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1989 Alliance Plans:
An Open Letter to Members & Friends of the Lesbian and Gay Action Alliance

Dear Friends,

As we enter a new year, the LGAA is undergoing another wave of change. A new steering committee was approved at our winter solstice party and will be organized differently than in the past, reflecting decisions made after much lively discussion at the Alliance's annual summit. (We kept billing it as a "retreat," hoping to entice you to join us, but as Scotty indignantly points out, it's really a marathon meeting!) Everyone at the gathering agreed that restructuring was necessary in response to the ever-increasing number of lesbian and gay groups and projects in the community and the ever-decreasing energies of over-committed activists. We think that a streamlined '89 Alliance can continue our strong tradition of political activism while allowing ourselves to be more realistic about what we can take on.

Our priorities for 1989 will be the continued publication of the Lavender Reader, facilitation of lesbian and gay political involvement in response to your needs and initiative, and the presentation of community forums on a trimmed-back quarterly basis. These forums will be coordinated with themes featured in the Reader, ideally with existing or potential local activist projects, and organized by ad hoc working groups open to your input and participation.

Look for a forum on anti-gay violence in February, exploration of bisexuality in our community in June, and in the fall a forum focusing on the lesbian community. (Ideas? Call me.) With the exception of our continuing treasurer, Jo Covone, the LGAA will have no officers in '89. The steering committee, which is open, will operate collectively and share responsibilities as much as possible. Michael Perlman continues as publisher of the Reader and Will Russell as membership coordinator (otherwise known as the Database Queen) but the division of labor ends.

Our old multi-committee structure, which has existed in name only for some time, is officially suspended. As members old and new got more involved and initiated various projects, this new flexible structure can grow and evolve. Meanwhile, the '89 steering committee (me, Michael Perlman, Scott Brookie, Jo Kenny, Robin White, John LaRiviere, Will Russell, Jo Covone, Christopher Spillers and Lee Riordan) will meet quarterly to officially suspend. As members old and new get more involved and initiate various projects, this new flexible structure can grow and evolve. Meanwhile, the '89 steering committee (me, Michael Perlman, Scott Brookie, Jo Kenny, Robin White, John LaRiviere, Will Russell, Jo Covone, Christopher Spillers and Lee Riordan) will meet quarterly to

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BY ALLISON CLAIRE

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- Dallas, Texas District Court judge Jack Hampton, explaining to the Dallas Times Herald on Dec. 15 why he sentenced to 30 years instead of life imprisonment a man convicted of brutally murdering two gay men. Hampton comes up for re-election in 1990.

-I can't think right off any part of the code that might have been violated. It's his discretion."

- The director of the Texas Commission on Judicial Conduct, commenting on a complaint filed against Judge Hampton on Dec. 16 by the Texas Human Rights Commission.

We'll make it a point not to forget by 1990. If he is still in office at the time, we are going after him."

- Jean O'Leary, director of National Gay Rights Advocates, referring to Hampton.

Then why don't we call ourselves 'Uranian-Americans'?"

- Ubiquitous local political commentator Gary Reynolds, responding to Jesse Jackson's campaign to refer to people of African descent in the U.S. as "African-Americans." The term "Uranian," was used in the 19th and early 20th centuries by homosexuals to refer to themselves and their organizations. The term refers to the Greek Muse Urania and the planet Uranus. It is not a pun.
have a more profound appreciation for being alive this very day. They seem to have fewer drug and alcohol issues, and although many gays and lesbians at SCAP deal with loss, tragedy and grief, most seem to know a great deal about happiness also. They seem to understand sadness and happiness and know how to move between the two for life’s harmony and balance.

I don’t think the gays and lesbians who volunteer at SCAP are “better people.” I just think they are more involved with the AIDS epidemic and because of their involvement, something about them seems more empowered around many of life’s issues.

I would like to invite anyone in the lesbian and gay community who has been thinking of getting involved with SCAP more directly to come now and do so. SCAP needs you. Individuals who are sick need you. And you might even want to do it just for you.

In conclusion, I just want to add a note that a great many gay men with AIDS have expressed a specific desire to have gay men support them as buddies and practical-support volunteers. Sometimes they have to wait for the volunteers of their choice because the percentage of gay men who are buddies and practical support volunteers has been decreasing over the past year.
THE CENTER
Community Center on a Roll

January 1st finds the Community Center alive, well and looking forward to exciting events and prospects for the New Year. Lots of gay men and lesbians from the Santa Cruz area have been putting out tremendous energy to bring the Community Center and its activities to life.

Already, memorable events have been sponsored by the Lesbian-Gay Community Center (LGCC), most notably the mother of all fundraisers, the second annual Lesbian and Gay Dance (co-sponsored by the Campaign for Responsible AIDS Action). The programs and Services Committee is focusing on providing activities, events and services to benefit the lavender community, while the Fundraising Committee is using a variety of means to raise money to support the programs and to contribute to our organization and other organizations.

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Vito Russo in Santa Cruz

Vito Russo, the author of The Celluloid Closet, will be in Santa Cruz as a UCSC Regents lecturer until early February. Russo is a columnist for The Advocate, The New York Native, American Film, Film Comments, Village Voice and many other publications. He is also a founding member of the Gay Activists Alliance; The Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAD); and Act-Up, the AIDS Coalition to Unleash Power.

On January 31, Russo will present The Celluloid Closet, a two-hour film lecture presentation based on his book of the same title. Mr. Russo will trace historical images of lesbians and gay men on screen from silent film to the present, beginning at 7:00pm at Classroom Unit 2, UCSC. Admission is free. The presentation will be followed by a public reception and book-signing.

On Friday, February 3, Russo will be the featured guest at a benefit for SCAP. The benefit will begin with the presentation of two dynamic videos on AIDS activism: Testing the Limits, and The Cosmic Demonstration. The evening will begin at 7pm at Classroom Unit 2, UCSC. A reception will follow at the Whole Earth on campus. A benefit dance will then follow at In Touch. For further information, call Wendy Chapkis at 476-7263.

Healing Circle in SC

THE HEALING CIRCLE is a therapy group for lesbian survivors of childhood sexual abuse. The group will be meeting on an on-going basis beginning January 16th and will take on new members every twelve weeks. Meetings are Monday evenings from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. The group will be a safe place for the members to share feelings and to explore survival tools of the past that have become obstacles for them today. The cost of the group is based on a sliding scale. To join, call Melanne Barash, M.S.W., L.C.S.W., at 423-6435 or Marie Braciale, M.A. at 335-2716.

"Chambers of the Heart II" is the second annual concert of chamber music to benefit AIDS education and support services for people with AIDS. Last year's concert helped raise four thousand dollars and hopes are high that this year's figure will surpass that. A concert of this quality is the result of much hard work on the part of producers Richard Johnson, Marcus Carver and, joining the team this year, Brenda K. Warren. Their frustration over the loss of friends generated this, their brainchild.

This annual event is an attempt to fight back against the helplessness of this epidemic, and to care for its ever-growing casualties. Last year, musicians volunteering their talents and time poured in, and coalesced in the birthing of the finest program of beautiful music to be presented in this county for several years.

Four months in the making, the concert at times seemed almost too overwhelming to pull off. The staff of the concert helped raise four thousand dollars and hopes are high that this year's figure will surpass that. A concert of this quality is the result of much hard work on the part of producers Richard Johnson, Marcus Carver and, joining the team this year, Brenda K. Warren. Their frustration over the loss of friends generated this, their brainchild.

"Chambers" felt, though, that if they didn't reach for the stars, why should anyone else?

While last year's concert spanned the globe in music, this year's production seems mostly to be "An Evening in Eastern Europe." Filling our show this year are fine musicians and even finer selections, such as Bret Sherman and Jim Short performing the popular piece, "Sonata for Two Pianos and Percussion."

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Watching someone close to you die is emotionally very difficult. Dealing with the loss after the friend is gone can be equally hard. In San Francisco, there is a neighborhood in which people watched their friends who had died, and to small group met to find a way to memorize their grief. They had no way of work out their grief. They had no way of knowing that the idea they had come up with would become an international AIDS memorial which, at present, includes the names of over 9,000 people — that is, the Names Project Quilt.

On March 4, 5 and 6, the Santa Cruz AIDS Project, together with the City of Santa Cruz, will be bringing a section of the Quilt to the Santa Cruz Civic Auditorium. This will be a true community event, free of charge to the public. Many people are needed to make this event happen.

On January 4th, a community meeting was held to start work on the tasks involved. It was clear from those in attendance that there are people from many different organizations and groups within our community who are ready and willing to take on the necessary work. Volunteers are needed to help in all areas, such as P.R. and community outreach, fundraising, quilt panel-making, emotional support, childcare, general logistics, program planning, etc.

If you are interested in helping — even if you want to volunteer only on the days the quilt is here — your time and efforts are joyously welcomed. Please call Julie Sherman at 429-1931 or Jo Kenny at 427-3900 (the SCAP office) if you have ideas, questions, or want to get involved.

—Julie Sherman

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Farr Reviews 1988 AIDS Legislation

Health officials estimate that by 1991, approximately 50,000 Californians will have been diagnosed with Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome. As the number of infected individuals continues to grow, the impact of this epidemic will be felt in all of our state’s communities and by all of its members.

In Sacramento, the Legislature is beginning to grapple with the myriad problems the disease presents. Testing, informed consent, disclosure, health insurance, prevention, protection from discrimination and long-term care are just a few of the AIDS-related issues that were considered in Sacramento during the 1987-88 session.

As awareness about AIDS grew early this decade; California was the first state in the nation to appropriate funds from its budget for AIDS research. Since 1983, research funding has increased from $2.9 million to over $15.5 million.

At the same time, the 1988-89 Budget for AIDS programs unrelated to research increased by $19 million over the previous fiscal year to an outlay of $73 million. Unfortunately, this increase does not meet the ever-growing need for AIDS patient care. In just one year, for example, there has been a 70 percent increase in the number of AIDS patients in California.

To make matters worse, Governor Dukakis, while increasing over-all AIDS funding, continues to direct the bulk of these monies to testing, surveillance and education at the expense of patient care. However, at the close of the session in August, Assemblymember John Vasconcellos and I co-sponsored AB 1903 to restore $7.5 million for patient care that the Governor had cut from the State Budget.

The Assembly also considered a number of bills relating to discrimination against people who have tested HIV-positive, individuals with AIDS Related Complex, and AIDS patients. AB 3795 (Vasconcellos) would have provided these individuals with the same protection afforded the physically disabled. Unfortunately, the Governor vetoed this bill.

AIDS education in the public school system was also debated in the Legislature. Assemblymember Steve Clay and I co-sponsored AB 2941 which revises the definition of comprehensive health education programs to ensure that students receive instruction on sexually transmitted diseases, including AIDS.

A related bill, Assemblymember Mike Ross’ AB 3564, requires the State Department of Health Services to work with Department of Alcohol and Drug Programs to integrate AIDS primary prevention, education, testing and counseling plans specifically designed to reach women and children with several existing health programs such as California Children’s Services, County Health Services Programs and many others.

The AIDS epidemic has generated an entirely new set of challenges for our public health system. A number of bills created new programs to address these new problems. For example, Assembly Speaker Willie Brown authored AB 4475, which establishes follow-up programs in six counties for persons who have tested HIV positive. These pilot programs will target those communities with the largest number of HIV positive cases.

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The Lambda Rising Book Report, a bi-monthly review of contemporary gay and lesbian literature, recently announced plans for a new annual awards program to recognize excellence in gay and lesbian writing and publishing.

"The time has come for the literary excellence of the lesbian and gay community to be recognized," said Jane Troxell, editor of the Book Report. "1988 has been a tremendous year for the writers, editors, and publishers of gay and lesbian literature. As a result, all lesbian and gay people have benefited from this unparalleled growth in both substance and quality."


Nominating ballots are being distributed through gay and lesbian newspapers and bookstores and the Book Report itself. (Nomination forms can be found at Bookshop Santa Cruz in Michael Perlman's tray at the back desk.) The deadline for nominations is February 17, 1989. Five finalists in each category will be announced nationally on March 1, 1989. A panel of 60 judges from across the country, representing a broad cross-section of the entire lesbian and gay literary community, will then select a single book in each category from among the finalists.

A gala awards banquet will be held June 2, 1989, at the Hyatt Regency Washington on Capitol Hill in Washington, D.C., to coincide with the American Bookellers Association Convention. At that time, the recipients of the 1st Annual Lambda Literary Awards will be announced. Tentative emcees for the gala event are authors Armistead Maupin (Tales of the City) and Florence King (Confessions of a Ptaed Southern Lady).

For further information about the awards program or the banquet, please contact Will Guiliams: Book Report, 1025 Connecticut Avenue, NW, Washington, DC, 20009-1013 or phone (202) 462-6965.

- Michael Perlman

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Harvey Milk and the Growing Number of Gay & Lesbian Elected Officials

We just marked the tenth anniversary of the assassinations of San Francisco Supervisor Harvey Milk and Mayor George Moscone. Much has changed over the past ten years. The number of openly gay and lesbian public officials has increased dramatically. Harvey would have been pleased.

In the fall of 1978, Harvey was one of just three openly gay and lesbian elected officials in United States history. The other two being state Sen. Allen Spear of Minneapolis and state Rep. Elaine Noble of Boston. The election or "coming out" of a gay elected official was front-page news around the country. Harvey served as a role model for others considering elected office.

In a recently published interview conducted only months prior to his death, Harvey was asked whether he would like to run for higher office. To help our own people, and to impress the others. And eventually, in the political climate... to give a portion of the homophobic vote. So in effect I played to bigots who have no want to understand, and the fears of others as well.

In December, Hartman wrote a letter to the editor of the Sentinel, published in an abbreviated version, which stated that he made the attack for "self-gain, to grab a share of the homophobic vote. Instead of impressing them or standing out, Harvey would have been pleased. Harvey was asked whether he would like to run for higher office, "Oh, yes. But it's not easy. . . people want to turn to someone with a title, with authority, and that's why we need more gay candidates and officials. To help our own people, and to impress the others. And eventually, in the political climate..."

Harvey would have been proud of the fourth annual conference of openly gay and lesbian elected and appointed officials held, in San Diego in mid-November. Thirty elected officials from around the country were at the conference, as well as a city council member from Montreal.

Fourteen years ago the first openly gay and lesbian elected officials appeared. The conference has established "Stonewall Awards" to be given annually. Schrage and Noble were the first official recipients. It's amazing to have some history!

There have been no record of any openly gay or lesbian elected official who, coming out of their own accord, was defeated for re-election. In fact, many incumbents have run much better during their re-election tries. Minneapolis City Councilmember Brian Coyle won a second term with 80 percent of the vote. U. S. Rep. Barney Frank, who publicly came out a year ago, won re-election with 70 percent of the vote after his opponent ran a "family values" campaign. Boston City Councilmember David Sondors, Kansas City Mayor Richard Heyman, Laguna Beach City Councilmember Robert Gentry, and others have piled up similarly impressive margins.

Santa Cruz will now have two openly gay city councilmembers with the election of Mo Reich in November. Mo's sexual orientation never became a major issue in the campaign. Instead, his campaign focused on his position on issues and the experience he gained from his five years on the City Planning Commission, including one term as chairperson.

In fact, the only homophobic incident in the city council campaign was the newspaper advertisement of candidate Steve Hartman, who stated that I was "showing my lifestyle down the throats of the people of Santa Cruz" (yes, that's what he said).

In December, Hartman wrote a letter to the editor of the Sentinel, published in an abbreviated version, which stated that he made the attack for "self-gain, to grab a portion of the homophobic vote. So in effect I played to bigots who have no want to understand, and the fears of others as well."

"Mr. Laird, I am very sorry. I apologize for my actions and ask your forgiveness. And please, Sir, extend my apology to the entire gay and lesbian community should they miss my apology here."

So, I think we are moving ahead in terms of electing gay and lesbian candidates to public office. Sure, we have a long way to go, but progress is being made at every election. And there are many appointed officials gaining experience, including one term as chairperson.

It was interesting to note at the conference that there are new concerns being raised by openly gay elected officials. How do we cope with success? Where do we go politically as we succeed as mayors, budget committee chairs, legislative committee chairs — the kinds of positions gained with four, six, eight years of incumbency.

There was talk of running for higher office, of job burn-out, of how to keep interested in long-term political service. I bet Harvey would be proud that today, these are the problems faced by openly lesbian and gay elected officials. I only wish he were here to see it.

-SC City Councilmember John Laird

"No on 96-102" Group Contemplates the Future

Members of the Campaign for Responsible AIDS Action, having successfully defeated LaRouche's Proposition 69 last June and Dannemeyer's Proposition 102 in the fall elections, are taking some time to ask themselves, "Where do we go from here?"

The Campaign feels strongly that an ongoing organization specifically addressing the political implications of AIDS is very much needed in Santa Cruz. Tasks for such an organization might include dealing with immediate local issues (e.g. dentists who refuse to treat PWA's), tracking important legislation, and possible ACT-UP-style direct action.

CRAA will hold a workshop on direct action with visiting AIDS activist Vito Russo Monday night, February 6, 7pm in Louden Nelson Center.

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Several months ago, a friend of mine, Thomas Riordan, after being queer-baited and threatened for the third time in a short period, organized a self-defense class for gay men with teacher Tara Kronenberg. Having been beaten up a lot when I was younger, because I had no idea how to defend myself, I thought it a good idea to learn even now. I wasn’t quite expecting the kind of transformation that would happen as a result of taking this class. I learned how to bit people in ways to make them leave me alone. This simple knowledge—learned in one class—has had a remarkable effect on me. It is the one thing that I never knew how to do when I was younger and I find, now that I know it, that a tremendous amount of fear has been lifted from my life, fear that I had grown so accustomed to that I no longer knew it was there. The example of learning how to bit is a one-sided way to introduce an interview with Tara Kronenberg because it’s only a small part of what she teaches, but I would leave it to her words to tell the rest. She has taught workshops nationally and for The Santa Cruz Commission for the Prevention of Violence Against Women for the past 5 years.

RW: How did you start teaching self-defense to gay men?

TK: Gay friends of mine have asked me to teach classes to men for years, but I didn’t think any men would want to take a class in self-defense from me and I didn’t know if I could tailor a class to meet men’s needs. But then I kept getting more intrigued with the idea, especially because a lot more male friends of mine were getting harassed. Then having worked with AIDS patients and seeing how the society is so homophobic and prejudiced against them, I thought maybe there was something I could offer. So when Thomas approached me, I decided I’d go for it. I put energy out towards research about men because I’d never worked with them before and it was really exciting.

RW: What did you need to find out about gay men?

TK: I wanted to find out—where’s the problem? Who is harassing gay men? Is there a rise in anti-gay violence? How are the police responding? What is the community response? What is happening politically? I wrote to some different organizations and got some very fascinating studies. But I really feel like I need to do a disclaimer when I talk about statistics because, first of all, so much is unreported. It’s just a small reflection and gets reduced to just a minuscule amount is gang-related [RW: not in Santa Cruz—see box]. Most things that become physical usually start verbally.

RW: Do you see problems teaching self-defense to men? After the class, we talked about men being “primed” for violence; have you had students in your classes who were actually violent themselves?

TK: I have had students who have told me that they are violent and abusive and that they worry about control. I restrict how in control, they can’t participate physically in the class. I restrict how much physical activity they do and I’ll watch how they do it. A lot of people tell me, “Well, Tara, I’m afraid that if people take your class, they’re gonna end up using it on the wrong people.” First of all, you’re making this assumption that taking my class makes people more violent. It doesn’t. As an instructor, the more I teach, the more I feel I’m a pacifist—I feel I’m more loving in the world because I know that I can defend myself physically and psychologically, so it’s much easier for me to give to people because I know that I can set limits if I need to. I know that I can de-escalate situations.

RW: So what did you find out about statistics?

TK: I found out that in San Francisco, most of the anti-gay violence is happening in the Castro. That breaks the myth that certain places are safe; I wish I could say that there is safety out there, that certain people will never harm you, that your bed is sacred, that your friends are sacred, but it’s just not true. And it can be really sad to think that there’s no safety out there in tangible objects or in people and that what we need to do is start putting the safety in ourselves.

Homophobic Violence in Santa Cruz

January: Dr. Kevin Cermak was murdered and another man seriously wounded in what appears to have been a homophobic attack.

February: Local activist received a drunken abusive phone call after being quoted in The Sentinel about gay murders.

May: A man was attacked after leaving the Blue Lagoon bar by a gang of youths. “They were all over me—like yapping dogs.”

June: Two men walking home from a gay dance were pushed against a wall and screamed at by a gang of young men.

August: Two men were verbally and psychologically harassed at the Metro Center at midday by a man dressed as a skinhead.

September: The employee at a gay-owned clothing store had to call police after a customer became abusive.

October: A man was hit in the face and called “faggot” while walking on Pacific in the evening.

*None of the incidents I came across affected lesbians. I am sure this is not because there were none, but that I have yet to come across them. If you have incidents to report, please let me know about them by writing to Lavender Reader, and please attend the Alliance-sponsored forum in February on homophobic violence for more information and further ways for the community to respond to this increase in attacks (See Calendar).—Robin White
The following is an excerpt from Ray Martinez’ senior thesis in American Studies at UCSC. Randy, his younger uncle, died of AIDS in 1986.

In December of 1952, long after most of their children had left home and started families of their own, a fifth son was born to my grandparents. They named families of their own, a fifth son was around, he quickly became Randy. To my chance to raise a child without the heavy to say, they doted on Randy and yes, even spoiled him. But unlike most kids who s I would be who he would live with and take care of his older parents. He would make sure they got to their doctors on time for their routine checkups and it would be Randy who would run them to and take care for an hour or so. The next day we knew that the game needed something else. With just the two of us and the six balls for six players, we divided them up and made teams. Then we needed names, and of course our only goal at that time was what was happening on the bank track, so we modeled our teams after the roller derby ones. That day we played well into the night. We had found our game!

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I locking leather briefcases and attorney, I have attended a number of conferences on a variety of subjects. Grey suits (navy blue is also a popular color) are too expensive, lacking leather briefcases and taking ineligible ties on yellow legal pads. Everyone looks bored, and most of them leave at the lunch break.

It was a thoroughly different scene at the first AIDS Law Conference held last November in San Francisco. Approximately 350 attorneys from all over the country attended to learn and to share information and resources concerning the growing practice of AIDS law, and not a single lawyer looked bored (nor did I see very many grey suits). Most were young, many were gay or lesbian, and all were vitally interested in doing what they could to help fight the AIDS epidemic.

It surprises many people to realize that lawyers play a crucial role in the fight against AIDS. The most common response I get when I say I practice AIDS law is "Oh, you write wills? How depressing!" In fact, I do write wills as part of my practice, and it's far from depressing: writing a will can be a powerful method of taking control over your assets. However, writing wills is only one aspect of AIDS law.

The conference consisted of four workshop periods, each with three simultaneous workshops, for a total of twelve workshops in various areas of law. The conference consisted of four workshop periods, each with three simultaneous workshops, for a total of twelve workshops in various areas of law. One series of workshops dealt with how to set up and fund an AIDS legal referral panel; these workshops were attended by attorneys from Hawaii, Michigan, New York, Oregon, Colorado—attorneys from everywhere who are responding to the need for AIDS legal services. Substantive workshops were held in the areas of wills and durable powers of attorney, employment discrimination, confidentiality and mandatory HIV testing, and credit collection and bankruptcy.

The amount of information was overwhelming. A lawyer working with PWA's is likely to encounter issues in any or all of the above fields, and to have some knowledge of how AIDS issues can arise in each of these areas. For instance, I do not practice social security law and was not aware that a person with an AIDS diagnosis may qualify automatically for SSI or social security benefits. On the other hand, some areas, such as bankruptcy and credit collection, are not specifically affected by AIDS, but most AIDS lawyers are going to have clients who can no longer meet their debt payments because of the high cost of health care or because they are no longer able to work, and the lawyer needs to know how to help the client deal with credit collectors and bankruptcy.

Confidentiality and mandatory HIV testing is a major issue in AIDS law. The confidentiality statutes which exist regarding HIV results are frequently violated, most commonly by medical staff members and insurance companies. Attorneys must be aware of legal remedies for violation of these laws, and at least know where to refer a client whose privacy has been violated. There are several attorneys in the bay area whose entire practices consist of handling AIDS confidentiality litigation.

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bored with Paradise,
Like Eden's Adorn,
by trick he may be killed
but will not age.

above his mane.

How awkward is the horn
He thinks he's bound.
to know the threat.

and yet like Eve
He fears the fence
of pain or wrinkles,
he doesn't know enough
age or death,
my dear. And doom, not death
you fear you're fettered.

to seize the day,
Leap now!
before you lose your prime,
will be a new first time.

BY GLEN MARTIN

Shy Perch

Soft and firm—but cold!
I see you slide about kissing everything below, even what the sun can't see.

He must be part fish too.
How he bobs and sinks and bounds. Ya, I could splash with him. But I don't.

If I were you I'd move in close.
Offer him your back to ride.
Show him where his gills should be and how to flick a tail.

I'd nibble at the moss running round his nipples, trace it down his chest, his navel and beyond.

If I could get that close
I would—
Instead I linger here torturing my toes.

But you! What's stopping you?
Don't dally here with me.
Make waves with Neptune's pal and kiss him since I can't.

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Curriculum vitae

Glen Martin was born in Rome and raised in Rio and speaks five languages and has been telling fibs since the age of three. He loves long Victorian novels that don't give up on you, if you don't give up on them, and is a member of the Jane Austen Society of North America (no fib). He was misquoted in "Ms" magazine. He works at a child care center where all his friends are under the age of three and his table manners look better than most. He was a master of veiled threats and sardonic humor as a shoe salesman. His life's ambition is to be a Barker at a carnival.

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The real kernel of all our help, that which renders it effective, is compassion. The ability to put the maximum amount of energy into the present moment is a large component of mental wellness. About the past I can do little; about the future hardly anything; only now can I make decisions.

We know immediately when good helping has taken place. We have done ourselves some good as well as the other person. At the time there was a complete lack of self-consciousness or judgement. All of ourselves and the other was in the actual experiencing of the contact and the merging of two or more people. The experience of helping had an internal harmony. There was no longer a desire to play games or to pretend. We had given up, perhaps just for a moment, our attempts at manipulating, at impressing people. We had forgotten our need to be important and secure. We had forgotten our decisions about the "good" and "bad" parts of ourselves and others. It no longer seemed necessary to define the limits of our personalities and protect the boundaries of the self.

It meant taking down those barriers of knowledge, social position and education. It involved communicating and reaching out from our hearts aside from social conventions and expectations.

Unfortunately (perhaps fortunately), in our immensely unhygienic society, helping cannot, like a good lavatory cleaner, kill all known germs. If the helper is honest, he experiences a thousand situations in which he or she can do nothing or very little. "Give a man a fish, feed him for a day. Teach him to fish, feed him for life." D. H. Lawrence had a phrase "the greed of giving" and this is common among helpers. We often receive very badly. We prefer to be giving out rather than taking in but this is often what the person needs most. If placed in a position as the eternal recipient his whole ego can be undermined. He also needs the chance to genuinely donate something of value to both the relationship and society.

We have limits to our interference in the lives of others. As my Zen teacher puts it: "By virtue of walking the Way, the childish 'I want', the passions or emotions, are transformed. What in fact happens is that the energy (strength) loses its blind compulsion of a drive and becomes amenable to conscious choice. In this lies the virtue of seeing clearly and of being able to act in accordance with that seeing. This embraces all the truly human qualities, such as responsibility, justice, consideration, warmth of heart, joy, tolerance, compassion, awareness of strength of personality and its power and limits. For nobody has the right to manipulate anybody or to impress anybody with his stronger personality, not even for the other's imagined good, for nobody can know what that good is. This is courteous rather than callousness, for the other's dignity is thus acknowledged, or the dignity of his grief is respected. If and when he is ready, the other will of himself reach out for consolation and feel free to ask for a hand to point out the way."

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Legal Health Care Issues

One of the best books by local authors released in 1988 is Alive & Well: A Lesbian Health Guide by Cuca Haysburn, Ph.D. with Bonnie Gutierrez, RN, CPNA, published by Crossing Press in Freedom.

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The book is specifically for lesbians, whom they define as "women who are women-identified and women who are sexually exclusive with women." Thus they do not include information on some sexually transmitted diseases or birth control, which might be of more interest to bisexual women.

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"Although health care can be an emotionally volatile topic, I found this book easy to read. Bonnie and Cuca were talking to me about their lives and about mine."
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Defense continued

...to use and how to use them. As far as physical skills are concerned, you could practice balancing, you could practice doing things right-handed and left-handed. It's not like you need to do push-ups; nothing I teach is strength against strength because there's always going to be something stronger. If you use physical techniques, it's using vulnerable areas against the person but those don't take a whole lot of physical strength.

Maybe we should back up and talk about what self-defense actually is. Historically, women were studying self-defense in response to the violence against themselves and they were taking martial arts and were getting really good. And yet these same women, when they were being attacked, were unable to defend themselves. What was missing was the psychological part; they never dealt with the issues of what does it mean to actually hurt another human being, what does it mean to hurt someone you know? People had real misconceptions about violence in this society; they were all ready to defend themselves out in some dark alley but they didn't know how to do it in a home situation and they sure didn't know how to deal with a lover situation or someone in a position of power over them like a doctor, father, boss. Unless you deal with that, you just sit there going "I can't believe this is happening" and you are unable to defend yourself. One of the things I talk about is the myth that the attacker is stronger; the attacker is not stronger; what makes the attacker successful is that he has the power to intimidate you and manipulate you. He is counting on the fact that you're going to be in denial in this situation. So self-defense fills in the gaps that martial arts left out. In self-defense, we talk about all the possibilities—so what if you're on the beach and someone attacks you? Talk about it and work it out; don't just have these big amorphous fears that keep you limited in your life. That's one of the reasons that I think people should take self-defense because, for me, it's not ok to limit my life based on fear. It's not ok for me to not feel good about hiking in the woods alone because I'm afraid of being attacked. That is not living quality-of-life to me.

Tara Kronenburg will be teaching an other workshop in self-defense for gay men on January 21/22 (See Calendar listing). For further information, call 724-7057.

Zen continued

The beginning of compassion both to oneself and to others is in decreasing the number of judgments and values. I stop punishing myself for falling short of standards which I erected. I see the way someone behaves and do not feel that it is either bad or good. That desire had melted away by feelings of respect for the other's independence. He or she is not there anymore to suit or satisfy my view of the world. I mean questioning that giving people room; opening doors rather than closing them; asking questions rather than giving answers. It means listening with your whole being and giving, if you can, what is relevant and appropriate to the relationship without self-consciously measuring what that is. It is spacious and very generous...

(David Brandon: Dell Publishing Company, 1976)

Farr continued

In the wake of cutbacks in funds for AZT treatment for AIDS patients, the Legislature passed Act No. 1171, sponsored by Assemblymember Burt Margolin, which appropriated $2.8 million to provide this essential treatment to AIDS patients in California. Later in September, the Governor chose to sign the bill into law.

The bills mentioned here are just a few of the approximately 140 bills relating to AIDS considered by the Assembly and Senate last year. Clearly, the Legislature will be concerned with AIDS-related issues for the foreseeable future. As the Central Coast's representative in the State Capitol, I am proud to serve an area which has organized so quickly and effectively to create support networks for people with AIDS and their care providers. If you would like additional information about the bills mentioned above or about other related legislation, or if I can be of assistance to you regarding this or another issue, please contact my Santa Cruz office at 425-1103.
AGEM A Gay Evening in May
CFR Closet Free Radio
CRAA Campaign for Responsible AIDS Action
GLBN Gay, Lesbian & Bisexual Network
GLV Gay & Lesbian Vegetarians
GO Great Outdoors
LAAA Lesbian & Gay Action Alliance
LGCC Lesbian & Gay Community Center
LOCA Lesbians of Color Alliance
MCAP Monterey County AIDS Project
NOW National Organization for Women
SCAP Santa Cruz AIDS Project
SC Santa Cruz
SOL Slightly Older Lesbians
RCN Resource Center for Nonviolence
UCSC University of California at Santa Cruz

GLOSSARY
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Responsible AIDS Bisexual Network Action Alliance Lesbian & Gay Color Alliance AIDS Project Organization Vegetarians Nonviolence California for Women Santa Cruz Center for Lesbians in May Radio
Abortion Rights. Celebrate
Speakers include
Rene Hicks, Fred Keeley, Mardi Wormhoudt
The Reproductive Rights Network presents
"Read My Lips! Reproductive Rights" speakers include Mayor Mard Wormhoudt supervisor Fred Keeley, and lesbian comedian Rene Hicks. Dance to Organge Glaene and Cornabellle $5-$10, 7:30 PM Vets Hall 842 Front St., Santa Cruz.
TUE V JAN 24 Should the City of SC invite a war ship on July 4th? 8PM, City Hall.
TUE V JAN 24 Tentative date for Board of Supes hearing on HIV discrimination cases.
WED V JAN 25 "American Defense Monitor" another film in the RCN series. 7:30PM, 515 Broadway 429-2833.

FRI V JAN 20 Celebrate Abortion Rights. The Reproductive Rights Network offers a two day self-defense workshop for gay, bi-sexual and questioning men. $30-$40 for both days with discounts for PWAs and previous workshop participants. 10AM to 3PM, Louden Nelson 724-7057
SAT V JAN 21 & 22 Tara Kronenberg offers a two day self-defense workshop for gay, bi-sexual and questioning men. 7:30PM-4:30PM.
SAT V JAN 28 Showcase of Women's Music
TUE V JAN 31 Russo's "Celluloid Closet," a two hour lecture and film clip presentation 7PM, Classroom 2 UCSC, Free.
THU V FEB 2 Monthly meeting of N.O.W. Soquel Grange 335-7221.

THU V JAN 26 LC GCC: Fundraising Committee 7:30PM 462-4730
FRI V JAN 27 MCAA: will hold "Companion Training" workshops this weekend. 424-5550
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FRI V FEB 3 Lecture by Vito Russo, gay film historian, author of "The Celluloid Closet" and Regents' Lecturer in Community Studies. Mr Russo, an active member of NY ACT-UP will be discussing ACT UP and AIDS activism. He will show the video "Testing the Limits," a lively documentary of recent AIDS actions. 7PM, UCSC, Classroom Unit 2. Sliding fee benefits SCAP. Reception/party following, Whole Earth Restaurant.

FRI V MAR 23 Tuppenware Party - a laughable benefit for the LGCC. Rave reviews of the last plastic promenade promise to make this a fun evening. 6:30PM-313B Soquel (at Dakota) 688-4314.
FRI V FEB 10 Cabrillo Women's Center sponsors a special evening with poet Pat Parker, comedian.

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a series of
Food for Thought
lunch programs
called "Our Lives".
Cabrillo women
tell their stories.
Prominent and
poignant auto-
biographical tales.
Noon-1PM

SUN V FEB 26
"Always Leave
Them Laughing"
a performance
workshop
designed to
help would-be
comedians prepare
for a role in
this year's AGEM
show. Workshop
dates are
tentative,
call to confirm.
1-4PM, 303 Walnut
479-4242

SAT V MAR 4
A Gay Men's
Variety Show
will be hosted
by the LGCC
at the Cafe'
Caméléon, 7PM
Alena:
423-9736

THU V MAR 2
Monthly
meeting of N.O.W.
Soquel Grange
335-7221

FRI V MAR 3
Cabrillo
Women's Center
hosts the first
of two evenings
featuring the
lesbian soap opera
"Two in Twenty"
Episodes 1 & 2
7:30PM Cabrillo
Forum 450

SAT V MAR 4
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the last in
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A chance for
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MON V MAR 16
AGEM: Try outs!
First of three
audition sessions
for this years
AGEM show.
7PM, call or
watch for
location.
479-4242

SAT V MAR 18
AGEM: Try outs!
Second of three
audition sessions
for this years
AGEM show.
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location.
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MON V MAR 20
LGAA:
New quarterly
meeting schedule
makes this the
first planning
meeting of the
year.
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THU V APR 6
Monthly
meeting of N.O.W.
Soquel Grange
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TUE V APR 25 - 27
LOCA is
planning a
film festival
for these three
nights in April.
on and off
campus.

CALAER

Diane Davidson at the Kuumbwa
on March 11. Lea Lawson Prod.

TUE V MAR 14
"Carry Greenham
Home" the last
in a 10 week
film festival
sponsored by
the RCN.

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