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GLENN INGERSOLL:
IN THE MIDST OF IT

Gay Grad Wows SRJC Crowd

By Sandy Lowe

When was the last time you heard an openly gay man give a graduation key note address? Can't quite remember? Well I can. It was June 10, 1989 at the Santa Rosa Junior College and the young man was Glenn Ingersoll. Nor was it your cliche commencement speech. Glenn opened with a rousing salutation to "friends and not-so-friends" and then proposed that this moment was not a beginning, as so many graduation talks claim, but a Middle. "We have walked some long miles... We are not just beginners any more... We are in the midst of it," he proclaimed to his graduating comrades, urging them all proudly to "get real in the middle of life!"

Glenn enjoys where he's at now but has little nostalgia for the painful beginnings. He stood bravely before the crowd of black-robed graduates—and the throngs of friends and relatives arranged and attired in unmistakable family drag and in a remarkably direct and light way described how he "came in from a dark place." He told how he "had graduated from [Analy] high school in 1983, and promptly plummeted into depression... got rather suicidal for a while, went on an



PHOTO BY SANDY LOWE

SRJC graduation keynote speaker, Glenn Ingersoll.

antidepressant and started going to Day Treatment at Community Hospital in Santa Rosa. Three years [of this and] then I came here." The crowd, understanding and perhaps even identifying, laughed. Glenn continued: "[I] took a class in Social Deviance. I figured I knew something about it, and, after plucking up my courage, I joined the Gay and Lesbian Student Union." Here the crowd gasped. But Glenn went on: "None of that was easy. It was hard. And when I look back at some of the

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Lesbians and Gays Declare Their Pride



The State Assembly passed the pride resolution that was rejected by the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors. Instrumental in its acceptance, Michael Thompson (left), aide to Assemblywoman Jackie Spier (D., San Francisco),

holds up the document at the third annual lesbian/gay picnic. Resolution and picnic organizers Adam Richmond and Magi Fedorka stand proudly by. See Picnic Story, Page 10.

Pride Resolution

By Lois Pearlman

Following a 4-1 "no" vote on the Lesbian/Gay Pride Week Resolution by the Board of Supervisors on Tuesday, June 6, approximately 250 lesbians and gays and their friends and families sang their way out onto the steps of the County Administration Building and declared June 18-24 as Lesbian/Gay Pride Week in Sonoma County. This

people's proclamation came after two hours of eloquent, passionate, and remarkable dignified testimony by over 30 supporters of the resolution.

It was hard to believe the supervisors could listen to such deeply felt expressions without being moved to grant the crowd their modest proposal. But, with a profound sense of *deja vu*, they remained unchanged from their previously espoused positions.

Ernie Carpenter, who had spent the last two months admonishing some of the more

forthright members of the lesbian/gay community, emerged, once again, as our "hero", providing the only "yes" vote and declaring, "I will certainly support it, if for no other reason than the recognition that a significant number of our population is lesbian and gay and that they do contribute significantly to our society".

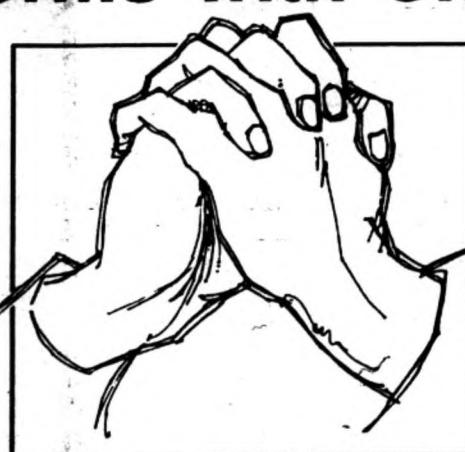
Nick Esposti, toning down his rhetoric from last year, said, "I don't feel that I can support this type of sexual activity", replied

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Coming to terms with Christendom

By Cynthia Plattner

Homosexuals are anything but a homogeneous group. We are a diverse people in terms of our identification as gays or lesbians, physical appearance, politics, and spirituality. Currently, there seems to be a surge of spiritual awareness and practice in our community. Many of us are just beginning to discover our Higher Power through recovery programs, some find wisdom through various forms of Buddhism, the Goddess religions are celebrated by many, and there are some who continue to find meaning through the Judeo-Christian religions of their heritage. All of these practices, as well as others not mentioned, serve as viable ways to make sense out of the world within and without. I believe it is important to find spiritual practices to which we are attracted, rather than ones into which we are forced.



One religious tradition that has been behind many a negative experience is Christianity. We may have experienced pain or disappointment by having judgements against our orientation hurled at us, our beloved family or church may have rejected us on religious grounds once discovering our lifestyle, or we may have suffered quietly,

feeling we had no choice but to leave the church (and our faith) behind if we were to explore and accept the gay or lesbian inclinations that awakened within. This pain is a tragedy, especially considering that it results from people and institutions representing a tradition that beseeches us to love our neighbor as ourselves. What's more, this pain often leaves deep scars that may hamper our spiritual growth, even if we choose another tradition.

In order to evolve as spiritual, as well as human, beings, I believe it is important for those with scars to learn how to separate the teachings of Christ from the institution of the church which often misrepresents the Christian ideal of human and spiritual nature made one. If we look to the person of Jesus, we find he was often in the company of those who were oppressed by society and, even though it is not recorded, I am sure gays and

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Adam's Apple

By Adam Richman



Where Were You?

Where were you last month? That was a question I asked myself and was asked of me a lot. Unfortunately, it was the column I'd probably worked on the longest that didn't run. Adam's Apple was to appear in an ill-fated PRIDE supplement to last month's WTP issue, but it did not appear as planned. Eventually the supplement became an underground edition of the now-defunct Forward Together Newsletter, but that had such a small run, press-wise, that it is sure to become a collector's item.

Of course this has been one of the most action-packed months in our community's history, with the Pride resolution plastered all over The Press Democrat, the Argus-Courier, the Examiner, Channel 50 and everywhere else. It is easy to forget that the Pride crisis was preceded by another crisis—the Nielsen controversy (and backlash), and before that, the cut-off of services at Face To Face (which we all abbreviate F2F). Even the AIDS vigil got great coverage. All of a sudden our community has become the hot media item.

This coverage signals that the community seems to be breaking out of a shell and is raising its voice in a way that signals that we have come of age as a force in this county. Due to this new visibility, we had the unique opportunity to witness Janet, Chair of the Board of Supes, one month denounce ACT-UP and Stonewall representatives from F2F on funding, then issue an apology to Jim Nielsen because AIDS Commissioner Jim Spahr told him off, (o.k., o.k. it was rash, but didn't you love it), and then at the Board hearing on the Pride Resolution to listen to her most eloquently vote against it on the basis of her support for our human rights. It was an amazing sight. Even Nick Esposti, a no-holds-barred-homophobe last year, was nice to us and even said that we had a right to be proud, but still voted no. Next year I think we will succeed. We are on the edge, and our winning this will be a weather vane of just where we stand. We should go back every year unless this is truly a non-controversial issue.

A New Constellation

Out of this pressure cooker of events a new constellation of forces has emerged in our community—the Stonomawall Coalition. Our partnership, a diverse one, worked to mobilize and influence all of the events listed above. While each component group was necessary to the coalition, none could truly claim lone credit. This coalition consists of individuals around F2F, Lesbian & Gay Democratic Club, ACT-UP, Veterans C.A.R.E., Lesbian Voters Action Caucus, Forward Together. Stonomawall met numerous times to discuss the hot situations which confronted us all. The most public results of this unity was of course the 250 strong crowd at the Supes for Pride.

The Battle is ON!

With the growing unity, visibility and we-aren't-going-to-take-it-anymore attitude in our community, we must recognize and set some goals to secure our rights, ensure government funding for AIDS, and remove from office our backyard bigots like Jim Nielsen, a former pesticide salesman. No one else will do it for us. We must make public gay-bashing unacceptable. The Gay and Lesbian Community in Arizona spear-headed the movement to remove Gov. Meacham last year, a proud John Birch Society member and gay-baiter. We can do the same and do our state a favor by removing our own weeds.

Editorial

It has been several weeks now that Jerry Noakes has been calling me almost daily wanting me to check on this... follow-up on that... call this person to call that person.

My name is Tamra Orsolini and I have taken on the responsibility of Managing Editor for *We The People*. (Jerry will now have time to go to the bathroom!) I have already talked to many of you on the staff this last month and hope to meet many more of you as time goes on.

To all of you readers—I'm looking for suggestions for new articles, and now is the time to call and let me know your ideas. We also need someone to write "Dining Out" our (restaurant guide) and someone to write the recovery column. Now that the paper is at 12 pages we need as much help

as we can get. Anyone who has a short story or a favorite picture you would like to see in print, send it in to *We The People*, PO Box 2204, S.R., 95405. Also we can use more writers for assignments, distribution people and one more person who owns a Macintosh who has time each month to do layout. Jerry and Janet are overworked. Please call me for any of the above. 579-3103.

By Tamra Orsolini

Letters

Dear Editor

I attended the Buddy Connection in S.R. on June 13, and was impressed. This is a workshop on how to make safe sex, hot, exciting, fun and adventurous. Doug McCulloch and Steve Parker have put together a workshop that is necessary, educational, challenging exciting and fun. I went right out and bought a new roll of colored plastic wrap. Thanks guys.

If you have been thinking safe sex is boring and you miss cum (sorry I mean body fluids) you need to cum to this workshop. I even know people who are going again and it's not because they flunked the class. I met a hot man there who I know is into safe sex and can talk about it in a way that is positive and exciting. Doug can I borrow that (you know what) training aid?

Thanks again guys, Jerry Noakes

Dear Editor and Friends,

I've been offered an opportunity to attend the 1989 Moscow Peace Marathon and associated sporting events this August 8-20. There will be 50 of us, representing the US, mostly athletes, but some "citizen diplomats", (just plain folks) committed to continuing the creation of a bridge between the US and USSR, person to person, demystifying and holding insignificant cultural and political barriers in the name of humanness and global peace. My role is to be Team bodyworker, doing acupressure, Orthobionomy and Touch for Health techniques on our athletes and hopefully some of the other 85,000 expected participants from 35 countries.

The tour is sponsored by Athletes United for Peace. AUP, comprised of ex-Olympians as well as recreational athletes, was founded after the 1980 Moscow Olympic boycott. They are dedicated to fostering world peace, through the mediums of sports and education. I'm appealing to this community, the women's community, to help me raise funds for this endeavor.

You can buy t-shirts, you can sell t-shirts. You can donate money, or with a donation give me something to take with me as a gift to a Soviet woman - a business card, book, logoed t-shirt, something with your name and address to possibly set up international pen-pals. All monies are tax deductible, checks should be made to Athletes United for Peace.

Person by person I know we can effect change. My commitment, simply, is to change the world, and through that vision, this opportunity opened up for me. I ask your support in my travels. PO Box 287, Glen Ellen, 95442 (996-5583)

Marijo Dickerson

Dear Editor

I would like to report an incident that happened to my brother and myself 6-15-89 at approximately 2:45 pm while walking down to Wohler beach. Approximately 100 yards from the Wohler Water Plant a water truck headed for us. As he got right on us, he then turned on all six or more jets of water, drenching us both and ruining our clothes, not to mention jeopardizing my health with the sewer water (I have AIDS).

I then walked into the water plant and asked to speak with a foreman or a supervisor. The employees said call the Sonoma Co. Water Company. I then asked the name of the driver, not one of the employees would reveal his identity.

One guy told me "I have to work with him so I can't tell you his name. I then proceeded to leave the plant and walked up to an independent tractor crew. I asked them the name of the guy driving that truck. Not one of them would tell me. One homophobe told me "so you got a little wet big deal."

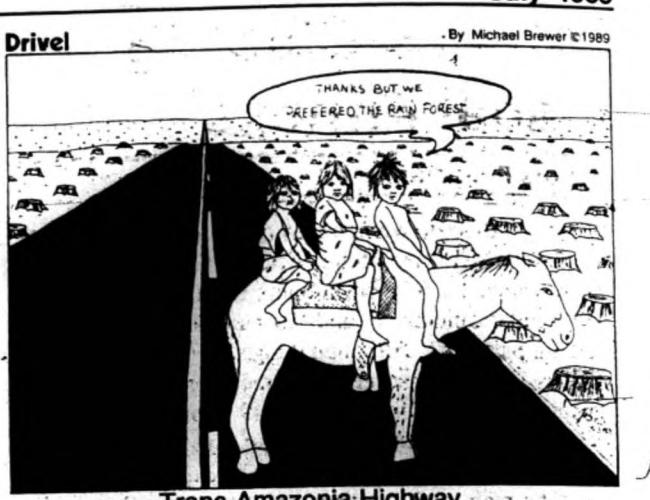
In my estimation this was nothing more than gay harassment associated with AIDS hysteria, and I have every intention of suing the Santa Rosa Water Company for damages and harassment.

Name withheld.

Dear *We The People*

As you are aware, I have been writing the monthly horoscopes for *We The People* for the last few issues. Several concerns have arisen regarding same which has caused some interesting debate.

I have been receiving quite a bit of response to the horoscopes. Opinions range anywhere from "keep it simple" to "it needs to be much more campy." Some people on the staff of *We The People* have asked me to stop the star-gazing. They have stated that it makes our local paper "trashy" and "National Enquirer-style garbage." Others have told me it's wonderful and adds a little "spice" to an



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Artemis Club VS Fiscal Fitness

By Lois Pearlman

"My Advice to women starting a small business", says Susan Minde, owner of the Artemis Club, a health and fitness center for women in Santa Rosa, is to "beware of being undercapitalized" and "to have another or several working partners". Although things are looking up for the Artemis Club with several new members joining to take advantage of the 3 months for \$49 membership special, business has been rocky from the start, and the club has never quite made enough money to cover its expenses.

"The main problem from day one", says Susan, "has been marketing". During the year Susan spent researching equipment and writing a business plan, she spoke with three consultants who estimated marketing costs for promoting the club at about 10% of the operating costs. In the 2 1/2 years Artemis has been open, marketing costs have actually averaged around 20%. As a result there has never really been enough money to attract new members as old members drop out. In addition, Susan, as the only working member of the four-woman corporation, does not have enough time to promote business on her own.

Other problems facing the club are: the high cost of liability insurance and workers' compensation, the escalating rents for commercial buildings in Santa Rosa, and the fact that a fitness club for women is "a marginal business for a small business to attempt." Although Artemis offers "membership rates that are lower than just about any other place in town", and does not require new members to sign a contract for a time commitment, the turnover rate at the club is high, because "women find it very hard to work a regular exercise program into their schedules". Susan says that it takes three or four months for body and mind to adjust to fitting in an exercise program, and that many women don't make it past that point.

However, this lesbian-owned business does have many things going for it. The members, who are both lesbian and straight, seem to feel comfortable working out together. In fact, remarked Susan, "our members and former members are our biggest supporters". When some of the members discovered that the club was having financial difficulties they provided \$1150 to start direct mail promotion of the three months for \$49 special. Whether the club ultimately succeeds or fails Susan feels the venture is valuable for her, "because of all the wonderful people I have met and gotten to know". In order to improve the Artemis Club's chances of succeeding as a financially viable business Susan is open to taking in new stockholders and, especially, another working partner.

Gathering up her mixed emotions she concludes, "I would like to see this business survive. I feel that the women attending are benefiting from it."

G/L Vegetarians

The "Gay and Lesbian Vegetarians" had their first quarterly pot luck Saturday June 17. There was a great variety of gourmet vegetarian dishes reflecting the creativity and enthusiasm of the 25 plus people attending.

Ingredient cards will be available for those with lacto, ovo, or vegan tastes, but one does not have to be vegetarian to attend.

Look for our next get-together in September's activities or call Mike, 546-2503, for more information

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Gay/Lesbian Community Center

A forum of lesbian and gay organizations of Sonoma County concluded that a Lesbian and Gay Community Center would have tremendous benefit for our mutual goals and purposes.

The forum "Reaching Out: A forum for lesbians and gays of Sonoma County" was hosted by the Lesbian and Gay Concerns Committee of the Unitarian-Universalist Fellowship of Sonoma County on June 3. Representatives attended from Face-to-Face, BANGLE (Bay Area Network of Gay and Lesbian Educators), PFLAG (Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays), Gay Fathers, the Santa Rosa Junior College Gay and Lesbian Student Union, We The People, Forward Together, the Lesbian and Gay Democratic Club, and even Hortophiles (gays and lesbians who love plants).

After each organization described its activities and hopes, it became clear that all are involved, to some extent, in support, networking, outreach, and education, and that we all need visibility and space for our goals. None of the groups has the resources to do this alone, but together, we could have a lesbian and gay community center as a shared home for our support groups, meetings, organizing, a telephone hotline, and certainly for socializing.

We need to rent (or preferably, to be given, even if temporarily) several rooms in a commercial building or a modest house with two or three bedrooms. If you know of such a space, or if you simply share our excitement about the possibility of our community center, please come to the Lesbian and Gay Community Center Forum July 15, from 1:30 to 5:00, at the Unitarian-Universalist Fellowship, Todd and Stoney Point Roads, in Santa Rosa. If you can't attend but have ideas you would like to share, please call Mike Droyton 525-1125 or Jim Sorrells 869-2336.

Please give us your views about a Center by answering the following questions. Please bring this with you to the Lesbian and Gay Community Center Forum on Saturday, July 15, or mail it to Community Center, PO Box 1946, Guerneville, CA 95446.

1. Do you as B/L/Bi person want to see a Community Center for us in Sonoma County?

2. How would you like to see a Center used?

- Social Activities
- Coffee House
- Recreation Activity
- Spiritual Exploration/Activities
- Education Courses or Study Groups
- L/G/Bi Switchboard for services and activities
- H.I.V. Disease Day Care (eg. Rest Stop in S.F.)
- Cultural Events
- Library/Archives
- Bookstore
- Subscription Newspaper
- Operate Special Research Projects for the Community
- Support Groups
- Individual or group counseling
- Meetings of various groups
- Crisis telephone hotline
- Other:

REFLECTIONS

By Robin Galli

Lesbian Community

A couple months ago Julia Elliot, in an Opinion article, brought up some interesting points about whether or not there is such a thing as the "lesbian community." So I thought we could examine it further.

She began by suggesting that when I speak of "recovery" and "addiction" in the lesbian community I am lumping everyone in one category or another, and she said, "I'm not clean and sober, and I'm not an alcoholic, therefore I must not be a member of the lesbian community."

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Before I get on with some examination of "lesbian community" I need to clarify a little of what I meant about recovery and addiction. I had made the offhand remark that "nearly everyone needs to recover from something," which she suggested implied everyone needs to be in a recovery program. Well, it's true that I think 12 step programs are an amazing tool for self discovery and spiritual growth, something from which everyone could benefit. And I believe nearly everyone needs to "recover" from something. But that doesn't mean I think everyone is an addict or alcoholic and should run to an AA meeting. The 12 steps work only for those who want them.

What I meant about everyone needing to recover from something includes a much broader spectrum of human problems than substance addiction. I believe one of the goals of human existence today is to grow to one's fullest potential, to be emotionally healthy, and to be able to relate to other people and the world around us in a sane and sensitive way.

We are blocked from being emotionally healthy by the very society we live in which twists us from the moment of birth with dishonesty, abuse and ignorance. If a child's self-esteem and wholeness are not nourished, the child grows up lacking the skills for healthy relating. Those childhood influences are something one certainly needs to "recover" from to be an emotionally healthy adult. The unwellness may manifest itself in substance abuse, but it may not.

But I've gotten way off track. What I wanted to look into is "lesbian community." Over the years in Sonoma County there have always been blossoming of group attention and interest. Lesbians might be interested in softball, beer busts, anti-nuclear activities, bookstores, politics, recovery, dancing—our interests are as varied as we are. (This is probably the way it is anywhere, but I can speak only for here.)

Sometimes we get burned out doing something. Or we break up with a lover and drift into new associations. Or some combination of gossip and judging on the part of our acquaintances hurts us and we withdraw. When someone pulls away from the people or activity she was involved in order to heal herself, I've often heard the comment, "I'm not involved with the lesbian community any more." As if the lesbian community were only that particular sphere of interests.

I believe we do have a lesbian community. But it includes all the interests we have, all the lesbians who associate with any other lesbians. In my opinion, the only lesbians who could truly say she was not a member of lesbian community would be one who lived in total isolation from all lesbian contact.

So when I speak of the "lesbian community", I may be referring to some particular aspect of interest (this is perhaps sloppy writing), but what I'm thinking of is the larger sense of community, of which we all are a part, all contributing something.

I am proud to be a part of that community, and I see it, too, as a small segment of a greater community. My closest friends and I are small part of the lesbian community, which is part of the gay community, which is only a small part of humanity as a whole. I could expand this and get into the cosmic, but I won't. Today.

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Portfolio

By Peter Maslan

Paulilne Pfandler

It wasn't until about twenty minutes into the interview with Pauline Pfandler, director of The Women's Theatre Group, that I realized I had worked with her at an earlier time. In 1980 Pauline had the lead role in a lesbian history play by Sue Ellen Case, and I was the scenic designer.

Pauline began her theatre career at the age of 19 in a "horrendous rendition" of *Hansel and Gretel and the Hotdog Happening*, directed by a gay director named Al Melodia. She was first cast as a bird and then was promoted up to the town bully. "I had these big tits and pointed hair and was in town bully drag. As soon as I got on stage the audience laughed, and I was blown away by this sense of complete love all around me. From that time on I have lived and breathed theatre", she says.

Pfandler began her studies at Skyline Community College and transferred to UCLA to complete her Bachelor of Fine Arts in theatre. She found the work and the lifestyle to be extremely competitive and "not at all healthy for women". Upon her return to the Bay area Pauline started working in smaller theatres throughout San Francisco. She accepted the lead part in *Jo, a Lesbian History*, produced at the Julian Theatre and directed by Brenda Berlin.

"At the time I was still straight, and many of the cast members resented the fact that I was given the lead part," she remembers. "Soon after I came out I could see their point. This was one of the first lesbian plays, or for that matter gay plays, to be done. On opening night the audience were mostly women, and I remember the moment of curtain call, and they were really applauding for the character and not for me. I was presented with a bouquet of flowers—from a man. Here was this man in his three piece suit giving me flowers! If I was one of those women in the audience I would have felt so betrayed. Now I feel different. My premise is that all women are lesbians and all men are homosexual so what difference does it make?"

Pauline also worked at the Eureka Theatre and co-produced *Old Times* at The Performance Lab. Then after a two year period of "departure from theatre and life" she joined a women's theatre group in Minneapolis called At The Foot Of The Mountain. This experience started out as a summer workshop which she says had an "intense and profound effect on my life. I learned what experimental theatre was about; I learned about transformational theatre; I learned about Theatre in a Social context. And I was there for two weeks and had



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already led workshops involving this myth, which is about women facing their deaths or their "Eriskegal" - the queen of night. Pauline explains, "She is the side of ourselves that we neglect. There is a lot of power and rage in that part of us." In the myth, Innana, the queen of Heaven and Earth, travels down to face her Eriskegal "bare and naked". Pfandler's intention is to travel throughout the country and lead workshops concerning the transformation that occurs when we face our Eriskegals.

When asked about her views on the Feminist Theatre Pfandler's reply was: "Well, we are *not* in a post feminist period. I hate the term 'post'. To me Feminist Theatre is about women loving women and women exploring women. It is the most radical act you can do in this patriarchal society and it needs to be done more." For more information on Pauline Pfandler's workshops or the Innana/Eriskegal Project call 829-8619

Astrology and Co-Dependence

By Kate Ryan

fallen in love with the artistic director who was a woman and who was quite married to the business director who was also a woman. It was the most ecstatic and dramatic time of my life!"

Pauline stayed in Minneapolis for three years working with At The Foot Of The Mountain and also taught acting classes for puppeteers and dancers. She used her previous years of study in San Francisco and taught classes in African Dance.

One of her most memorable experiences while in Minneapolis was to work on a group developed piece *Las Gringas* which was about North American intervention in Central America. "We used the political and personal invasion of North American woman as a vehicle for this piece. We suffer the same kind of invasion through our patriarchal system".

In 1986 Pauline moved back to the west coast and has been working in the River area where she has been leading workshops and teaching classes. "I want to teach the kinds of theatre I have been learning. I'm committed to the exploration of radical theatre. The work that excites me now is the kind where you're walking through a tunnel and you drop your flashlight and you don't know where the fuck you're going to end up!" She has started a feminist theatre company where she revived *Las Gringas* and recently produced *Stories of My Mother*.

Pauline is currently planning work on a new project based on the Sumerian myth of Innana and Eriskegal. She has

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"It's a life style, and at this point I'm not prepared to do that" (Support the resolution.)

Jim Harberson, who had earlier declared his willingness to consider the resolution cast his "no" vote saying, "I didn't hear anything really new today".

In his role as "Father Knows Best", Tim Smith reasoned, "In my mind and in my heart I don't really believe that the adoption of this resolution is going to help the cause of gay and lesbian concerns".

And flying in the face of all the minority pride and liberation movements of the last 20 or 30 years, Janet Nicholas said that she was for a country "which judges people not by the color of their skin, nor their religion, not by their sex, not by their national origin, nor by their sexual preference" and that "this resolution moves in the opposite direction".

This was the third year that lesbians and gays had come before our supervisors to ask for official recognition of our contributions to the Sonoma County Community.

In 1987 the Supervisors refused to place the resolution on their agenda. And in 1988 approximately 40 supporters witnessed the 2-1 defeat of the Pride Week Resolution after it was proposed to the Board of Supervisors by Ernie Carpenter.

But momentum has been growing in Sonoma County for lesbians and gays to take our place in the sun. Refusing to be daunted by the Supervisors' rejection, Georgia Prescott addressed the crowd gathered together after the vote, "What we won today is greater than any piece of paper. Today is the beginning of silence no more".

Chipper Bohlender: "Things are going to get a lot worse [with the AIDS epidemic] before they get better. Let this be the first step in the healing process."



Lois Pearlman: "This [resolution] won't end homophobia. But it would be a voice of reason saying Sonoma County does not condone homophobic behavior."



Conrad Martell (Responding to a speaker against the resolution who said he felt "overwhelmed" by the number of supporters present): "That's what it feels like to us most of the time. But you're in no danger. I would like to live the same way; to speak my mind and not fear being beaten, killed or verbally abused."



Sandy DeChene: "Gay pride is not about men loving men or women loving women, it's about people loving themselves."



Georgia Prescott: "You may find us frightening, you may find us disgusting, you may even find us boring, but you will find us silent no more."



Tammy Golloway (Teenage daughter of a lesbian mother): "I was raised to be open, optimistic and I love my mother. I think everybody should be recognized for who they are."



Sam Lawman: "Why can I get support for my dying? Where is the support for my living?"

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Phillip: Of AIDS—yes. Of talking about it—no.

What sort of reaction do you get when you mention AIDS?

Phillip: It certainly gets their attention.

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GGBA North Bay Chapter Gets Off The Ground

Sixteen people, representing a variety of businesses attended the first official meeting of the Golden Gate Business Association, Northbay Chapter. Attorneys, financial advisors, building service contractors, real estate professionals, store owners and restaurant owners attended. They met to discuss their interest and the benefits in forming a gay business association in Sonoma County affiliated with GGBA in San Francisco.

The Golden Gate Business Association was formed 15 years ago. It unites and supports gay and non-gay businesses in San Francisco. Membership is open to all and the organization is co-sexual. It has earned the respect of both the political and business world in San Francisco. GGBA's views and clout are held in the city.

The Santa Rosa meeting outlined the goals of the GGBA Northbay Chapter. Among these are:

1. Buyers guides and directories of Northbay business
2. Telephone referral services tied to the San Francisco office
3. Represent the consent of the members in matters affecting business in Sonoma County and the Northbay
4. Social events and business seminars
5. Membership discounts and consulting privileges
6. Member newsletters

Enthusiasm for the organization and excitement that it is being formed were felt by all. The first meeting signed up five businesses as members. Plans were established to have a social event the third Tuesday of each month beginning in July. At that time, new members will be recruited and nominations for office positions will begin.

For more information, please contact at 546-6904 or Bob at 528-8533.

Gay Grad

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changes in my life, my way of looking out of these eyes... the fact that I'm doing this up here on stage - I feel like I've come more than a bit of a ways."

The true strength of Glenn's remarks was not the disclosure of his gay identity, brave though that was, but the commonality of his experiences with so many others who hesitate, falter and struggle to find themselves and make their way through the Junior College. By speaking out of his own deep experience as a gay man, Glenn validated the courage and struggles of so many of his colleagues. He opened the moment to the many re-entry students, the people who work, and support families who decide, often in the middle of their lives, to reach for something more by taking the risk to come back to school.

Specifically he addressed his remarks to all "those who've come to SRJC for the vocational programs. Electronics, nursing, administration of justice." He

River Recovers River's Cup

By Bro. Duke

Sixty muscular men and women pitted themselves against each other in a wet and wild 3 1/2 mile race to the finish line of the third annual River's Cup Canoe Race. Last year in an upset, Michael and Danny from Cricklewood restaurant took the trophy. They did not defend their title this year.

The Village Inn provided an old fashioned barbecue for the afternoon as employees donated their time and effort to make the day complete. In addition, many local merchants donated prizes for the crowd. Fifty people wined and dined for \$25 a seat at the finish line, and listened to the music of The Bee Hill Blues Band, Torch, and Johnny Holiday. They were also romanced by two strolling musicians named "Festival".

Closes to \$6,000 was raised for the Sonoma County AIDS group Face To Face, which desperately needs money. KGO-TV employees once again raised \$1000 for the event, and participated in the race. Karen Devann received an award for her efforts in organizing workers from the San Francisco TV Station.

In front of a cheering crowd, she vowed to raise \$25,000 next year. Someone in the crowd shouted, "But what's our local TV station doing?" Karen responded, "KFTY is sleeping. We're going to wake them up." Indeed, many of the revelers complained that Channel 50 seems to have a lot of anti-gay programming, including daily doses of Jimmy Swaggart. Many of the people indicated that they felt that the management of KFTY is in fact, anti-gay.

Entitled "Panties From Heaven", the canoe was decorated with many pieces of underwear, both dirty and clean. A chair was covered with glitter, and an empty beer bottle was affixed to it with duct tape. As the award went given, they held the chair up to the crowd. "Fred thanks you all!" Vickie and Eileen cried in unison.

In the commercial category, John and Tom from the Hi Lot came in third again this year at 53:35. Jack and Roger co-sponsored by Clear Heart Construction and Quicksilver Mine



Co. moved up to number two at 53:20, and Doug and Bob from Great City Realtors came in first at 51:40 and returned the cup to the river.

In the non-commercial category, Dan and Chuck from Act Up came in at 49:27, beating last year's record by over a minute. Though they had the fastest time two years in a row, the non-commercial category does not qualify for the trophy. Perhaps someone should sponsor these dudes next year!

In a new "humor category, a sad note: Fred Wilson was a veteran of the first tow races. Diagnosed with AIDS a few years ago, most people will remember him from last year's race as the man with a pig nose in the "Swine and Roses" canoe. Fred died last Winter, but his friends Vicki Mastbaum and Eileen Paul carried a canoe in his honor sponsored by Electric Supply of Santa Rosa.

Canoeers and press people waited nearly three hours for the awards and cup to be presented. Frustrated contestants finally resorted to chanting "The Awards! The Awards!" Overworked Village Inn management quickly ran to the rescue and postponed another set of live music.

A bearded man on a Plastic Dragon summed up the spirit of this year's race: more fun, less emphasis on competition. Everyone had fun.

acknowledged their uncertainties, saying "... there's a time to be unsure." But he also challenged them to "look back [and see that you are here] under the trees, not just beginners anymore, you're right in the midst of it." Glenn's talk won the crowd easily and he received a warm and affirming ovation.

I asked Glenn later what inspired him to give the graduation address. Glenn has a 3.7 GPA and is a candidate for highest honors. As such he was invited to compete for the prestigious position and for the \$50 prize that went along with it. Glenn described how he attended last year's ceremony and was not very moved by the student talks. When he began to reflect on his own graduation he decided he wanted something more. "The reason I did it," he said, "was for myself. After all I've gone through, I wanted to make it a moment that meant something to me, and frankly the only person I could feel confident would say something that would speak to me and my experiences was myself."

Did the school authorities object to any of his remarks? Of

course they did. The president of the college who is notoriously cowardly, homophobic and prosaic in such matters suggested that the speech was far too "personal" and requested that it be emended. But Glenn refused and the selection committee who screened and chose him stood firmly behind him. No changes were made.

Glenn came out at the age of twenty in the summer of 1986. He found support through the Marin Youth Project run by the Ministry of Light. He joined the GLSU at the Junior College that fall and became its co-president in the spring of 1988. Currently Glenn lives in Sebastopol and has enjoyed the moral support of his mother and brother in his coming out process. He has been a foreign language major at the Junior College, spent the fall semester 1988 studying with the JC program in London, and is the recipient of three awards and scholarships. Glenn plans to work for a while before transferring and continuing his college studies.

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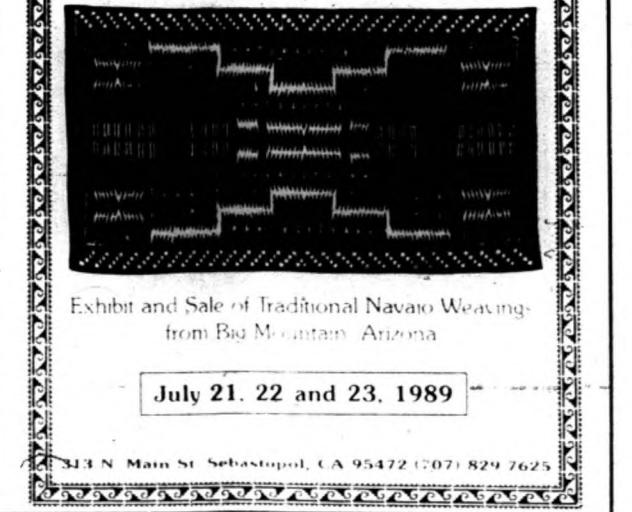
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Hot To Trot

By Blayne Guilbeaux

Bonjour Y'All!!

This month I'd like to focus on some up and coming gay-owned and operated guest houses in some exotic destinations.

Honolulu, Hawaii. The Hotel Honolulu, the hotel in the Kubio (Gay section) area has recently installed telephones in all the rooms. This adorable and neat perfect place has become a bit better. Rates range from \$40-\$80 per night, and all rooms and suites are unique in look and style.

Rome, Italy. Gay guesthouse/hotel. The Hotel Scialita Di Spagna at the top of the 136 (count them!!!) Spanish steps is an intimate, yet very classically Roman hostelry. Adjoining the Villa Borghese, it is filled with sculpture and artwork and all the rooms are individually decorated. All rooms have private bath. Double rooms are approx. US\$115, tax and service and continental breakfast, which in the summer months is served on the roof garden. Through no exclusively gay, it welcomes gay guests and will make all feel comfortable.

Dillon, Colorado. Tanrydoon, run by IGTA Members Chuck and Rich, is getting a wonderful reputation by gay clients, especially women who completely love it. The three units are luxurious, especially the master suite with TV/

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because it is followed by the New Moon on July 2. The New Moon is the time of the month when the Moon crosses the Sun and it sets up the theme for the month. On July 2 the New Moon in Cancer exactly opposes Saturn and Neptune in Capricorn. In each pair of oppositions there is a particular theme as well. I call it Capricorn/Cancer polarization of co-dependence. These two signs, more than any others deal with the issues and roles of provider/care-taker, parenting, and responsibilities for other, be it at home, in our relationships, or on the job. It was from our parenting that much of our co-dependent behavior was conceived. Many of us watched one of our parents neglect themselves and everyone else's needs for one family member whose troubles seemed to dwarf all others. We learned to adjust ourselves to whatever roles were necessary to keep our relationships "working", deny our own care-taking, and ignore issues of conflict. Co-dependence is an unspoken agreement to do certain things for another with the expectation that they will do certain things in return, 'unspoken' and 'expectation' being the operative words. Even most of our western religions taught us to deny the self in favor of the others needed.

As the New Moon is the beginning of the lunar month, the Full Moon is the peak or 'climax' of the cycle when the Sun and Moon are exactly opposite. This Full Moon on July 18 is of course in the Cancer/Capricorn opposition. If 1989 is the year of co-dependency, then surely this July is the month of co-dependency. If we open our eyes and look, we'll see it everywhere around us as well as in our own relationships. The planets offer us opportunities to focus on

certain issues and patterns serving as tools for our growth. Saturn shows us what things in our lives don't work and require change. Neptune can serve as inspiration from the Higher Self bringing spirituality and creative self-expression into our lives.

July is an excellent time to 'bone-up' on the issues and patterns of co-dependency. We cannot change something we don't know is there.

For all of you wondering about the bright 'star' on the western horizon just after sunset, it's the planet Venus. Mars is up there too, though smaller and of a reddish tint. Have a good month.

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"They are both doing very well now. My brother continues to be asymptomatic. Don is a greater risk at this time, but he seems to be doing well. I try to maintain a positive attitude about the two of them but the reality is— their lives may very well be shorter than any of us ever thought they would be.

"I AM ANGRY!! I am sad. I have so many feelings that are very hard to sort out. I love my brother and Don. I do not want to loose them earlier than any of us thought we would. Those guys are living their lives as fully as they can. They went to Hawaii, they bought a new car, they are going to Cape Cod in October. They are doing their best to live a full life now. I think there is something for all of us to see and learn in that. The planets offer us opportunities to focus on

the silent hell."

"There is also another part to all of this: "the silent hell"

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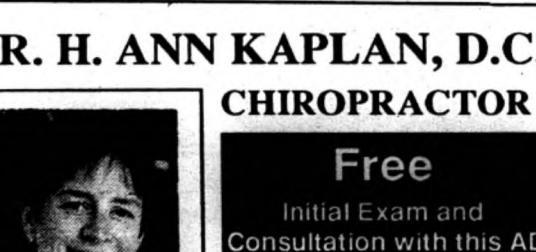


Robin Gail and Lee Valunch formalized their relationship during Gay Pride Week with a ceremony of commitment Saturday, June 24. They exchanged vows and rings in an outdoor ceremony in Geyserville, then celebrated with friends.



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AIDS News

By Doug McCulloch

Silent Infections

Over the last month or so you may have heard a new term in relation to HIV: "silent infection". A silent infection is one in which a person is actually infected with HIV but whose body fails to mount a serological response. Such a person would test negative on the HIV antibody test even though they are infected.

What does this mean? If I've tested negative should I still worry about being infected, and can I then infect others? We've received many such questions since the story of silent infections broke in early June.

The essence of the study, reported in the June 1 issue of The New England Journal of Medicine, was that of 133 homosexual men testing negative for antibodies to HIV, 31 were determined to be HIV infected. HIV infection was determined by viral culture, P24 antigen, and polymerase chain reaction (PCR). The later is a research method used to amplify minuscule bits of genetic information by a factor of

one million. This allows a researcher to determine viral infection in someone who is not producing antibodies. These men remained seronegative (antibody negative) for up to thirty-six months after positive viral culture and positive PCR.

The March 18 issue of The British Medical Journal reports similar findings on four out of five patients (three were regular sex partners of seropositive drug addicts and two were children born to infected mothers). No time frame for seroconversion is mentioned in this study, only that these people had negative HIV antibody tests.

What does this mean to at-risk individuals? It should serve to reinforce the importance of reduced risk sexual activities such as those safer sex techniques taught at The Buddy Connection. This includes couples, especially if you are not certain of true monogamy within the relationship. For persons who have continued high risk activities, such as unprotected anal sex or sharing IV needles, and who have still tested negative for HIV, it is especially important to be retested periodically. If you have further questions about "silent infections" call the hotline (579-AIDS) and ask to speak to a staff person.

Buddy Connection workshops are scheduled for July 11 at Face to Face and July 24 at the Public Health Rotunda in Santa Rosa. (Please see ad, this issue, for address and time.) New contributors to the Buddy Connection raffle are: Vets C.A.R.E. and Prospect Park. I want to apologize to Roland Ledtke, Assistant Manager of the Santa Rosa Inn. He was the contributor of a \$20.00 gift certificate, not Randy Rowland as printed in last month's issue.

The AIDS Project is seeking at least ten volunteers to work as Volunteer Advocates for the Special Health Education Project (SHEP). SHEP is an individualized health education program being offered by the AIDS Project free of charge to persons infected with HIV or at risk of infection. Volunteer advocates will provide clients with emotional support and practical assistance under the supervision of a SHEP counselor. Thirty-two hours of training is required, unless Face to Face advocacy training has been completed, in which case only eight hours training is necessary. Please call 576-4729 if interested in one of these positions.

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lesbians should be included with those welcomed by Jesus. The main point is that we find a way to come to terms with both the positive and negative aspects of the Christian tradition so that we might not react, but freely choose whether to leave it behind or seek our guidance and truth from within it.



The Sonoma County Gay/Lesbian Democratic Club held its Rainbow Dance on June 23. It was a part of a Gay/ Lesbian Pride Week Celebration.

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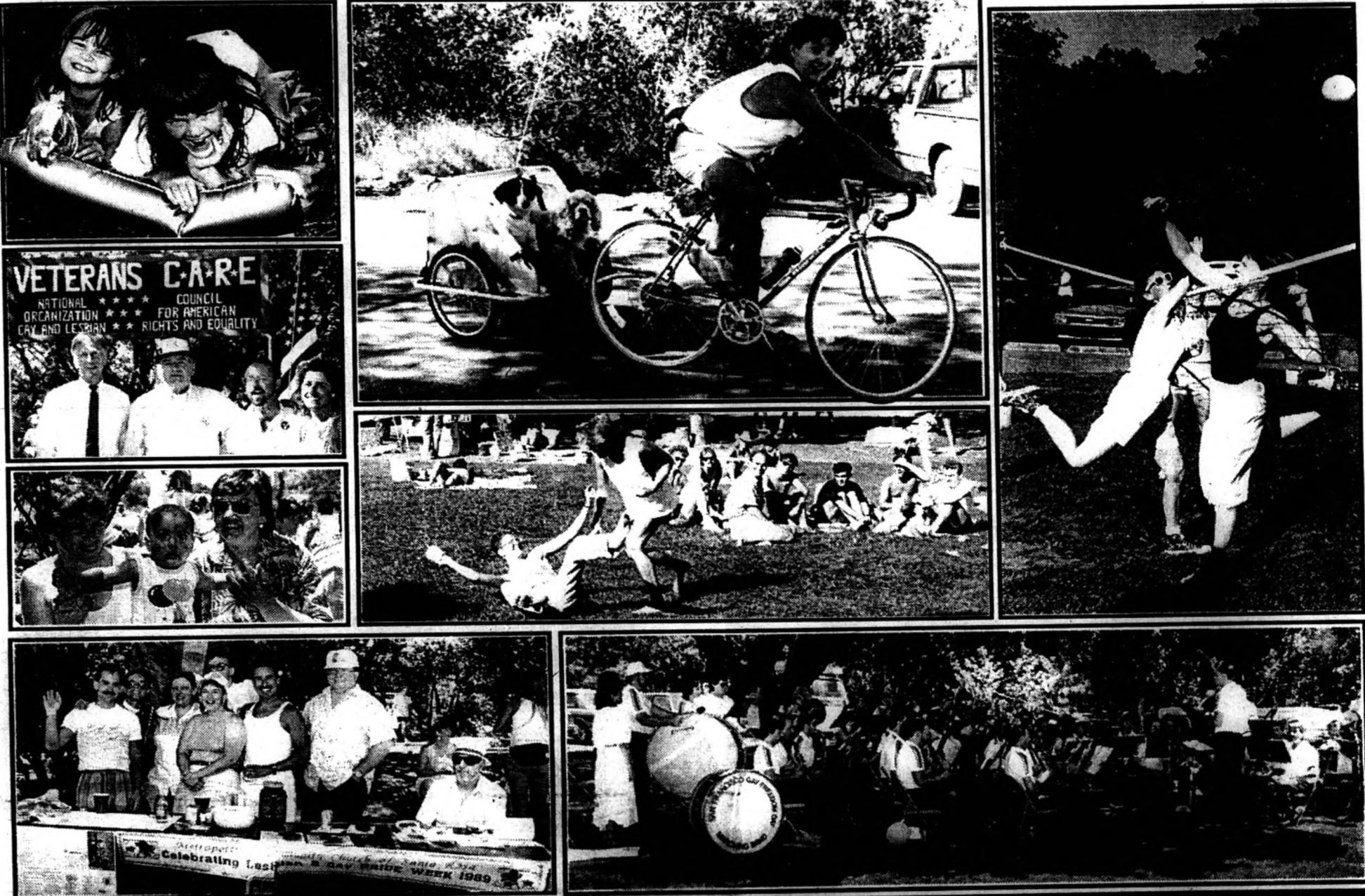
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Third Annual Lesbian /Gay Picnic in the Park

JUNE 18, 1989, Spring Lake Park in Santa Rosa. A proud affair it was. 400 or so turned out for this picnic and from the look of them, they had a wonderful time. The San Francisco Marching Gay Band provided us music that was beautiful among the wind that kept blowing sheet music here and there. The 50 members received a welcomed applause for their music in the park. Vets Care was on hand as always feeding the band and giving away free eats and drinks to picnic goers, thanks Vets. Volleyball was a delight to watch and play. Just regular

people having regular fun, how nice. The announcement by two canadians running against Jim Nielson, was good news. Michael Thompson was the show stopper when he presented a resolution signed by three California Assemblypeople, Speaker Willie Brown, Janet Spier and John Burton, both D-San Francisco, proclaiming June 18 - 24 as Pride Week in California. The audience went wild. But what does that mean now that we have a resolution passed by two Assemblypeople? Yet the picnic gets bigger and better each year.

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Cruising The River

By Patrick Tiffer

The Third Annual Rivers Cup Raft Race to benefit local AIDS support groups was held a few weeks back. The 25 entries in the race were quite a sight to see. Participants came from all over the bay area to compete and just plain have a lot of fun, for a worthy cause. While most of the entries used plain canoes, some of the contestants showed some real creativity.

The canoe that stood out the most was the "Pennies From Heaven" entry. The canoe was decorated with men's and women's "delicates" and paddled by two women wearing angel wings. Their canoe also had an empty third chair in the middle in memory of Fred Wilson, a winner in the last two Rivers Cups. Fred lost his battle with AIDS this past year. Then there was the canoe called "Hi-lot" festooned with small rainbow flags. Another entry was a blow-up dinosaur raft that had to be towed by another canoe. The contestants in canoe 25 tried racing down the river backwards but not by choice. Overall winner was Dan Perdios who paddled canoe 27 on behalf of ACT-Up.

One of the funniest entries and the canoe to finish dead last was the canoe from Molly Browns. Paddled Crash the cook and Randy the bartender, Molly's entry played it's own version of bumper canoe zigzagging from shore to shore all the way to the end. Randy and Crash did achieve Most Capsized.

A benefit was held after the race at the Village Inn in Monte Rio for all the contestants and spectators.

CONGRATULATIONS TO....Food For Thought on achieving the opening of their Food Bank. This AIDS-ARC support group organized by Torch and Keri in memory of John Manley has been distributing food to needy clients for months. The Food Bank is located at 6544 Front St in Forestville and is accepting any usable donations. For more information call at 869-0151.

SPEAKING OF....Food For Thought. They are having a terrific fundraiser this July 15th at the Hacienda on Sweetwater Springs Rd. They will have a Bar-b-que, food and a no host bar. Gayle Smith, Torch and the Johnny Holiday Band will provide the entertainment with Stuart Nelson doing the mixing. For further information you can reach Torch or Keri at 869-0151. A donation will be accepted at the door.

NEW OWNERS....There's new management over at the Triple R Resort and they are really making some good improvements to the place. Also, owners Dennis Senft, Larry Burwell and Gene Hahn have re-opened the Triple R restaurant with a great new menu at reasonable prices. They also offer a Saturday and Sunday Breakfast brunch. One thing the River really needed is extra breakfast places. During summer months, the lines at the few existing breakfast houses are long while in the winter most of them close up. Good luck, guys, and thanks for opening.

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is still pulling permits and waiting for final closings before it opens. The same applies to the new owners of the Rusty Nail down in the Forestville area. More to follow on them.

ANYONE WHO...has met Joan Larsen, the cashier over at the Gasco, can testify what a friendly and likable person she is. What they may not know is that Joan is Guerneville's first honorary mayor. The contest for mayor was run in tongue-in-cheek fashion last year complete with charges of voter fraud and ballot stuffing. Joan freely admits that she won the contest for mayor because, as the former owner of Woods in the Woods, she had one of the few voting machines in town.

Joan is quite a remarkable person. She moved to the River in the spring of 1986 with her life-partner, Lynn Flynn. Joan and Lynn moved here after becoming the first lesbian couple to be married in the Lutheran Church of Palo Alto. As Joan describes it, moving to the River was a spiritual experience. Her and Lynn started their office business to provide a needed service for the community. Sadly, Joan lost her partner of 12 years to cancer. And now that her son has been raised, Joan is ready to hit the road, for awhile in order to see parts of the country she's always wanted to go to. As she puts it, "I want to travel and see this country before my bend in the road comes". Joan is one of the reasons why the River is the River. Have a good trip, Joan, and hurry back to your friends.

F2F Ask For Your Help

Face To Face Board Of Directors' President Asks For Your Help:

"Write to Your Supervisor"

Face To Face is asking for your help to secure substantial, on-going funding from Sonoma County for the agency's direct services to people affected by the AIDS epidemic. We need you to write to your county supervisor. Here are the facts:

For five years, its clients, volunteers, staff, and the public have supported Face To Face. Internal fundraising, donations, and a state grant have been the sources of most revenue to keep the agency operational. But now AIDS has outpaced our community resources, and we simply cannot expand our staff and services without county assistance.

It is true that in 1988 the county contributed \$60,000.00, or approximately 13 percent of our budget, to Face To Face. That was an emergency, bail-out gift from the county. Noregular funding from Sonoma County has ensued. In contrast, other Bay area counties contribute from 38 to 46 percent of the budget of their AIDS services agencies similar to Face To Face. We are now asking Sonoma County to contribute not less than \$250,000.00 to fund our current and expanding services; this amounts to approximately 33 percent of our annual budget for the next fiscal year.

It is time for Sonoma County to provide some regular, on-going funding to Face To Face if the agency is to meet the

challenges that the AIDS epidemic continues to present.

We cannot accept the responsibility for the county's failure to provide financial support to Face To Face. Face To Face stands ready to help; we ask the county to stand with us.

Please show your support by writing your county supervisor and letting him or her know how important this issue is to you.

Thank you, Larry Dickinson, President, Board of Directors Face To Face.

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L/G Pride Picnic

By Lois Pearman

"It's a real coup!", Adam Richman exclaimed joyously at the Lesbian/Gay Pride Picnic on June 18.

He was describing the State Assembly resolution that proclaimed June 18-24, 1989 as Lesbian/Gay Pride Week in California. Signed into effect by Assembly Speaker Willie Brown and Assembly members Jackie Spier and John Burton both of San Francisco, the resolution overrides a similar county wide resolution rejected earlier in the month by the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors.

Adam further states, "the political leadership in Sacramento is willing to put themselves out there when they see a political injustice being done. Maybe this will make it easier for the Board of Supervisors to support the resolution next year."

The state resolution was presented to the cheering crowd by Mike Thompson, Chief of Staff to Jackie Spier. A resident of Napa, Thompson received a press packet describing the County Pride Resolution at a Santa Rosa Democratic Central Committee meeting from Magi Fedorka, author of the resolution. Acting on his desire to "heal the wounds" left by the Supervisors' rejection, Thompson asked his boss and some of her colleagues to proclaim a state-wide Lesbian/Gay Pride Week. Incorporating the language of the county resolution, the state document pays tribute to the contributions of the Lesbian/Gay in Sonoma County.

At the picnic Thompson also announced his candidacy for the Democratic 1990 primary in the 4th Senate district. He will be opposing Rohnert Park Mayor Charlie Cochran for an opportunity to run against Republican Jim Nielsen in June of '91. A representative for Cochran also addressed the picnic goers by reading a prepared letter from him because he was unable to attend. Both candidates made it clear that they were in support of lesbians and gays and wanted their votes.

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Gay Stockholder and Kellogg Executive Argue Over Ad - The 800 Kellogg cereal company shareholders couldn't believe their ears when 70 year old shareholder Joseph Norton, rose, announced that he was a relative of the original Kellogg family, added that he was a gay male, and then chastised the corporation for its 1988 use of a Nut-N Honey Crunch TV commercial that gay activists say

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JUNE/JULY

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SUNDAY JULY 2

First Anniversary of Yalode-Mother River Spirit. A womyn's ritual praising the Goddess for abundance and prosperity. For info call 869-3445.

TUESDAY JULY 4

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

WEDNESDAY JULY 5

Sonoma County Lesbian/Gay Democratic Club, meets 1st Wed. of the month. 7:30pm For info call 527-0485.

SATURDAY JULY 8

Dignity, gay Catholic organization, meets once a month. 6:30pm Mass at 7:00pm, followed by potluck dinner. Hot tub available, bring towel, suits optional. For info call Mert at 579-5306.

Tanya Shaffer presents her one-woman show, "Miss America's Daughters", a collection of music and characters revolving around an aging Miss America coaching her daughter. 8:00pm, ClaireLight. Admission \$4-8 sliding scale. 575-8879.

SUNDAY JULY 9

ACT-UP/Sonoma County General Meeting. 3:00-5:00pm For info and location call 865-2411.

Bike Ride, easy to moderate, 15-20 miles. Sponsored by the Social Life Club. For info call Connie at 823-3319.

Brunch at the Russian River Vineyards, 11:30am. Sponsored by the Social Life Club. For info call Sandy at 795-2291.

Made In Her Image, a womyn's ritual celebrating womyn and goddesses of the Hebrew/Christian traditions. 7:30pm For info call 869-3445.

MONDAY JULY 10

Peter McWilliams, author of You Can't Afford the Luxury of a Negative Thought, offers a humorous presentation of a serious subject, and following his talk will be available to autograph copies of his book. 6:30pm No admission charge. 575-8879.

TUESDAY JULY 11

Buddy Connection/Safer Sex Workshop. 6:30-10:00pm, Face to Face, 16632 River Rd, Guerneville. For info call 579-AIDS.

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

Fourth Annual Mid-Summer Women's Comedy Festival, co-hosted by Sonoma County Women Against Rape and Chrysalis Counseling Center. Includes Lucille Ball look-alike contest; come as Lucy, Ricky, Ethel or Fred. Doors open at 8:30pm, Daily Planet, Santa Rosa. \$10. For info and to reserve childcare call Cindy Dickinson at 545-7270.

WEDNESDAY JULY 12

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

Charl Davidson, teacher, therapist and psychic, will give a workshop about the difference between "Co-ing vs. Caring", with specific suggestions and guidelines for increasing awareness and changing behavior. 7:00pm, ClaireLight. Adm: \$4-8 sliding scale. 575-8879.

THURSDAY JULY 13

Exploring Metaphysics, 7:00-9:00pm Sponsored by the Social Life Club. For info call Jerry at 526-7464.

Janice Spotswood will channel "The Council". 7:30pm, Yalode, Guerneville. Donation requested. Womyn and men welcome. For info call 869-3445.

FRIDAY JULY 14

Dining Out at Tachibana in Santa Rosa. Sponsored by

the Social Life Club. For info call Jerry at 526-7464.

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

SATURDAY JULY 15

ACT-UP, Direct Action to demand dental care for people with HIV and people on Medi-Cal. For more info call 865-2411.

Dip Me In Honey - Original lesbian musical comedy returns! Open auditions for lead and ensemble roles. Bring song and prepared speaking piece. July 15-16, 2:00-6:00pm, Church of Science of Mind, 251 Windsor River Rd., Windsor. For info call Tamara at 887-9885 or Teri at 544-2658.

Lesbian and Gay Community Center Forum. 1:30-5:00pm, Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, Todd and Stony Point, Santa Rosa. For info contact Jim Sorrells at 869-0446.

VCR Night. 8:00pm, Santa Rosa. Sponsored by the Social Life Club. For info call Jerry at 526-7464.

SUNDAY JULY 16

Dip Me In Honey - Original lesbian musical comedy returns! Open auditions for lead and ensemble roles. (See July 15)

Hike, medium to difficult with spectacular view. 10:00am, Armstrong Woods. Sponsored by the Social Life Club. For info call Paul at 823-7035.

LGRN Men's Potluck meets 3rd Sunday of the month at 6:30pm. For info call Mert at 579-5306.

MONDAY JULY 17

G/L Skate Night. 8:00-10:00pm, Star Skate World, Santa Rosa. \$4. Everyone is invited. Sponsored by the Social Life Club. For info call Jerry at 526-7464.

WEDNESDAY**JULY 19**

Facial Class. Learn about your skin and its needs while also experiencing another way to nurture yourself through Aveda's aromatherapy products. Bring a towel and bowl. 6:00pm, M. Lavelle's. \$5 fee, redeemable in products. 575-1719.

FRIDAY JULY 21

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

Movie Night & Discussion. Sponsored by the Social Life Club. For info call Vickie at 526-6986.

Third Annual Leather Weekend at the Russian River. July 21-23. Leather Mania party Friday night; Saturday morning motorcycle run; arts & crafts fair; poolside exhibitionism; Saturday night Fantasy Masquerade Ball with continuous entertainment; Sunday erotic fashion show. A portion of the proceeds will benefit Face to Face. For info on tickets, etc., call 869-0242.

SATURDAY JULY 22

Games Night. 8:00pm Sponsored by the Social Life Club. For info call Jerry at 526-7464.

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Women's Square Dance. Live band, all dances taught, partner not necessary. 8:00pm, First Methodist Church, 1550 Montgomery, Santa Rosa. \$7. For info call 584-0746 or 829-2119.

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PFLAG, Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays, meets 4th Monday of the month. This month a video will be shown, "Parents Come Out". 7:30pm, Faith Lutheran Church, 4930 Newanya, Santa Rosa (1 blk above Hoen Ave., off Summerfield Rd.). For more info call Beverly Laird at 433-5333.

TUESDAY JULY 25

Lesbian Relationships and Recovery, presentation by Mary Hinsdale, MFCC and Frances Fuchs, CET, CHT. 7:00pm, Santa Rosa Senior Center. \$10.

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SATURDAY JULY 29

Day Hike. Bring lunch and water. Sponsored by the Social Life Club. For info call Steve at 525-9671 or Vickie at 526-6986.

MONDAY JULY 31

Keepers of the Flame, an introduction to the 9-month training program of The Sacred Mystery School for Women, with founders Diane Mariechild and Shull Goodman. 7:00pm, ClaireLight. No admission charge. 575-8879.

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WEEKLY MEETINGS

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

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

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

AA Gay Petalumans
Tuesday, 7:30pm First Presbyterian Church, Petaluma.

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

AA Stein Group (Lesbian) Sunday, 8:00pm, 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, 7:30-9:30pm Call (707)865-2159 for more info and location.

AIDS/ARC Support Group, facilitated by Marjorie Thirkettle, MFCC (ML021923), meets every Thursday, 12:45-2:15pm. No fee (donation accepted). For info 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 info 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 info call 578-0655 or 869-3304.

HIV Positive and Spirituality Support Group, meets every 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month. 7:30-9:00pm, Knox Presbyterian Church, 1650 West 3rd Ave., Santa Rosa. For info 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, 2:45-4:15pm No fee (donation accepted). For info call 869-3304. Sponsored by the Russian River Metropolitan Community Church.

HIV Support Group, sponsored by the Napa Valley AIDS Project, meets every Tuesday, 7:00pm, First Presbyterian Church, 1333 3rd St., Rm. 16, Napa. For info call 256-8421 or 252-3207.

Lesbian and Gay Overeaters Anonymous, meets every Wed. at 8:00pm Christ Methodist Church, 1717 Yulupa Drive, Room 5, S. R. For info call 823-5845.

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

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

Living with AIDS Support Group for PWA/PWARC, facilitated by Carol Owens, MA, meets every Monday, 7:00-9:00pm, Face to Face office. No fee. Call 867-1581 to enroll.

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

PWA/ARC Spiritual Support Groups meet weekly. Russian River Metropolitan Community Church. For info call 869-0552.

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 info 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, 7:00-9:00pm in the library conference room at Community Hospital, Santa Rosa. Newcomers, family and friends welcome. For info call 578-0855.

Support group for lesbians living with life threatening illnesses, facilitated by Carol Owens, MA, meets every Wednesday. 6:45-8:45pm For info call 869-0869. 7:00-9:00pm Free. For info 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 info call 869-3304.

Goddess Celebration. Aug. 4-6, Mt. Shasta. For info contact Sola, PO Box 942, Encinitas, CA 92024; (619) 944-7363.

Goddess Interfaith Circle for Womyn meets 1st Sunday of the month. 7:30pm in Guerneville area. Sponsored by Yalode-Mother River Spirit.