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Gayle Remick mugs during a performance at The Daily Planet in Santa Rosa recently (right) and mugs for the camera with part of her family in her backyard garden (above).

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## INTERVIEW WITH GAYLE REMICK

# Humor Her Seriously

By Anna Rose

**M**y father had eight brothers and sisters, and the only thing normal about them was their names. My mother had only one sister but she had eight personalities.

So began Gayle Remick's humorous account of her life in a dysfunctional family. She stood on stage at the Daily Planet delivering one liners and funny stories to a crowd of dykes, straights and questionables at the annual Women's Comedy Night, while I sat at the side of the room taking notes on her performance.

"I was off that night," she told me a few weeks later as we sat in her kitchen eating spaghetti. "But this community is very forgiving, and I've learned how to forgive myself. I can't always be on. I'm not always going to be funny."

"Being a comedienne," Gayle explained, "is like a healing for me and I get to put myself out there. And I get to accept myself more and more for being exactly who I am. I accept the fact that I'm not perfect. I have faults, and I can also give to people."

Gayle said the reason she does comedy is because she likes the relationships she has with the people she makes laugh. "It's an incredible relationship," she said. "I give them humor, and they give laughter back to me. I know that when I'm talking about something heavy duty, like if I'm talking about mothers, religion or whatever, I'm talking about something that's really personal to people, and it's also their pain. Laughter is pain that people have transformed. So when people laugh with me, then

we've got a real relationship and it's a gift."

Gayle, 35 years old, is a gay comedienne who lives in Santa Rosa with her life partner, Francis Fuchs, a local therapist. She has been performing stand up comedy in the Bay area since 1974. Her brand of humor includes bits on recovery and twelve step programs, religion, dysfunctional families, channeling, gays and lesbians and anything else she can conjure up in her search for the absurd.

"I don't do humor that's degrading or will hurt anyone. I want the audience to feel safe," she said. "I feel like a little healer when I can make people laugh." However, she does acknowledge that she has a really bizarre sense of humor.

"I like putting things out there just to see how crazy I really am. Doing stand up comedy beats being locked up. And hopefully it helps keep a few other people from being locked up too — that's the healing part."

Gayle is the youngest of four kids and spent her childhood in New England. Her mother was a New Zealand war bride and a singer and dancer. She came from a family of vaudeville entertainers who sang and danced on roller skates. "They did rink work," Gayle said.

"My family was extremely dysfunctional, and we were all hilarious," she added. "It was the only way to survive. I learned as a very young child that by using humor I could ease the tension in the house and take the heat off me. So I would make a conscious effort to think of things that were funny. It became my obsession. I found it personally satisfying and I got a lot of attention."

Gayle never realized she was from an alcoholic family until she was in her late 20s

and in therapy. "My family's denial system was truly based on secrets and family loyalty, and it wasn't until I realized that I was an Adult Child of an Alcoholic that I saw that everyone doesn't live that way," she said.

When Gayle was in junior high school she switched from Catholic school to public school and was very uncomfortable with the change. "I felt really out of place. So I used humor to get people to like me. But comedy is a skill; it's not who the person is, and I remember when people would say, 'God, you're so funny.' I would still feel an incredible loneliness. When I was alone, I felt empty no matter how funny I'd been that day. I tried even harder to be funny, and that became my persona all through high school."

When Gayle moved out to California on a ten speed bike—I know it sounds crazy but it's true and it's a great story, but you'll have to catch her act to hear about it—she started singing and playing guitar at clubs in Santa Cruz. Out of nervousness, she made some jokes and people started laughing. Pretty soon her improv comedy became part of the gig.

After two years, she moved to Sonoma County and took a comedy class at Sonoma State University. Soon she began performing at local clubs. "I wasn't out as a lesbian when I first started to do comedy in clubs," Gayle

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## Gay/Lesbian Community Center Wants You

An Open Call  
To All Members Of  
The Gay/Lesbian Community Of  
The Greater Sonoma County Area  
Concerning The Now-Forming  
Gay/Lesbian Community Center:

We invite all of you out there to join us in making this a reality. We need your presence, support and energy. Our next meeting will be Saturday, October 28, from 10:30 am-12:30 pm at the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship (Todd and Stony Point Roads) For more information call Pam McDaniel 795-0463 or Bob Casanta 887-1037.

## Local Catholics Probe Homophobia

By Sandy Lowe

**S**ister Jeannine Gramick, a nun in the Roman Catholic Church, eyes sparkling, stands lean and strong, speaks cheerfully and softly, and says rather matter of factly, "We just have to make friends with our sexuality!"

We must all know lots of people who grew up in the clutches of the church who would drop their teeth watching a nun sally forth so affirmatively into the dread realm of sex and sin.

But that's the way it is with Sister Jeannine Gramick and Father Robert Nugent and their New Ways Ministry. They established this ministry in 1977 in an attempt to foster discussion, do education and stimulate a supportive climate for lesbians and gay men within the Catholic Church.

At first their bishop in Washington, D.C., brought in the Vatican heavies to force Gramick and Nugent to leave his diocese. They each found support in their own Catholic religious communities and relocated their ministry to Maryland. Since then they've been publishing, lecturing and running seminars on homosexuality and more recently on letter "undid a lot of very positive things we had accomplished in this country and caused a lot of pain and anger."

Nugent suggests that there is "now some fear among the bishops over getting on the wrong side of Rome. They are being very cautious and careful. Bishops are aligning with more conservative forces in Rome and in the U.S." The meager advances of the past are gone as "the bishops try to prove their loyalty to Rome" by ousting supportive and organized gay groups like Dignity from the church.

In the wake of the Vatican letter and other repressive actions taken against some North American Catholic thinkers and bishops, most progressive theologians have adopted a low profile and have stopped putting their thoughts in print.

Both Nugent and Gramick believe that the Catholic laity is far more open than the hierarchy of the church. "People are farther along in acceptance of liberal attitudes," said Sister Gramick. "Typical Catholics out there in the pews are willing to live and let live" in most matters of sexual politics, and they cite survey after survey to prove it.

This small gathering at the Angela center demonstrated the willingness of the ordinary people of the church to deal with the increasingly obvious and ugly reality of homophobia and its many violent and deadly manifestations. And yet there was a melancholy pall hanging over the group. The mood of the seminar was one of quiet resignation, and I thought to myself: "this must have been what it was like at the clandestine meetings of the democratic opposition in Stalinist Czechoslovakia." Would there ever be an opportunity for change? Was there any chance the European patriarchy of the church, the calcified medieval hierarchy of the Vatican,

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# Adam's Apple

By Adam Richmond



## Instant Karma

I got a chance to put my words of last month's article on abortion into action and still remain respectful of opinions I strongly oppose, specifically Operation Rescue. Operation Rescue, the bible-toting militant anti-abortion strike force, was rumored to be coming by the busload from Lodi and heading to the Woman's Choice Clinic. I joined an estimated 50 persons, half male, to defend the clinic from being shut-down. Fortunately the "Rescuers" did not show up. They had made their way to Fairfield instead where they disrupted a clinic and were arrested. But those of us in the troupe of people there to defend the clinic were in good spirits and ready to physically block them from entering.

Clinic spokeswoman Andrea Weinstein said that Operation Rescue is committed to visiting every abortion clinic in California, so it is sure they will come. For me the issue is the ability to make basic sexual and reproductive choices privately and unfettered by the will of the Church and State. Please contact Andrea Weinstein at Women's Choice if you would like more information about defending the clinic.

### Shock Art at the Opera

SANE's (Stop AIDS Now or Else) demonstration inside the San Francisco Opera had a certain appeal to it. It was a very dramatic gesture toward a very bourgeois institution, with just the sort of flair that made the 1960's a more interesting time than the 1950's or the French Revolution more interesting than the War of 1912. It was the rough-and-ready versus the well-heeled. The action reminds me of the anti-war actions when the goal was no longer to make friends, but to demand power, which ultimately ended the war.

Resulting from such actions, coupled with a growing widespread dissatisfaction with how AIDS is being mis-handled, regular political channels, will ultimately change the course of the epidemic. Only after the Golden Gate Bridge and Federal Drug Administration were taken over last year, were experimental drugs released. The courage of those activists to go before the scum at the top and say "You have power and you are squandering it on private luxury while there is public misery," has to be admired. It also says that AIDS has the power to tear our country apart like the Vietnam war did. That is the real tragedy, not the opera curtain going up five minutes late.

### BIRTH NEWS

Congratulations to Marguerite Longtin and Elizabeth Cabraser of Glen Ellen, on the birth of Francesca Sophia, Marguerite's first birth, who joins a brother, Renee. Longtin, an active Democrat in Sonoma Valley, was recently featured in a San Francisco Sentinel article on the Lesbian and Gay baby boom. She was due on Labor Day, I saw her at the Democratic Labor Day picnic, looking very pregnant and very stylish. Francesca was born September 6. Marguerite, Elizabeth and Renee also appeared on the front page of The Press Democrat in the paper's series on gay and lesbian life-styles.

My first exposure to "political music" was years ago with the awful New Haven Women's Liberation Rock and Roll Band. The NHWLRB practiced in the basement of the building which also housed the Free School I attended. They were without a doubt the worst group of musicians I ever listened to. I have no doubt the consensus process does not work in musical situations. My first exposure to "gay men's music", whatever that is, was equally uninspiring. I watched an uninspiring guitarist sing an embarrassing ballad on New York area television in the mid 1970's, a song to a lover, I recall. It was pointless and demanding, and I was sure that it represented nothing I ever wanted to be associated with. So you will understand my surprise when I say I love Michael Callen, whose 1988 "Purple Hearts" tape I only just discovered.

While "meaning" songs bore me easily, Callen is versatile with a camp version of "Where the Boys Are", which is long overdue. I'll admit that my idea of gay men's folk music is more like Sylvester than Charlie Murphy, but I like it. Michael Callen a PWA dedicated "Living In Wartime" to our new national hero Larry Kramer (and to Richard Berkowitz, whom I've never heard of.) Check it out, it's on Significant Other Records.

Finally, please volunteer for the Lesbian and Gay Democratic Dinner. Help is needed in three areas: waiters, a prep cook or two, and clean-up helpers. Won't you help out? Call me at 579-9347, thanks!

## Drivel

By Michael Brewer ©1989



Modern day witch

## Editorial

### Congratulations To Our Community

I am sure that all of you join me in praising all of those folks who were willing to come out publicly, in The Press Democrat, in the two part series that was run on Sun. Sept. 17 and Mon. Sept. 18. I know for some it was a challenge and one of the scariest steps they have taken. I know for some others that were contacted to be interviewed that the risk was to great. It saddens me on some level that this is the case, both for a community that won't take the risk and for a community (Sonoma Co.) that it is so fearful of us that it imposes a threat to a wonderful part of its self.

This is an amazing progress for us all to deal with. I also want to mention that after being interviewed and then seeing what is quoted in The Press Democrat it has made me think a lot about news articles. I am sure that many times people are misquoted and that readers get very upset with what they believe to be an actual quote. Our own paper We The People is even guilty of this. This isn't to say don't write a letter to the editor, you won't know if you are correct in your judgment unless you do, but it makes me realize that some of my anger may not be as self-righteous as I thought it should be.

So again congratulations to all of our community for the hard and wonderful work we are doing. Without the support of everyone else those people in the articles might never have consented to the interviews.

Jerry Noakes

P.S.

We The People needs writers. This does not mean that you are committed to do an article each month. We are looking for people who will write occasionally. Skill level is not as important as willingness, we have a wonderful editor. As you read in The Press Democrat there are many wonderful aspects of our community that need to be covered in We The People.

Give it a try and Give us a Call 526-7464.

## Letters

Dear Editor

I just don't get it. I read Reflections by Robin Gail and it just doesn't go anywhere.

This month Ms. Gail talks about straight people stereotyping us and all she does is stereotype us. Is it alright for her to stereotype because she is gay, come on? She says being a lesbian is more than who you sleep with but fails to tell me what these things are that make her different. I get the feeling Robin needs some kind of reassurance that her being lesbian is OK because she is different from the way the straight people define gays. In my book being lesbian or gay is fine just because it is. Yet the last paragraph says "So, what does define a gay person? All the same things that define a straight person, don't you think?" Well yes I do which leads me right back to the beginning which is that we are no different from straight people. We are multi-faceted just like they are, but we choose to get our primary nurturing from people of the same gender. What's the big deal here and why are you, Ms. Gail, so afraid to admit that we are just people. Now if you want to discuss what is a political lesbian, political gay or a radical fairy you might have a valid point; so quit stereotyping us by your value system. We get enough of that from everyone else including our own.

Bill Williams

Dear Editor

I want to applaud Doug McCulloch for his column, "Controversy and Unprotected Oral Sex." He took the time to read the publications I recommended and presented both sides fairly, I feel.

Ironically, the same week your September issue came

out, the B.A.R. carried a lengthy article, the "Is Oral Sex Safe?" Like Doug's article, the B.A.R. article more or less concluded, "...oral sex poses a risk, however slight, for HIV transmission." (quoting Doug) That risk is certainly magnified by ejaculation and by the presence of any sores or lesions in one's mouth. So, the vote is still out, and each of us must decide how much of a risk we are willing to accept.

Jim Sorrells

## 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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# Bi The Way

By Michael Brewer

Well, well, well. Seek and you will find. I started this column as a way to connect with other bisexuals and their organizations. The world has rewarded me with that and more. Here is just some of what I have learned:

There is a real need for a bisexual organization here in Sonoma County. The first Bisexual Support Groups were held on September 5th and 21st. Participants were pleased to find a safe, supportive environment in which to express their concerns about bisexual issues. It was informative, supportive and fun. Come and join us.

The group meets bi-weekly (of course!) on the first Tuesday and third Thursday of each month at 7 pm. Men and women bisexuals and those exploring this issue are welcome and encouraged to attend. Contact Michael at 539-2569 for information and directions. The next three meetings will be held on Oct. 3rd, 19th & Nov. 7th. Hope to see you there!

There has been a strong interest in forming a local bisexual social club. The purpose being to meet and mingle with other like-minded persons over a pot-luck or at a restaurant on a monthly basis. Right now, the club is looking for leadership. Other clubs of this nature, called Bi-Friendlies are successfully operating in San Francisco, the East Bay and the South Bay. Don't you think it's time that the North Bay had its own? If you do and are willing to help make it happen, call Michael at 539-2569.

The most exciting news this month is that there will be an International Bisexual Conference held in San Francisco June 20-24, 1990. This is during Gay/Lesbian pride week, and a contingent of bisexuals from the conference will be marching. Already, representatives from numerous cities, states and countries are committed to being there. The steering committee for this event is looking for suggestions, donations, and volunteers. Anything offered will be appreciated. For more information about the conference call (415)775-1990 and watch this column for further developments.

I was contacted by BABN or (Bay Area Bisexual Network) as a result of this column. They are one of the most organized groups of bisexuals in the country, offering a variety of support, political and social groups. They also put out a fine newsletter (bi-monthly). It costs \$20 to join for information, write BABN, 2404 California Street #24, San Francisco, CA 94115.

BiPol is the bisexual political wing of the Bay Area Bisexual Network, founded in 1983, with the purpose of supporting bisexual identity and rights. BiPol, a progressive, feminist, political organization, supports more militant methods to educate, advocate and agitate for Bisexual visibility and inclusion. They believe in fighting to end the oppression of all people, regardless of sexual or gender orientation, different abilities, race, age, culture, ethnicity, class or religion. Want to get involved? Call (415)775-1990

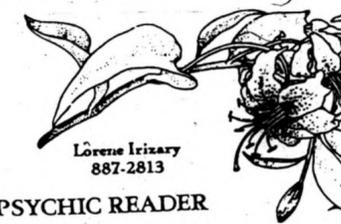
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If you have information about other bisexual resources please contact Michael Brewer at 539-2569 or write me in care of We The People. This space is available to others writing on bisexual issues.

I provide information about these resources in the hope that the bi-sexuals in Sonoma county and all of Northern California will realize there really is a Bisexual Movement and will get involved. It's time we stop hiding in our closets and get organized, involved, visible and acknowledged. If we don't stand up and support ourselves and assert our right to live the lifestyles we choose, no one else is going to. So go on: make the move, make the call, write the letter, join the group. Be part of what is happening.

## Tennis Anyone?

The Social-Life Club has been at it again. This time it has formed a new tennis club. Its first and only meeting drew only five members yet by the end of the week it had grown to eight. Who wants meetings what they wanted was to play tennis?

If you are a tennis player of any level, including total beginners, come join in the fun. They play every Sunday at 8-10 am at the high school in Forestville. As members increase they will be playing in different areas. If you want to play but feel Forestville is too far a drive give Jerry a call 526-7464 and he will set up new places to play. Larry K. whose goal is to play in the Gay Games next year, will give free lessons to beginners. Also there is playing time during the week. Just call Jerry and let him know the time you want to play, and he will try to match someone up who meets your playing level.

You do not have to make a commitment to play every week to belong to the tennis club. All you need to do is show up with your racquet, maybe a couple of new balls, and that's it.

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## REFLECTIONS

By Robin Gail

It's fall, and the designers are revealing their latest collections. Don't you wish we could find articles like these in the daily paper?

### The Fall Look is Out

In fall fashions the Lesbian Look is out of the closet! Coutiers are scrambling to capture the dyke market.

"No one looks as good as a well-dressed lesbian," said one designer, "whether she goes for the active butch look or prefers an easy-care femme style."

Styles as presented this week in New York and Paris, ranged from casual to formal, the simple to the exotic.

The East Coast Preppie Look is still big, featuring vests, loafers, and major corduroy action. Full sleeved shirts left open at the throat (and down to the third or fourth button if you're feeling really hot) topped with a vest or sweater will give you just the look you want. The new brocade and patterned vests change the look somewhat from preppie to trendy, but they still look good.

The Leather Look is also big, having made the transition from kinky to fashionable. Models featured leather mini skirts (black, of course), black heels, and dark hose. Tops are smooth and clingy, and you've just about got to be abnormally skinny to wear this style. Hair may be cropped and sleek or full and bushy, but it helps if it gives you that just-been-laid look. (Lots of straight girls adopt this style, which perhaps adds to the intrigue. They never know who will come on to them!) Plenty of jewelry, especially chains, accent the look, but leave the handcuffs at home unless you're advertising.

The Leather Jacket and Levi's Motorcycle Look, which is still quite acceptable for certain occasions. For dress up, add a pair of chaps and a vest. You and the lady in the paragraph above will stand out anywhere.

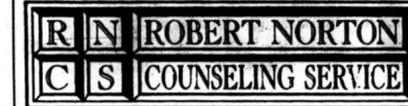
For daytime wear or at work, you might want to opt for the Financial District Look. Raw silk suits are excellent—soft trousers or skirts just to the knee, topped with silk blouses. Hose and heels are a must, and—butch or femme—long fingernails are a favorite. Jewelry and make-up are subtle, since the object is to pass, but not be invisible in case she should enter the office. You'll be perfect at a BACW meeting.

The Jock Look is very popular this year. Decide which athletic look you want, then dress accordingly, but try not to mix them up! Whether you're into running, working out, basketball or golf, everything from the appropriate footwear to stylish sweats is available at the local mall. For yard work or at-home casual, when you don't expect company, last season's softball shirt is a must. For a Saturday afternoon work party, a favorite soft sweatshirt with the arms cut off and the neck vee'd will show off those muscles and your late-summer tan!

Punk/New Wave is almost totally mainstreamed now, but the fashion-conscious know it's still happening. Spiked hair (and spike bracelets), ratty torn jeans, and shirts falling off the shoulders are a must for slam dancing. And the great thing about really spiked hair is that it can be relaxed into your basic dyke cut—short on top and long in the back—for everyday wear or at work.

And an old favorite is back, for all you gals who love and remember the Sonoma County Dyke Look. Now they're calling it Western, but it's as familiar as your favorite old soft flannel shirt. Levi's (stone washed and battered), wide belts, plaid shirts and boots! Yes! Accessorize with Native American-style jewelry (lots of feathers and beads and copies of Zuni, Hopi or Navajo designs) or crystals and little pouches containing your favorite fetishes, charms or herbs, and you'll feel one with nature almost immediately. Or at least like a Woodstock Survivor.

Whatever the look, you'll be perfect for any occasion, if you wear it with aplomb and act cool. And don't forget your fanny pack.



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Hot To Trot

By Blayne Gullbeaux

Bonjour Y'all!

This is the second half of the September column

KAUAI - "the garden isle"

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Mahina Kai Bed and Breakfast. Asian-Pacific villa nestled in two acres of terraced hillside gardens overlooking Anahola Bay.

Sightseeing experiences include driving the 50 mile long winding road to Hana, lined with lush tropical foliage and waterfalls and the drive to the top of 10,000 foot Haleakala for scenic vistas of the crater and the neighbor isles across the Pacific.

Kihie Bay Surf. A privately owned studio condominium, has kitchenettes and are completely furnished. The property is a short walk to the beach.

Camp Kulu. Bed and Breakfast. Plantation style estate home on 61/2 acres at 3200 feet elevation in up-country Maui. Peaceful setting with beautiful mountain and ocean views.

will gather across from the White House Friday evening to express outrage at the inaction of both the local and federal government.

ORLANDO, FL - Action Now will go to the local federal building to demand release of DDI and Fosarnet, proven treatments for HIV and its opportunistic infections.

FT. LAUDERDALE, FL - Fight For Life is launching a round the clock vigil at the federal building beginning September 15th. The vigil, which is demanding quick testing of Compound Q and the release of DDI, will climax October 6th.

ANN ARBOR, MI - The Lesbian and Gay Rights Committee will begin their protest at the offices of a state representative who advocates cutting the state AIDS budget and end it at the University of Michigan Hospital demanding improvements in staffing and an AIDS treatment center.

CHICAGO, IL - ACT-UP will sponsor a Sexual Freedom Tour of Downtown Chicago. Linking AIDS issues, Gay and Lesbian Liberation and reproductive freedom, ACT-UP will hit various targets with demonstrations and street theater.

KANSAS CITY, MO - ACT-UP begins nine hours of actions on the morning of October 6 by distributing safe sex literature at local schools. As the day progresses they will move to shopping malls for the distribution of literature and end the day with a demonstration at the City Health Department.

LOS ANGELES, CA - ACT-UP/LA, ACT-UP/Long Beach and the Orange County Visibility League have joined together to shut down the federal building with a massive civil disobedience October 6th.

SAN FRANCISCO, CA - ACT-UP/SF, ACT-UP/East Bay, and ACT-UP/SF State University will conduct a march from the federal building to the U.S. Mint and ending in the Castro District. The dual themes are the lack of a national coordinated AIDS policy nine years into the epidemic and the death of federal funds for AIDS treatments.

Also committed to actions on October 6th, but with plans not yet finalized, are organizations in Pittsburgh, PA; Sonoma Co., CA; Minneapolis, MN; and Austin, TX. Expected to join are groups in Boston, MA; Atlanta, GA; and Oklahoma City, OK.

ACT-UP Is Everywhere

Cities to Participate in National AIDS Protests

October 6th the AIDS Coalition To Network Organize and Win (ACT NOW) is coordinating nationwide AIDS protests. The multi-focus actions are timed to coincide with the final unfolding of the Names Quilt in Washington, DC.

Following is a round-up of activities currently planned. WASHINGTON, D.C. - OUT! (Oppression Under Target!) has slated a Day of Mourning, a Night of Rage and

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Cruising The River

By Patrick Tifer

SUMMER PAST .....Hard to believe that the summer months have gone by already. This year was a cool one on the river weatherwise but a hot one for happenings and events. A number of new gay owned or oriented businesses got started this past summer.

Summer saw the re-opening of the old Triple R restaurant complete with fine dining and Sunday Brunch. Summer also saw the relocation of the Little Bavaria Bier garden to a new spot in town.

FALL STARTS ... with cool, foggy nights and bright sunny days slowly melting into the rainy season. Fall means Halloween with the entire town dressing up (or down) for what many people consider an unofficial gay holiday.

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They plan their first author's signing party on November 5th at 1 o'clock featuring Nancy Tyler Glenn. Many locals will remember Nancy as the owner of the old Clicking Stones bookstore out in Guerneville Park. Suzanne is a dynamic activist and

invites other activists to drop by her store in order to network.

TOM AT THE BODYWORKS .....invites a volunteer who likes volleyball to manage the local river competition. The job entails a few hours a week and can be applied for at River Community Services.

DONATIONS OF ... empty jars and fruit juices are being sought by Food for Thought. The jars are for canning all the vegetables that people have been growing this past summer.

CONGRATULATIONS ... to Ian from the IR hair salon on his forthcoming wedding to be held on October 14th at the Woods. Best wishes.

FAREWELL TO ... John Mackin, the irascible curmudgeon manager of Molly Browns. John has decided to seek his destiny in the fair city of Key west.

Anyway, everyone in town joins me in wishing you all the best because we all will truly miss you. You have brought much joy to many people on the river. Go for it!

INEED ... people to contact me about upcoming events, happenings or special moments on the river. Please call me at 869-9454.

October Faerie Gathering Planned

By Melvin Muller

A Spiritual Gathering of Radical Faeries will be held October 13 through 19 in Southern California, celebrating the 10th anniversary of the first international gathering of hundreds of gay men in the Arizona desert in 1979.

Gatherings are now held annually across the country (New York, Florida, Louisiana, Texas and Wisconsin) and around the world. (The first gathering this writer attended, in Denver in 1980, drew 300 participants from the United States, Canada, Europe and Australia.)

In 1976, at Wolf Creek, Oregon, the word faerie was used in a political—that is, self-defining context—during a gathering called "Faggots and Class Struggle."

The 30 acre site was then being used to produce the rural gay man's magazine RFD and is today a Faerie sanctuary used for



gatherings, circles and celebrations. Title to the land is temporarily held by Nomenus, a non-profit group of over 200 members, who's office is in San Francisco, but whose operating process is group consensus at circles meeting monthly in California, Oregon and Washington state.

Nomenus literature explains: "To be a Faerie is an act of self definition, and while we have no dogma, there are common Visions which we share and celebrate. Some of these are: a belief in the sacredness of Nature and the Earth; honoring the interconnectedness of spirit, sex, politics and culture; and understanding that each of us has our own Path (or Paths) which leads to the Garden of Who We Are and, by uniting with each other in Circles, Gatherings and Sanctuaries, we increase the joy of Weeding and Tending our Gardens together; a commitment to the process of group consensus; and a belief that we are each other."

Much of the development of a Faerie consciousness has been delineated in the book Gay Spirit: Myth and Meaning, by Mark Thompson and published by St. Martin's Press. Additional impetus for the definition of Faeries as a cultural or spirit phenomenon can be found in the book Another Mother Tongue, by Judy Grahn (Beacon Press).

Apart from sanctuaries on the West and East Coasts, other Faerie activity includes a Faerie Computer Bulletin Board, Fey Dish; a Faerie data bank, The Holy Faerie Database; and Faerie telephone message lines in Seattle and San Francisco, the Seattle Faerie Phone and Tel-a-Faerie, respectively.

For more information on the "Spiritual Gathering for Radical Faeries: Ten Years and Still Flying," call Tom, (213) 827-5380, or write Star Circle, 1801 Lincoln Blvd., #191, Venice, CA 90291

The following organizations or facilities serve the Faerie community of Northern California:

Touch Circle and the Holy Faerie Database PO Box 3350 Berkeley, CA 94703 A faerie listing and referral project dedicated to facilitating communication among Faeries. Tel-a-Faerie (415) 648-6064 Events and messages of interest to the Bay Area Faerie Community.

Fey Dish (415) 861-4221 Faerie Computer Bulletin Board, available 24 hours a day, free, fully compatible: 1200/300 baud, registration on-line.

Nomenus PO Box 11655 San Francisco 94101 (415) 957-0514 Exists to create, preserve and manage sanctuaries for Faeries and their friends. A non-profit, tax-exempt organization, it has acquired an 80 acre farm in Southern Oregon for use as a sanctuary. Hosts one major gathering there per year.

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# Astrology

By Kate Bryan

## Relationships

October is the month of Libra, the sign of partnership, with its opposite in Aries, the sign of the self. This polarization is about balancing relationships and maintaining the sense of self. Our relationships are the mirror of where we are at in our process and are considered the battleground of the Spirit. A major function of a relationship is to illuminate issues we need to deal with in our lives. Sometimes the growth is painful and about not getting what we want. Other times the growth feels wonderful and assists us in cleaning up our lives and tying up the loose ends from the past. The first three weeks of this month may indeed feel like a battleground, but the work and the struggle will feel worth it by the last week and a half.

The New Moon is the moment in the month when the Sun and the Moon are exactly aligned. It is the lunar birth of the month and sets up the theme. The New Moon is on September 29th in Libra, turning our energies toward merging the union with another and, simultaneously, to the struggles that brings up. On this particular New Moon both the Sun and the Moon also align with the planet Mars, the planetary ruler of the sign Aries. Mars governs our 'animal and instinctual' nature. It's how we know what we want at any given moment. It's primitive self expression, sexuality, and anger.

Aggressive and blunt Aries, ruled by Mars, is the perfect counterpart for refined, though sometimes superficial Libra, ruled by the Planet Venus. Libra sees all sides of a situation and has a very difficult time making decisions. Aries, however, sees one side very clearly and knows exactly what it wants.

October is also colored all month by the opposition of Jupiter in Cancer to Neptune in Capricorn. Oppositions can represent separations and losses, see-saw or back and forth energy, competitiveness, and completions. An opposition is a mirror of the opposite perspective. They can be difficult, and they can be wonderful.

Jupiter represents belief systems, Neptune, spirituality. Jupiter is wisdom, philosophy, and higher education. Neptune is Higher Consciousness, belief in Higher Power and psychic phenomenon. Jupiter is the legal system, law courts, churches, and colleges. Neptune is places of confinement like prisons and hospitals. Jupiter is optimism and positive thinking. Neptune is the imagination, fantasies, dreams, and visions. They both like to travel. Jupiter takes airplanes, boats, and trains and visits foreign countries. Neptune astro-travels and visits unheard of universes. Jupiter is funny and righteous and legal. Neptune is creative, imaginative, and emotional. Jupiter is honest. Neptune will lie. Jupiter is the teacher, the sage, the law-giver. Neptune is the artist, the

martyr, and the thief. Jupiter is the philosopher, Neptune the idealist. They are both associated with expansive energy. Jupiter is generous, exaggerates, and is overindulgent. Neptune is the chameleon, color changer, shape shifter, and master of escape.

The Jupiter Neptune opposition all month invites us to look at our own personal truths. It challenges us to question our beliefs and our ideal, our visions, and our fantasies. Which ones were taught to us by our parents, church, school, or the system and really don't fit our present reality? Which ones are not working in our lives and our relationships and are keeping us from being able to experience fulfillment and serenity in our lives? This opposition is a challenge to be honest with ourselves and our relationships, our jobs, and our families. It also forces us to set limits and boundaries in our lives or deal with the resentment and blame that comes when we don't.

The opposition falls in the signs of Cancer and Capricorn, the polarization of co-dependency. We can only heal what we are willing to see. I suggest we all take a look at where co-dependency still operates in our lives without judgment, but with a firm desire to heal. Jupiter and Neptune can take us from self-righteousness to self-loathing in one fell swoop if we are not gentle and loving with ourselves. The point is healing and getting better and clearer in our lives.

It's an interesting month and the focus is definitely on relationships. Mercury goes direct on October 3rd, so communication will improve and get easier in many situations. Jupiter goes retrograde October 28th, so the situations and relationships that are left unresolved may stay that way until the end of February. Use this month to get into integrity in your life and with all your relationships. Have a good month.

# Deep Dish

By Melvin Muller

## "Gay Gourmands Gush Gastronomical"

Sonoma County's Deep Dish Potluck runs apace (or is that aplate?) as ravenous attendees have continued to meet and eat in homes on the Russian River, in the Sonoma Valley and Santa Rosa in recent months.

The Gay Men's Potluck Group has been meeting in different homes monthly for the past year and a half and features a wide spectrum of home made dishes and cordial and convivial conversations.

If you would like information on the location of the next potluck call 544-4109 for directions or to get on the mailing list.

# Queer Happenings

Compiled by Sue Deevy

Two Lesbians have been recognized as the legal parents of a two year old girl. A Washington state judge, in a conservative county near Seattle, allowed Lynn to adopt her lover Lisa's baby, despite the guardians ad litem's protests. Their daughter will now have a rare two-mother, no-father, birth certificate. - MS, October, 1989

In a groundbreaking move, the National Institute of Mental Health held a national research workshop on anti-gay violence in Bethesda, Maryland, on June 27 and 28, 1989. Entitled "Mental Health Aspects of Violence Towards Lesbians and Gay Men: Research Issues and Directions," the workshop was co-chaired by Kevin Berrill, Director of the National Anti-Violence Project. The meeting included more than a dozen other invited participants, including researchers, psychologists, social workers, and members of the NIMH staff. "This workshop is another example of our continuing efforts to push the federal government to respond to anti-gay violence," said Berrill. -NGTLF Press Release, August 17, 1989

Over 100 Lesbians, including seven from California, met in Portland, Oregon last month to plan and set dates for the first National Lesbian Conference. It will be held April 25-28, 1991 in Atlanta, Georgia. Conference planners estimate that 5,000 or more Lesbians will attend. -Baltimore Gaypaper, September 1, 1989

In Montpelier, Vermont, a judge gave custody of an orphaned toddler to his mother's companion of twelve years, rather than to blood relatives. Susan Hamilton, who died in a car accident in May, had named Susan Bellemare guardian of Collin Hamilton in her will. The two women had exchanged wedding rings, and owned a home together where they were raising the baby, who was conceived by artificial insemination. A hearing is set for August to determine if the will is valid. Collin's grandparents are contesting the will. -Lesbian Connection, Sept/Oct, 1989

Tennessee Governor Ned McWherter signed into law in June a bill which specifically bans homosexual acts. The law replaces Tennessee's "crimes against nature" statute which outlawed sodomy between heterosexuals as well as homosexuals. The law will go into effect November 1, 1989. -Baltimore Gaypaper, September 1, 1989

# BANGLE Welcomes Escoffier

By Jaye Miller

The Sonoma County chapter of BANGLE (Bay Area Network of Gay and Lesbian Educators) will hold its first annual "Potluck Banquet" on October 18th in the Faculty Lounge at Santa Rosa Junior College. It is hoped that the annual affair will be an occasion to welcome all persons interested in and supportive of the work of BANGLE to attend one event which would give them an overview of the organization's work and accomplishments.

This year's event will feature a brief address by Jeff Escoffier, Publishing Director of *Out/Look*. *Out/Look* itself is a new institution, but it is already the second largest gay and lesbian publication after *The Advocate*. The quarterly journal features longer articles, original art work, and a balanced presentation of materials of interest to both gays and lesbians. The Fall issue will feature an article by Jeff in which he will discuss the current state of gay and lesbian study programs at U.S. colleges and universities. His address to BANGLE will discuss the implications of that work for local educational efforts and institutions.

All persons generally interested in the issues of homophobia and educating the public and school students about homosexuality are welcomed. Simply bring any potluck dish, beverage, or item to share in the banquet. The meal will begin at 7pm and the guest speaker will make his presentation around 8pm. The Faculty Lounge is located at the east end of the student cafeteria complex. Parking is available on campus for .75 cents. If you would like assistance with child care, please call Jaye Miller 433-9158.

# AIDS Training Announcement

The AIDS Project will be conducting volunteer training on October 28 and 29 (Sat. & Sun) from 9-5 pm and November 4 (Sat) also 9-5 pm. These three days of training will qualify participants to work the AIDS information hotline and/or work as a clinic assistant at the HIV test site. With an additional eight hours of training (to be offered in November) volunteers will also be qualified to work as an advocate in the Special Health Education Project (SHEP), a program for those affected by HIV but not diagnosed with AIDS or ARC. Please call 5479—AIDS for more information and to register for the training.

# GGBA Northbay Swells with New Members

As a result of the need for a gay business association in the Northbay, 41 people attended the monthly meeting of the Northbay Chapter of the Golden Gate Business Association. Ten new people joined the group bringing the groups total membership to 25 people in less than five months of existence.

Tuesday night featured guest speaker Padi Selwyn, award winning marketing expert, television host and public relations executive.

According to Ms. Selwyn, marketing and public relations is the "generation of good will toward a product or enterprise." This starts first with the management and employees of a business, then the customers and then the suppliers to a firm.

She encouraged her listeners to "be visible." Get your name out and take advantage of free publicity such as speeches to groups and guest articles in local business papers and *The Press Democrat*.

The rest of the evening discussed the formation of the Northbay Chapter of GGBA and future functions. GGBA, a 15 year old business association, is now considered the San Francisco Gay Chamber of Commerce. In many ways, what is taking hold now in Sonoma County is a Northbay version. The goals of the organization are to make the Northbay aware of the business impact and strength of gay firms in the areas.

Also, the organization provides a vital and natural setting for meeting, socializing and networking.

Upcoming plans call for a "Monday Dining Out" at Prospect Park restaurant on Monday, October 9.

General meetings and social events are scheduled the third Tuesday of each month at 7pm. The next meeting is at the Coddington Shopping Center Community Room.

For information call Rose 763-4173, Andrew 546-6904 or Bob 528-8533.

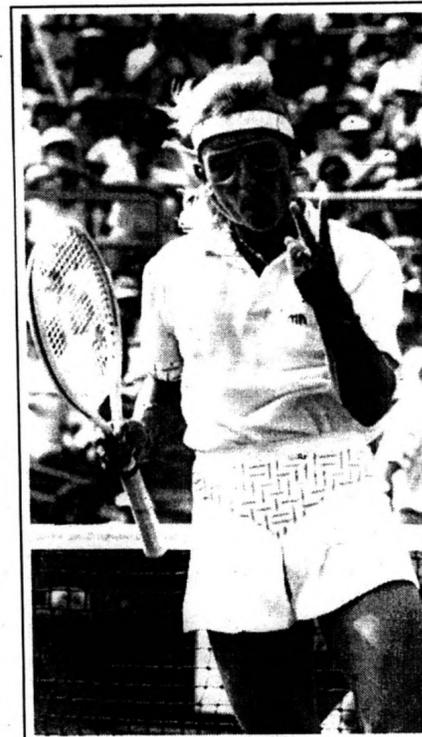


PHOTO BY CHERYL TRAENDLY

Martina Navratilova was winning 6-1, 4-2 when she turned to her family and shouted "Two more games. Two More" Unfortunately, Steffi Graf had other plans — shifted into high gear and won the 2nd and 3rd sets for the US Open Championship Title once again.

Cheryl Traendly, a regular contributor for We The People, recently returned from New York where she photographed the US Open Tennis Championships for World Tennis magazine. Several of her exciting images of women tennis players will comprise a new photo show at the Artemis Club, 3262 Airway Drive beginning October 1. Don't miss it!

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# Portfolio

By Peter Maslan

MARIA ST. JOHN

My work could best be described as Masochistic Theatre. When asked to elaborate on this statement, Maria St. John, a performance artist in the Bay Area, states "all my work is about questions and change. My performances are spin offs of lab work or rehearsals with a lot of research. Probably 90 percent of what I do doesn't end up on stage."

St. John completed her Bachelor of Arts in Semiotics/Theatre Arts at Brown University and headed a performance art company for three years in Providence before returning to the Bay Area. She currently performs with her own company in San Francisco. Maria has trained under Anna Halprin of The Tamalpa Institute, Ruth Zaporah and Kaja Silverman, a film teacher at Brown. "[Silverman's] work on feminist film theory has been most influential in my work. In terms of developing my own words and language for what I do, Silverman was very important. I felt out of place in the Theatre Arts department at Brown and ended up studying feminist film. The kinds of questions that I was asking about theatre, especially feminist theatre, were better answered within the film department. I found that the way film was being used to deal with feminist issues worked best for me."

While not using actual film elements, St. John's performances are cinematic. She attempts to take the same liberties in theatre that are found in film by, allowing the audience to view her work in the same manner that film can cover a subject in a broad sweep.

Maria St. John works a great deal with improvisation. "I never go out on stage not knowing what I am going to be, but I often go out with some big questions. In a performance that has a long run, every night will be a little bit different or a lot different depending on how I structure the piece. With improvisation I always feel that something real is happening. I don't get "juiced" unless I'm asking some questions that I really don't know the answer to! So I'm taking big risks and asking the audience to go along with it. That's why it is masochistic theatre for me."

St. John says her real life is often cut into the subject matter that she is working on. She was invited to perform at the Art Against AIDS Benefit. "And, of course the questions there were: What is AIDS Theatre? What else is it besides being just another play about somebody dying? This was an exciting experience for us because we were looking at how our work is structured by AIDS."

Maria St. John's work as a feminist in performance deals with the on-going process of recovering her feminist and lesbian memories called "memic Traces". In her performance Tending the Rubble she includes these efforts in the form of quarantined memories. "All memic traces become trapped on Alcatraz, and the performance is about storming the island to regain them. It was a way for us to talking about our fears and concerns over AIDS." In

addition to the Art Against AIDS Benefit she performed this work at the Mission is Bitchen Festival of Mission Artists. Other works were "Floating Womb/Wiche's Broom" performed at the Berkeley Nexus Studio Performance Workshop and Local 10, a concert of new performance artists and dancers.

The preparation for her work consists of "lab work", set warm up exercises, "and then we work on what eye is going on within ourselves. The process of change is relent-

## ICL CONFERENCE '89 Celebrating Life

By Patrick Satterthwaite

In Celebration of Life (ICL) was instituted in Sonoma County to enable the gay, lesbian, bisexual and other members of the recovering community in Sonoma County to produce an annual conference to celebrate their recovery and to reach out to the rest of the recovering community. ICL does not actually produce the meetings or workshops at the annual conference, they simply provide the scheduling and renting of facilities for the workshops, meetings and social events.

Another function of ICL is fund raising. As we all know it takes money to put any annual conference together and ICL is no exception.

The two annual fundraisers are the Fantasy Ball in the spring and the ICL picnic and auction in summer. The Fantasy Ball theme last year was "Gone With the Wind." Although no one showed up with the curtain rod stuck on his/her shoulders, David introduced a new use for twenty yards of canary yellow nylon net. Heloise, eat your heart out! And

less, and we are constantly redefining ourselves as we go along." Maria St. John considers her work to be lesbian theatre. "My theatre is addressed to an audience that is not a group of single individuals but an audience which is a cultural entity that is receptive to lesbian issues. I am very excited as dyke to be performing in front of women!"

Maria St. John will be performing a work in progress at the Mariposa Studio in San Francisco. For further information please call 415-695-1254.

the year before we were treated to Adam and Adam (no Eve's were present) but they looked more like Barney and Fred. Lots of leather and lace, cowboy boots, eyelashes, glitter and fake moustaches also. And a few sore feet were screaming the morning after from the too tight pumps and flats.

And not to be outdone, last years co-treasurer and co-secretary decided to tie the knot at the ICL Conference dance. Seems someone found a satin wedding gown that fit Georgina perfectly and since Eddie was already in a tux, the only reasonable thing to do was to get married. Pictures of the ceremony are available on request.

Someone very close to me is wont to say that "God didn't make me sober to make me miserable" and that's what the conference and fund-raising events are all about—FUN. And the conference is also about recovery and sharing our experience, strength and hope. Some of the workshops to be offered at this years conference include; walking through fear, sex in sobriety (both men and women), people of color in recovery, and living in the solution. This is just a partial list so come on out to ICL Conference Sat. Oct 7, 9 am - 1 am., and Sun Oct 8, 9:30 am - 3 pm. in the Commons at Sonoma State University. Registration is a suggested \$10, no one will be turned away for lack of funds.

## Catholics

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would ever yield to the wisdom and realities of the late twentieth century? As a careful student of church history and with the perfect confidence of a believer, Sister Gramick affirmed that positive change would come in the future as it had come in the past, but, she emphasized "it might take centuries!"

Given this cheery prognosis, what advice could Nugent and Gramick offer the loyal Catholic layperson who must live in the unfortunate present? They offered three courageous strategies. First, Nugent urged people to "take the positive elements out of the tradition (we take this to mean the humanistic traditions of love and compassion) to help young gay people along the way. Take the positive elements and push them in the churches. It's not necessarily happening," he said, "but we have to make it happen."

Second, both Nugent and Gramick reminded the listeners that the magisterium (the official teaching function) of the church went far beyond the misinformed voice of Rome and included the more intelligent and relevant teachings of

the American bishops, often including gems of liberated thought and counsel.

**'We just have to make friends with our sexuality!'**

Finally, they urged Catholics to remember "one of the best kept secrets of the church: that you must follow your own conscience." This has been the accepted moral position of the great majority of North American Catholics who reject the church's teachings on other sexual matters such as birth control, abortion and divorce.

Father Nugent encouraged affirming gay people, who are often quite isolated in the church, to "find support for yourself - in supportive communities - for those decisions made in good conscience." The reference seemed to be to Dignity, a lay Catholic support network for lesbians and gay men. (See the WTP Calendar for monthly meetings in Sonoma County.)

# HIV News

By Doug McCulloch

New information from continuing studies at the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Disease (NIAID) show that AZT (Retrovir) may be beneficial to people infected with HIV (Human Immunodeficiency Virus) who are without symptoms of AIDS or ARC (AIDS Related Complex).

Two studies have been undertaken to answer the question: is AZT useful in slowing the development of AIDS and advanced ARC in asymptomatic, HIV infected people? The first study (Protocol 019) began July 12, 1987, and ended July 21, 1989. The study enrolled over 3,200 asymptomatic men who were divided into two groups: those with less than 500 T4 cells (the cell which orchestrates the operation of the immune system) and those with more than 500 T4 cells. Each group was then randomly divided into one of three groups. One group received 300 mg of AZT every four hours while awake, another group took 100 mg of AZT every four hours while awake, and the last group received a placebo.

The data derived from this study was reviewed August 16, 1989, by a Data and Safety Monitoring Board (DSMB). It was found that of those participants with less than 500 T4 cells 38 people in the placebo arm of the study had progressed to a study endpoint (development of ARC or AIDS), while only 17 in the low AZT dose arm and 19 in the high AZT dose arm of the study had progressed to study endpoints. Because this strong evidence suggests that AZT does slow the progression of HIV infection, the placebo arm of the study was halted, and persons in that arm of the study have been offered AZT. No significant differences in the delay of AIDS or ARC symptoms were noted between the low dose

and the high dose of AZT. The toxic side effects of AZT seen in advanced ARC and AIDS do not appear to be a problem in HIV, asymptomatic people either at the low or high dose. Three 3% of the volunteers in the study did report nausea.

Protocol 019 will continue for participants whose T4 cell count is greater than 500 because, to date, no conclusive information can be drawn for this group. People in the placebo arm of this study will be offered AZT if their T4 cell count drops below 500.

Another study (Protocol 016) studied the effects of 200 mg of AZT every four hours vs a placebo in people with early ARC symptoms. Again, the study was halted when a significant difference was noted between the placebo arms progression to advanced ARC or AIDS (36) and the AZT arms progression (14). The baseline T4 cell counts in this study ranged from 200 to 800 and fewer than five percent of all study participants experienced serious side effects.

So what does all of this mean? Officially it means nothing at this point. NIAID is not making any recommendations to physicians regarding clinical practice. However, people who are HIV infected, yet without symptoms, can share this information, with their physicians. Jointly patient and physician can decide when and if AZT is indicated. It is not necessary to wait for the FDA to approve the use of AZT in this manner. Your physician can prescribe AZT if you make it clear that it is what you want. These studies have yet to be published in peer-reviewed medical journals, but interested physicians and their patients can receive information by calling 1-800-TRIALS-A.

Finally, this information again points up the importance of voluntary, anonymous HIV testing. If you don't know you have HIV then you won't monitor your immune system and will not be able to take advantage of these early intervention strategies. The alternative is to wait until you develop symptoms of AIDS or ARC and then hope you have found out soon enough to stay out of an early grave. Call 579-AIDS for HIV antibody testing, or for confidential HIV

health education through the Special Health Education Project (SHEP).

# BANGLE Welcomes Escoffier

By Jaye Miller

The Sonoma County chapter of BANGLE (Bay Area Network of Gay and Lesbian Educators) will hold its first annual "Potluck Banquet" on October 18th in the Faculty Lounge at Santa Rosa Junior College. It is hoped that the annual affair will be an occasion to welcome all persons interested in and supportive of the work of BANGLE to attend one event which would give them an overview of the organization's work and accomplishments.

This year's event will feature a brief address by Jeff Escoffier, Publishing Director of *OutLook*. *OutLook* itself is a new institution, but it is already the second largest gay and lesbian publication after *The Advocate*. The quarterly journal features longer articles, original art work, and a balanced presentation of materials of interest to both gays and lesbians. The Fall issue will feature an article by Jeff in which he will discuss the current state of gay and lesbian study programs at U.S. colleges and universities. His address to BANGLE will discuss the implications of that work for local educational efforts and institutions.

All persons generally interested in the issues of homophobia and educating the public and school students about homosexuality are welcomed. Simply bring any potluck dish, beverage, or item to share in the banquet. The meal will begin at 7pm and the guest speaker will make his presentation around 8pm. The Faculty Lounge is located at the east end of the student cafeteria complex. Parking is available on campus for .75 cents. If you would like assistance with child care, please call Jaye Miller 433-9158.

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# Backstage

By Michael Tabib

## REVIEW One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest

The Fourth Wall Stage Company deserves applause for finding a permanent home and adding one more credible theatre company to Sonoma County.

The September 15 performance of Dale Wasserman's play "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest" (based on Ken Kesey's novel) was heart-warming. The actors had established their relationships with their characters and each other.

This modern classic exults in the human spirit's rebellion against the powerful forces that try, ever so insidiously, to control every aspect of our lives. Set in an insane asylum, complete with symbolic prison bars, it is unabashedly frank and honest.

The opposing forces, Randle P. McMurphy (Allan Armstrong) and nurse Ratchet (Maureen Studer) are well matched here. Ms. Studer is nothing short of well controlled sinister bitchiness. Shades of the young Bette Davis in voice and poise. Mr. Armstrong, equally strong, sustained his impudent playful prankster rebel throughout with dignity and fervor. Chief Bromden's presence (in Rahman De-Shong) was well-established with the exception of the taped

soliloquies. Those lacked conviction and needed polish.

The rest of the cast lent good support with the exception of Sandra (Maria Fagan) and Scanlon (Joe Hennessey). I would suggest less "acting" and more "honest feeling". The space is too small to fake any emotions to the viewer. Dale Harding (Donald Ries), though convincing in his characterization, was unable to build up the long speech where he tries to argue Ratched's good qualities to McMurphy. This is a common pitfall in community theatre and can stand more attention from both actors and directors.

With few minor exceptions in moments that felt incomplete (i.e., fight scenes, and the shock therapy scene, all of which needed a few more beats to sustain emotional surge of the moment), Director Michael Maloney deftly and comfortably led his cast through a limited physical space without detracting from the action.

Though this first production played through September 28, season tickets are still available for the rest of the 89-90 season. I urge you to support this new company by calling (707)838-0430 or write to Fourth Wall, P.O. Box 14717, Santa Rosa, CA. 95402 for season information.

### Private Lives

The Santa Rosa Players opened their 89-90 season with a delicious sex farce by Noel Coward. Set in the 1930's "Private Lives" relates the escapades of a liberated but spoiled woman, Amanda (Mary McCormack), newly married to the pompous, politely macho Victor (John Shoaf).

# Humor

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said. "I was playing straight places. "But then at some point I realized that I was trying to be funny in a world that I was not willing to buy into and I was not willing to compromise myself any longer. I was beginning to feel bad about myself. I wanted to do feminist and gay comedy, but it was scary."

When she discussed this with other people in the business, they told her that once she created that image of herself, she'd be labeled and therefore would never be successful. People just wouldn't hire her.

"But the bottom line was I needed to do what makes me happy," Gayle said.

So in 1983, nine years after her first stand up act, Gayle came out in her act at Cotati Cabaret. "The day I came out as a lesbian in my comedy act was one of the happiest days of my life and one of the scariest days because I'd taken a risk," Gayle said. "Now, when I perform, I never know if someone is going to heckle me or if I'm not going to be hired because I'm a lesbian comedian, but hey, that's all bullshit. I am gay. I'm not going to be in denial about my

own life. I have a gift and it was to be a crime not to use it. If it means I'll never be mainstream, then so be it. This is where my heart is."

After getting involved with a couple twelve-step recovery programs, Gayle noticed a difference in her performances. "Before I got into recovery, my comedy routines had an edge," she said. "I couldn't be open to people. And trying to do comedy when you're not willing to be open is really hard. I was funny but I wasn't all that successful. I had a harsh quality that was kind of terrifying in a way, as I look back at it now."

When Gayle first began her recovery program, an amazing thing happened. "Comedy left my life!" she said. "I didn't want to be funny anymore. But then I went into a crisis. Comedy had been my survival. All of a sudden it was gone and I was terrified."

Her therapist at the time suggested that she just let it go and see if it would come back later. "So I did," Gayle said. "I stopped using comedy as a defense. No, actually, what I did was I brought my use of comedy as a defense into consciousness. I realized those times when I was using it and I noticed that it wasn't really free and loving."

While on their honeymoon in Paris, Amanda's ex-husband, the irascible Elyot (David Scott Black) and his new cutesy wife Sybil (Katherine M. Fox) just happen to be in the suite next door on their honeymoon.

Guess what? Neither one likes her/his respective new mate. They accidentally meet on the balcony and run away to Amanda's apartment for a yet newer fling. As you can imagine, the results turn out to be quite uncomfortable at best.

The play, though somewhat dated, still has Coward's sharp wit and catty remarks, spiced with eloquent cutting descriptions of one's own and other characters' situations. The actors did justice to the script and matched each other fully as in a pro tennis competition. The trick with material of this kind is in the direction. It needs to be tight and the casting appropriate. Aided by tasteful sets (by Harry Reid) and elegant costumes (by Pamela Johnson), director Kathleen York was able to do both.

What impressed me most, however, was the precise pacing with which this first-time director enhanced her actors' delivery. It picked up and slowed down when necessary, without missing one emotional beat. Some veteran directors could learn something about timing from this production. Santa Rosa Players is fortunate to have Ms. York as a new stage director.

For the balance of the season information call 544-STAR and enjoy.

"Once I hung in there with the process and knew what it was, then my comedy came back to me. I soon felt like sharing that part of me with people again. I didn't have to lose a beautiful part of myself to recovery. I had thought that recovery meant giving up things. I soon learned that it really means getting an abundance."

Gayle has other projects in mind for the future using her off the wall humor while educating people around important issues in our community. However, her stage performances will continue to be her main focus.

"Being on stage is very comfortable for me," said Gayle. "I don't feel separate from the audience. I'm not a star. I just want to do comedy like other people paint pictures. It's like being an artist."

# Classifieds

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# Calendar

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**Living with AIDS Support Group for PWA/PWARC**, facilitated by Carol Owens, MA, meets every Monday, 6-8:00 pm, Face to face office. No fee. Call 887-1581 to enroll.

**Moving Through Grief Group** now forming in Guerneville. For info call Marjorie Thirkettle, MFCC (MLO21923), 869-3304.

**Positive for Positives**, support group for HIV/AIDS/ARC, meets every Wednesday at noon. For info 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 St. 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, 7-9:00 pm in the library conference room at Community Hospital, Santa Rosa. Newcomers, family and friends welcome. For info call 578-0855.

**Spiritual Support Program** for persons with HIV, ARC, AIDS meets every Thursday. Lunch, social time, videos 12-1:30 pm. Support group 1:30-3:30 pm. Messages 12-4:30 pm. The program is a special ministry of the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches. For info call Marjorie Thirkettle, MFCC (MLO21923) at 869-3304.

**Support group for lesbians living with life threatening illnesses**, facilitated by Carol Owens, MA, meets every other Tuesday, 6-8:00 pm For info call 869-0869.

**Support group for women lovers of women who were sexually abused as children** meets every Monday, 6:30-8:30 pm free. For info call 585-3450.

### OTHER PROGRAMS

**Ballroom Dance For Women** - Instruction, practice and socializing. Four Mondays in November, 8-9:30 pm, central

San Rafael. Singles welcome. BACW members \$32, nonmembers \$40. To reserve a spot call Elizabeth (415)388-4784.

**9th Annual in Celebration of Life Conference**, Saturday & Sunday, Oct. 7 & 8, Sonoma State University. For more information call 829-5396 or 575-8093.

**Gay Games III - Swim Team**, late morning swim and luncheon meeting... Saturday, October 21. For info call Sandy 527-9052.

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

**MCC Santa Rosa** meets Sundays at 11:00 am, at 3632 Alway Drive. All lifestyles welcome. For info call 526-HOPE.

**Napa Valley AIDS Project** offers an ongoing Support Training for volunteers. For info call 255-6917.

**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 info call 869-0552.

**Thunder Going Group** - join BACW Meet at the Marin Theater Company in Mill Valley. Optional dinner before the performance. Four Thursdays, Nov-Apr. For info call Elizabeth (415)388-4784.

**Women in Touch**, a lesbian social group, meets every second Sunday for brunch. For info call 539-7885.

**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. Use the People, P.O. Box 457, Graton, CA 95444. (Use this address for calendar items only. Direct all other correspondence to WTP, P.O. Box 2204, Santa Rosa, CA 95405.)

**Exhibit of abstract paintings, pastels and photographs** by Sebastopol artist Claude Smith. Nov-Dec., The East West Cafe, 128 N. Main St., Sebastopol. For info call Claude Smith 829-5057.

**Dynamics of Color** - combating racism, honoring diversity, building a stronger lesbian community. Art Exhibition, Oct. 4-Nov. 4, Sargent Johnson Gallery, Western Addition Cultural Center, 762 Fulton, San Francisco. Conference, Nov. 11-12, Mission High School, 3750 18th St., San Francisco. Sponsored by the Lesbian Agenda for Action. For info or to participate in planning, contact LAFA, The Women's Building, 3548 18th St. #32, San Francisco.

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**West Coast Quaker Lesbians**, annual gathering. The theme is "Spirituality and Creativity". Nov. 9-12, Ben Lomond (Santa Cruz mountains). \$40-80 including food and lodging. Financial aid available. For info call Bonnie Levine (415)331-3820, or write her at 33 Buchanan Dr., Sausalito 94965.

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## OCTOBER/NOVEMBER

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**Lesbian Raft Brigade** Bring inner tube or raft for a float down the Russian River. 12:00 noon, free shuttle at Sunset Ave. and River Rd. (Clean and Sober Women's Weekend)

**Tennis** 8-10:00 am, Forestville High School. Sponsored by the Social Life Club. For info call Jerry 526-7464.

**Wimmin's Craft Faire** with food and drink, swimming, acoustic music, drumming (bring an instrument.) 10:00 am-5:00 pm, behind River Lane Resort, 1st and Church St., Guerneville. Free. (Clean and Sober Women's Weekend)

### TUESDAY OCTOBER 3

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### WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 4

**Sonoma County Lesbian/Gay Democratic Club**, meets 1st Wednesday of the month in downtown Santa Rosa. Agenda includes last minute planning for Second Annual dinner, plans for endorsement of candidates in 1990 elections, discussion of slate of new officers for club in 1989-90. 7:30 pm. For info and directions call 527-0485.

### FRIDAY OCTOBER 6

**ACT-UP Sonoma**, demonstration in Santa Rosa, in coordination with AIDS activists across the nation, as the AIDS memorial quilt is unfolded in Washington DC today. For info call 865-2159.

**Sonoma County Housing Now**, candlelight vigil and overnight encampment. 8:00 pm, Federal Building, 777 Sonoma Ave., Santa Rosa. For info call 528-9941. (See also Oct. 7)

### SATURDAY OCTOBER 7

**Cal Poly Gay and Lesbian Alumni**, planning meeting for forming an alumni association. 1:00 pm, Sunnyvale. For info call Bill Weaver (408)245-7179

**Dignity**, gay Catholic organization, meets once a month. 6:30 pm. Mass at 7:00, followed by potluck dinner. For info call Joe 584-8312, or Mert 579-5308.

**In Celebration of Life**, 8th Annual Conference. (See Other Programs)

**Rafting on the Russian River** above Cloverdale 10:00 am. Sponsored by the Social Life Club. For info call Jerry 526-7464.

**Reproductive Options for Everyone (R.O.E.)**, pro-choice kick-off walk and gathering. Meet on SRJC lawn at noon for walk to Courthouse Square. Gather at Courthouse Square 1:15-3:00 pm. Main speaker: Norma McCorvey. For info call David Hornel 528-2798.

**Sonoma County Housing Now**, rally. 9:00 am-noon, Federal Building, 777 Sonoma Ave., Santa Rosa. For info call 528-9941. (See also Oct. 6)

### SUNDAY OCTOBER 8

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### MONDAY OCTOBER 9

**Buddy Connection/Safer Sex Workshop** 6:30-10:00 pm, Public Health Rotunda, 3313 Chanate Rd., Santa Rosa. For info call 579-AIDS.

**GGBA Northbay Chapter** will sponsor a Dining Out at Prospect Park, 515 4th St., Santa Rosa. Meet at 6:30 pm, dinner at 7:00.

### TUESDAY OCTOBER 10

**Dinner with Harry Britt**, the openly gay San Francisco Board of Supervisors president. Sebastopol Vet's Bldg. Deadline to get tickets is Oct. 5. Sponsored by the Democratic Club and the Social Life Club. For info call Jerry 526-7464.

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

### WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 11

**Computer Group** 7:00 pm. Sponsored by the Social Life Club. For info call Jerry 526-7464.

**Peggy Eve Parish** will be facilitating a lecture and discussion on the loss or change of a relationship. 7:00 pm, ClaireLight. No charge. 575-8879.

### THURSDAY OCTOBER 12

**Metaphysics Group** Know your palm is the theme. 7-9:00 pm. Sponsored by the Social Life Club. For info call Jerry 526-7464.

### FRIDAY OCTOBER 13

**Catherine Purcell and her fabulous Vibrators**, live from the Sonoma Outback. 9:00 pm, Jasper O'Farrell's, downtown Sebastopol.

### SATURDAY OCTOBER 14

**ACT-UP Sonoma** is organizing a team of dancers to participate in **Uppity Feet**. 2-10:00 pm, Sebastopol Vet's. For info call Michael 887-7050. Silence=Death & Dancing=Life.

### SUNDAY OCTOBER 15

**LGRN Men's Potluck** meets 3rd Sunday of the month at 6:30 pm. For info call Mert 579-5308.

**Tennis** 8-10:00 am, Forestville High School. Sponsored by the Social Life Club. For info call Jerry 526-7464.

### TUESDAY OCTOBER 17

**GGBA Northbay Chapter**, a gay business association, meets 3rd Tuesday of the month. 7:30 pm, Coddington Center Community Room. Speaker and general meeting. All gay businesses and professionals welcome. For info call Andrew 546-6904.

### WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 18

**BANGLE**, Bay Area Network of Gay and Lesbian Educators, meets 3rd Wednesday of the month. 7:30 pm, Santa Rosa Junior College, Faculty Senate Room. For info call Jaye Miller 433-9158.

**Chari Davidson**, teacher, therapist and psychic, will give a workshop about the difference between "Co-ing vs. Caring". 7:30 pm, ClaireLight. \$4-8 sliding scale. 575-8879.

**Hellotrope Book Club** The book this month is *Pride and Prejudice* by Jane Austen. 7:30 pm. Sponsored by the Social Life Club. For info call Jerry 526-7464.

### FRIDAY OCTOBER 20

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

### SATURDAY OCTOBER 21

**Elaine Townsend**, Bay Area singer/songwriter, returns following the release of her debut recording "Heart-breaker Blues". 8:00 pm, ClaireLight. \$4-8 sliding scale. 575-8879.

**Gay Games III - Swim Team**, late morning swim and luncheon meeting. For info call Sandy 527-9052.

**Social and Support Group** for gay women and men, **Potluck**, meets 3rd Saturday of the month. 6-8:00 pm, Santa Rosa Church of Religious Science, 1033 4th St. First meeting. For info call 546-4543.

**Theater Outing - "Agnes of God"**, an electrifying drama about a young nun accused of murdering her own baby. 8:15 pm, Luther Burbank Center. Reservations must be in by Oct. 4. Sponsored by the Social Life Club. For info call Jerry 526-7464.

### SUNDAY OCTOBER 22

**BACW Marin - Potluck Barbecue and Sports Day**. Meet at Piper Park in Larkspur (Lucky Dr. exit off 101 to Doherty Dr.) at 11:00 am. \$2 BACW members, \$3 nonmembers. For info call Sandy (415)457-8018.

**Sonoma Wall Coalition Meeting** A broad-based gay and lesbian community united front of groups and individuals responding to AIDS and civil rights concerns, and planning for the 1990 Lesbian & Gay Pride Week. 7:00 pm, Forestville Real Estate Co., 6665 Front St., Forestville.

**Tennis** 8-10:00 am, Forestville High School. Sponsored by the Social Life Club. For info call Jerry 526-7464.

### MONDAY OCTOBER 23

**Dykes to Watch Out for: The Slideshow!** is an informative and very entertaining look at the artistic development of the popular lesbian cartoonist **Alison Bechdel**. A tour of her creative process and an introduction to each of her characters. 7:00 pm, ClaireLight. \$4-8 sliding scale.

**PFLAG**, Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays, meets 4th Monday of the month. 7:30 pm, Faith Lutheran Church, 4930 Newanga, Santa Rosa (1 blk above Hoen Ave., off Summerfield Rd.) For info call Beverlee Laird 433-5333.

### TUESDAY OCTOBER 24

**Playing, Spontaneity and Sex**, presentation by Frances Fuchs, CET, CHT and Mary Hinsdale, MFCC. 7:00 pm, Santa Rosa Senior Center. \$10.

### SATURDAY OCTOBER 28

**Halloween Celebration in Marin**, an event for women. Music by DJ Michelle, costume contest, hors d'oeuvres. Dominican College, Guzman Hall, 1520 Grand Ave., San Rafael. Advance tickets \$10 for BACW members, \$20 nonmembers. At the door \$15/\$25. For info call (415)495-5393.

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

**Training for Volunteers to work with the AIDS Project**, 9-5 pm, call 579-AIDS for more info & registration.

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**BACW Marin planning meeting**. Call Julie (415)924-2529.

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**Clicking Stones** author Nancy Tyler Glenn, reading

and book signing. 1-3:00 pm, Storyteller Bookstore, 16350 Third St., Guerneville. For info call 869-3714.

**Goddess Interfaith Circle for Womyn** meets 1st Sunday of the month. 7:30 pm in Guerneville area. Sponsored by Yalode-Mother River Spirit. For info call 869-3445.

**Theater Outing - Shakespeare's "A Comedy of Errors"** 3:00 pm matinee. Reservations must be in by Oct. 15. Sponsored by the Social Life Club. For info call Jerry 526-7464.

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## WEEKLY MEETINGS

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

**AA Gay Men's Group** Sunday, 7:00 pm, Unitarian Church, Stony Pt. and Todd Rds., Santa Rosa.

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

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

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

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

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

**AIDS Awareness Group of AA** (alcoholics only) Monday, 7:00 pm, Alano Club (Labor Center), 1710 Corby Ave.

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

**Coming Out Group**, facilitated by Jerry Noakes, meets every Wednesday, 7:30-9:30 pm. 3632 Airway Dr., Santa Rosa. For info call Jerry 526-7464.

**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.

**GLASS, gay and lesbian alliance of Sonoma State**, meets every Tuesday, 12 noon-1:00 pm. 3054 Stevenson, SSU. For info call Mike Kiraly 546-2503.

**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 578-0855 or 869-3304.

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

**HIV Support Group**, sponsored by the Napa Valley AIDS Project, meets every Tuesday. 7:00 pm, First Presbyterian Church, 1333 3rd St., Rm. 16, Napa. For info call 258-8421 or 252-3207.

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

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

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