

# We The People

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Serving Lesbians, Gay Men, and Their Friends in the Redwood Empire

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## Napa Marine Jailed for Lesbianism

ACCORDING TO A U.S. Navy report, kept secret since 1956, there is no basis for the policy that bars lesbians and gay men from serving in the armed forces, but three women marines, Corporal Barbara Baum, Sergeant Cheryl Jameson, and Sergeant Glenda Jones, are sitting in the brig at Quantico, VA, because the Uniform Code of Military Justice still maintains that homosexuality is a Felony.

An investigation that began last February at Parris Island, South Carolina, where all women marines receive basic training, has destroyed the military career of 16 women, including the three currently incarcerated at Quantico. They have been charged variously with "sodomy", "Fraternalization", and "engaging in indecent acts".

Susan Masling, a civilian counsel for Barbara Baum, believes that Baum and Jameson, the first women to be investigated, were Court Martialed to provide an example to the others. She also said that some of the women under investigation "went out and got pregnant" so they could receive a discharge and avoid a court martial. Staff Sergeant Bonnie Ferguson, Jameson's ex-lover was honorably discharged after testifying against Jameson and allegedly supplying the investigators with the names of 40 women throughout the Marine Corps.

The investigators tactics have been called into question by some of the women involved. Recanting her testimony against Sergeant Mary Kile, Navy Petty Officer Terry Knox said that during her eight hour interrogation by the Naval Investigative Service she was denied legal counsel and threatened with incarceration and the loss of custody of her child. Other women claim their testimony was "twisted" or that whole paragraphs were added to their statements.

After bearing witness in behalf of Sergeant Jameson, two drill sergeants were relieved of their duties and reassigned to office jobs. The reassignment of the two drill sergeants has had a chilling effect on the women at Parris Island. Capt. Laura Hinkley who is being honorably discharged after investigators failed to turn up an evidence of homosexual behavior, says, "the women are scared to death to testify on anyone's behalf... People are paranoid about the perception of being a homosexual sympathizer... It has also affected how well those drill instructors can work with recruits. It is a weapon the recruit can use..."

Mean while the witch hunt appears to be spreading to other branches of the armed services. In late August 12 women sailors were removed from the USS Yellowstone in Marsailles. According to the "Washington Blade" Lt. Cmdr. Steve Burnett, a spokesman

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## Vets Honored in Guerneville



AN AMERICAN FLAG donated by Vets C.A.R.E. and presented to the town of Guerneville highlighted a Veterans Day ceremony held in Guerneville, Saturday Nov. 12.

The ceremony was attended by 75 people who gathered to honor all veterans and especially the memory of Leonard Matlovich, a "gay American hero" and a resident of Guerneville. The new flag is set to fly from the flag pole erected by Matlovich many years ago in front of his business, now the Russian River Video Store.

Guest speakers at the event included Sonoma County Supervisor Ernie Carpenter and Carol Owens, a Korean era veteran, who was given an "outstanding citizen award" by Vets C.A.R.E. for her work with people with AIDS as founder and director of Face to Face, the Sonoma County AIDS Network.

The moving ceremony included the participation of the Reverend Jack Isbell of the Russian River Metropolitan Community Church and Chuck Schoen of Vets C.A.R.E. who emphasized the contribution of all veterans by saying: "Because of their sacrifices we can freely assemble here this morning. Because of our veterans we can choose to wear a pink triangle on our lapel and not be forced to wear one in a concentration camp..."

JANET ZAGORIA/PHOTOGENICS

## Christmas Review Benefit Set

ROWLAND'S REVIEW will produce its second annual Christmas Benefit for Face to Face in December.

Christmas has always been my favorite time of year, "stated Randy Rowland, creator and producer of Rowland's Review", and what a perfect time to show our support to Face to Face and the lesbian and gay Community."

"This Christmas marks our first year of trial and error, success and hard work," added Mickey Carroll, pianist and co-producer for this year's "A Christmas Concert", scheduled for

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## AIDS Quilt Returns to SF: Will Visit Santa Rosa

by Pamela CanyonRivers

ON DEC. 14 AND 15 the Names Project Quilt, honoring the lives and memories of over 9,000 people who have died from AIDS comes home to the San Francisco Moscone Center after a nation-wide tour. It will then be displayed at the Santa Rosa Fairgrounds on February 4 and 5. Local Face to Face advocate and fundraiser, Rick Dean notes that in the wake of the quilt's travels, the number of volunteers and donors, as well as awareness of the scope of this pandemic markedly increases.

Dean believes that "for many viewers, the Names Project Quilt provides a first-time exposure to the devastation of the disease and to the subsequent education regarding its curtailment." AIDS organizations across the nation believe this increased awareness of the gravity of our nation's need to mobilize resources to cope with the disease brings financial and medical solutions closer.

Initially, the Names Project Quilt grew out of individual and community need to remember and commemorate the lives of those who died. As deaths increased and panels continued to appear, the idea of creating meaning and power out of despair and loss, began to emerge. The gay community, whose losses have been severe during the early stages of the pandemic, were the first to recognize that eradicating the denial and fear around the disease was the first step toward realizing and achieving any sound program of mobilization.

"The degree of personal involvement and work required to educate, raise consciousness and money, while simultaneously creating and running support services for those afflicted is phenomenal," says Face to Face Executive Director, Sharon Thomas. AIDS

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Education demonstrates that success in the battle against AIDS is directly related to each citizen's personal commitment to safe-sex behavior and to the breakdown of myths regarding the disease.

Because of resistance at the county and state level, local AIDS agency, Face to Face, is in grave financial straits to continue its program of support. Thomas says "the paltry \$60,000 pilot grant from Sonoma County represents emergency funding to keep doors open." She indicates that these monies come

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# Adam's Apple

By Adam Richmond

## Dapper or Dippy?

Barbara Bush, our First Lady. It has an exuberant ring to it, as does "Suburbia uber alles". Everything worth saying about the Tuesday Massacre has already been said for the most part. Except this. The Bushes will be the American Fashion Industry. Dressing only in classic small town New England frump, the Bushes fall short of the modern American sensibility. What international couple comes closer? Well none other than Mikhail and Raisa Gorbachev. The implications for our national pride are astounding, we stand to lose the next dangerous fashion cold war unless we homosexuals act now to dress up Barbara and George. Raisa, a sharp dresser with a razor sharp mind, dashes the old dowdy images of Soviet dignitary wives, while ol' Mik is dapper in not-very-proletarian Italian suits. Unless us gay people push our agenda for beautification, we will be vanquished. At least Ronald Reagan learned to dress in Hollywood, under the hegemony of Gary Cooper. There, one nice thing.

Mr. Bush is living up to our worst fears for Federal appointments, in addition to selling us out to the USSR, fashion-wise. Only days after Gov. Deukmejian endorsed the medically unsound Proposition 102, Bush announced that Deuk will probably become a Supreme Court Justice. Not bad for siding with the lunatic right and the insurance industry against the California Medical Association. Also on the prestigious list is California Congressman Bob "Japs-to-the-Camps" Dornan, of beautiful Garden Grove, who aims to be this country's Drug Czar. Under his helm we can look forward to more drug testing and a general disregard for civil rights. Perhaps we'll be hearing more from his homophobic wife, Sally, who recently uttered, "Shut up, fag", at a rally of gay rights types. Bigotry, ought to be grounds for dismissal from a Federal appointment, but not for George. A thousand points of light over a kinder, gentler nation.

Letter fare. I've been meaning to break Sonoma County's secret: Petaluma. This big-little city has so much to be proud of: architectural heritage, a sense of style, real city planning and a social-conscience. But what I have to say will probably not appear in any Chamber of Commerce brochures: Petaluma has the outstanding distinction of more good-looking men per capita than any other place in this county. (Sorry Guerneville, but Feathertown, beats your pants off.) As I am a keen observer of such things for many years, please consider me an expert. What could be the happy cause for this new-reputation? No doubt in my mind it is due to the large number of blue-collar employment opportunities for healthy young men right off the farms. For editorial balance, I invite the female experts to offer us their findings in the field as well.

I want to wish you the best in the New Year. I've enjoyed writing this column for you. One last thing, if you need a resolution, how about pledging yourself to support, through volunteer action, one of the many organizations that support you? Just pick one, (Face to Face, Vet's CARE, Sonoma County AIDS Project, We The People, Women's Voices, just some ideas,) and ask to help out just for one day. You'll be able to count yourself in as part of the solution! Like KPFA says, if you don't like the news go out and make some of your own!

## Letters

### Open Letter to Jirks Pizza

We The People:  
Enclosed is a letter I sent to Jirk's Pizza in Guerneville, Ca. regarding an incident that occurred at their establishment. I have not heard back from them.

I am asking that you publish this letter in your Letters to the Editor section to warn the gay and lesbian community of a hostile environment and to withhold their business.

Thank you for your help in this matter.

Owner/Manager of Jirk's Pizza:

On Sunday, September 4, 1988, a friend and I were seated at the counter of your establishment around 9 PM. We were initially very shocked by the rude behavior of one of your employees. I did not learn his name. However, he was a blonde, 18 year old youth, muscular build, with a comb in his hip pocket. When we noted his rude behavior, he began mumbling to himself and repeatedly called us faggots.

A while later he was seated two seats away from me at the

## ZAKK® By Michael Brewer



The Douglas Fir family starts a new holiday tradition

## Editorial

### Our First Six Months

We The People has been in publication now for six months. Most of the feedback we get is that it is a great paper and so needed for our community. The only criticism we get is that it seems to be weighted a bit heavy on the political side. Which I happen to agree with and I want to address this issue.

When the paper started it was and is put together by a small group of dedicated volunteers. There seemed to be an equal balance in trying to keep it a community newspaper with local community news and political issues that are of concern to us. Personally I feel that we have kept that balance fairly well considering these two things.

First, this was an election year (and I am so glad it is over) and there were a lot of issues that involved us as gay people. Secondly, by nature of just being gay people, we are in the political arena like it or not. Until our civil rights are legally granted us and we can be out of the closet without fear of prejudice (including issues like job promotions, housing, legal partnerships, etc.) we will be political people. We are looking at a long process here. The issue here is that we are and will be a political community and we have little choice about it.

## Letters

counter. He repeatedly told me to stop staring at him. I tried to explain to him that I wasn't looking at him. However, he became verbally abusive. He repeatedly called me a faggot, verbally threatened me, and repeatedly asked me to step outside.

At this time, another staff member was on the other side of the counter. He was 30ish with brown hair. I told him that I was shocked that this type of behavior was allowed by an employee. The blonde youth replied that he was off the clock and that he was free to do and say as he chose. The man on the other side of the counter shrugged his shoulders and agreed. I pointed out that this rudeness was also stated while the youth was on the working side of the counter while serving a customer who had asked for more water. No comment was made about this.

On Monday, September 5, 1988, I called the Sonoma County Community United Against Violence and filed a grievance. Also, I am sending a copy of this letter to the Russian River Business Association.

I fully expect a written response and account of action taken by September 30, 1988. Failure to do so will result in my sending copies of this letter to local Gay agencies and Gay publications that serve the Russian River area.

I look forward to your prompt response.

— Tom Rust  
Oakland

Back to the paper: let's go a step forward from here and put the burden on you. What do you want to see in this paper? I hear about what you don't want, but what specifically do you want? Let us at We The People know and we will try to make this paper exactly what you want. Call Jerry at 526-7464

While we're on this, We The People has needs also. We need about three more folks who can write articles and do interviews. We need a person or two who can proof read for typos and spelling. We can also use someone who has time during the day to help with paste-up each month, and someone who can give a day a month doing distribution. Those are our needs. If you have time but think you don't have the skills we are looking for, you are probably wrong and may be just who we are looking for. If you are unsure about writing and reporting but would like to give it a try, call anyway. You may find an exciting experience awaits you. What we need are people who are willing to make a commitment. So Volunteer and get involved with We The People call Jerry 526-7464.

One last thing we need are advertisers. If you can or know someone who can advertise in We The People encourage them to do so or let me know.

— Jerry Noakes

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# REFLECTIONS

By Robin Gail

## Butch, In the 80's

Men may be macho, but only a dyke can be butch.

Today in lesbian culture, it's popular to deny the distinctions between butch and femme, as if they were merely roles from the past. A friend calls it part of the 80's Dyke syndrome.

Fifteen or 20 years ago, though, you had to be one or the other to fit into the pattern. In those pre-feminist days the male/female roles of heterosexual culture were the only ones available, and the butches and femmes copied some of the behavior.

The mythology, as portrayed in Radclyffe Hall's *The Well of Loneliness*, was of the butch, the dyke, hopelessly trapped in her "deviant" ways, preying on unsuspecting normal women. These women might be led astray for a while, but the right man and a good fuck would straighten them out in no time, leaving the butch the dubious choice between suicide or drunkenness.

Actually, there was historical basis in the male-imitating pose of the past. Women were kept at home, controlled and captive by culture. Men on the other hand, could move about freely, could earn their own living in the world and pretty much do as they pleased. So any daring woman who refused such confinements almost had to pass as a man to escape. And in order to protect herself from the unwanted attentions of men, what better camouflage than to hide among them?

Then the 60's came along, blowing the hell out of a whole lot of the predominant culture's conventions, especially with the so-called sexual revolution. And part of the fall-out from that was a blurring of the distinction between butch and femme in the lesbian world. Next came the feminist movement, when a lot of women came out as lesbians for social and political reasons. These women had no knowledge or experience of the old fashioned lesbian culture, and they forged ahead creating their own. "We're women-loving women," they said, and "we have no need to copy heterosexual roles."

Which is great as far as it goes—to whatever extent that butch/femme behavior was only imitating straight models. But the real butch/femme balance was more than mimic behavior. It was a delicate dance with strictly defined movements, and it is poignant to remember. A whole culture has nearly disappeared, which is unfortunate, because it was a link to our own heritage.

Butches in the 40's and 50's often wore men's pants and shoes and cut their hair like men; sometimes "drag butches" actually passed for men out in the world. A "stone butch" was one who would never allow her partner to make love to her. Some were "ki-ki"—that is, they could go either butch or femme—but until the 70's and 80's, such behavior was frowned on, and most butches were "strict butches," in that they maintained the more "masculine" aggressive role in all their relationships.

They were the front line (still are, actually), the visible edge of our otherwise invisible world, who often took the brunt of society's condemnation. They were the ones who got beat up, shouted at, rousted by the cops and generally harassed by men on the streets.

Femmes, on the other hand, played a more passive, traditional female role. They could pass for straight, often leading double lives on the job and with hetero friends, hiding their butch lovers. Men harassed a femme by coming on to her, telling her she didn't know what she was missing. And to preserve her double life, she often dated men.

In the protected, closed circle of lesbian society, the butches and the femmes were free to enjoy their respective roles with abandon. On the negative side, life sometimes seemed desperate—perhaps primarily because alcohol abuse was so prevalent. The spectacle of a drunken femme flirting with everyone (male or female) in the bar was as common as the verbally or physically abusive drunken butch.

That part was not pretty. But in the household of two women, with the world locked outside the door, the gentleness between them could flourish, and there has never been anyone as tender as an attentive butch.

Today, as I said, the distinctions have blurred. Yet there is a certain something in any lesbian couple which defines one as butch and the other femme. Some 80's Dykes may have trouble accepting that, but if they are willing to see butch/femme as complimentary aspects of behavior rather than heterosexual "roles," then it fits just fine.



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## BBRT - 10 Years and More

By Pamela CanyonRivers

Ten years ago Brown Bag Readers Theatre Collective was founded by a group of local lesbians who put out a call to artists and musicians involved in recovery from alcohol, drugs and co-dependency. Over the years, various collective members of Brown Bag have shared their recovery experience with audiences in the rural lesbian community who, like Brown Bag Readers, are committed to a life long process of personal growth and healing.

Scripts for BBRT are not acted, but read as a series of stories presenting a montage of images, feelings and experiences. In traditional theatre, scripts are written by one author and performed by actors who attempt bring the story plot and internal struggles of each character into focus. In BBRT, scripts are often written and read by more than one person in recovery, the power and truth of the piece reflected in the collective experience.

In sharing recovery experiences from addictive substances or co-dependency to other women in stages of recovery, collective members claim a sense of personal and collective empowerment arises out of the communication process previously clouded by denial and doubt. One collective member describes this as "breaking out of the isolation inherent in both the addictive disease and lesbian subculture, and coming to a place of peace and hope."

Performers are both "change agents" and "recipients involved in cultural exchange." There is a clear purpose, definition and target population in the community to whom they perform. The stories are not merely entertaining, because the meaning and understanding evoked by this unique communication process raises the consciousness and spirits of their audiences. In this respect the Brown Bag Readers Theatre Collective is deeply involved in what they term "Educational Theatre."

It is from this place of healing and commitment that BBRT submitted a grant two years ago to the State of California Alcohol and Recovery Program via the Sonoma County Public Health Department, under the line item of

"Women set-aside funds" In fact, two percent of the State Alcohol and Recovery Program budget was earmarked for "lesbians." (Is it validating to be a "line-item" on the state budget even when the amount is only able to serve a few living rooms full of lesbians?)

The proposal outlined an educational readers theatre program that would "make contact with Lesbians in rural outreach, share the experience and strength and hope that recovery provides, and provide role models for recovery and clean and sober recreation within the lesbian Community." The idea was bought by six Bay Area Counties who contracted with Brown Bag as a service provider. The \$7500 pilot grant, first awarded in 1986 covers transportation and production costs only to service previously delineated programs and associations dealing with recovery in the counties of San Mateo, Napa, Solano, Santa Clara, Alameda, and Sonoma.

Grant criteria involves the provision of two to four performances and/or workshops each year per county to specific county chosen populations serving lesbians in recovery. The primary recipients to date have been the staff of county treatment centers and other alcohol and drug recovery service providers within each county. In retrospect, after two years of contract fulfillment, Brown Bag collective members say since the grant work began, they "have reached more straight service providers afflicted with homophobia than anticipated, and believe the workshop on homophobia is a strong point of their work on behalf of the lesbian community."

The collective says that the grant eliminated the constraints of continual fundraising and has enabled them group to reach an entirely new population and to confront their sexual orientation in heterosexual environments. "We may have pulled back from our direct outreach to lesbians, but we have created a high grade homophobia workshop that functions as a successful model for recovery programs."

Previous to receiving the grant, Brown Bag divided their time between fundraising within the community and outreach performances to the rural lesbian community in the county. "We perform in living rooms, for youth groups, in theatre projects, in bars, on street corners and for professional staff working within recovery programs."

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# Dip Me in Honey Satisfies Sweet Tooth

By Lois Pearman

It's difficult to write critically about the lesbian musical comedy *Dip Me in Honey* which premiered at SSU in October, because I was so swept away in gales of laughter that I missed many of the details. While some of the acting fell short of believability and the voices especially that of Eris Weaver who played the leading role of Mary were sometimes inadequate for expressing the full emotional value of the songs, the cast was so hard working and enthusiastic that they received a well deserved standing ovation at the end of the performance.

Working with a group of mostly inexperienced performers, playwright-director Tamara Kestrel produced a solid evening of entertainment that kept a theaterful of lesbians on the edge of their seats, hanging on every word and every nuance. The audience seemed to identify with and feel validated by what they saw on stage. Who could watch Mary and her soon-to-be lover Lil fumbling to make a connection without recalling similar moments from their own lives?

Based on Tamara's personal coming out experience within the Sonoma County Women's Community, *Dip Me in Honey* tells the story of a group of lesbians struggling to retain the Moonrise Cafe, a women's coffee house called Natalie's in the play. Into this frantic scene pops Mary, the perennial ex-housewife looking for "true love and the ideal community". In the SSU performance the line between art and reality blurred as we watched women from our community enacting personalities and events from the life of our community.

Among the performers Anita G. Bardin was especially delightful as Marty, an old-fashioned butch, while one of the highlights of the evening was her seductive duet with Jan Marks entitled "I'm Hungry, Lady". In spite of her vocal limitations, Eris Weaver was amusingly naive and idealistic as Mary. The rest of the cast was always humorous and energetic, rising to vocal and terpsichorean heights in the number "Goddess Chant/Ideal Community".



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Cast members included: Nancy Michalos, Anita Bardin, Kate Ryan, Teri Balkum, Lisa Glover, Kerry Blume, Julia Elliot, Karen Flesch, Elaine Z. Rosenbaum, Teresa Van Vranken, and Maddy Hirschfeld.

*Dip Me in Honey* was a satisfying treat—a comic psychodrama set to music with a stageful of beautiful women singing, dancing, and smooching in public. I saw a lot of beaming faces emerge from the theater after the curtain went down.

Due to popular demand and sold out performances *Dip Me in Honey* will be performed again in February. Tamara says she can use some help with the production.

## Let's Get Social

by Jerry Noakes

There is a problem in the gay and lesbian community. How many times have you heard someone say, "How do you meet people up here other than the bars?" The sad truth is the answer is bleak. It's either the bars, an AIDS group or a 12 step program. For the women it's a little better but not much. There is an occasional dance or a women's event at the River and Clair Light does have several things happening each week (see the calendar section) but that's about it.

We have worked long and hard these last few years dealing with AIDS and politics, and it is time to put some fun and life back into our community. Jerry Noakes is in the process of organizing a social life club for the gay and lesbian community in Sonoma County. This is not just a singles dating club, though you may meet that special person; it is a social club for people, single and coupled, to have fun doing things they like to do with other people who want to have fun and meet people in our community.

If you are interested in skiing, reading and discussion, hiking, square dancing, dining, home videos, camping, singing, cards, movies, dining out, jogging, games, bingo, knitting, crafts, etc., just fill out the G/L Social Club form and mail it in with a self addressed stamped envelope (Please). You will receive a questionnaire and information form to fill out

and return. From this you will receive a monthly list of exciting and fun activities to be involved in. Send in the inquiry form to Jerry Noakes, P. O. Box 2204, Santa Rosa 95405. Get involved in the fun and activities you enjoy and get a chance to meet the rest of our community. All names and addresses will be completely confidential. No one will have access to this list.

The **Social-Life Club** sounds interesting. Please send me the questionnaire I have enclosed a self-addressed stamped envelope.

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## New Drugs & HIV

By Jim Melancon

The Sonoma County AIDS Alternative Healing Support Group presented a Project Inform seminar in Santa Rosa Junior College's Newman Auditorium Sunday evening, November 6. Joseph Brewer, co-founder with Martin Delaney of Project Inform, spoke knowledgeably on HIV infection treatment measures and answered questions from a responsive audience of a hundred men and women.

In 1985 Brewer and Delaney founded Project Inform in San Francisco "to goad the medical establishment into moving faster than it was moving" in its AIDS research, and to be an information resource for patients and physicians on anti-viral and immune system modulation treatments. The work of Project Inform has expanded to require the assistance of some 40 active volunteers; the organization answers two telephone hotlines handling five thousand calls a month and filling over two thousand requests monthly for drug information.

Currently, the motivating force behind Project Inform is the belief that "we do know enough to work with HIV disease." Information on treatments is available to help those infected with HIV reach "toward the goal of maintaining health and quality of life and avoiding opportunistic infections," says Brewer. This is done by offering suggestions on (1) monitoring the immune system and effectiveness of medicines and (2) mounting a campaign based on anti-viral and immune system modulating medicines.

Early intervention appears to be key to the success of this treatment pattern. If one's immune system has been significantly damaged by the virus, efforts to rebuild it often fail. Halting the progress of the virus and strengthening what is still intact in one's bodily defenses are the steps that hold the most promise, if treatment begins early enough.

According to Project Inform, thinking of HIV infection as a "spectrum illness" supports the advice for early treatment. HIV infection, says one piece of Project Inform literature, "is seen as a disease that starts when a person becomes infected, and if untreated, goes on progressively destroying the T-cells and the immune system until more and more serious opportunistic infections set in." Two long-term

epidemiological studies show that, left untreated, HIV infection becomes AIDS or ARC within 7 years in 78 percent of the people studied.

Of course, the first step for anyone who suspects he or she may be infected is to take the HIV antibody test. Since Proposition 102 was defeated in the recent election, risking one's anonymity by taking the test, at least in California, is not an excuse; free, anonymous testing is available at most county public health departments throughout the state.

If someone receives a positive result to the HIV antibody test, meaning he or she has been exposed to the virus, Project Inform recommends a second step: to start antiviral treatment immediately. This is comparable to using an antibiotic to fight a bacterial infection. Three anti-virals are licensed in the U.S.: AZT, Acyclovir, and ribavirin. Evidence exists to suggest that these drugs slow, halt, or kill the virus, HIV, preventing it from further damaging the immune and central nervous systems.

Is there a way to determine what damage might already have been done to one's immune system? If there are physical symptoms such as chronically swollen lymph glands, KS lesions, or thrush, then no further evidence of damage need be required. But in the absence of those kinds of symptoms, lab studies of blood analysis—particularly monitoring the T-4 helper cell count and the presence of p-24 antigen and beta-2 microglobulin—will provide proof of a compromised or eroded immune system.

Readings on these blood markers will yield the data needed to help one decide whether to proceed to step three: to fortify one's immune system with immune modulators. Project Inform recommends that if T-cell count falls under 500 on two tests, or if it shows a decline towards 500 in repeated quarterly tests, then it's time to begin immune modulator therapy. Drugs for this kind of therapy include Artafuse/DTC, DNCB, Isoprinosine, and Naltrexone (Trexan).

If you are interested in beginning any of the treatments described above, start a dialogue with your physician; if necessary, expose your doctor to the material available from Project Inform. If you need a referral to a doctor for HIV related issues, call the Sonoma County Clinic for Diseases of the HIV, 527-4118.

To obtain literature from Project Inform call 1-800-334-7422. In the 415 dialing area, the number is 558-9051. Or write Project Inform, 347 Dolores St., Suite 301, San Francisco, CA 94110.



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## Rosenfeld to Join Marin AIDS Group

Zalman Rosenfeld, a resident of Petaluma for two years, and formerly of Sebastopol, has accepted a position with the Marin AIDS Support Network (MASN) in San Rafael as an AIDS Educator. In his new position as a Community Health Outreach Worker, his work will be in outreach and education to gay and bisexual men as a potentially at-risk and infected community in Marin County. His initial efforts will be in assessing the community structure and its needs in relation to the HIV epidemic and devise the best ways to communicate with, educate and support its members.

The outreach will be of a general nature to reach across all segments of the population mix in Marin County and to contact all those who might be affected. There is outreach in MASN specific to the Black and Latino populations as well, and education is provided to schools, health care providers, law enforcement and emergency workers, businesses and community organizations.

Zalman continues his work in Marin County with the same spirit and commitment he has shown in Sonoma County and with Face to Face, in education and service to the infected community and their supporters. He is a Certified AIDS Educator by the California Nurses Association, has a Bachelor of Science Degree and a California Teaching Credential.

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# Surviving Unemployment

By Jay Smith

The following article was written for a recent issue of the Special Libraries Association Bulletin (S.F. Bay Region Chapter) which I have in the past helped edit and produce. I wanted to explain my low visibility on the library scene lately but let people know that I had come as close as I ever have to finding my true vocation in my work on We The People. I'll continue to contribute as one of your foreign correspondents as time permits.

A year or so ago, joining the ranks of the unemployed after a stint at Sonoma State University, my life went on hold. Not that I minded the hours all that much. It was a beautiful summer in Sonoma County. I had time to think and was inclined to view the situation as a somewhat vexatious interlude. Money was not a problem at first but my plans to buy a house and settle down seemed farther and farther away as the months went by.

No, the real problem with unemployment is finding some direction. Between spates of resume preparation and interviews, there were long stretches when I took walks or stared at the four walls considering alternative careers—gas-station clerking, truck driving, selling my body—or wondering whether I shouldn't just accept my grandmother's entreaties to come stay for a while. Many avenues seemed cut off: travel, for instance, meant hassles with unemployment checks or possibly missing the chance for an interview. It became hard to make any move at all, mentally or physically. Even while rediscovering how marvelous it is to cook or garden or go to the public library, I was having a hard time focusing because all this was only "temporary."

Finally I took a friend's advice and invested in a job counselor, a man who helped me look at my skills and see (that what I had done with my life so far was only one path.) What were my other paths? One, I decided, was AIDS research. I had friends who were diagnosed with AIDS and ARC, and one

of them had died. If there was any chance I could help, it would make me feel better about my being in the world.

An examination of local agencies turned up few job opportunities: most were for social workers or medical technicians. But I soon found myself in the right place, at the right time, to help launch a gay newspaper, We The People, and write about the subject. We were a passionate but practical group of men and women, academics, writers, community organizers, newspaper people, creating a place for a political viewpoint that would never make the pages of The Press Democrat. We wanted to support a community that was beset with AIDS, intolerance, and the threat of a repressive initiative in November.

There was plenty to do. I wrote articles, proofread submissions and word-processed documents, learned enough of PageMaker to assist in the Macintosh part of production, and editorialized. Managing editorship passed to me during one frantic month of twelve-hour days when I lost weight peering into the video screen and rounding up late articles and ad copy. I went to print shops and cut and pasted till I was sick. But I loved it.

My personal experience led me to start writing articles about AIDS information agencies. Sadly there are by now so many of them, and they are so busy, that they are scarcely aware of each other. The only way the various services can connect is at conferences. I covered on of these in San Francisco in July and was thrilled to be there wearing a green ribbon labeled PRESS. I'm aiming now for the 5th International Conference on AIDS in Montreal next summer.

Now that I'm back at work, things are different—or maybe I should say, things will never be the same. Had I not had the time to be unemployed, I would never have gotten involved, found the energy, had the sheer audacity to start a project I knew I could never finish. It all worked out, you see, although I still don't quite know where the path I've taken is leading me.

## Youth Counseling Under Attack

Assemblyman Phil Wyman of the 34th Assembly District will introduce a bill on December 5th to "prohibit public schools... from implementing or continuing a program that by design or effect encourages homosexuality as a viable life alternative." This bill is supported by the Reverend Lou Sheldon of the Traditional Values Coalition who have declared "open warfare with the Gay and Lesbian community" and have announced a full-scale campaign to halt sympathetic counseling of gay and lesbian youth.

Please write letters of opposition to the Education Committee at the State Capitol, Room 3111, Ca 95814 or call at (916) 445-9431. (Major article to follow in January issue of the treatment of homosexuality in current sex and AIDS education.)

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## Lesbian Caregivers Plan AIDS Conference

A Conference entitled "Lesbian Caregivers and the AIDS Epidemic" is being organized for January of 1989. The conference will be held at the Seven Hills Conference Center at San Francisco State University from 6:30 p.m. on Friday, January 20th, to 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, January 21st.

This event will address the special issues and concerns of lesbian caregivers, working both professionally and non-professionally with People with AIDS. The conference will feature workshops, entertainment, speakers, and a chance to relax and socialize with each other.

Workshops will focus on a variety of issues, including: Grief and Loss, Sexism in AIDS Agencies, Healing and Humor, Partners of Lesbian AIDS workers, Co-Dependency, and Lesbians of Color and AIDS.

This conference was conceived of and organized by a group of lesbian AIDS caregivers who wanted to share the struggles and the joys of working within the AIDS field. This event is open to any lesbian who has acted as an AIDS caregiver. This is a woman only event. For more information call: 647-5866.

## Progressive Coalition

On Saturday, November 12, at the Friends Common Room in Santa Rosa a group of political activists met to reflect on the recent election and to consider forming a coalition to select a progressive candidate for the House of Representatives in 1990. Participants represented several interest groups including the lesbian/gay community.

Many expressed a desire to work towards forming an ongoing coalition between the various communities to support each other in the coming years under yet another Republican administration. Another meeting will be held January 7 to plan for a regional meeting in Mendocino County.

All interested groups and individuals are encouraged to attend. Call 874-2638 or 874-2248 for the time and place or further information.

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# LESBIAN AND GAY YOUTH: LARGEST INVISIBLE MINORITY

By Pamela CanyonRivers

Co-founder of BANGLE (the Bay Area Network of Gay and Lesbian Educators,) Contra Costa high school teacher, Robert Birle, told a recent meeting of the Sonoma County chapter that he had committed his time and energy to the youth population because he "didn't want another generation to go through the negativity he had experienced as an adolescent." After sharing his own adolescent experience as a gay young man, he claimed gay and lesbian youth are "robbed of their youth." Birle characterized gay and lesbian youth as "isolated, alienated from their peers, victims of self-esteem and self-hate, functioning with little reinforcement or validation."

He noted that many student teachers continue to train in homophobic environments, citing Bay Area colleges and universities, among them San Francisco State University, located in the heart of the gay stronghold of San Francisco, as unresponsive to homophobia in the classroom. "These student teachers become teachers who insure the continuation of homophobia in the classroom because they have no information about people who are gay." He said many teachers are either unaware of the gay students in their classrooms or failed to address gay and lesbian "put-downs" as they might any other expression of intolerance or discrimination, because they feared they would be charged with "being gay," or of "condoning homosexuality in the classroom...When a teacher calls attention to a racial slur toward Blacks, does this insinuate the teacher is Black?"

Birle noted the high incidence of drop-out, drug abuse

**When a teacher calls attention to a racial slur toward Blacks, does this insinuate the teacher is Black?**

and suicide among gay and lesbian youth and said that because gay and lesbian youth are such an invisible minority, the causes of their distress often are unknown. Concerned with these invisible issues at the July 1988 conference, the NEA drafted C-11, a statement of philosophy that calls for school districts across the nation "to assist students struggling with sexual orientation" by providing counseling that addresses and validates this issue.

He said, "The parents of Gay and Lesbian students have tremendous power to put superintendents on the 'hot spot' about issues of support for gay youth and eradication of homophobia in the classroom. They face issues of "coming out" on behalf of their child, but once resolved, they can

become primary movers and shakers, talking to school boards, principals and teachers."

Birle claims the demystification of homosexuality with the substitution of facts is necessary to remove the strong charge the subject carries. When asked by his students if he is married, he tells them he married in Washington at the National Gay and Lesbian Civil Rights March last October.

**You see these "gay books" in the libraries - their pages are dirty and torn, but the librarian says the books never get checked out.**

"I have the same rights as everyone else, and I will not censor myself simply because they will react to me. It's important to establish situations where we're affirmed for our everyday lives. It is professionally defensible to be a real person and share who you are. It is unfair that gay teachers are expected to be unreal and dishonest. I function like everyone else. This news is not that I'm functioning openly. The news is that nobody else is."

Birle said homophobia has to be addressed in the classroom if support for and validation of gay and lesbian youth is to become a reality. "Little has changed in today's classrooms. These kids fear peer rejection, rejection by their parents and they are unsupported by school teachers. They are the most invisible minority in our country."

Meeting the needs of gay and lesbian youth involves raising the veil from homosexuality, demystifying and substituting facts about the everyday lives and reality of gay people. It requires establishing a quotient of tolerance and respect for differences and an appreciation of the uniqueness of individuals. To this effect BANGLE is preparing letters of introduction to school district superintendents and principles throughout Sonoma County. San Jose State curriculum material, which addresses homosexuality as a variant sexual orientation, will be used to bring homophobia and curriculum workshops to Sonoma County schools.

Local BANGLE founder, Jaye Miller says that "if the Sonoma County Public Health response to local AIDS education efforts is any indication, this endeavor will be difficult. Only three school districts in the county—Forestville, Geyersville and Healdsburg have even nibbled upon the AIDS Education outreach that has been offered."

BANGLE welcomes contributions of student alumni like the GLSU, parents of gay and lesbian youth, and gay and lesbian youth and any concerned citizens. They can be reached at (707) 433-9158.

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# Markey's is in Cotati too

By Jerry Noakes

ONE OF MY FAVORITE PLACES to eat has been Markey's Cafe in Petaluma, and I have always wished that we had one like it in Santa Rosa. It's not exactly Santa Rosa, but Markey's is now in Cotati next door to the Co-op at 8340 Old Redwood Hwy. The opening was November 28.

Markey's is owned by Peter Markey, who is very much like his Cafe, laid back and kind of down home. Markey's caters to everyone of all walks of life. As someone once said, "you hang out at Markey's for any length of time, you're likely to run into your chiropractor, your high school English teacher, an aerobics classmate and maybe an old friend you haven't seen in years".

The new cafe will have an expanded dinner and breakfast menu which includes some fish and fowl and plenty of vege-

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tarian entrees. Scratch cooking best describes the type and quality of food. Soups, dressings, baked goods etc., are all made from scratch. The bakery has a list, letting the buyer know which items are natural baked goods and which are traditional baked goods with all the ingredients listed. Markey's staff is able to answer questions about the menu

items, and if you have a special need — low-sodium, dairyless, or whatever — just ask for recommendations.

Markey's is also a bit of a cultural center with work of local artists on the walls each month, poetry readings on the third Thursday in Petaluma and the first Saturday in Cotati from 8-10 pm.

If you're looking for a place that has a great vegetarian menu plus lots of other healthful selections from main courses to salads to drinks to desserts in an atmosphere that welcomes you to relax and be yourself, stop in at the new location in Cotati or the one in Petaluma at 316 Western Ave. The hours are 8:30 to 9:30 every day. See Markey's ad and tell them you read about them in We The People when you go in.

## Lesbian Marine

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for the Navy said that all 12 women confessed to being homosexuals and are set for discharge. However, the "Blade" continues, "Four of the 12 women contend they made the confessions only after being interrogated for hours in the middle of the night and being confined to the brig".

According to Chuck Shoen of "Veterans' Care" in Santa Rosa "every couple of years something like this comes up". Since the Uniform Code of Military Justice was enacted by Congress "our only hope is to get the elected officials to do something about the law".

Cheryl Jameson, who is from Napa, wrote to Congressman Bosco for help; but according to Nick Tibbits, Bosco's aide, "it's up to her to do something about it. Her options are to ask for a review or a reduction in sentence. If she does we can expedite it if the Marine Corps. is dragging it's feet". Since the review process is supposedly automatic and Jameson has been waiting in the brig for five months for the process to begin, maybe Congressman Bosco needs a little prod to take some action on her behalf.

Cheryl Jameson's address is Building 3247, MCCDC Brig, Quantico, VA., 22134. She would probably appreciate hearing from someone close to home.

## Names Project Quilt

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in the guise of monitoring, providing a nurse case manager to study and document the cost comparison of in-home versus hospital care of patients.

Thomas says 75 percent of Face to Face funding comes directly from private donors. To this effect, the Names Project has recently extended the national tour of the Names Project Quilt to its first rural exhibition in Sonoma County. The quilt will be on display February 4 and 5 in the Grace Pavilion at the Sonoma County Fairgrounds.

Dean announced that The Names Project extends a helping hand to its sister agency, Sonoma County Face to Face, offering 5

percent of the total donations received during the quilt's display at both the San Francisco Moscone Center and the Grace Pavilion in Santa Rosa. "Total estimated donations at the quilt exhibition may range from \$50,000 to \$100,000, and this could mean an additional \$6,000 to \$15,000 to Face to Face's 1989 budget," said Dean.

Volunteers are needed at both exhibition sites. The quilt has grown exponentially to cover eight acres, roughly the size of two football fields. Names Project volunteers across the nation have staffed volunteer regeneration and education booths, fundraising and organizational task forces to create the circle of light energy and money around the quilt to reach those in need of care and support.

## Christmas Review

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Saturday, Dec. 17 at 9 p.m. at the Santa Rosa Inn, 4302 Santa Rosa Ave.

Rowland's Review is featuring an all male chorale singing the sounds of Christmas in a black and white affair. "We had originally hoped for response from both the women and the men to organize a mix choir, but the feedback and interest came primarily from the men," said Rowland. Foreseeing what has become the final result we selected choral arrangements for men. Next year will be different and we'd like to see everyone get involved in this annual event.

A Christmas Buffet will be offered from 7-8:30 pm, donated by the staff and management of the Santa Rosa Inn.

Everyone is invited to enjoy the communal warmth of Christmas and show their support to Face to Face. A suggested donation of \$5.00 will be taken at the door. You may also want to make a larger donation at this time. All proceeds will go directly to Face to Face. Give the gift of love this year to those so desperately in need, and join Rowland's Review in "A Christmas Concert".

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# Women's Health Care May be Non-Traditional

By Brenda Jackson

W omen's health care is rapidly moving toward preventative health, self-help, and non-invasive measures. Women are no longer willing to let an outsider control their gynecologic health.

There are many options available, and knowing which alternative or group of alternatives to choose can be confusing. An important issue is knowing when to use alternatives, when to use allopathic (regular) medicine, and when to blend the two. For the most part, preventative self-care will be the focus. An exception to this is the yearly pelvic exam with pap smear. Cervical dysplasia can be treated with herbs, vitamins, supplements and visualization if detected early, yet has devastating consequences if undetected.

There are other ailments which will respond well to natural remedies, but many of those ailments have been over-treated with harsh medicines and procedures. Vaginal infections can often be treated with herbs, diet, and poultices. Infections of the cervix usually require antibiotics, and infections of the uterus and fallopian tubes always do. However, side effects of antibiotics can be lessened if herbs are used in conjunction with the drugs.

Ovarian cysts respond well to hypnosis and visualization. A routine pelvic exam is usually sufficient, but depending on the physical finding, a sonogram may also be needed. Once malignancy or pre-malignancy has been ruled out, surgery is usually eliminated.

Urinary tract infections respond beautifully to herbal treatment. Not only the infection itself is treated, but the urinary tract and bladder can be toned and strengthened at the same time. Professional help is recommended for this as you would need to use antibiotics with the herbs if the infection progressed to the kidneys. Amenorrhea (missed periods), dysmenorrhea (painful periods), and abnormal uterine bleeding also respond to the combination of herbs, hypnosis and visualization.

Hypnosis is an important tool, as it can empower oneself to be in charge of the healing process. Essentially all hypnosis is self-hypnosis, and the procedure can be taught in one to two office sessions. Hypnosis can be used to obtain information from the past, to gain insight into problems, or it can simply be used to heal.

PMS is a stress condition that produces a physiologic imbalance. It affects as much as 90% of the women in this society. With diet, supplements, herbs, exercise, Tryptophan



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and self-hypnosis, this distressing condition can be eliminated. In rare circumstances exogenous hormones may be needed temporarily. I have not found one case of PMS that couldn't be reversed if the woman was committed to doing so. Life does not have to become unmanageable because of PMS.

There are so many myths about menopause in this society that many of the facts have been lost. Margaret Mead coined the term "PMZ" - post menopausal zest. She states, "The most creative force in the world is the menopausal woman with zest." It does not signal a time for degeneration, but rather an acceleration into a new phase of life. This transition is not dependent on drug therapy, but responds to a combination of natural measures. Also, the best prevention for menopausal difficulties is to resolve PMS.

While all of these measures can be used for healing, they can also be used to tone, strengthen and balance - thus empowering you to achieve a state of physical, emotional and spiritual health.

Brenda Jackson, R.N., N.P., who is a nurse practitioner with the Santa Rosa Medical Group, specializes in women's health issues. Santa Rosa Medical Group also treats AIDS patients wholistically.

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The collective says that getting the message of recovery and sobriety out to other lesbians and to heterosexual professionals working in recovery programs, is only part of what Brown Bag Readers Theatre is all about. "The weekly connection, performances and shared scripts enhance our own recovery process. It's hard to separate the recovery process from the creative process. This kind of commitment to the collective process requires clear and conscious communication. Like the 12 Step Program that gets us through every day, this theatre collective and our performances involve a kind of personal emotional work that keeps us on track. The bottom line is the feedback we receive from others embarking on recovery and our sobriety."

The interview for this story was conducted within the collective process and the writer wishes to credit the contribution of each member present: Carla Longo, Mary Hinsdale, Kerry Blume, Patricia Pombo, Sue Stagnitto, Sari Letzke, Georgia Prescott and Maureen Moore.

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# Gardening - The Four Seasons

By John O'Malley

## Living Christmas Trees

Christmas is upon us once again - time to deck the halls and trim the trees. Living Christmas trees are gaining in popularity throughout the country. A living Christmas tree will give you beauty indoors at Christmas time as well as beauty outdoors all year. There are many different varieties to choose from, including Alberta spruce, Colorado green spruce, Colorado blue spruce, Norfolk pine, Monterey pine, and cedar.

Let's start with the Alberta spruce. This dwarf spruce tree has short five green needles which are soft to the touch. With its natural pyramidal growth habit it makes a perfect Christmas tree. It will live in its container for many years growing to seven feet in thirty-five years. Use it as a

Christmas tree this year, enjoy it out doors throughout the year and have it for years to come.

The Colorado blue and green spruces are similar in their growth habit and are excellent choices if you want a larger tree. These spruce grow horizontal branches forming a broad pyramid. The green spruce is of dark green color and the blue spruce is a definite gray blue. These spruce's can be grown in their nursery container (generally 15 gallon) for up to three years, before being planted in the ground.

Norfolk pine is another popular, living Christmas tree. Of the many trees to choose from the Norfolk is about the only one you can keep indoors throughout the year as a beautiful house plant. Monterey pines are always popular as Christmas trees. Because of its fast growth it is recommended that you plant it after the first year.

If you would enjoy a more unusual Christmas tree than

the traditional pines and spruce, I suggest cedar. With its wonderful scent and growth habit, the deodara cedar is a good choice. The foliage is gray blue and this cedar is known as a California Christmas tree. A moderate growing tree it can be brought in for Christmas use for three years.

After you have chosen the best living Christmas tree for your home, remember that it is a living plant and certain care is required. Place it away from any heat vents and water it once or twice a week. The soil should always be evenly moist, never allowing it to dry out. You should not keep your tree in the house for more than two weeks. After Christmas put it on your patio or in your yard and water it about once a week. Living Christmas trees in an assortment of sizes to enjoy this year and for years to come are available at your local garden center. Enjoy!

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**JV** I love you lots and hope you know it RK

**Holiday Greetings** to Beth from the one with the Red Hair.

**Ken** I was to shy to call again but maybe you will see this and call me.

**GM, 47** An exception person if I do say so myself. Down home kind of guy. Being more and more out is important. Eating out is OK but Dining out is not my thing. I like camping, hiking, good times with friends serious sharing, and laughing at myself. Integrity, love and involvement are key words for me. Relationships come first. I don't smoke, drink or drug. I am also shy in some ways, believe me. Jerry, 526-7464.

**Mom and Dad** If you read this then you will know more of who I am, which is why I put this in the paper, I'm learning who I am. Bill M.

**Dennis,** it was nice to meet you hope we see each other again. J

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# Calendar

**Dionysos: The God of Ecstasy in the Age of AIDS,** an evening with Arthur Evans. Benefit for We the People. (See article last issue.) 7:30 pm, Santa Rosa Senior Center, 704 Bennett Valley Rd. at Santa Rosa Ave. Donations requested. For information call Sandy at 527-9052.

**Saturday December 10**  
Marga Gomez - Woman Off Color, an evening of intimate comedy. She wowed them at Yosemite and on national television. Recently voted S.F.'s Entertainer of the Year. Special guest: Gayle Remick. Get your tickets early! 8 pm, ClaireLight. \$6-9 sliding scale. 575-8879.

**Sunday December 11**  
Hay-Fever, an erotic cowgirl comedy - world premiere. The first feature length X-rated lesbian video made by and for women. 6:30 and 8:30 pm, Cotati Cabaret, 85 La Plaza. \$10.00. Tickets available at ClaireLight.

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

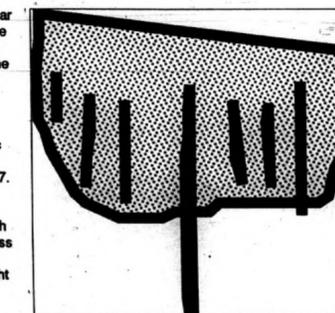
**Friday December 2**  
Feminist Film Festival. 8 pm, Women's Coffeehouse, 640 Orchard St, Ukiah. Wheelchair accessible, childcare, sign language interpretation available, drug and alcohol free. Open for socializing at 6 pm \$3-5. For information call 485-0903 or 468-1158.

**Wednesday December 7**  
"Life and Times of Harvey Milk", a film presented by the SRJC Gay and Lesbian Student Union (GSLU), commemorating the 10th anniversary of the assassination. Discussion on 'coming out' to follow. 7-10 pm, SRJC Library, Room 1. Donations requested.

**Saturday December 3**  
Dignity, gay Catholic organization, meets 1st Saturday of the month. 6:30 pm, Santa Rosa. Mass at 7 pm, followed by potluck dinner. For information call Jim F. at 544-1769 or Mert at 579-5308.

**Thursday December 8**  
Gay Men's Minority Support Group meets 2nd Thursday of the month, 7 pm. For information call Donnell at 528-3011.

**Sunday December 4**  
3rd Annual ClaireLight Holiday Party - this year at the Annex. Bring an ornament to decorate the tree. Holiday cheer abounds with refreshments and door prizes. 10% off all in-stock books in the main store for this day only. 12:00-5:00 p.m., ClaireLight Annex. 575-8879.



**Sonoma County Lesbian/Gay Democratic Club,** heading toward the California Democratic Convention in February. First stop: Yountville. For details contact Adam Richmond at 579-9347.

**Sunlight** will read from her new book, *Being, Guide to a New Way*, which came to her through automatic writing. She will talk about the process and how we can each find our own wise inner-voice for guidance in our lives. 5 pm, ClaireLight Annex. No admission charge. 575-8879.

**Friday December 9**  
Gay Fathers Group meets 2nd Friday of the month for potluck in members' homes. For information call 823-6190.

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Acting our Age, award-winning video documentary. The moving stories of six old women who share their feelings about themselves, their lives and futures. 7 pm, ClaireLight. No admission charge. 575-8879.

**Freedom Song Network Songswap,** affirming through songs and music, the right of all peoples at home and abroad to establish more free, just and equal societies, and live in peace. Multiracial, multicultural, intergenerational, and of all sexual orientations. 6:30 pm, SCOPE Union Office, 613 4th St, Santa Rosa. Wheelchair accessible, kids welcome. For information call Dave at 887-9450.

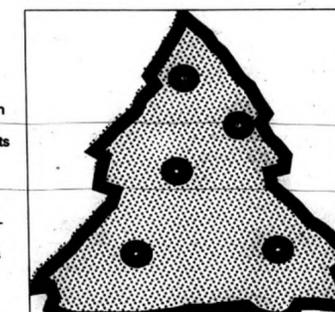
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**Wednesday December 14**  
BANGLE, Bay Area Network of Gay and Lesbian Educators, meets 2nd Wednesday of the month. 7:30 pm, Santa Rosa Junior College, Faculty Senate Room. For information call Jays Miller at 433-9158.

**Friday December 16**  
"Deep Dish" - Gay Men's Potluck meets 3rd Friday of the month at 7 pm. For information call 544-4109.

**Goddess: Recovering Our Lost Ancestral Heritage,** presentation by Morning Glory. 8 pm, Women's Coffeehouse, 640 Orchard St, Ukiah. Wheelchair accessible, childcare, sign language interpretation available, drug and alcohol free. Open for socializing at 6 pm. \$3-5. For information call 485-0903 or 468-1158.

**Sunday December 18**  
Dignity/San Francisco holds its last mass at St. Boniface Church, 133 Golden Gate Ave., S.F., 5:30 pm, followed by a march to St. Mary's Cathedral protesting Dignity's ouster and rejection by the Catholic Church. All welcome. For information call (415) 255-9244.



**Saturday, December 24**  
"Carols, Candlelight and Communion," sponsored by Metropolitan Community Church, Santa Rosa, 11 pm, 515 Orchard St. For information call 526-4673.

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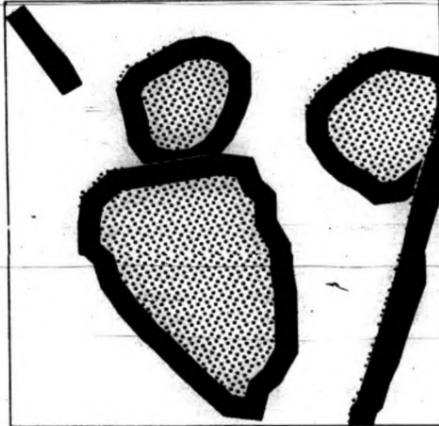
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## Weekly Meetings:

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

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

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

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

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

**AA Stein Group (Lesbian)** Sunday, 8 pm, 167 High St., Sebastopol.

**AIDS Healing Group**, Spiritual Healing Group for those involved with and affected by the AIDS crisis, facilitated by Dan Perdios and Laurel O'Neill, meets every Monday, 7:30-9:30 pm. Call (707)865-2159 for more information and location. (See article last issue.)

**Drop-In Group for Battered Lesbians** meets every 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month. 7-9 pm, YWCA, 865 3rd St., Santa Rosa. \$2.50-\$10, sliding scale. For information call 546-1234.

**HIV and AIDS/ARC Support Group**, facilitated by Marjorie Thirkettle, MFCC (ML021923), meets every Thursday, 2:30-4:30 pm. No fee (donation accepted). For information call 869-3304. Sponsored by the Russian River Metropolitan Community Church.

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

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

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

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**Lesbians in Committed Relationships Support Group**, facilitated by Marjorie Thirkettle, MFCC (ML021923), meets every Friday at 6:30 pm. For information call 869-3304.

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

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

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

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

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

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

## Other Programs:

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

**Metropolitan Community Church**, oriented toward a gay congregation. Service every Sunday at 11:00 am with Pastor John Torres. Church of Religious Science, 515 Orchard St., Santa Rosa. For information call 526-5399.

**The Names Project Quilt**, on display at the Moscone Center in San Francisco. Wednesday Dec.14 through Sunday Dec. 18.

**Ortho-Bionomy**, a form of bodywork which deals with the whole essence of an individual. 15-minute demonstrations on Thursdays between 10 am and 3 pm at M. Lavelle's. \$5.00. For more information call Sharon Alvarez at 829-9677.

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

**Sonoma County Lesbian & Gay Democratic Club** steering committee meets once a month. Time and place to be announced. For information call 527-0485.

**Wiccan Circles for women on the 8 solar holidays** in Villa Grande. For information call 865-2642. **Full Moon Circles for women and men** every month in Healdsburg. For information call 433-8365.

**Women in the West**, lecture series at Sonoma State University, co-sponsored by the History Department and the Women's Studies Program. Wednesdays, 4 pm - 5:50 pm, Sept. 7th - Dec. 7th. SSU, Stevenson 3008. Open to the public.

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

*Items for the Calendar of Events should be submitted in writing by the 15th of the month. Late items will be included as space permits. Please note that because of our press time, events scheduled before the fourth of the month should be submitted two months in advance. We the People, P.O. Box 457, Graton, CA 95444.*

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