things.

It is important to make some concrete, practical plans for winding up our affairs. This attitude has radically changed in the past few years, in part due to the AIDS epidemic, and in part a natural consequence of growing older. It is no longer rare for a gay man or lesbian to have outlived close friends or lovers, and it has begun to dawn on us that we are mortal, that we will die at some time, and that AIDS is only one of many causes of death before eighty. As we become more conscious of the issue of death and dying were the province of the old, and we, the young and healthy, did not worry about such things.

There is a common misconception that estate planning is only for the wealthy. This is definitely not the case; even if you own more than a $10,000 interest in a house or other real property, and that interest passes through your will or intestate (without a will), your estate automatically has to be probated, even if the house is the only thing you own. The same is true for assets of any kind worth more than $60,000: if it passes through your will or intestate, your entire estate has to be probated. Probate is a legal proceeding whereby the Superior Court supervises the valuation and distribution of your property. It is expensive and time-consuming, and can often use up everything you owned paying off the legal fees, court costs, and appraisal fees involved.

There are many reasons why I believe that estate planning is an important statement of caring for those who love you, and I also believe that the process of writing a will or planning your estate provides valuable insight into just who and what is really important to you in your life, and can leave you with a renewed sense of delight in the here and now.

BY BRENDA WARREN, ESQ.
THE AIDS FILE
STAYING ALIVE

Over six years ago, Michael Callen was diagnosed with cryptosporidium, a parasite which normally lives in the bowels of sheep. He had AIDS and the doctors and the media assured him that he would be dead by 1984. He has proven them wrong with a vengeance; he is one of 15 percent of the people with AIDS now known as long-term survivors.

Despite four bouts with pneumonia and related illnesses, Callen, an Ohio native, is proof that living with AIDS isn’t living with the glass half empty, but living with it half full. Anunting AIDS activist, he was the cofounder of the PWA Coalition; the PWA Health Group; and the landmark CRI (Community Research Initiative), which tests non-toxic treatments within the AIDS community. Besides writing several books and controversial articles, he has written with Manha Malamoti, The Healing Power of Love, the PWA anthem, and along with Peter Allen, the very touching “Love Don’t Need a Reason.” His debut album, out this month.

Michael Callen: What prompted this album?

Joe Dolce: Last month, Callen performed in the Reno Sweaty Reunion for AIDS at the Bottlenose Palace.

Michael Callen: I had pneumonia for the third time about a year ago and I was feeling very morose. I’ve been threatening to do this for a few years now and my lover Richard agreed to help me produce it. Me.

J.D.: Nice title, Purple Heart.

M.C.: It’s an old idea to me. I know more long-term survivors than anyone in the world. I went in search of them. In my first support group meeting in 1982, I met the longest survivor of AIDS in the world. He’d had Kaposi’s since ’78. He was beautiful, sexy, working full-time. This was pre-propaganda and he never viewed his illness as inevitably fatal. He was a sign for me and when I got involved in the movement, I met others. For the last 6 years my goal has been to put out the notion that not everyone dies from AIDS.

J.D.: What makes a long-term survivor?

M.C.: Believing in the possibility of long-term survival seems to be a precondition. And those of us who are frisky and mock authority have other ways. Some turn off the TV, refuse to read the papers, file doctors who give them a negative prognosis. I personally have flawlessly avoided federally designed treatment protocols. Now they think I may have AIDS, but I’m back on the merry-go-round of inconclusive tests, biopsies, endoscopies. Three doctors think it is, two think it’s inconclusive. The plan now is to wait a few months.

J.D.: But what specifically do you think has kept you alive?

M.C.: My mom says I’m too mean to die. I don’t know, they don’t know. No one has emerged. No one medicine, no one alternative. But there is a personality profile and the word that comes to mind is grit. These are people who are just not ready to die and they surround themselves with people to support that notion. Almost every one has thrown a physician or health care provider out. We’re difficult patients, and it’s well-known that difficult patients survive better and longer. I want to be clear though—some people who have hope and who believed they were going to survive, who died. It’s not a simple matter of having the right attitude. But it is clear to me that having the right attitude is the precondition to surviving.

J.D.: What about diet? I know you’re a dedicated Coca-Cola addict.

M.C.: I believe I’m alive because of luck, the love of a good man, changes in attitude, and good medical care. I’ve been on pneumocystis prophylaxis from the beginning. If you want the whole list, I’ve been on pneumocystis prophylaxis from the beginning. I’ve been on pneumocystis prophylaxis from the beginning.

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Ellen Galford and Other Lasses: A Profile of Scottish Lesbian Writing

Although this novel has been called "lesbian pulp," I see it as more: a good story, with fizzy well-developed lesbian characters (even if a bit improbable at times) who explore the relationship between art and life, matter and spirit. It's never too late to review a good book. Ellen Galford's first novel, Moll Cutpurse: Her True History, was published in 1984. This is a love story between the narrator, Bridget, the daughter of an herbalist, and Moll, an Amazon in men's clothing, a vagabond, and a thief.

Moll Cutpurse presents the adventures of a swashbuckler from a lesbian point of view, based on the life of a real woman, Mary Frith, born in the 1580s. Frith was the daughter of a shoe-maker's, and became "a notorious character in the London underworld" by the time she reached her twenties. She was the subject of a comedy (The Roaring Girl, published in 1611) by Middleton and Decker, who also appear as characters in Galford's book. She died in 1659 as a relatively solid citizen and was buried in St. Bride's church, near her house in Fleet Street.

Set in Elizabethan England around the year of the Queen's death, this is also the tale of the common and not so common women's lives in and near London, at a time when women's rights were few, and when the fear of witches could still be easily roused.

The mysteries captured in The Fires of Bride take us into the inner lives of the characters with a certain grace and explore the here-and-now dilemmas of island people trying to survive. These are interlaced with a reverence for life and the greater mystery, presenting the women of Bride who came before, and their struggles to outlive the strictures of the witch-hating church, which could not tolerate their beliefs.

throughout the long years of their relationship.

Ellen Galford wrote this book while a member of the women's writing group which produced the poetry anthology Hens in the Hay, Strammullion's first publication. She has worked in publishing, in television, and for the Edinburgh Film Festival. Galford's use of the language of the period, her tempos and rhythms are convincing, and may be familiar to those who have read any Shakespeare. The choice of archaic English seems authentic and well researched. I think you'll enjoy this romp, which is now available in the States.

Last, I'd like to mention Original Prices: New Writings from Scottish Women, from Polygon Books in Edinburgh. This anthology of very short stories gives some brief and telling looks into the imaginations of its authors. Conceived to motivate publication of unknowns with talent, this collection succeeds. These are for the most part fascinating, non-traditional stories, and although it might be interesting to have a Scottish slang dictionary for some words, most are clear from the context.

One of my favorites is "Moonrunning," by Jenny McCabe, about a werewolf, and the Scott perception of her as both woman and werecreature. Not everyone knows that golf is a Scottish game, but "The Golfer," by Linda McCann, captures this aspect, as well as presenting a passable rendition of dialect, which to an American sounds like a distinctly foreign language.

Many of the stories deal with girlhood and poverty, interactions with homeless or poor people, and class differences. Although the greater part of Scotland, New Edinburgh's streets or the port of Glasgow, the Introduction remarks on "little evidence of country life, and a concentration on urban townscapes, including some of the most appalling devastated housing schemes." The topics vary from "the minutely observed realism of smoking schoolgirls in a city graveyard to a persuasively inventive Science-Fiction style forecast of tomorrow's world."

No matter what the subject, all the stories in this collection share a particularly Scottish point of view, rendered bleak and thrifty by necessity, rather than choice. This hardly realism also reflects women's understanding of the social changes of the 80s and a generally unsatisfactory view of male/female relationships. The notes on contributors, with good Scottish names like Stewart, McMillan, McClean, Campbell, Owens, Mackay, and Murray, show a variety of backgrounds and writing experience, which through deft editing has built a satisfying whole. Although this book is not explicitly gay or lesbian, I think many readers will find it interesting. As it is illegal to import books published in the British Isles.

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SCAP continued

These are the kinds of dangerous scenarios of ignorance that might be avoided through education. The question before national outreach that will effectively reach AIDS Project is how to design an educational model that will reach gay media, AIDS projects and community these new and more subtle populations. Gay-identified males is changing significantly, this approach seems to be effective. However, other high risk populations are not being reached through public education.

A recent study by the San Francisco AIDS Foundation entitled "An Epidemic of Loss" has identified these groups as more subtle group is made up of identified gay minorities, adolescents, low female partners of these men. SCAP's Peer Education Program is being trained in street education and safer sex practices. You agree to accept and practice the group decisions regarding the message by practicing safer sex. Please call me to get involved.

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- You agree to be consistent with the message by practicing safer sex.

SCAP is also actively seeking community volunteers to provide other types of AIDS education, as well as to help with fundraising, and assist with informal one-to-one discussions and safer sex education in bars, cafes, or in public meeting areas.

The program is in its formative stage, this is an excellent time to become involved and help to create an innovative and effective outreach. Volunteer with energy, ideas, and a commitment to their own peer communities are needed. Please call me to get involved.

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Making Waves Continued

The blockaders of the Right will fail in the end, not because this country's political system is on the side of women and not because civil disobedience is a poor strategy, but because we are taking our own lives in our hands every day and cannot be stopped.

I will choose what enters me, what becomes flesh of my flesh. Without choice, no politics, no ethics. I am not your commodity, not your uranium mine, not your calf for fattening, not your cow for milking. You may not use me as your factory. Priests and legislators do not hold shares in my womb or my mind. This is my body. If I give it to you I want it back. My life is a non-negotiable demand.

-Marge Piercy

("Right to Live" in The Moon Is Always Female)

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The brown shirts are in our midst; only now they are called skin-heads. Well, now I have a question to ask the candidates at our forum on the 5th. "What are you going to do to stop this tragedy?" I hope they have an answer. I don't.

-Will Russell

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<td>The new committee for the Gay Evening In May (AGEM) is forming and</td>
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<td>looking for fresh faces and ideas. Join us at 7pm at the Louden</td>
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<td>Nelson Center. Call Mardi Brown: 479-3606</td>
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<td>SAT OCT 22</td>
<td>GO: San Francisco, Open your Golden Gates! A day trip for those</td>
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<td>MON OCT 24</td>
<td>&quot;A Home for Our Hearts&quot;</td>
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<td>A lecture, discussion and social evening. The second in a series of</td>
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<td>four held every other Monday. Led by Lauren Crux tonight's topic</td>
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<td>will cover isolation, friendship and community with a lighter side</td>
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<td>of &quot;How to Pick Up Girls...&quot; Call: 426-9515</td>
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<td>WED OCT 26</td>
<td>&quot;The Courage to Heal: Recovery from Child Sexual Assault&quot;</td>
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<td>Center, 7pm $5</td>
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<td>features WATCHOUT! (see ad elsewhere) SC Vets Hall $5 - $20 sliding</td>
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<td>FRI OCT 11</td>
<td>GO: Video Night! Call Brett: 427-2722</td>
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<td>GO: A trip to Rancho Del Oso Marsh Call Dean: 427-1675</td>
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Allison: 423-9181

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Kate McDermott:
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UCSC, SC 95064
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