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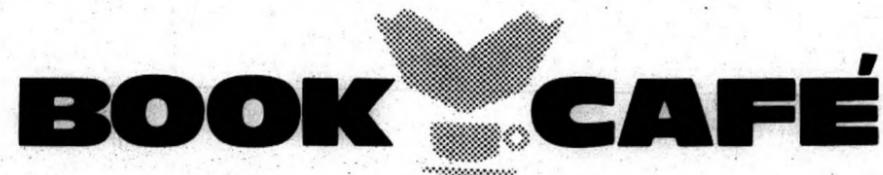


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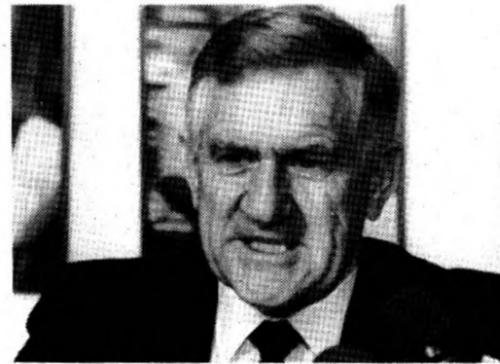
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**OPENING WORD**



Anti-gay Congressman William Dannemeyer

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.

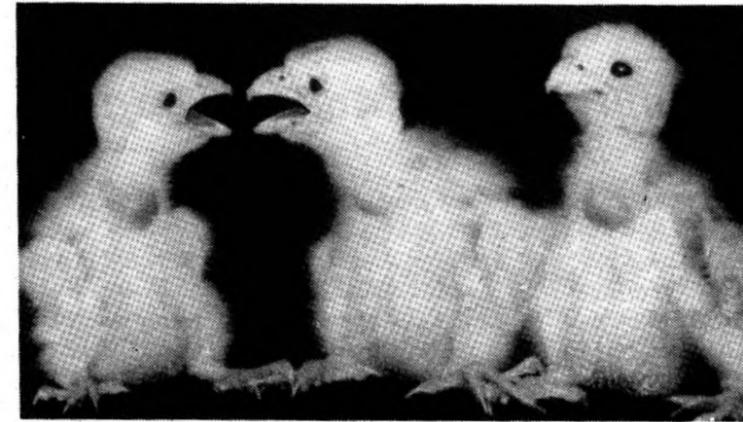
We are now in the midst of our third campaign to defeat similar conservative measures this November. Props 102 and 96, while not directly sponsored by LaRouche, are equally, if not more, dangerous. Their sponsors are rabid California conservatives, who, in the scheme of things, come off more level-headed 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 *elected* fanatics and therefore have a broader appeal than the likes of LaRouche. That makes their threat all the more salient.

But a great many gay people are once again burned-out and have thrown their hands up in disgust. They feel the lesbian and gay community is being led around by its collective nose and that the far right crazies are not worthy of the expenditure of our money and time. The fact is we live in a state that, more than any other, sets the political and social agenda for the rest of the nation. The conservatives know this and will do anything to accomplish their aims. Whether we like it or not, it is up to us to stand strong against any organized electoral effort that threatens to infringe on our civil and human rights, particularly with regard to this AIDS crisis.

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**BY MICHAEL PERLMAN**

**VERBATIM**



**California Magazine Blows It**

"While everyone was searching for a cure for AIDS, we discovered the cause.

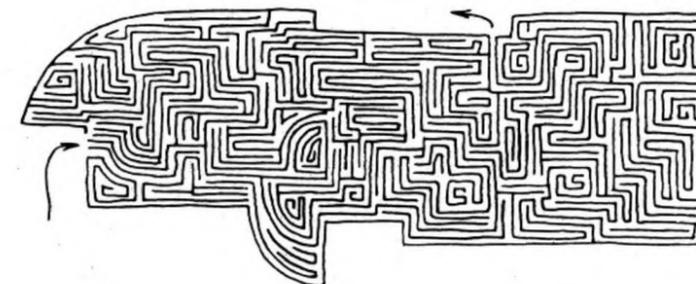
The AIDS epidemic in America wasn't spread by a virus. It was spread by a single man. Young. Ego-centric. The star of the homosexual jet-set. A Canadian flight attendant names Gaetan Dugas, who continued to infect up to 250 men a year. Even after U.S. health officials begged him to stop.

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 threaten 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, every month.

Maybe that's why over a million opinion leaders in California, base so many opinions on what they read 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."*



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## 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 newspapers would call a random act of violence, except it wasn't random. Random is when some stranger gets hurt by some other stranger far away from here. Random is when the victim is Mr. Middle America and the motive is insanity. This wasn't random. Senseless - definitely, but not random.

I had my safety whistle but there wasn't time to blow it. When I was in high school this used to happen all the time. I would be walking along humming the happy tune I do when life is good, when all at once a fist would plant itself in my face, a boot in my stomach and I would lie stunned in disbelief. I thought those days were gone. They are not. The days of crossing the street to avoid any con-

### 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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tact, the days of hiding in the brush so as not to be seen by passing cars, this is what I had naively thought were over. What to do? My nose is broken. Luckily it will heal without any visible "disfigurement." But what about the rest of me? It wasn't the blood, or the pain, or the inconvenience that was the worst. It was thinking that someone's child, that a lot of people's children and the adults

which they turn into still think fags are non-people. Could they do this to someone they thought was a person? Could they smash in the face of any stranger and laugh if they thought of him as a person? The laughter was bad. The uninterested monotone of the police was worse, and the curious stares of the passers-by who jerked their heads toward the "Lagoon" as

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## SCARE REPORT



The newly enlarged AIDS Project staff. Pictured left to right: Jo Kenny, Terry Cavanagh, Ruth Gunn-Mota, Manny Mansbach, David Beckstein and Richard Smith. Absent are interns Ray Mortz, Vivienne Orgel, Jeanne Babel Goodwin and Beth McKinnon.

### 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 earlier that her husband, to whom she has 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**



## the Santa Cruz AIDS Project

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## 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 Loudon 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, Alena 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 authoring 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 Bades 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 (Thanks!). It is because of our volunteers and donors that we are well on our way to the Building Fund goal of \$5,000. 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 Loudon 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 Will Russell at 429-2060. For more information call Mindy Storch at 475-6268.

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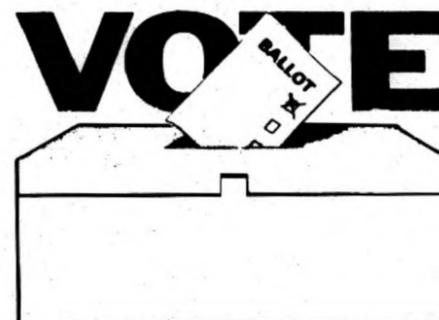
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## October Election Forums



The Lesbian and Gay Action Alliance, in cooperation with the Santa Cruz chapter of the National Organization for Women, is hosting two evenings intended to address the needs for our community to stay informed on the issues, and to provide a unified voice that makes it clear that we will not sit idly by watching the political power brokers mold our future.

On Oct 5th a candidates forum will be held at 7:30pm at Loudon Nelson Center. All of the City Council and Board of Supervisors candidates have been invited. The city council candi-

dates who will speak are: Susan Groff, Jane Imler, Don Lane, Jane Larson, Arnie Levine, Mo Reich, Jane Yokoyama, and from the County Board of Supervisors race for 2nd district Robley Levy.

On Oct 19th, also at Loudon Nelson Center, there will be a forum to discuss the ballot initiatives. Speakers include: Glen Schaller of the Santa Cruz Action Network, Sally Ross representing the "No on F" campaign (mobile home rent control), Mardi Wormhoudt on the state wide hunger and homelessness initiatives, Andrea Kittelson on the four insurance initiatives, speakers for and against the local Slow University Growth proposition, and representatives of the Campaign for Responsible AIDS Action to address propositions 96 and 102.

The format for these evenings will provide time for each speaker, questions from the floor and then a vote from the people in attendance which will be the basis for the official Alliance endorsements.

Whether you are able to come to these events or not, don't stay home on election day. Vote November 8th and wear your "stub" proudly. It may be unfashionable to take a political stand at a party, but its positively unhealthy not to take a political stand at election time, and that time is now. Join us.

## 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 festive occasion on October 20th at 7:00pm at the Loudon 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 479-3606. With your help we can make this year's show better than ever!

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## Santa Cruz Men's Chorus Rehearsals Begin



The Santa Cruz Men's Chorus began rehearsals in early September and open rehearsals will continue through October. The chorus is open to all men in the area who have singing experience or who might like to try singing for the first time. Auditions for permanent positions in the chorus will be held the first of November. A set of workshops in music reading and sight-singing will be held if enough people wish it. The chorus is also looking for non-singers who would like to help out with organizational work.

Rehearsals are currently scheduled for Monday evenings. (except fourth Mon-

days, which still have to be scheduled) from 7:15 to 9:45. They will be held in the social hall at the First United Methodist Church, 250 California Street (between Bay and Laurel) in Santa Cruz. There will be no rehearsal the week of October 24.

The director of the chorus is Brett Sherman, who teaches piano and coaches voice locally. He was recently a soloist at the Chambers of the Heart AIDS benefit last February.

The first full concert is planned for Valentine's Day, featuring the Brahms' Liebeslieder Waltzes. A short program of Hanukkah and Christmas seasonal music will also be prepared.

The selection of music for performance will be classical, including singing in foreign languages, show and pop, folk and jazz. Training in choral technique will be part of the rehearsal schedule.

If you are interested in the chorus, you are asked to call the director before hand, to confirm the rehearsal time and place. You can call Brett at 427-2722.

—Brett Sherman

## 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 handling 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.

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## 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 art/graphics 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.

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) anywhere in the United States. This reverses 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 no-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 AT THE BOTTOM of your letter to Prudential, CC to: at least two TV stations (attn: 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 about it. The more letters written, the more effective this type of campaign, and the more likely that Prudential will reconsider its decision.

—John LaRiviere

### SAMPLE:

Mr. Robert Winters  
Chairman of the Board  
Prudential Plaza  
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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 association with The Experience Weekend, is organizing a National Coming Out Day for October 11.

As 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 go forward in the campaign for civil rights; the time

has come for them 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

NATIONAL COMING OUT DAY



TAKE THE NEXT STEP

NGRA to work exclusively on the event and "Coming Out Kits" have been mailed to thousands of grassroots gay organizations nationwide. The kits, including dozens of different ideas for "coming out" from acknowledging that "those roses are not from your mother" to "organizing a demonstration for gay rights" are inspiring 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

## COMMUNITY AT LARGE

### A Home For Our Hearts: Lesbians in Mid-Life

On October 8th, Lauren Crux, a local psychotherapist in our community, will provide a workshop on lesbians in mid-life.

#### About the workshop:

Although the middle of our life occurs arithmetically at the age of forty, midlife is more profoundly understood as a "signifying" experience. It is a moment in lived time in which a need for change, new meaning, a deepening, is called for. "What will we undertake?" becomes a question that both challenges and guides us.

What are the issues tugging at our hearts, our minds, our spiritual coat-sleeves as we enter midlife? How does the accumulation of years effect us? How does our life as lesbians impact our questions, our searching? Participants are invited to bring their unique and/or universal concerns.

Through lecture, group and presentation, the following topics will be addressed: aging and ageism, isolation and

community, old ghosts and unfinished business, risk-taking and courage and visions of our future.

#### Workshop:

Saturday, October 8th, 10 am-5 pm, YWCA, \$50 fee, registration/info: 426-9515.

#### Lecture/Discussion Series:

Beginning Monday, October 10th and every other Monday for 4 weeks, \$5 per evening, info: 426-9515.

#### About Ms. Crux:

Lauren Crux is a psychotherapist living and working in Santa Cruz, California. For many years she has lectured and led workshops on topics of lesbian and feminist psychology and philosophy. She has just completed her manuscript on women and courage, *Raising the Song of Courage*. For the last two years she has been researching, speaking and conducting workshops nationally and internationally on lesbians in midlife.

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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.

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**THE POLITICAL CLIMATE**

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*Now What Do We Do?*

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 delegates 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. Interest-

ingly, there were more lesbian and gay delegates from California that were for Dukakis than for Jackson.

The party platform contained good language on additional funding and services on the issue of AIDS and listed sexual orientation as one of the items that Democrats pledged to protect from discrimination.

However, the words "lesbian and gay" did not appear in the briefer-than-usual Democratic platform. According to one openly gay platform committee member from Vermont, there was a strong disagreement during the drafting of the platform on the use of these words. Reportedly, Dukakis supporters threatened to weaken the non-discrimination language if there was a move to add the words "lesbian and gay."

This did not set a positive context for the convention's Lesbian and Gay Caucus. There

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**BY JOHN LAIRD**

## Laird Continued

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

move immediately to an endorsement for Dukakis. The Dukakis delegates very much wanted an endorsement from the Caucus on the last day of the convention, but many of the Jackson delegates would



not 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 differ-

ence 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 issue — 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 delegates that proposed it got a tremendous amount of credit for their courage in attempts 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 keynoter, 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 rabidly anti-gay Supreme Court justices. It could allow a continuation of the morally bankrupt federal AIDS policy of the last eight

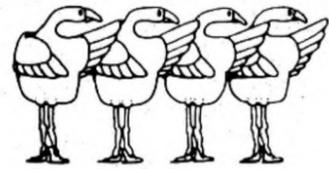
years. And Kitty Dukakis did made a sensitive, highly publicized visit to people with AIDS — more than the Vice President has done during his eight years of top national leadership.

As always, the real message is to continue to organize, 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.

Obviously, this is not the ideal choice for us. But on November 8, a vote for anyone but Dukakis is a vote for Bush. We have to play the hand we're dealt. For the Supreme Court, for action on AIDS, Dukakis is the better of the two. If you have to hold your nose, do it. Let's get the best we can for the next four years, and keep organizing — so that the choice will be better in the future.

**"On November 8, a vote for anyone but Dukakis is a vote for Bush. We have to play the hand we're dealt. For the Supreme Court, for action on AIDS, Dukakis is the better of the two."**



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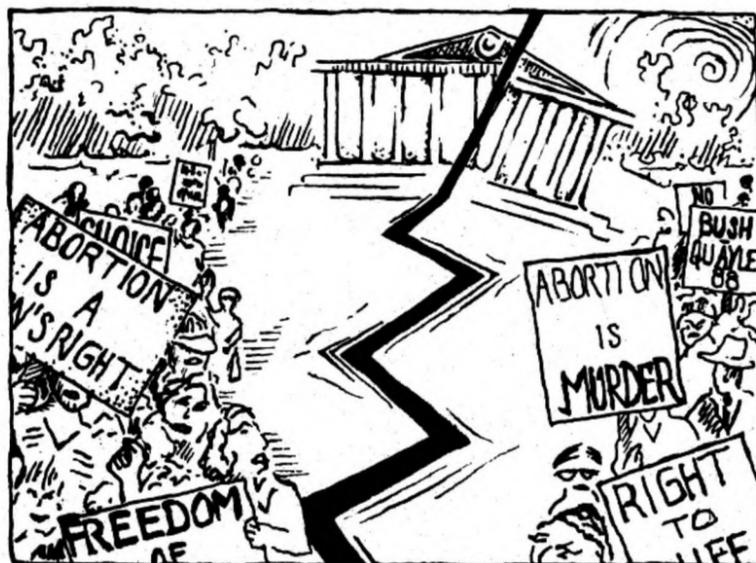
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# The Tactical Battle Over Abortion

The picture catches my eye as soon as I open the morning paper: a row of demonstrators sitting defiantly in the street facing a police line, hands clasped, mouths open in song. It could be Port Chicago, where solidarity activists protest arms shipments to Central America; or Livermore Laboratory, where nuclear weapons are designed; or any statehouse or courthouse in the nation where lesbians and gay men are denied civil rights. Automatically I scan the photograph for familiar faces. I find none, for these activists are blockading not some stronghold of militarism or privilege



but a feminist health center. They are putting their bodies on the line to prevent what they consider an atrocity and what I know to be a prerequisite for my own freedom—the exercise of a woman's legal right to choose abortion.

Anti-abortion protesters at the Democratic National Convention got a lot more media attention than did lesbian and gay activists demonstrating for parenting and foster-parenting rights, progressive AIDS policies, and sexual freedom. After the convention they remained in Atlanta, where they are attempting to create a permanent presence opposing abortion. "Operation Rescue" has been endorsed by illustrious visiting participants such as Pat Robertson and Jerry Falwell. There have been 713 carefully choreographed arrests at four of Atlanta's family planning clinics since July 19. News clips of cops dragging off nonviolent people of conscience make effective propaganda—they learned that from the left.

I've had a strong emotional response to the increasing use of civil disobedience by the Religious Right over the last few years. Direct action and feminism feel so inseparable to me that my first reaction was outrage: *they* are using *our* tactics! Nonvio-

lent direct action in this country is a legacy of the Civil Rights Movement, carried on by other progressive social change movements and forever transformed by feminism. Women in the peace and justice community have combined Civil Disobedience (CD) with feminist process (including consensus decision-making, decentralized structure, and rejection of traditional forms of leadership), elements of ritual, and a deep commitment to drawing connections between the specific evils our actions confront and larger patterns of power and privilege. (For a brief history of lesbian and feminist involvement in the direct action movement, see UCSC Prof. Barbara Epstein's article in the summer issue of *Outlook*, the snazzy new les/gay journal.)

My personal experiences as an out dyke doing feminist direct action have been deeply powerful and empowering. Every time I have been arrested for CD, I have felt myself part of a long, proud history of women and men putting their bodies on the line for justice. When people who think they have a divine mandate to control women's bodies appropriate the postures and rituals of this liberation tradition, my understanding of resistance and social change is slandered.

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 civil disobedience 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 fertilization, sex 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 indebted to constant activism outside the political mainstream. Pro-choice activists risk undercutting the larger feminist movement—and their own cause—if they criticize the use of civil disobedi-

ence itself rather than the use to which CD is put by the Christian Right.

We must also be wary of attacking anti-abortion activism on the grounds that it is an attempt to sway political opinion through emotion rather than reason. One of the strengths of direct action is indeed the direct appeal it makes to the heart and the conscience. When we wear pictures of our children and grandchildren onto the Nevada Nuclear Test Site on Mother's Day, when we carry signs bearing photographs of bodies charred or mangled by radiation at Hiroshima, when at pro-choice rallies we wave our banners with logos of bloody coathangers, we are going for the gut rather than the head. We are illustrating critical connections that the "rational" arguments of male politicians make invisible.

But civil disobedience is always more than just symbolic. On the left we speak of interfering with "business as usual." And, as one demonstrator in Atlanta explained, "when we do a rescue, our goal is to stop the murder. It's not a protest. Our object is to physically put ourselves between the abortionists and the unborn babies." The standard sensationalist use of language here is bad enough, but what about the total absence of the woman involved from the equation? Are we nothing more than vagi-

nas to be barricaded just as buildings are blockaded?

And I find myself asking another question: Where have all the dykes in the reproductive rights movement gone? Do we really think that because unwanted pregnancy is primarily a straight women's problem, abortion rights don't affect us? Now that so many of us are happily folding diapers ourselves, is unspoken ambivalence about abortion causing us to quietly withdraw as political allies? How much of this is due to the pronatalism of Reagan America's anti-feminist backlash?

Lesbian feminists these days seem more concerned with our right to *be* pregnant than other women's right *not* to have to be pregnant. Both battles will founder unless we fight them together.

Moreover, feminists in the direct action movement should look at the Right's use of CD and get very clear on how it differs from ours. And those of us who have repeatedly risked arrest to oppose nuclear technology or US interventionism might consider how to carry what we've learned into the ongoing struggle to protect and expand reproductive and sexual freedom. We can't liberate Mother Earth when our own bodies are colonized.

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BY ALLISON CLAIRE

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## 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 if 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 pre-



Conservative Congressman William Dannemeyer

vention. 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 doctor 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 of 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 people. 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 spitting 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-

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## PERSPECTIVE

### Writings From a Painter

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-"promotion of 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 drawn towards saying more and 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 a gay artist.

\* \* \*

What does being an artist have to do with being a gay man? 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

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**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 blurred shadow behind the self,  
the one who wakes us up at night.

Our hands sleep  
in each other's laps.  
Your voice cuts through the boundary  
of my heart beating against its homeland.

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.

### ANYWHERE

Every time I leave the house  
I am afraid I will come home and home  
won't be there.

Oh, there will be the same door, the same  
ring of trees entering their pink bloom  
with the right number above my doorframe.

But when I fit the key in  
a strange man comes to the door, bare  
feet, only shorts on, and a woman  
wearing my chenille bathrobe,  
my orange cat rubbing  
against her legs, purring.

"Where you'd get this key?," he will ask.  
"What are you saying, this is  
your home? We've lived here  
five years, my wife and I."

Suddenly I am sorry, terribly sorry.  
Sure this was the same door,  
one time.  
On my street the wind blows the same whistle.  
A man sharing my bed  
with a woman he calls his wife.  
This does not fit. Walk  
away. Walk away.

Now I turn the key into any door  
trying to remember  
if I have lived anywhere before.

# On Lesbians & Sexworkers

There are major risks when a known lesbian feminist—who is not a known sex worker—attempts to write about lesbians and sex work. Attitudes can be a 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 pagan 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 to deny the 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 stay in a bad marriage: you are being 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 many believe supports nothing 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, businessmen 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



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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 syphoned 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 it.' I recently had the interesting experience of interviewing Noren about his part in the crackdown on the parlors. Noren is a real shoot-from-the-hip, call-a-spade-a-spade and a-whore-a-whore cop: "you can call them 'sex workers' if you want. And they can say 'I'm doing this wonderful 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. It's like saying when you have breakfast you are a professional breakfast eater." [But you might be called a professional cook if 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': unattached 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 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 femme-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 that we do not hang separately.

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**"Sexual outlaws would do well to hang together so we do not hang separately."**

—Wendy Chapkis

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**Wills: Taking Care of Business For Lesbians & Gay Men**



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**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 as an emotional reality, it makes sense to make some concrete, practical plans for winding up our affairs.

There is a common misconception that estate planning is only for the wealthy. This is definitely not the case: estate planning is for everyone who wants

to make certain that death, whenever it occurs, will not be any harder on friends, lovers and family members than necessary, regardless of the amount or value of one's property.

In California, if you die without a will or other estate plan, everything you owned at your death passes to your legal "next of kin." In the case of most of us, this means our parents, siblings, or other relatives, depending on who is living at the time. Lovers or friends have no rights under the law unless we make some kind of estate plan specifically leaving property to them. (The term "property" in this context does not necessarily mean real estate, or even substantial assets. It simply means whatever you own. Your car, your dog, your stereo, your clothes,

your furniture, your bank accounts, etc., all are property.)

Although for some people, parents or relatives might be the logical choice to name as beneficiaries of a will, this is not always true. Even if it is true for you, your relatives might like to have some indication that you really wanted them to inherit your stuff, rather than never knowing whether you just didn't get around to writing a will. Maybe they would really like to see people who were important to you get something, but don't know what you would have wanted, or even how to contact your friends. Most people want to do the "right thing," and wish you would have let them know what you would have liked. Making sure they

know your wishes is one way of taking care of the people you love.

Another reason for writing a will is to name an executor. This is the person who you designate to handle the distribution of your property after your death. Your executor can also handle your funeral and burial or cremation arrangements (you can state a preference in your will if you have one or name someone else to decide); your executor is also authorized to pay your remaining debts and generally see that things are taken care of. You can name anyone as executor who you would trust to carry out these tasks.

If you own a house or other substantial assets, you have even more reason to do some estate planning. Sometimes just writing a will isn't the best solution. For example, 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 various methods of avoiding probate, but they all require planning ahead of time. Joint tenancy ownership of your house is one method which works in certain circumstances; other circumstances might be better suited for a simple "living trust." Either of these estate planning methods will allow your property to pass to your beneficiaries without going through the probate system.

If you are a parent with minor children, you have still more reason to do some planning. What if you were to die while they're still minors? Who will take care of them? If you coparent with your lover, that person could lose your kids unless you have a written will naming your lover as guardian of your children.

Another estate planning device which is especially important for gay men and lesbians is the durable power of attorney for health care. This document allows you to designate someone to make health care decisions on your behalf should you become incapable of making them. Without this document, your nearest living relative is the person who would be called in the event of a medical crisis, rather than your friend or lover who may be more likely to know what you would

want. In addition, this document can incorporate a statement of your wishes regarding "heroic life-sustaining measures" in the event you are terminally ill or injured.

There are many more examples, but my purpose in writing this article is merely to introduce the idea of estate planning and to point out some reasons for doing it that the average gay man or lesbian might not have considered. This article is not meant as legal advice, since every person's situation is different, and I suggest that if you choose to pursue planning your estate that you either talk to an attorney or go to the law library and read the layperson's estate planning books which are there.

I have seen that it can be emotionally difficult for some people to deal with the ideas of wills, trusts, and other estate planning tools. I understand this reluctance: anyone who says it's easy to think about their own death is either lying or far more spiritually advanced than I. However, 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.

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**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. An untiring 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 Marsha Malamet, *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, *Purple Heart*, is a testament to living and loving in the plague years.

Last month, Callen performed in the Reno Sweeny Reunion for AIDS at the Bottom Line along with Phoebe Snow, Janis Ian and Jimmy Webb. He introduced himself as "the Singing PWA—it's like the Flying Nun, only different." We met in the crowded Winnebago between shows.

**Joe Dolce: What prompted this album?**

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

**J.D.: Nice title, *Purple Heart*.**

**M.C.:** Richard suggested it because it had different layers of meaning. I liked it



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, fire doctors who give them a negative prognosis. I personally have studiously avoided federally designed treatment protocols. Now they think I may have lymphoma, so 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 pattern 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—I know some people who had 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-holic.**

**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 plasma freezed, I received units of

because purple was queer. My goal was to make the queerest album in the world, one that celebrates being gay even in the age of AIDS.

**J.D.: Is that why you held what sounds like the longest note in musical history in your version of "Where the Boys Are"?**

**M.C.:** I held that note 23 seconds. I wanted to hold a note longer than any recorded Streisand note and the longest she holds is on "Before the Parade Passes By," which is 17 seconds.

**J.D.: Did you actually hold it or was it engineered?**

**M.C.:** There's no way to fake it on one note, on one word.

**J.D.: The notion of long-term survivors is a new one in the history of AIDS, no?**

**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 KS 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

JUAN BOTAS

BY JOE DOLCE

packed red cells for my immune complex problem, I'm on high dose acyclovir, German enzymes, lipids, antabuse and naltrexone.

**J.D.: Is it true that you only have 17 T cells?**

**M.C.:** Yes, but they've never correlated with how I feel. When I'm feeling great and I burst into the lab, they're low. When I'm feeling shitty, they're above 100.

**J.D.: I know people with AIDS who have managed to use this disease to really transform their lives.**

**M.C.:** I like to say that AIDS is a cosmic kick in the butt. It makes you ask, "Do I like my life? I may not have much left, I better get it right." It's not easy. My fantasy was that within weeks of my diagnosis, I'd be writing songs and telling everybody what I really thought of them. It doesn't work quite like that, but you do get over some silliness. My reputation precedes me. I was your basic, not really a clone because I don't grow facial hair, but um...I was a slut. That's what I did. Bathhouses and back rooms. I was actually quite sick before my official diagnosis. During that period I began to deal with the possibility I might be dead. I decided what I always wanted to do was make queer music. So I placed an ad in the *Native* looking for musicians to form a rock band. My lover, who's a drummer, answered the ad, so I got a lover and a band out of it. That has dramatically changed my life. Now I'm Mathilde monogamous. Who knew? You could title my biography "I Married a Drummer."

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## BOOKSHELF

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

**Review:** *The Fires of Bride* (Ithaca, NY: Firebrand Books, 1988) \$8.95, originally published by The Women's Press, London, England, and *Moll Cutpurse: Her True History* (Ithaca, NY: Firebrand Books) \$7.95, originally published by Stramullion, Edinburgh, Scotland, both by Ellen Galford. Also, *Original Prints: New Writing from Scottish Women*, with an Introduction by Isobel Murray (Edinburgh: Polygon Books, 1985).

I am proud to be Scottish—a McNeill from the McNeill's of Barra. Barra is a barren isle in the Outer Hebrides, and our family crest includes a huge rock, which, rumor has it, well describes the island.

I'd wager Ellen Galford's been there or near, from her recent novel *The Fires of Bride*. She knows well the ways of women in England's poorer cousin, as she comes from Edinburgh, where her first book, *Moll Cutpurse: Her True History*, was published.

As in any contemporary rural culture, jobs are scarce on Cailleach, the island Galford describes in *Fires of Bride*. *Cailleach*, according to the Oxford English Dictionary, is Gaelic for "old woman, originally a nun, from *caille*, pallium, veil," "an old (Highland) woman, a crone." The island has a life and a wisdom all her own.

This book describes the exploits of a couple of island exports who return to live a wild lesbian existence on the island of their birth. Dr. Catriona MacEochan returns after her medical education in London to reclaim her family's castle and the heritage of her island's women, about which we learn more as the tale unfolds.

Catriona ministers to her neighbors' bodies and to the island's livelihood with a generosity which is contradicted by glimpses of an inner solitude and occasional flashes of cruelty. Clan chieftain, doctor, and witch, she is complex and witty,



mysterious and bawdy, carrying on with her series of lovers at all hours. Through a combination of spellcraft and personal charisma, she lures artist Maria Milleny from London to the island and into her arms. She plays the role of overbearing philanthropist, and eventually becomes Maria's patron.

Maria gradually frees herself from the relationship and begins to relive the mystical past of the island, including flashbacks to a group of (possibly medieval?) matriarchal nuns who worship the Goddess Bridgit—or Bride, as she is called in Scotland. We watch, captivated, as the artist begins to create huge, outrageous, welded sculptures of women of power. She explores the ruins of the monastery, dares to briefly touch the Cailleach Ring of standing stones, and pores over histories of the Island.

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.

Although this novel has been called "lesbian pulp," I see it as more: a good story, with feisty 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 shoemaker, 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.

Bridget, taught by her father to read, tells us of Moll passing as a boy, working a traveling show, and teaching children to steal to survive. Moll meets gypsies, travels with a band of "ladies of the night," and pummels men who try to get in her way. She fights for women's rights and survival in a world full of peril. And falls head over heels in love and lust with Bridget, although both keep a very modern lesbian pretense of independence from each other

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*, Stramullion'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 tempo and rhythms are convincing, and may be familiar to those who have read any Shakespeare. The choice of archaic English usage 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 Prints: New Writings from Scottish Women*, from Polygon Books in Edinburgh. This anthology of very short stories gives some brief and telling looks into the imagination 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 Mary McCabe, about a werewoman, and the Scots' 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 these stories deal with girlhood and poverty, interactions with homeless or poor people, and class differences. Although the greater part of Scotland is not 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 hardy 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, McLean, 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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**BY GAIL GROVES**

## SCAP continued

These are the kinds of dangerous scenarios of ignorance that might be avoided through education. The question before the staff and volunteers of the Santa Cruz AIDS Project is how to design an educational outreach that will effectively reach these new and more subtle populations.

The traditional outreach to the gay community has been largely through the gay media, AIDS projects and community forums. Since sexual behavior among 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 non-identified gay men, ethnically identified gay minorities, adolescents, low literacy men, and substance abusers. An even more subtle group is made up of female partners of these men.

SCAP's Peer Education Program seeks to bring a direct message of disease prevention and support to these

uninformed populations. The street education model is used. This means that the educators go to their targeted community and make contacts on their own turf and on their own terms. Volunteers are truly peers of those to be reached, recruited from the very same cultural groups that they are educating. Gay men reach out to gay and bisexual men in cruise areas, Latino men speak Spanish to others in social settings, gay men in recovery approach individuals with chemical dependencies, and women discretely contact high risk women populations.

Since the program is in its formative stage, this is an excellent time to become involved and help to create an innovative and effective outreach. Volunteers with energy, ideas, and a commitment to their own peer communities are needed. 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 be trained to work directly with people with AIDS, help with fundraising, and assist with the day-to-day running of our office. Please give us a call at 427-3900.

## 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 lives. I am not your cornfield, 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*)

## Bookshelf Continued

this book is available only there, or in the Santa Cruz Main Library, where I have donated my copy, to make it available to you.

I've still not been to Barra, although I've walked the main street of Edinburgh searching for my family tartan, but I feel I have looked more closely into the Scottish soul, and my own roots, by reading these books. I invite you to join me on the Highlands, to spread your arms wide in a wild stone circle, to smell that particular heather smell and to coast upon the open loch with me, while the seabirds sing their song to Scotland.

Gail Groves has written reviews for the Reader over the past year. She is the co-editor of *Her Wits About Her: Self-Defense Success Stories by Women*, which is slated to be published in England and Scotland by the *Women's Press* within the next year. She also likes the Irish, as her family was probably O'Neill before it was McNeill. Her mother lives in Illinois.

## Letters Continued

if that were justification topped it off. It's funny, I had already signed up for a self-defense workshop scheduled for next week, for all the good it would have done me. Like I said, I don't know why I am writing this letter except to warn others. The racist, sexist, anti-gay violent neo-fascist youth are not a thing of the past.

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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Center at  
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**Columbus Day Celebration!**  
A benefit for Mo Reich with songwriter Mark Levy and the re-united Rebecca Adams & David Winters. An original skit by Mike Rotkin will be performed by our Mayor, Mardi Wormhoudt and a surprise performer. Desserts, wines, and juices will be served.  
7:30pm at Loudon Nelson, \$7-\$20 sliding scale.  
Call: 458-0801

**SUN ▽ OCT 16**  
GO: Beach Cookout 5pm - location and details:  
Brett: 427-2722

**MON ▽ OCT 17**  
NCOD Celebration! National Coming Out Day will be honored at this social and business meeting of the Action Alliance.

We encourage new faces to join us in planning our next October forum. We need your energy!  
Call: 429-2060

**WED ▽ OCT 19**  
The Alliance will co-host with SC NOW

an evening with speakers, information and discussion of the ballot initiatives for the upcoming election.  
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## GLOSSARY

<b>AGEM</b>	A Gay Evening in May
<b>CFR</b>	Closet Free Radio
<b>CRAA</b>	Campaign for Responsible AIDS Action
<b>GLBN</b>	Gay, Lesbian & Bisexual Network
<b>GLV</b>	Gay & Lesbian Vegetarians
<b>GO</b>	Great Outdoors
<b>LGAA</b>	Lesbian & Gay Action Alliance
<b>LGCC</b>	Lesbian & Gay Community Center
<b>LOCA</b>	Lesbians of Color Alliance
<b>MCAP</b>	Monterey County AIDS Project
<b>NOW</b>	National Organization for Women
<b>SCAP</b>	Santa Cruz AIDS Project
<b>SC</b>	Santa Cruz
<b>SOL</b>	Slightly Older Lesbians
<b>UCSC</b>	University of California at Santa Cruz

**SAT ▽ OCT 1**  
"Certain Sorrows" a healing two-act play about child abuse. Presented by the Cabrillo Women's Center in the Forum Bldg Rm 450. Call: 479-6249

**MON ▽ OCT 3**  
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**WED ▽ OCT 5**  
City Council Candidates Forum. The LGAA co-sponsors with SC NOW this opportunity to hear candidates address the issues important to the gays & lesbians and the greater community. Come ask questions and join us in endorsing candidates for the four open seats.  
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**SAT ▽ OCT 8**  
the Nuclear Weapons Freeze folks are gearing up for their Walk-a-Thon held today.  
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## CALENDAR

**SAT ▽ OCT 8-9**  
GO: Overnight A weekend trip to Mt. Madonna is being organized by Larry: 427-1936

**MON ▽ OCT 10**  
SF ACT UP/ACT NOW announces a rally at the Dept. of Health in Washington D.C. to protest the lack of federal response to the AIDS epidemic. Part of a series of events to correspond with the showing of the quilt in D.C. over the 8-9th weekend.  
Call: (415) 821-9087

"A Home for Our Hearts" A lecture, discussion and social evening. The first in a series of four to be held every other Monday. Led by Lauren Crux tonight's topic is "Aging Like An Amazon" \$5, Loudon Nelson  
Call: 426-9515

**TUE ▽ OCT 11**  
Melanee Baresh presents "Counseling Issues for Lesbians" a noon time talk at the Cabrillo Women's Center.

Today is the first anniversary of the 1987 March on Washington for Lesbian & Gay Rights. It has also been declared National Coming out Day!

The LGCC will have its first monthly meeting with its newly

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### THU ▽ OCT 20

Wow - they are at it again already! The new committee for the Gay Evening In May (AGEM) is forming and looking for fresh faces and ideas. Join us at 7pm at the Loudon Nelson Center. Call Mardi Brown: 479-3606

### SAT ▽ OCT 22

GO: San Francisco, Open your Golden Gates! A day trip for

those interested. Call Larry: 427-1936

### MON ▽ OCT 24

"A Home for Our Hearts" A lecture, discussion and social evening. The second in a series of four held every other Monday. Led by Lauren Crux tonight's topic will cover isolation, friendship and community with a lighter side of "How to Pick Up Girls..." \$5, Loudon Nelson Call: 426-9515

### WED ▽ OCT 26

"The Courage to Heal: Recovery from Child Sexual Assault" a presentation by Ellen Bass &

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### SAT ▽ OCT 29

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### FRI ▽ OCT 28-30

GO: Annual Conference. This year at Crestline in the San Bernardino Mountains. Halloween party and other activities. Call Larry: 427-1936

### SUN ▽ NOV 6

GO: monthly potluck and meeting.

### MON ▽ NOV 7

"A Home for Our Hearts" \$5, Loudon Nelson Call: 426-9515

### TUE ▽ NOV 8

The LGCC will be meeting at Loudon Nelson at 7:30pm. Call: 426-7828



### THU ▽ NOV 10

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### FRI ▽ NOV 11

GO: Video Night! Call Brett: 427-2722

### SUN ▽ NOV 13

GO: A trip to Rancho Del Oso Marsh. Call Dean: 427-1675

### FRI ▽ NOV 18

Gayle Groves & Denise Caignon present "Her Wits About Her: Self Defense Success Stories" Cabrillo Fireside Lounge 7pm, free

### FRI ▽ NOV 18-21

GO: Orr Hot Springs is always a favorite. Call Brett: 427-2722

### MON ▽ NOV 21

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### MON ▽ NOV 21

the Alliance will host their monthly meeting at Loudon Nelson at 7:30pm. Only your involvement can keep the important social change work of our community going. Get involved, make connections. Call: 429-2060

### TUE ▽ NOV 22

"Acquaintance Rape" a presentation by Melyssa Jo at the Cabrillo Women's Center 1 - 2pm

### Perspective continued

first artist to do it, and I thank and honor those who have gone before, making the way easier for me. As I go, I remember the mantra which my



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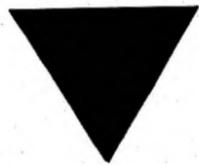
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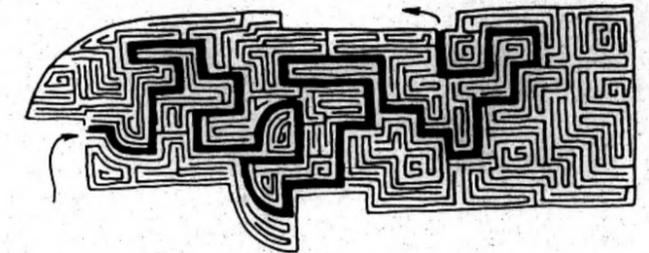
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