

We The People

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PFLAG Comes to Sonoma County

By Jaye Miller

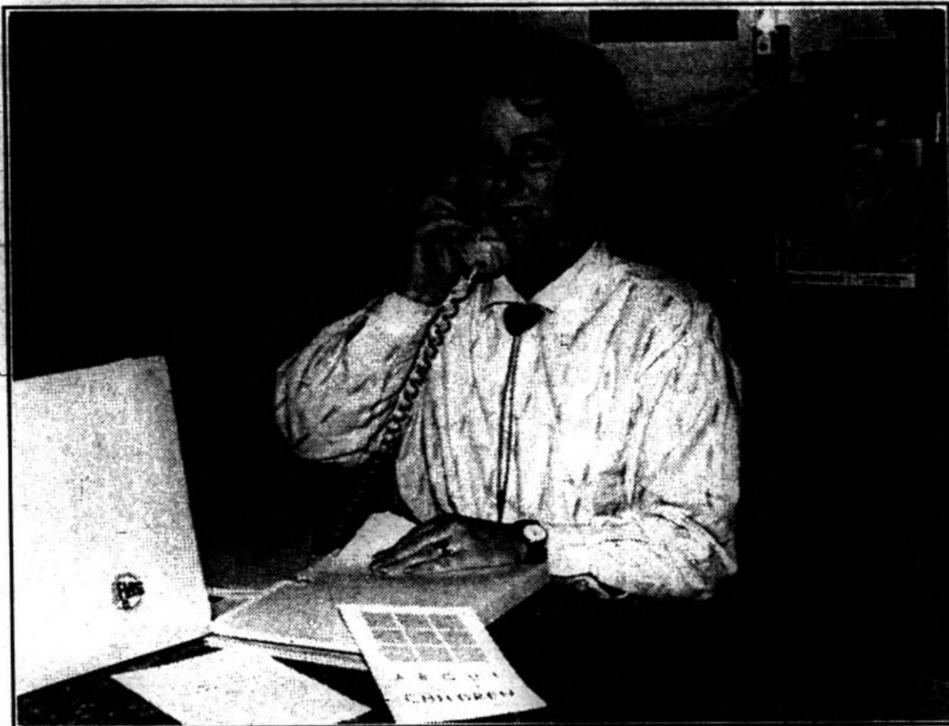
As the proud parent of a gay son and as a long time Sonoma County resident who is concerned that our community provide a more supportive atmosphere for homosexual youth, Beverly Laird is hosting the founding meeting of Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG), Sonoma County. The first meeting on Monday, April 24th, 7:30 pm will be held at the Faith Lutheran Church, 4930 Newanga Avenue, Santa Rosa.

Beverly looks back to that difficult time

listened to other parents' stories. She came to accept that her son's sexual orientation was perfectly normal and that she couldn't expect her son to be different just to meet her needs and hopes. She eventually was able to gain a new level of acceptance and peace. Her son, Sam, has become a well adjusted, productive, and happy young man.

Sharing that hopeful experience has now become her objective.

PFLAG is a national organization with chapters in almost all states, most major cities, and a few other countries. Local chapters host discussion groups, sponsor speakers, bureaus, work with schools districts to provide



PFLAG Coordinator, Beverly Laird with son's photo in the background.

CHERYL TRAENDLY/PHOTOGENICS

when her son "came out" to her at 18; it was PFLAG contacts and organizations which helped her in the successful transition to a full acceptance of her son's sexual orientation. She hopes that PFLAG, Sonoma County can provide that same support to parents, youth, and any others in our community. Beverly had homosexual friends and considered herself liberal, but when it came to the reality of her own son, the situation seemed different. She recounts feeling guilty, wondering what she might have done or might not have done that accounted for her son being gay.

She immediately began a "crash course," reading everything she could about homosexuality. She attended PFLAG meetings and

better counselling for homosexual youth, and lobby for lesbian and gay rights legislation.

But the main work of PFLAG is providing an understanding and supportive place for parents, families, friends, and youth dealing with the "coming out," self-recognition, self-acceptance experience. All people who are concerned with these issues are welcomed to the first meeting of Sonoma County PFLAG on April 24th, 7:30 pm, at the Faith Lutheran Church, 4930 Newanga Ave., Santa Rosa, (just north of Hoen off Summerfield Road). Beverly has arranged for a panel of parents to share their experiences with those in attendance.

ACT UP Garner's Media Attention

By Lois Pearlman

In one short week of "acting up" the Sonoma County AIDS Coalition to Unleash Power (ACT UP) brought its demand for better services for people with HIV disease to

newspaper readers and TV viewers across the Redwood Empire - even to first district representative Douglas Bosco who happened to be in town during a Congressional recess.

On Monday, March 13, at 9:30 in the

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LVAC Presents Lesbian Soap Opera!

Two in Twenty is a groundbreaking five-episode soap opera celebrating gay life, feminist humor with suspenseful plots. Developed by Laurel Chiton as a television program by and about lesbians and produced by over 300 people in Boston in three years, the series is being distributed on videotape and has played to enthusiastic audiences throughout the U.S. and Canada.

So named because "one in ten"—a common estimate of the proportion of gays in the population—sounds too lonely, *Two in Twenty* follows the trials and tribulations of two lesbian households, addressing various issues of importance to lesbian communities that are never included in any network television program. With satire, pathos, and passion, the multiracial characters in this soap confront child custody, lesbian parenting, AIDS, substance abuse, racism, coming out, disability, sex, crushes, affairs, monogamy, and of course, therapy.

Since no soap opera is complete without commercials, *Two in Twenty* is interspersed with hilarious ads for fictitious products in which women have power, clout, and "Cate-Lez", the credit card for active women. Holly Near, Theresa Trull, and other celebrities



TWO IN TWENTY
a lesbian soap opera

appear.

This is a major fund-raiser for LVAC. Come out and enjoy the fun. Seating is limited, so it is recommended that you get your tickets as soon as possible. Tickets are \$15.00 for both nights and \$8.00 for one night. The first episodes will be shown on Friday, April 7 and the second half of the remaining episodes will be shown on Saturday April 8th. Both shows are at Newman Auditorium, on the SRJC campus. In order to see the complete show, you have to come both nights.

Tickets are available at Claire-Light Bookstore, Santa Rosa Community Market, and Making It Big in Penngrove. It is closed-captioned for hearing impaired. Childcare available with 72 hour notice. For more information, call 823-5082.

Crisis in Crisis

The Board of Directors and Staff of Face to Face has reluctantly announced, "that, effective immediately, our agency has reached its maximum service capacity and is unable to provide services for any new clients until further notice".

This was a very difficult decision for Face to Face being the only agency providing direct services to people living with AIDS and ARC in all of Sonoma County. As such, they recognize the serious nature of this announcement. While services to the 170 clients who represent their current agency caseload will continue, this announcement means that the ever-increasing numbers of persons with HIV Disease in Sonoma County will no longer have access to the only resource for direct services in their community.

"Again, we wish to reassure our 170 current clients that they will continue to re-

ceive financial, emotional, and practical support services for as long as we are capable of providing them. But until much-needed agency expansion is possible, we are unable to meet the increasing needs of Sonoma County for AIDS related services."

Second, and equally serious, is their ability to continue to serve their current client community. With the exception of a grant from the State Office of AIDS which supports a small research project, Face to Face receives no on-going, sustaining support from County, State, or Federal Government sources. Now, as always they sustain themselves through private donations—donations which totalled nearly \$250,000 this past year alone. "Obviously, the support of private individuals is vital to our survival, and we thank those who have supported us so consistently in the past.

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Adam's Apple

By Adam Richmond



ACT UP Emerges

ACT UP (AIDS Coalition To Unleash Power) has been birthed in Sonoma County. The national group that popularized Silence=Death has linked up with several local activists and already it's having an impact. On the ides of March they zapped Empire Dental clinic in Santa Rosa, which refuses to accept HIV positive patients. Empire publicly admits that the hygienic procedures that protect everyone from diseases are just too much work. Actually AIDS transmission in dentistry is rare, and damn near impossible if the now-common use of gloves, masks and simple infection control are in place. Thanks, ACT UP, for blowing the cover on Empire and on the problem.

While some selfish dentists may be nervous about AIDS, the real source of transmission today is reuse of hypodermic needles. For eight years, (just like with research money, condoms, etc.) there has been foot dragging on the needle issue. CA health czar Ken Kizer now supports limited needle exchange to slow the spread. Unfortunately it's controversial. Well meaning moralists think that it is going to feed the other epidemic-chemical dependency. The reformers want drug recovery treatment only (detoxes, half-way houses), all worthy solutions to another problem.

AIDS transmission, however, is spreading because of the lack of clean needles. Well, addicts dead of AIDS will never clean-up. Will moralizers with big agendas succeed in hog-tying this effort? Needle exchange, while eight years late and only one step in the right direction, will prevent millions from becoming infected.

Chemical Dependency - The Bright Side
Brown Bag Readers Theatre is about women and alcoholism. But it is more: it is a metaphor on the whole syndrome of chemical dependency in our community. BBRt tells the great human story of recovery-the way out for our other epidemic chemical dependency and its buddy codependency. Celebrating 10 years of highlighting recovery, BBRt started when even the idea of widespread lesbian/gay alcoholism was treated with ridicule. Thanks to the women of "The Bag" there is an alternative. It is an inside job, but you need outside support to do it. Brown Bag-many happy returns!

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L/G Demo Club Alive and Well



Sitting on one side of the table at the Sonoma County Democrat Crab Feed fundraiser is(L-R): Kerry Blume, Doug Shelton, Donna Fregulia and Cherie Gollaway. CHERYL TRAENDLY/PHOTOGENICS

Dear Editor,

The Tower topping is a sweet example that the Democratic Party is still strong, despite the recent election. I highly commend the lady Republican who, did not vote for Tower.

The Sonoma County Lesbian/Gay Democratic Club is another good example. We recently attended and help sponsor the Sonoma County Democratic Central Committees' annual crab dinner. Attorney General John Van de Kamp was the keynote speaker.

We were actively pursuing our goal, as an organization, to advocate for the needs of people, particularly lesbians and gays. We also have meetings with and present proposals, proclamations, and resolutions to elected officials from our community. We help and financially contribute to campaigns and organizations that we actively support. We accomplish this through an annual dance, dinner and membership drive. These events are successful through you the community.

We welcome any type and amount of support you wish to give in order to keep us strong and visible. Please

Drivel

By Michael Brewer ©1989



Modern animal reproduction

Letters

remember that every little bit counts and leads towards change. For membership and/or other information call Cherie 528-7731.

Thanks, Cherie

Active GLSU Goes Public

Dear Editor,

I would like to thank "We The People" for representing the SRJC Gay/Lesbian Student Union. The article on Celeste Austin in the February edition allowed the club, (first established in 1976), to be known to the Gay Community as active.

The club offers support for those just venturing into the gay community, as well as, a wide range of other activities: weekly meetings, monthly pot luck, selling condo-grams, and running concession stands at sporting events.

The club is offering panels to the sociology and psychology classes on campus as its done in the past. This semester we have been able to branch out a little and include a panel at SRHS.

The SRJC Gay/Lesbian Student Union meets alternating Wednesdays and Thursdays at noon in room 1519, Emeritus Hall across from Plover library. The meetings are open to all. Isn't it time you came to the GLSU or Back to the GLSU?

Mark Syversen, Vice Pres. GLSU

Cheers to WTP

To the staff of We The People,

Last month in an editorial written by your general manager Jerry Noakes, he declared that *We The People* "is really exciting..." and "What a great mixture of people we have on our staff...". I wish to voice my agreement with Jerry, to express appreciation for the consistent quality of the newspaper, and to thank all of the staff for their obvious hard work and dedication. I was also very pleased to read of Magi Fedorka's recent commitment to be managing editor. Having worked with her on past projects sponsored by Forward Together, I am both confident in, and enthusiastic about her abilities to fulfill this challenging role with inspired success. Cheers to all!

Stephen Clark

Anti-Gay Violence

The following letter was sent to the Argus Courier.

Dear Editor: Argus-Courier

Thank you for your excellent editorial of 2/22/89 about the hatred and violence which some inflict on certain others. Your expressed support for the victim of a group of anti-gay bigots at a Vallejo rest stop was most gratifying to us at Sonoma County Community Against Violence.

Our project monitors hate crimes against gay men and lesbians here in Sonoma County, and thus we know about the assaults, abductions, and rapes inflicted on homosexuals right here. We share the data we gather with Sheriff Dick Michaelson, whose eyes have been opened, as he put it, since many of these hate crimes go unreported to law enforcement authorities.

Should you be interested in doing a story on our project, it would help inform your readers that things are beginning to change regarding the response to hate crimes in our County. Also, such a story would help get the word out to actual and potential victims of such crimes. Too few people know about our report phone line, which only began last fall.

Thank you again for your excellent editorial.

Robert Pasolli

Editorial

What's Happening in Sonoma County?

What is happening in Sonoma County's lesbian and gay community? People tell me this is not an election year so there is no news. I say hurrah no campaigns! However, there is plenty of NEWS.

Our community (a loose term) is creative, innovative and active. We celebrate our recovery, mourn our losses, grow into new relationships, build new organizations, keep old ones together and move forward. The Lesbian and Gay Democratic Club pushes for visibility, LVAC has educational events-Women's Weekend comes to the River, PFLAG forms, Gay Fathers meet, the YWCA surveys lesbians, local artists and musicians like Gayle Remick have us roaring with laughter while we provide care and resources during the AIDS crisis. All of this is news.

What about our daily life (sounds boring). We work, eat, play, pay bills, have children, buy homes, move, move again, cut our hair and take out the trash. Sometimes we get around to lovemaking/sex. This too is news. We are so diverse who knows what we do? Some things are obvious, some are part of the culture. The lifestyle is interesting. I am still learning what our community is. Since I didn't grow up in a lesbian and gay culture I find out more from we the people who live it.

What is it like to have children in Sonoma County for lesbians and gays? How do we live, whether we are out of the closet, single, coupled, aging, recovering, couch potatoes, differently abled, activists, etc? In June we celebrate 20 years since the start of the Lesbian/Gay Liberation movement. Sonoma County, once a mecca for our culture, is now a generation away from 1969. What is happening? Where are we going?

We The People provides an opportunity to share our news. The advertisers support this community effort. A few dedicated volunteers work hard to make *We The People* happen. Now it is time for the community to provide the news. We need writers, distributors, feature stories, more writers and information so we can cover news. This is our community paper, let's use it.

Magi Fedorka

(Call 528-6244, with news, articles, ideas or if interested in writing or reporting.)

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Anti-Gay Violence

Have you been a victim of homophobic violence in Sonoma County?

Help the Sonoma County Community Against Violence (SCCAV). Document the problem. Call and answer a few simple questions on an answering machine. The statistics gathered will be used to raise issues of concern with the Sonoma County Sheriff's Department and to support anti-hate crimes legislation.

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We The People

We The People is published by the Northern California Gay Media Project, a collective of lesbians and gay men, and is being produced to serve the lesbian and gay community of Sonoma County and the Redwood Empire by providing forum for information, communication, community building, public consciousness raising, networking, access to resources, the exploration of lesbian and gay cultural history and for the reporting of the news in a forthright manner.

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Minority Needs at SSU

By Pamela Canyonrivers

Recently hired Sonoma State University Women's Center Coordinator, Karen Markowitz anticipates creating a center to assist all female students who make their needs known. To further this goal, a needs assessment survey geared toward racial minorities and L

lesbians will soon be appearing in the SSU Women's Center newsletter, Crossroads and the SSU Star.

Although Markowitz guesstimates that over 10 percent of SSU student population is lesbian, she notes "this population has the same issues of invisibility as ethnic minorities do, and I intend to focus my energy on getting ethnic minorities and lesbians involved in the center so there will be some representation here." The center is presently conducting a drive for student volunteers who wish to get involved in supporting this goal.

In addition to a 500 book resource and lending library, a newsletter and women's sponsored educational and entertainment functions, the Center is presently forming two support groups facilitated by SSU MA candidates in counseling. Adhering to non-linear, feminist principles, the focus of the 4:00 Monday afternoon group will be determined by those women who show up to participate. The other support group for women in transition will function as a drop-in session based on the 12-step programs.

Markowitz was previously a program coordinator for CSU Stanislaus' Student Union in Turlock. She questioned the need for a Women's Center before coming to SSU, but now sees a "glaringly obvious need attested to by the Center's phones ringing off the hook, numerous responses to her call for volunteers, and the numbers of lesbians who drop by to find out "what's happening" and how they can plug into the community.

She indicates there is clearly a social need for the Women's Center, but seeks to broaden its limitations to address some special needs issues such as those of internal networking, support groups, closeted issues of violence and alcoholism in lesbian community, and homophobia. On this behalf, Markowitz is designing a workshop the Center will sponsor to combat homophobia.

Markowitz does not see a strong need for dissent or separatism within the Center. She claims to have "a personal desire to influence people toward equality and progressive thinking. I try to achieve this by personally modeling acceptance, tolerance, and celebration of differences."

When asked for her hypothetical response to the possibility of proposed Women's Center-supported lesbian events on campus, Markowitz said, "If I can buy into it (lesbian event) and see where a need exists, I'll support it. It's not my Women's Center, its ours. I want women helping women to empower each other."

Although Markowitz perceives a positive campus attitude toward the Women's Center she says "we are becoming much more visible, but whenever prioritization of funds is a fact, we've been considered last." The Women's Center is funded equally by the Associated Students Affairs, (operating costs and salaries), and by the Instructional Division to create a total of one half-time position. It also receives a \$3000 grant for the semesters' resources through June. Loss of any one of these sources puts the SSU Women's Center at risk.

Markowitz indicates that developing a sense of cooperation with the greater lesbian community through direct outreach is a future goal, but because of limited funding, priorities have to be set.

"Our constituency is women. Sometimes the needs of heterosexual, bisexual and lesbian women overlap, and where they do, these are the needs that will get the most attention."

Condom Committee at SRJC

By Celeste Austin

About six months ago, I was asked to sit on a very special committee at Santa Rosa Junior College. The president and vice president of the student body had heard me speak at a Inner Club Council meeting on the importance of "AIDS Education." This subject had come up at a council meeting when some Jehovah Witnesses wanted to come on campus and talk about AIDS. Members of the Gay and Lesbian Student Union adamantly opposed the Witnesses discussing this topic because of their biased view toward homosexuality.

We were successful in stopping the Witnesses from coming on campus and passing out their Awake magazine entitled "AIDS-A Global Killer". Shortly after this potentially dangerous and frightening experience I became a non-voting member of the Condom Committee.

The Condom Committee's purpose was to get a resolution passed, making condoms available on campus. Members of the committee and some SRJC students believed condoms were an effective method for preventing the spread of AIDS in sexually active individuals. We contacted college campuses who were already providing this service for their students. We compared notes, information and ideas at our weekly meetings to help improve the condom resolution.

Providing condoms on our campus for Junior College
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SRJC Campus News

The Gay Lesbian Student Union recently voted in new club officers. Celeste Austin is president; Mark Syversen, vice president; Doyle Wilkinson, secretary; Kevin A. Elrod, treasurer and Dena Berway, I.C.C. representative.

April 3-8 is AIDS Awareness Week at SRJC. This project is co-sponsored by Health Services and SRJC Associated Student Body. An AIDS Awareness Theater Project will perform on April 5 and 6 at 12 noon in Newman Auditorium. Two member of the GLSU are a part of this project. Other activities scheduled are movies, a panel and an essay writing contest.

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REFLECTIONS

By Robin Gail

Be Happy, Don't Worry?

Brown Bag Readers Theater's 10th anniversary celebration last month was great. It was one of those fun Sonoma County events where you could dress up or not, go with a partner or date or go single, sit and listen or go into the lobby and yak about who was there with whom...

It was a little about politics and a little about recovery, but it was mostly about music and laughter and having fun. Thanks, BBRt.

One thing I enjoyed about the event was the broad spectrum of lesbians who were there. (In celebration of the occasion, even the men and straight women in attendance were made honorary lesbians for the evening.) Although it was in honor of BBRt, the audience had not limited itself to recovering alcoholics, addicts or co-alcoholics. Which is a development I find worth celebrating.

Ten years ago, the lesbian community in Sonoma County was going through a very painful period. We tore ourselves apart being angry at one another for our differences. My sense of it is that we were angry at being oppressed by the society at large—limited, held back because of being lesbians or being women or working class or of various non-white ethnic backgrounds or having physical differences—and we were angry at each other when we found those dominant culture attitudes within our own community. Most naturally so. Unfortunately, it was perhaps easier for us to be angry at each other than to figure out just who to be angry at out there and direct the energies appropriately.

So, like a dog in pain will sometimes do, we snapped at ourselves in frustration. And we divided ourselves and split apart at our differences.

One of those points of separation was around drinking. There was a definite split between the "AA community" and the drinkers. Mostly, those women who chose to use alcohol felt judged and condemned by those who chose not to. So it became sort of a political issue, which is interesting, considering that one of the AA traditions states that the name Alcoholics Anonymous is not to be drawn into politics. I don't think the people who wrote those traditions had any idea about us lesbians who can turn *Anything* into something *Political!*

But a number of evolutions during the past few years have begun to neutralize the polarity between those who consider themselves d'clean and sober" and those who do not so label themselves. For one thing, general social attitudes around alcohol are changing, and it isn't considered the entertainment necessity it used to be. For another, as there is more support for the recovering alcoholic, there is perhaps less intolerance around other people's use of alcohol.

The greatest contributor to the healing of our community, however, is the growth of the "recovery community" in general. Addition to alcohol or drugs has come to be recognized as only one of a number of life- or sanity-threatening problems we have to deal with. Nearly everyone needs to "recover" from something, whether it be our own substance abuse or the torments we suffered as children in alcoholic, abusive or otherwise dysfunctional families.

Call it "trendy" if you want to, this interest is self discovery and growth and in recovery from things and processes which limit us. There are those who argue that the interest in self discovery is merely a distraction to take us away from our fight for freedom and struggles with an oppressive and dangerous society. There are those who believe we'll all be reduced to speaking psycho-babble (as opposed to political rhetoric?) until our brains turn to mush.

I don't think so. I think it's the beginning of a period of growth from the inside out, one which leads to greater understanding and tolerance of one another. And I believe it's rippling outward in ever widening circles. It's a natural healing process, but whether it can spread faster than the horrors spawned by this society is to be seen. I hope so.

Read Ken Keyes' book *The Hundredth Monkey*. He wasn't speaking of this particular phenomenon exactly, because it wasn't happening yet. But he wrote about anti-war, anti-nuclear awareness spreading, and it's all part of what's necessary to help this planet survive. The possibility of an inside-out healing process "infecting" people and governments and institutions of power seems to me eventually far more successful than the puny guns of revolution.

All this from a night of comedy and laughter at BBRt's anniversary party? Wow.

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LAKE COUNTY Drug Abuse, AIDS

By Andy Nyberg

A surprisingly large percentage of Lake County's AIDS cases were transmitted via intravenous drug use rather than through sexual contact among gay or bisexual men, contrary to statewide trends.

According to the county's first comprehensive statistics regarding the disease, 19 Lake County residents have been diagnosed with AIDS, of whom 10 have died.

Only 53 percent of the cases, however, were transmitted through sexual contact, compared to 79 percent statewide. In fact 31 percent of the local cases were transmitted through the sharing of needles, compared to 14 percent statewide.

Lake County has rampant drug and alcohol abuse, according to local health officials — and the Recovery Center, the county's only residential rehabilitation center for drug addicts and alcoholics, has applied for a \$150,000 state grant to initiate various AIDS-related programs. The center recently estimated that 27 of its clients were at high risk for having been exposed to the AIDS virus, but none of the clients are gay.

Ironically, 40 percent of the local cases are clustered in the west county district represented by Supervisor BUD Franklin, who announced at a December meeting of the Board of Supervisors, "The innocent people who are affected by this are the ones I'm concerned about. The others I could care less about."

The recently formed Lake County AIDS Task Force has elected as its chairperson James Coomes of Catholic Charities, Clearlake. Coomes can be reached at 995-0426.

ACT UP

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morning this small band of children, women and men performed a conscientious and well-orchestrated act of Civil Disobedience at the offices of the Empire Dental Clinic in Santa Rosa. Located on Farmers Lane, the clinic has repeatedly refused to treat people who are HIV positive. For over two hours supporters sang, chanted, and carried signs in front of the clinic which is run by Dr. Ronald E. Pratin while five HIV positive people went inside to make appointments. As San Francisco Channel 5 cameras rolled the receptionist responded, "What I've been told - that our office policy because of our facilities and how large they are - and because of the carpeting on the floor, we would have to close down our entire office to sterilize it, in order to accommodate you."

The five men sat down, refusing to leave until they could speak with the dentist. Around 11 o'clock, Dr. Pratin, with the aid of three Santa Rosa police officers, threatened to arrest the activists. They left peacefully and joined the protestors who were still demonstrating on the sidewalk.

According to the position statement distributed by the group, "Empire Dental Clinic is not an exception but a blatant example of the routine treatment (or lack thereof) of Sonoma County dentists". Among the 200 or more dentist in Sonoma County only five are known to be willing to treat people who are HIV positive, although Dr. Payne, a Santa Rosa orthodon-

tist and president of the California Dental Association says that members of the Redwood Dental Society (approximately 70% of the dentists in the county) cannot ethically refuse to treat these people. He further states that "any dentist using current barrier methods has nothing to fear from these diseases".

Originally developed to protect dental practitioners and their patients from Hepatitis B, which is 100 to 1,000 times more contagious than the HIV virus, the barrier methods include gloves, mask, eye protection, and instrument disinfection. The national Center for Disease Control believes that these precautions should be taken with all patients—therefor nothing special is required for treating HIV positive patients. Even those few dentists who are willing to treat HIV positive patients do not generally accept Medi-Cal, necessitating a lengthy trip to a San Francisco clinic for a Medi-cal patients who are sometimes too ill to travel comfortably.

Media coverage of the event was very sympathetic towards the protestors, portraying Dr. Pratin as a prejudiced man who really didn't know his medical facts. Arriving during the demonstration, one of Dr. Pratin's patients canceled her appointment on the spot when she heard that he was behaving unethically. Satisfied with the impact they had made, demonstrators called it a day at 11:30 am.

Later in the week, on Friday afternoon, ACT UP members addressed Douglas Bosco at a town meeting organized by the

Wedding Announcement



Carol Davis and Avril Angers were joined by their friends to celebrate their marriage union on March 4th, 1989. The wedding was held at the home of Nancy Kelly of Santa Rosa. Carol and Avril incorporated several rituals from the Goddess and Native American traditions as a part of their marriage ritual. The ceremony was planned as an expression not only of their love for each other, but of the love we are building as family in this community. They wish to express their Thanks to all who participated to make their wedding such a joy-filled day.

Peace and Justice Community. When questioned about his role in legislating support for AIDS services in his own district, Rep. Bosco replied that he "hopes the money is going to those who need it". Explaining why he voted for the Jesse Helms Amendment that denied funding for AIDS prevention education that is gay positive, Bosco stated that the bill "didn't have any consequences one way or another—the U.S. government doesn't advocate any lifestyle" Recognizing his own lack of knowledge about the extent of HIV disease in Sonoma County and the lack of services, Bosco agreed to meet with AIDS experts "in a week to 20 days".

Queer Happenings

Compiled by Julia Elliott

America's first formally organized academic department of gay and lesbian studies is now established at City College of San Francisco. According to the 1989-90 college catalog, "The courses offered in this department explore the social and cultural dimensions of the phenomenon of homosexuality. The department hopes to increase social awareness with regard to the gay and lesbian subcultures while recognizing the contributions of their members to society at large." (Bay Area Reporter)

The Immigration Exclusion and Deportation Amendments Act of 1989, which would end discrimination against gays and lesbians seeking to immigrate into or visit the U.S., was introduced into the House of Representatives Tuesday by Congressman Barney Frank (D-Mass) The bill, which affects tourists, resident aliens, and immigrants, would remove the current "sexual deviation" exclusion used to block gays and lesbians from entering the U.S. Although the exclusion of gays and lesbians is rarely enforced, the law is still on the books and is used to reject, unfairly question or deport some individuals. (SF Sentinel)

Chicago's Human Rights Ordinance officially became law February 17th. Anyone discriminating on the basis of sexual orientation in the city can now be fined \$500 for each day the discrimination continues. (SF Sentinel)

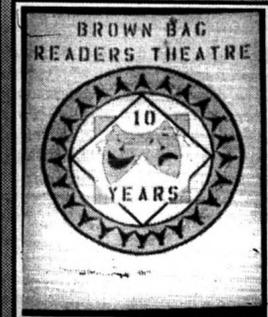
The Hate Crime Statistics Act was re-introduced in the U.S. Congress on February 22 amid broad bi-partisan support. Passed last year by the House but stalled in the Senate, the bill requires the federal government to collect data on crimes perpetrated by racial, religious, ethnic or homophobic prejudice. (SF Sentinel)

Dan Quayle's alma mater, DePauw University (a small private college in Indiana), now has a gay alumni association. A number of professors have begun introducing relevant gay topics in their lectures, and the university chaplain has delivered a supportive sermon, "A Christian Response to Homosexuality." (SF Sentinel)

BROWN BAG TURNS 10



PAMELA NEWMAN



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PAMELA NEWMAN

Over 700 people turned out to celebrate Brown Bag Readers' Theatre 10th Anniversary. The community celebration of recovery from addiction featured Gayle

Remick (bottom), Lisa Cohen (upper right), June Millington (not pictured) and Teresa Trull and Vicki Randall (L-R on far left).

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AIDS News

By Doug McCullough

So What's SHEP?

The highlight of this month's AIDS News from the Sonoma County AIDS Project will be our Special Health Education Project (SHEP). SHEP is an individualized education project being offered free of charge to sex and/or needle sharing partners of persons with HIV/AIDS infection or disease, persons engaging in proven higher risk behaviors with persons at risk for HIV/AIDS infection or disease, and persons apparently symptomatic with HIV disease.

"So what's SHEP got to offer me?" you ask. Imagine you have just received the results of your HIV antibody test. Whether your results are negative or positive you probably have some feelings, concerns, and many questions about your situation (especially if your situation is described in the above paragraph). Maybe you are still trying to decide if you should be tested (see AIDS News in last month's issue). Making the decision to be tested is fraught with uncertain feelings and fears.

Eater's Digest

By E. Babcock

No Vegies in So Co

Is good vegetarian cuisine really dead in Sonoma County? I had been hoping that the Blue Heron in Duncans Mills would save us from having to stoop to the New Age Denny's by UA6 on 3rd street. I'm afraid the Heron has lost a few feathers. Too bad, because the service there is excellent. I went with a crowd of twenty rowdy lesbians and their friends. The staff went out of their way to make us comfortable. Our waiter handled the onslaught deftly and was quite friendly. As I recall there only two remaining vegetar-

The Special Health Education Project is a confidential program offered by the AIDS Project that gives you the opportunity to speak with someone individually about the many issues relating to your HIV status, your decision to test, or your fears and concerns about how you fit in to the AIDS picture.

SHEP is not an end to itself, but rather an individualized system of referrals tailored to specific needs.

During an initial one hour intake client needs are assessed and appropriate referrals are made to agencies which offer services such as support groups services, physician referrals, HIV Clinic, Mental Health Clinic, crisis intervention, financial assistance, food assistance, dental service, legal assistance, transportation assistance, and information assistance. Client progress is monitored through periodic follow-up sessions to make sure that needs are being met and assisted assistance is being acquired. Anonymous HIV antibody testing is also available through the SHEP program.

Appointments for SHEP can be made by calling the AIDS Hotline (579-2437) and informing the phone counselor that you are interested in the SHEP program. You will be scheduled to meet with one of the program's health educators. All sessions are free and confidential. The AIDS Project office is open Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m. -5:00 p.m.

ian entrees tucked into the menu, and one of those was a tostada. Stay away from the pasta with marinara sauce, brandied mushrooms and shrimp. It tasted like someone opened a pack of frozen shrimp and dumped it on a bed of packaged noodles smothered in lukewarm cocktail sauce. The mushrooms had possibilities (all 5 of them), but not in this dish. Also nix on the steamed clams: they were scant, expensive, and according to two friends, slightly old. The hot Brie and french bread was excellent, and everyone else seemed to like the chicken (why do lesbians in restaurants always order the same things?). Prices for entrees start around \$10.00. They accept Visa and Mc, no AmEx or Sonoma Express.

Crisis

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But the epidemic in Sonoma County has outpaced our ability to meet the need. Face to Face is committed to continuing to provide services to the HIV community. However, the reality of our financial situation is that we are running out of operating capital and, even at current service levels, we don't know how we'll be able to continue providing services beyond April and in the months to come.

The Sonoma County Board of Supervisor's Commission of AIDS officially estimates that 1 in 44 residents of this county are now infected with the HIV virus. Sonoma County has the third highest incidence in the State, and the highest incidence of HIV infection of any rural county. Clearly, the

disease has outpaced the ability of any single community, group or service system to meet service needs. All service groups and organizations in this county must continue to work together toward meeting the community's needs.

"We appeal to individuals to continue their outstanding financial support of our agency. We appeal to our client community for their patience and help during this trying time. We appeal to County, State, and Federal government to work with us toward a solution to this dilemma. In particular, we appeal to the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors to finally provide substantial, on-going funds for direct services. We project over \$500,000 in expenses to continue serving Sonoma County in the coming year. Sonoma County itself must help us in this time."

GGBA Chapter in Sonoma County

Interested in forming a chapter of the Golden Gate Business Association in Sonoma County? This would be a chapter not representing just Russian River Businesses but gay and lesbian businesses, organizations and their supporters throughout Sonoma County and Northern California.

We are enough removed from the immediate San Francisco area that we have many of our own separate, local concerns. At the same time, the broader goals and interests are similar to that of GGBA.

The goals of the chapter would parallel that of GGBA. To support, encourage, assist and educate local gay businesses and their supporters in Northern California. We would offer a referral service to local members and become involved with the political organizations directly effecting our lives in Sonoma County. We would like Sonoma County to become more aware of our existence and our benefits to this community.

We feel we can muster enough members to make the organization viable and worthy. Their is a strong and united group of gay people up here now. We plan to proceed with notices and articles in the local "We the People" newspaper announcing our plans and intentions to secure even more interest and response.

We turn to GGBA for the know how in building the chapter. We are interested in the political and social strength GGBA now has to help us. We would turn to GGBA to support us in our own legislative and organizational concerns effecting us locally.

All those interested, please call Bob at 528-5833 or Andrew at 546-6904.

Condom

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students was a very controversial issue. Every week for months, the campus newspaper was bombarded with editorials expressing the pros and cons of taking such a step. The student body officers had talked about condoms during their election campaign. They passed out condoms to SRJC students, which was a very bold step. I applaud them, the Condom Committee, and the four members of the Board of Trustees who decided it was O.K. to provide condom machines in Doyle Student Center restrooms and Health Services. I personally think it was a "Right On Move". Who knows: it could save somebody's life.

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Leslie, sisterfriend, step out, stand tall, grow stronger, be PROUD. I will miss you. Happiness be yours. Love Magi

JaZee, Few days, fewer nights together. Wanting more, nine months not enough. Happy being with you. MF

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Gay Male 40's, Tall and Good

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35 year old c&s lesbian looking for enlightened woman to explore intimate monogamous relationship. Sense of humor, commitment to spiritual growth and open honest communication are some of my basic requirements for a healthy relationship. If these things are also important to you then Reply AD 402

Buddy wanted to co-create platonic, romantic and or physical relationship. Should share many of the following with me: bright, sweet, handsome, creative, articulate, muscular & defined, vegetarian, spiritual, loving, non-drinker & druggie, bizarre, independent, and 34-44. Into: intimate communication, mediation, gym, literature, movies, nature, board games, and funny machinations. Reply AD 403

I'm looking for a man-friend and possible lover: who has done some growing and introspection;

has a simple, earthy way of life; is educated enough for what he needs; is able to take calculated chances; is a moderate to little drinker and doesn't "do" drugs; is bearded, hairy, masculine, healthy, and in good shape; has an easy sense of humor and enjoys closeness; is also an individual, and who doesn't need the "city life" to be happy. I'm an inwardly quiet and feeling man who is outwardly active and works with his hand - is bearded, handsome, healthy, intelligent

and strong and who is alot like what he wants. Reply AD 404

Over-worked, underpaid mother, teacher, political activist, journalist-can't decide if I'm butch or femme-gardener, Goddess worshipper, seeks happy, healthy, passionate, compassionate, non-substance abusing, non-separatist women for fun and adventure. Flexibility, and sense of humor essential. I love to sing and dance, how about you? Reply AD 405

Show Off Your Pride

Join in - volunteer and help create Sonoma County's Lesbian/Gay Pride Week. You can be part of the committee that puts together a week of activities. Pride Week will commemorate, celebrate and educate people about the story and importance of June 27-28 1969 New York City Stonewall Bar Riots. The national theme is STONEWALL 20: A Generation of Pride. Lesbian/Gay Pride Week is a community event. Your input is welcome. We encourage participation from all aspects of the Lesbian/Gay community. We welcome support from non lesbian/gay persons. Volunteers are needed to chair and coordinate subcommittees. A number of one time only and one day only tasks are available. First meeting is Tuesday April 11, at 7:00pm. The events already in planning are the 3rd Annual Lesbian/Gay Pride Picnic on June 24th and Pride Dance on June 23rd. For more information call Magi Fedorka 528-6244.

Redwood Empire Star-Guide

April 1989

By Chipper Bohlender

AIRES, March 21 to April 20
Your actions speak louder than words. Time to build new self-image. Encourage your love relationships. A good time for rest and start thinking about what you want to do the next few months. Sex is great!

TAURUS, Apr 21 to May 20
Wishes come true!!! Lucky you. This month you're the babe of the ball. If you get a financial windfall this month, save it, you'll need it for something very important in the near future. Stay away from fish (sailors, yachters, coast guardsmen, seamen, etc.)

LEO, July 23 to Aug 22
Your mate will think you're just the best no matter what. But give thanks where thanks are due. Joint financial adventures are

GEMINI, May 21 to June 20
Watch money, and don't get involved in legal matters. Handle your career very, very carefully. Avoid arguments, specially with loved ones. And watch that ego, if it gets out of hand, you're in trouble, kid. Be super kind to those in need, you'll get something back.

CANCER, June 21 to July 22
Don't tell the truth on little things, like when a friend asks how he or she looks. Little white lies work wonders this time. Feelings get very hurt on trivial matters. If you want to invest, it is now the time: Time to catch up on your writing.

LIBRA, Sept 23 to Oct 22
Time to implement all that you need and want to with work and health. Pick up a new exercise and make it part of your regular

VIRGO, Aug 23 to Sept 22
Clean those closets and drawers. You just may find something you have been searching for... If you're thinking about starting a new relationship it's a good time to do it. Learn from your old mistakes in love and this time around things will be so much better. Watch your money and extra care for your animals.

SCORPIO, Oct 23 to Nov 22
Very positive month. Time for home entertaining. Those younger than you need your advice and wisdom. The concern you have for others really comes through this month. Your socializing will be pleasant. Have fun.

SAGITTARIUS, Nov 23 to Dec 21
Family is very understanding at this time. If you have been wanting to speak with them but been afraid, do it now, they're more

receptive. Get ahold of old friends. Clean your house and make it reflect the true you. If dating, go to old films or rent some classics, they'll do you good.

CAPRICORN, Dec 22 to Jan 19
You may come to realize that the people you admire most have faults just like you. Take them off the pedestal and you won't get hurt. If feeling a little alone, it's time to get a pet. Even a fish or bird can do wonders for your not-so-great mood.

AQUARIUS, Jan 20 to Feb 18
Explore the neighborhood. You should feel good about yourself and appearance. Take a good look at your skills and talents. Indulge in a secret pleasure or

two, but keep it secret to get the most out of it. Time to volunteer for a cause important to you.

PISCES, Feb 19 to Mar 20
I just don't know about you. You always seem to fall in love at the wrong time and nothing anyone can say would make you go a little slower, but, honey, be careful; for you're always getting hurt. Get yourself involved in group community projects. It's time to work out your internal conflicts.

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Calendar

April/May

SATURDAY APRIL 1

Dignity, gay Catholic organization, meets 1st Saturday of the month. 6:30 p.m. Mass at 7:00, followed by potluck dinner. For information call Mert at 579-5308.

SUNDAY APRIL 2

Interfaith Goddess Circle for womyn. Meet at 6:30 p.m. for a 7-9 p.m. ritual, 14720 Armstrong Woods Rd., Guerneville. \$4 donation. For information on what to bring call Yalode - 869-0664.

Rev. Claudia L. Veira-Allen will speak on "Being a Lesbian Feminist Pagan Christian". Noon, MCC Russian River, Guerneville.

TUESDAY APRIL 4

Joyce Hunter, co-founder of Harvey Milk High School for lesbian and gay youth (founded in New York City in 1985) will give a talk at 7:30 p.m., 22 Warren Hall, UC Berkeley.

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

WEDNESDAY APRIL 5

Food For Thought Benefit Auction 7:00 p.m., Molly Brown's Saloon, Guerneville. Bring auction entries to Molly's between 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. For more information, or if you wish to volunteer or donate food, please call 869-0151. (See article last issue.)

FRIDAY APRIL 7

Two in Twenty, a lesbian soap opera that follows the complex lives of two lesbian households. Episodes 1, 2 & 3 (cont. on Sat. April 8). 7:30 p.m., Newman Auditorium, SRJC. \$15 for both nights, \$8 for one. Advance tickets at ClaireLight, Santa Rosa Community Market, Making It Big.

SATURDAY APRIL 8

Marin AIDS Support Network (MASN) Orientation Training for all prospective volunteers with the agency. For applications and more information call Jayne, volunteer coordinator, at (415)457-2347. (See Other Programs)

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SUNDAY APRIL 9

Abundance and Prosperity, a womyn's ritual. 6:30-9:00 p.m., 16451 4th St., Guerneville. Bring candle and holder. Offered by Russian River MCC Women's Spirituality Group. For information call 869-0664.

Trend-Sitters, local women writers read their work. Readers: Geri Digiorno, Ginger Hadley, Harriet Hart, Nicole MacArthur, Lin Max, D. Robertson, Lynn Rogers, Donna Smith, Judy Stedman, Anne Ysanza and Lynn Watson. 5 p.m., ClaireLight. No

admission charge. 575-8879.

TUESDAY APRIL 11

Healing Alternatives Group, for people with AIDS/ARC or HIV positive, meets 2nd Tuesday of the month. 7:00-9:00 p.m., Face to Face, Guerneville. 865-2411.

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

WEDNESDAY APRIL 12

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

FRIDAY APRIL 14

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

SUNDAY APRIL 16

Emotional Abuse in Lesbian Relationships, LVAC sponsored workshop. For information call 527-0485.

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

TUESDAY APRIL 18

Brother Tolbert McCarroll, author of Moring glory babies-children with AIDS and the celebration of life, will speak from 4-6 p.m. at Sonoma State University. Book signing from 3-4 p.m. Parking \$1.50 in quarters.

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WEDNESDAY APRIL 19

Kay Hagen will discuss her book, Internal Affairs: A Journalkeeping Workbook for Self-Intimacy. 7:00 p.m., ClaireLight. No admission charge. 575-8879.

THURSDAY APRIL 20

Janice Spotwood will channel "The Council". 7:30 p.m., Yalode, 16216 Main St., Guerneville. Bring pillow or stool. Donation requested. 869-0664.

FRIDAY APRIL 21

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

Womyn's Passover-Seder in Guerneville. \$8 per woman. For reservations call Yalode - 869-0664.

SUNDAY APRIL 23

The Fabulous Dyketones, a 50's "Rock and Role" group that is half music and half theater. Dance your socks off or just listen and laugh. 8 p.m., Sebastopol Vet's. \$8-14 sliding scale. Get tickets from ClaireLight early. 575-8879.

TUESDAY APRIL 27

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

SATURDAY APRIL 29

Gayle Remick brings her split personalities, "Sister R., recovering Catholic," "Gayle Berado, Loco Lesberado," and promises to channel her Spirit Guide "Gay-Zar" for an evening of comedy. 8 p.m., ClaireLight. \$5-10 sliding scale. 575-8879.

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

WEDNESDAY MAY 3

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

WEEKLY MEETINGS

AA Gay Freedom Group Thursday, 8:00 p.m. Methodist Church, 17790 Greger Ave., Boyes Springs.

AA Gay Men's Group Sunday, 8:00 p.m. Unitarian Church, Stony Pt. and Todd Rds., Santa Rosa.

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

AA Gay People's Meeting Friday, 8:00 p.m. Benton St. Clubhouse, 1055 Benton St., Santa Rosa.

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

AA Gravenstein Gay Group Wednesday, 7:00 p.m. Church of Christ, 420 Murphy Ave., Sebastopol.

AA Stein Group (Lesbian) Sunday, 8:00 p.m., 167 High St., Sebastopol.

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

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

Gay and Lesbian Support Groups, weekly on-going sessions. Presented by Ministry of Light, 1000 Sir Francis Drake Blvd., San Anselmo, Marin County. For information call (415)457-0854.

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

HIV Positive and Spirituality Support Group, meets every 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month. 7:30-9:00 p.m., Knox Presbyterian Church, 1650 West 3rd Ave., Santa Rosa. For information call Dennis at 575-5132. Sponsored by the Santa Rosa Metropolitan Community Church.

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

Lesbian and Gay Overeaters Anonymous, meets every Wednesday at 8:00 p.m. Christ Methodist Church, 1717 Yulupa Drive, Room 5, Santa Rosa. For information call 823-5845.

Lesbian Co-Dependents Anonymous, meets every Monday at 7:00 p.m. Santa Rosa Senior Center, 704 Bennett Valley Road. For information call Faye at 829-5392.

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

Living with AIDS Support Group for PWA/PWARC, facilitated by Carol Owens, MA, meets every Monday. 7:00-9:00 p.m., 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.

Rainbow's End, gay/lesbian/bisexual youth project sponsored by the Ministry of Light, meets the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Thursday of each month for support and discussion. Ages 15-21. Ministry of Light offices, 1000 Sir Francis Drake Blvd., San Anselmo. For information call (415)457-1115.

Santa Rosa AIDS Awareness Group. An open informational/support group committed to decreasing the isolation of people with HIV, ARC, and AIDS. Sponsored by Face to Face. Thursday nights, 7:00-9:00 p.m. in the library conference room at Community Hospital, Santa Rosa. Newcomers, family and friends welcome. For information call 578-0855.

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

Support group for women lovers of women who were sexually abused as children, meets every Tuesday. 7:00-9:00 p.m. 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

The Eleventh National AIDS Lesbian and Gay Health Conference and Seventh National AIDS Forum convene at the Cathedral Hill Hotel in San Francisco April 5-9, 1989. Conference registration materials may be obtained by call the George Washington University Medical Center at (202)994-4285.

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

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

Marin AIDS Support Network (MASN) Emotional Support Volunteer Training for peer counselors and long term practical caregivers. Prerequisite: MASN Orientation Training (See April 9, above). April 21-23 and 28-30, Fri. evening through Sun. For more information, call Jayne, volunteer coordinator, at (415)457-2437.

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

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

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

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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