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ACT UP Steals a Piece of the Rock

By Lois Pearlman

Exhibiting a pile of carefully arranged mock bodies weighted down with "bloody money" and hand painted styrofoam "piece of the rock", ACT UP Sonoma County participated in a coast-to-coast demonstration against Prudential Insurance Company on Friday, November 10. In front of Prudential's Sonoma County District office, a black-robed "judge" read out the charges against Prudential, the largest provider of private insurance in the U.S., while a five member jury, carrying signs which proclaimed *Greed Kills*, responded guilty to each accusation. Prudential was indicted for refusing to pay for lifesaving drugs such as aerosol pentamidine and erythropoietin, discrimination against people with HIV, redlining, and placing profits before human lives.

ACT UP claims that "Insurers nationwide have been taking steps to avoid paying for AIDS-related healthcare. Rather than directly asking applicants about sexual orientation, which is forbidden in many states, some insurers apparently 'redline' occupations such as waitering, interior design, hair styling, and other 'non-heavy lifting' occupations and neighborhoods such as Castro and Greenwich Village which they presume to be primarily gay." ACT UP also asserts that, "Some companies stall reimbursement for as long as possible in the hope that the policy holder will die before the company is forced to pay and no one will follow up the claims".

Protesters pointed out that although Prudential is "not the worst company on record", they chose it as the focus of their demonstration because, "as a leader of the industry, Prudential has a particular responsibility to exercise fairness and compassion in meeting the healthcare needs of its policy holders".

ACT UP's position paper states that Prudential has refused payment of all experimental drugs as a matter of course. It further states that although studies prove aerosolized pentamidine prevents onset and recurrence of pneumocystis carinii, Prudential refuses to pay for pentamidine until the person's T-cell count is below 200. The document also accuses Prudential of other discriminatory acts such as increasing the premiums for policy holders who test positive for HIV by as much as 300 percent and refusing to enroll new individuals who test positive.

In response to ACT UP's accusations, Prudential issued a press release through its public relations office in New Jersey. "As a health insurer", it affirms, "the Prudential reimburses for all drugs that are proven to be safe and effective in treating AIDS or related symptoms. In this area, we, like other health insurers, look for guidance to respected governmental and scientific authorities, such as the Food and Drug Administration, the National Institutes of Health, the American

Lesbian Fantasy—Best Seller

By Lois Pearlman

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As a former bookstore owner Glenn was pleased to be the "star" of the Storyteller's first public event. "One of the purposes of readings is to bring community people into the store", she remarked.

Owned and operated by Suzanne Theirl and Rob Giner, who refer to themselves as "domestic partners", the Storyteller features publications from small independent pressed like Naiad, the publisher of *Clicking Stones*. The shelves are divided into sections containing lesbian literature, gay men's books, non-sexist children's books, and writings about spirituality, political activism, recovery, and Native American subjects.

Medical Association, and many others."

During a telephone interview Greg Smith, head of public relations for Prudential, assured *We The People* that his company does not raise rates for policy holders who are HIV positive. He also claimed to have no knowledge of any redlining practices.

When confronted with Prudential's assertions, Dan Perdios, a participant in Friday's demonstration and a Prudential policy holder with AIDS, responded "that Prudential always sends back my claims. It's a delay tactic. It's always something stupid that they make me go through."

Prudential's Sonoma County office was closed early on Friday, presumably to avoid the protestors. However, ACT UP members



ACT UP strikes again—in front of the Prudential offices in Santa Rosa last month. PHOTO BY LARRY DICKINSON

were content to perform their street theater for a small audience of reporters and sheriffs. They felt that as a part of the united effort of AIDS activists groups across the country they had helped to put Prudential Insurance Company on notice.

Learned Sets New Goals for Face to Face

By Tom Phillips

Andrea Learned is the new executive director of Face to Face/Sonoma County AIDS Network; she assumed duties last August. Since then, she has established a reputation as a leader, one who is working to strengthen ties between the agency, the public, and county government.

Learned comes to Face to Face with an extensive background in human services. From 1986 to mid-1989, she was the director of the Area Agency on Aging in Ukiah, operating and managing senior service programs in Mendocino and Lake Counties. There she supervised staff and volunteers, developed funding, and managed the budget — all skills which should also come into play at Face to Face.

Prior to 1986, Andrea Learned served as the community development director of the Sonoma County People for Economic Opportunity. She held that position for eight years. Altogether, her human services administration can be traced continuously from 1973.

Sonoma County Supervisor Ernie Carpenter said in an interview in *The Paper*, the west county weekly "She [Learned] is the perfect translator... she can bridge the gap between the government and the people in the community". Carpenter continued: "I think that she's putting this thing back together so that Face to Face does not look badly in the eyes of my colleagues." This is apparently in reference to recent conflicts between community gay and AIDS activists, and county government.

Learned's response to these comments shows her style. She is careful to point out that, while the "new players" in the game — some of the outspoken activists — don't always know the levers which will force government to move, community leaders (including county government) don't understand the full spectrum of HIV disease.

Another player in the game, says Learned, is the media, which influences people's perceptions of HIV. Few people,

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The holiday season is a time to remember the importance of acknowledging our connection with others. "The whole idea of compassion is based on a keen awareness of the interdependence of all these living beings, which are all part of one another and all involved in one another."
—Thomas Merton, from his final talk, delivered two hours before his death.

Adam's Apple

By Adam Richmond



Berlin To Gay Rights

If the Berlin Wall remains open, as it seems to be destined as of this writing, it will be a symbol of the power of people. The events in Eastern Europe over the last few years, and particularly in the German Democratic Republic, provide us in the United States with not only inspiration but an opportunity as well. The events in the German Democratic Republic are part of the surge of renewal in Eastern Europe. Old institutions are being questioned, changed and put out of power by a mass, grassroots spontaneous movement.

The changes in Eastern Europe are in stark contrast to our own ingrown bureaucracy and stupefying culture. As a result, Mikhail Gorbachev has better press here than George Bush. He rocks the boat and is amending a system, while Bush represents ineptness, as the US takes the backseat in world events. The candor and openness of the Soviet press is fascinating as it relentlessly reviews every aspect of society there. But my concern is how does our government and culture look juxtaposed to the new order of things in Eastern Europe?

Where is our new openness? Where is our restructuring of power? As veterans in the USSR challenge their government's role in Afghanistan, how will our dominating impoverished Central American states look? As the USSR tears apart Stalinist history, is the US going to teach the dark side of this nation's history? Will FBI interference with political groups come to an end?

I think the implications for our country are yet to be seen. Potentially, the changes will embolden the grassroots undercurrents movement here. Our lesbian and gay movement stands at a crossroads of great opportunity. As never before, we must demand to be seen and heard, not only in civil rights matters but as a new force in our society. We are one of the most organized, ready to move constituencies on the political horizon of this country. Although these things are difficult to gauge, I believe that due to the unprecedented responsiveness of government in Eastern Europe, expectation levels for the same flexibility will rise here.

These rising expectations are bound to be frustrated by the conservative Bush presidency. The Bush administration is proving itself unable to favorably or effectively respond to AIDS, unable to respond to the Exxon oil spill, unable to respond to hurricanes, unable to respond to dead Jesuits, unable to cope with the rights of women, unable to respond to drugs, armed gangs or urban deterioration. The result is that a huge body of domestic social ills are left simmering.

Finally Bush and the status quo he represents, are unable to deal with us — lesbians and gay men. George Bush promised a kinder, gentler nation, but is not able to come through. It is up to us, the grassroots, to reshuffle the deck. The kinder, gentler nation will be the result of our own action. We are the thousand points of light, and our day is coming, but it will be without George Bush, unresponsive County Supervisors, or moribund institutions. Just remember we are coming up on the New Gay Nineties!

Letters

Letter to:
James W. Near, President,
Wendy's International Inc.

Dear Mr. Near:

I applaud the decision made by Wendy's last August to advertise on a rerun of NBC's television show, "L.A. Law," in which a gay Olympic athlete sued a cereal company for cancelling his ad contract when he "came out of the closet".

I'm also aware that you have received many complaints about your sponsorship of that particular show, and that you have answered those complaints with a form letter which says, in part, "Obviously, the particular episode of this show was not consistent with the kind of programming we wish to be associated with. Moreover, Wendy's tries to sponsor programs we feel have a wide appeal to the family viewing audience."

I am appalled at Wendy's narrow-minded attitude. Few of the 25 million gay people in this country are "anti-family", no matter what their detractors consistently claim. Many, in fact, are warm, loving parents themselves. By bowing to the

Drivel

By Michael Brewer ©1989



Third world BMW

pressure of homophobic fanatics, you have alienated as customers not only these people, but their many friends and families.

Perhaps Wendy's also fears that a television show which shows a gay character in a strong, positive way will somehow make its heterosexual viewers "convert" to homosexuality. I can only hope you're well aware that people do not switch their sexual orientation as easily as they switch channels on a television set.

I, for one, will no longer eat at Wendy's, and I am urging my friends and relatives to also take their business elsewhere.

Sincerely, Josh Taylor

Dear Editor,

Thanks to Sandy Lowe for his account (WTP, October, 1989) of our seminar on homophobia at the Angela Center in September.

His article accurately caught the major issues discussed by the participants and the main points we wanted to make. Although the group was "small" as he says, the response and the quality of leadership types that took part did not leave us at least with the feeling of a "melancholy pall" that Sandy seems to have experienced.

Perhaps this was because when we attempted to have a similar seminar there a few years earlier there was not one registration! This past seminar was held in a Catholic facility without any opposition from Church authorities in the diocese. From our perspective all these factors plus the fact that we had close to 20 people register for the seminar are very encouraging signs.

Education is a slow process in any field but more so in the area of homophobia. But we do feel progress is being made. In Sacramento, for example, the Bishop came to the seminar and thanked us publicly for our work in the Church. Who knows what will happen the next time we come to Santa Rosa?

Fr. Robert Nugent

Dear Editor,

Your Robin Gail (Reflection's Nov.) is at it again, can't you do something about it. I suppose the answer is that I should stop reading her column but your paper is small and important to me (thank you all) so I read every word.

Yet, if I read one more time about butch/femme in her column, honey I will scream. What is her problem? She is undoubtedly in a butch/femme relationship and is struggling with it on some level but can't she keep it out of the paper.

I thought her article was going to be interesting (Culture vs Identity) but it didn't go anywhere except back to her same old tiring theme, you know butch/femme. She was a little more crafty than usual and tried to sneak it by, disguising it as yin/yang, and then to go on and trash the heterosexuals by blaming them for the world's troubles sounds like Jerry Falwell in reverse, blame, blame, blame. And didn't you run a picture of Robin and partner at their marriage not to long ago? Just who is kidding who here Robin?

Bill Williams



Opinion

Sonoma Wall Lives

"AIDS is punishment from God for an immoral lifestyle."

After these words were spoken by Jim Nielsen, 40 people formed a coalition of lesbian and gay groups and individuals to respond to homophobia. When Helen Wilbur, then executive director of Face to Face, led the AIDS Commission in refusing to endorse the Lesbian/Gay Pride Resolution, the community rose to its feet again in an angry response. There was a feeling of community and of determination then which led to a presence of over 200 people at the Board of Supervisors vote on the pride resolution and an overflowing crowd at the Pride Picnic this year. We were really something!

Where have all the folks gone? The SonomaWall Coalition still meets but without the crowds and excitement which Jim Nielsen and Helen Wilbur provoked. Activists in our community have created flyers, paid for mailings, phoned, pleaded, served food, and imagined all sorts of tactics, but we can't motivate our community like Nielsen can.

If it takes insults to get people moving, try these for size: *San Francisco voters defeated domestic partner legislation.*

Concord voters repealed an AIDS anti-discrimination law and elected Rev. Lloyd Mashore, the leader of the repeal effort, to the City Council.

Irvine, Orange County voters rescinded a gay rights ordinance.

The right wing Traditional Values Coalition was ex-

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Bi - The Way

By Michael Brewer

Bisexuality - The Big Picture

In the early days of Stonewall and gay liberation, gays, lesbians and bisexuals were united to achieve freedom to live our chosen lifestyles. The distinction between us was minimized. All of us were lumped under the general heading of queers. As we began to make progress and to achieve identity and pride, the distinction between men and women became stronger. We were no longer all gay, but lesbian and gay. Bisexuals were left out in the cold, so to speak, and many were frightened into calling themselves lesbian or gay to avoid being left out with no group identity.

It seems to me that the gay and lesbian communities have experienced a splintering process. As friction arose between gay and lesbian groups or even between different groups within each community, bisexuals often were mistrusted or became scapegoats. Biphobia became the norm with the result that there was very little available for bisexuals as a distinct group.

This is not to say that bisexuals were not active in the gay/lesbian freedom movement. There were bisexuals at Stonewall as there have been bisexuals at the forefront of every significant gay and lesbian freedom battle. But while fighting for gay/lesbian pride, many bisexuals found it difficult to have pride in their own bisexuality. Bisexuals have very little visibility despite the well-known Kinsey report which found that people who exhibited bisexual behavior far out numbered those who were strictly gay/lesbian.

In the 80's, it is clear that gays and lesbians have made significant progress towards breaking down barriers to social acceptance and the right to live the lives they choose. AIDS awareness has played a major role in bringing the issue of "other sexualness" home to everyone in this culture, it has also made scapegoats of many, especially gay men, IV drug users and bisexuals. Despite the negativity it is really the first national visibility that bisexuals have received.

Recent years have seen the beginnings of a bisexual community arise out of the need for support. Bisexuals are often forced to deal with homophobia, biphobia and even heterophobia. The bisexual movement is a result of people who formerly identified as gay, lesbian or heterosexual

coming out and embracing their bisexuality. Many are tired of the old self-limiting stereotypes and are looking to create a community sensitive to the needs of bisexual men and women. Many are tired of the sexual segregation that is sometimes evident within the gay and lesbian communities. The bisexual movement stands for integration of men/women and the male/female aspects of the individual.

It has been said that the bisexual movement will weaken the gay/lesbian movements. In truth, it is self-deception which weakens any movement. How can one be true to a movement while being false to oneself? Bisexuals hiding within the gay/lesbian communities have done so out of fear of rejection and loss of identity. The bisexual movement has its roots in and acknowledges its debt to the gay/lesbian movements and its attitude is "yes and..." rather than "yes but..." We are not a threat to the gay/lesbian communities but are a strong ally, with overcoming homophobia as a common goal.

It has been said that it is not important who you love, but that you love at all, and for me, the bisexual movement means the right to choose. I see it as an asset in my life — a validation of all sexuality: homosexuality, heterosexuality, bisexuality and asexuality. It is the right to choose who we want to be with regardless of sex, race, religion, politics, physical ability, or any other limiting factor. The bisexual movement is dedicated to ending all sexism, which is the root of all oppression. It is about autonomy, androgyny and self empowerment. We see our sexual orientation not as something to set us apart, but as a gift which brings us together.

On the physical plane, the bisexual movement is about action. National and international bisexual groups are forming. They tend to be divided into groups supporting social and political functions. In the U.S., the largest organizations are in New York, San Francisco, Boston and Seattle. San Francisco will host the first international Bisexual Conference in June, 1990. (Call (415) 759-6226).

I have always appreciated that bumper sticker which says: "Think Globally, Act Locally," and locally, we have formed a biweekly bisupport group open to men and women exploring bisexual issues. This month will see the beginning of a bisexual social club. I thank *We The People* for being so supportive in running this column each month. I, for one, would like to read "serving Lesbians, Gay men and Bisexuals and their friends in the Redwood Empire" on the front cover of this fine publication. That is what the bisexual movement is about! Show your support and get involved by writing me c/o *We The People* or calling 539-2569.

GGBA Holiday Dinner Scheduled

The Golden Gate Business Association, Northbay Chapter, will hold its first annual Holiday Dinner Monday, Dec. 28. The event will be at the Equus Restaurant in the Fountaingrove Inn located at Mendocino Ave, and Fountaingrove Parkway. Cocktail time is 6:30pm with dinner at 7:30.

Because of the large turnout at the October dinner, reservations will be accepted by mail only and must be accompanied by payment. Costs are \$22 per person not to include drinks or wine. No credit cards can be accepted.

Main course dinner choices include prime rib, poached salmon, double breast chicken or a vegetarian dish if requested in advance.

GGBA thanks all those who have supported us this year and helped us grow so quickly. We wish everyone the very best for the holiday season and hope to see you all at this holiday event.

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By Robin Gail

Simon Says =

Joann Loulan says lesbians are the wives of the women's movement, and she's right. Running the daycare centers, the battered (straight) women's shelters and the women's health organizations, lesbians do heroic work for less than adequate pay. Lesbians often work under very demanding conditions until they burn out for what seems to be a common cause — the liberation of all women.

Lesbians make the coffee, organize rallies and gather signatures, generally doing all the things the wives do in male-centered political activities. And lesbians get about as much credit. Every now and then a shelter or an abortion clinic undergoes a homophobic purge, and the dykes are let go. Whose liberation is this anyway?

I'm proud of all my hard-working sisters — those who are willing so often to sacrifice earning power for principle. I'm also angry that so many still have to be in the closet for fear of jeopardizing their opportunity to be of service. It tickles me to see on national tv the head of a rape crisis center or abortion clinic or a women's counselling organization and know without knowing she's a lesbian. But if she said casually in the middle of her presentation, "I'm a lesbian...", people would be astonished. Pseudo liberals would say, "Why do they always have to make an issue of it?" Middle America would write in complaint to the program's sponsors.

Loulan suggests dropping that little phrase here and there into the world around us as a means of claiming our lesbian identity and reminding them we're here.

Loulan, by the way, was wonderful in her recent appearance here for Women's Weekend. She spoke humorously and seriously about coming out, pride and politics, prancing about with intense energy, captivating her audience for over two hours. She didn't rely on the sexual command-raids on her audience's psyche as she has in the past, but she was free and uninhibited enough to make us squirm a little and laugh a lot.

Republicans are tripping all over themselves as they grapple with the growing evidence that the American public does not approve of governmental control of women's bodies. In light of gay setbacks in the recent election, it is heartening to know the pro-choice movement is beginning to have an effect.

There are those who, because they are not sexually involved with the opposite sex, believe abortion is a non-issue. As an issue of control over one's body, however, it can affect us all very directly.

Imagine this scenario: First, poor women are denied equal access to abortion. Then even moderate-income and wealthy women are forbidden abortion for any reason. Too bad about the rape. Then women are encouraged, expected, and finally forced to produce babies. Perhaps as the environment gets more toxic and more and more babies are born defective, baby-making becomes a premium, and any woman who refuses her duty is suspect. Lesbians, of course, are punished for trying to side-step their obligations, as are gay men who waste all that perfectly good sperm. After all, the sperm and the ova are simply "pre-existing" embryos.

In Nicole Hollander's comic strip "Sylvia," the courts decreed that "life begins when you first think about sex." Don't laugh too hard. In an era of "pre-born" babies and genetic tinkering, anything is possible, and the courts reflect popular sentiment.

The court which awarded possession of frozen embryos to the woman who furnished the eggs, over the objections of her ex-husband, left us wide open to some dangerous possibilities. Her attorneys called the embryos "pre-born" children, suggesting that to destroy them was murder. So now there are these seven "pre-born" babies in the freezer waiting to be defrosted.

The next step is to require someone to give birth to them. They could be forcibly surgically implanted into her womb — perhaps spaced over a period of 15 or 20 years — while his support payments automatically increase with each implantation. Or these "pre-born" babies could be machine-gestated in some kind of monstrous out-of-the-womb experiment, delivered perhaps, down a chute into the hands of the waiting doctor like peanuts from a vending machine. Creepy, isn't it?

Anyway, a culture that moves in this direction is also very controlling of lesbians and gays. Which is why movement in the opposite direction, i.e., pro-choice, is important to us.

Hot to Trot

By Blayne Gullbeaux

Ever want to take your honey on a luxury cruise? Or have you wanted to play in the Caribbean water with some new friends from a luxury liner and found that you could not be your real self on any of the established cruises? Well R.S.V.P. Travel production has scheduled nine Gay Cruises for 1990.

I have been on two of their cruises, and believe me there is nothing like it! Scratch the boring ports of call! Dump the lounge lizard acts! Fluff the stateroom! This is an R.S.V.P. Cruise. R.S.V.P. gives you a dynamic cruise experience that no one can match. Creativity and attention to detail throughout every aspect of the cruise guarantee you will enjoy one of the greatest vacations ever. R.S.V.P. started with an idea and just one cruise in 1986. The response to the R.S.V.P. experience has increased each year, so that this year there is a large variety to choose from. Canadian Rivers, Caribbean Waters and Mexican Riviera.

I will feature one of these cruises each month for the next couple of issues.

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Then on to Cozumel. Perhaps you'll dive for costume ideas from the glittering sea life in Neptune's turquoise kingdom. Explore the mysteries of Mayan ruin or barter for bargains in the market plaza. You may find the seaside cafes perfect for an idle afternoon. And, of course, the R.S.V.P. Beach Party is a sure bet for a great day.

Between ports the fun goes non-stop aboard the S.S. Queen of Bermuda. Nine passenger decks provide more than enough space for the party of 700. Her new tropical decor and splendid style goes with just about anything you wear. Your trip would be incomplete without spending some time in New Orleans. The historic French Quarter, the chic restaurants, the tacky cabarets, the street performers, the smells, the sights, the sounds—all rich and flavorful as a Creole gumbo. You've got to have a taste.

The fun and the memories are waiting. All they need is you!

Next month: Mexican Riviera

Clicking Stones

By Lois Pearlman

Author Returns To River

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Take Back The Night

By Tom Phillips

Marching With My Sisters: One Man's View

I was one of a disappointingly small number of men who showed their support to women by attending Take Back the Night on Nov. 4. It was a powerful evening, and I was very glad I didn't miss it. As a human being, I was touched to see and hear women encouraging and empowering each other by demanding their rights to move freely in the community, day or night. As a gay man, I was profoundly reminded of the struggle all oppressed people face every day—and every night.

The opening ritual led by Yolanda and Claudia Vierra Allen gave each of us there an opportunity to invoke the names of women who couldn't be there in body to be with us in spirit. As people all around me called out names of women special to them, I joined in—hesitantly at first, but soon boldly, including my biological sisters, my mother, and some special friends. It was a beautiful way to begin what was to be an eye-opening experience.

Dolores Huerta, of the United Farm Workers, was the keynote speaker. A lively, entertaining woman, she had some powerful words for the women and men there. After relating the story of the atrocious treatment of her during an anti-Bush rally earlier this year, she went on to encourage all minorities not only to take back the night but to take back the day as well.

Some wonderful music and a 'reader's theater-style' presentation led to an open mike session. In many ways, this was the most direct and powerful part of the night's events. Women from the crowd came up to the microphone and told of abuses of all kinds they had endured. Those of us listening were visibly moved by the stories.

When time came for the march from Courthouse Square, the energy and spirit were high. We walked from the square up Mendocino Avenue nearly to College Avenue and back down the other side of the street to the square again. "However we dress, wherever we go, yes means yes, and no means no... We are women, and we fight back... What do we want? No rape! When do we want it? Now!" were the chants heard all up and down the street as we walked. My partner Ron and I held hands or walked arm-in-arm as we marched with this proud and angry group of women, glad to participate.

To any men who wanted to be there but chose not to: Be there next year. In the meantime, use any of the hundreds of ways you have available to take back the night from oppressors. The night belongs to everyone. Let's make it safe for everyone.

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Cruising The River

By Patrick Tifer

SPORTS NOTES... Anyone interested in playing co-ed volleyball? They need players over at the Guerneville School every Monday nite between 6:30-9:30. Stop by and check it out. And if you like playing tennis... Larry Kelly, is looking for a tennis partner (amateurs included) to help train and play with. Larry is aiming for the Vancouver Gay Games next spring. You can contact Larry by calling me at 869-9454 and I'll pass your name along.

CONGRATULATIONS... to the new management team at Molly Brown's. Now in charge of the bar is Sheila Frazier who lovingly refers to herself as 'manager bitch'; and Jim Alexander who is in charge of the restaurant. People are still talking about the great time Sheila and Jim put together for John Mackin's farewell party. Stop by and say hello. You'll find Sheila and Jim two of the most likeable people on the river.

SPEAKING OF... John Mackin, who singlehandedly has turned leaving the river into a cottage industry, here's this story. After his party, John and his best friend, Bud Mannion, took off for some fun in the sun in Acapulco. John says Bud was the only visitor to Acapulco ever to be turned down by a beach boy because he was too promiscuous. Way to go, Bud!

ANOTHER FAREWELL... to Sparky (Richard Kaufmann), well known barkeep at The Rainbow Cattle Company. Sparky has fallen in love, and his beau wants him with him in Texas. We'll miss you Sparky. Come back to the river sometime!

THE ANNUAL RAINBOW TRAIN... will be running now through the end of the year. For a dollar donation, which goes to Face to Face, you get to watch a model train chug around the bar. It's well worth seeing and it's for a good cause.

POLITICAL NOTE... You read it here first. Chipper Bohlender is planning to run a viable campaign against Ernie Carpenter for county supervisor. Ernie, the so-called liberal on the board of supervisors, has been acting like a point man for the rightwing in this county when it comes to basic human rights issues for our community and the river. As the old saying goes, with friends like Ernie, you don't need enemies. Anyone interested in encouraging Chipper along can contact him at 795-2269. Good luck, Chip!

ROBBIE SOMMERS... will be doing an author's appearance and reading Dec. 3, 2-4 P.M.. Robbie, a lesbian writer from Santa Rosa will be reading from her book "Pleasure", a collection of lesbian erotica. The reading will be at the Storyteller on Third St. behind the Bank of America. By the way, Suzanne asked that a clarification be made about Raine Eisler. Suzanne is forming a partnership study group, but no personal appearance is planned at this time. For more details, call the store at 869-3714.

to howl. Images changed to shapes and colors. She became the wind—wild and furious—whipping, tugging and blowing."

As a former bookstore owner Glenn was pleased to be the "star" of the Storyteller's first public event. "One of the purposes of readings is to bring community people into the store", she remarked.

Owned and operated by Suzanne Theirie and Rob Giner, who refer to themselves as "domestic partners", the Storyteller features publications from small independent presses like Naiad, the publisher of *Clicking Stones*. The shelves are divided into sections containing lesbian literature, gay men's books, non-sexist children's books, and writings about spirituality, political activism, recovery, and Native American subjects.

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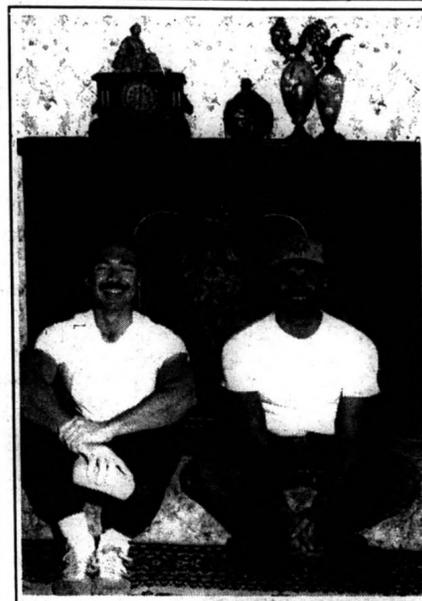


Photo by Patrick Satterthwaite

David Williamson (left) and Glenn Dixon the happy owners and hard workers of their newly opened Highland Dell Inn

New Faces, New Places

By Patrick Satterthwaite

Glenn Dixon and David Williamson were up from Los Angeles looking for a house to buy in Sonoma County a couple of months ago. The real estate agent showed them the Magus Inn in Monte Rio, and now David and Glenn are opening Sonoma County's newest bed and breakfast, named the Highland Dell Inn.

The Inn has been a well known landmark in the River area since it was built in 1906. Although it had fallen into relative obscurity and disrepair in the most recent past, the new proprietors plan to open up the old Inn in stages as they refurbish and restore the Inn to its former beauty. The comment "if it ain't baroque, don't fix it" was not a welcome pun!

Although the phrase "nestled in the redwoods" comes to

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Queer Happenings

Compiled by Sue Deevy

Guadalajara, Mexico, was chosen during the July World Conference in Vienna to be the host city for the 13th International Lesbian and Gay Association (ILGA) World Conference in 1991. This will be the first time the ILGA conference has been held in a Third World Country.

Seattle Gay News, October 20, 1989

Gay and Lesbian couples in Italy will be allowed to apply for public housing following a recent decision by the Italian Parliament to legally define a family as "a group of cohabitating persons tied by bonds of affection."

Gay Community News, October 22-28, 1989

The City Council in Greensboro, North Carolina went on record October, 1989 against discrimination based on sexual orientation. By a 5-4 margin, the council voted to amend the city's personnel policy with specific language prohibiting discrimination because of sexual orientation according to the Raleigh News and Observer. A watered-down version that avoided using specific terms was rejected by the same 5-4 margin.

Gay Community News, October 22-28, 1989

Lesbian and gay young people who take their own lives account for 30 percent of all U.S. suicides, according to San Francisco psychotherapist Paul Gibson. His study is one of only two about young gay men and lesbians in the 50-paper "Report of the Health and Human Services Secretary's Task Force on Youth Suicide" released last month. The report says that killing oneself is the leading cause of death among gay, lesbian, and bisexual youth.

Gay Community News, October 22-28, 1989

mind, a better phrase might be "relaxing in the redwoods", if a building could be relaxing! The sense of quiet, relaxed and comfortable quarters is just what the doctor ordered and just what Glenn and David are producing. Several large common areas are a part of the Inn's charm. One area has a beautiful old fireplace and stunning stained glass windows just waiting for someone to ease into an overstuffed chair and crack open that Agatha Christie novel so long neglected at home. The sun room invites the Terry cloth robes and comfy slippers to enter with a cup of your favorite Sunday morning potion and whatever sections of the Sunday paper

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you care to peruse. But if you plan on listening to the river flow plan on being very still, because it's pretty quiet this time of year.

Each bedroom is done in the period of the original Inn and many antiques and collectibles abound for the aficionado, and the entry hall with its massive fireplace and electric chandelier belies the intimacy other areas of the Highland Dell Inn. A large pool area and ample parking round out the amenities. Pickup from the Sonoma County airport is available, as are... Messages! What better way to enjoy the ambiance that only the Russian River area offers?

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except those directly affected or involved, see the true extent of the disease. The usually visible healthy PWA (Person With AIDS) gives the impression of a mildly affected HIV community. There is little opportunity for people (including government officials) to see the truly ill, those who don't or can't come forward to be noticed. Adjunct to the media's influence is the pervasive view that AIDS is limited to stereotyped groups: gay men and IV drug users.

One of Andrea Learned's concerns is the image of Face to Face in the community. She sees "multiple layers present" in the picture of the agency. For those directly involved — clients, staff and volunteers — Learned says there is a very strong, cohesive image. For those secondarily involved, there is at least a positive attitude toward the agency and its efforts. For others, especially those who rely solely on the media for information, Learned feels the perception is confused. Many of those people are still uncomfortable with the connections between HIV and gays or the IV drug community. Indeed, Learned has heard concerns expressed that Face to Face serves only gays, which is not so. "We indeed plan to move with the community, with the epidemic, serving all those affected by HIV."

"As we get better about articulating what it is we actually do, I think the general community will be proud, pleased and astounded by what we do. I don't think there's any doubt that we're doing an exceptional job." Learned plans to establish a branch office in Santa Rosa, thereby dispelling the myth that Face to Face is exclusively tied to the River community. Learned says that more than half their client load are residents of areas beyond the Russian River vicinity.

There is little contention that Andrea Learned faces some difficult tasks in guiding Face to Face. At one point during the interview, discussion turned to the future of the emergency assistance fund. A recent letter to clients and volunteers had outlined the decision to discontinue administration of the emergency fund at the first of the year.

"The demand [for assistance] has exponentially increased," says Learned. She added that it's just not possible to provide the same level of service with the limited funds currently available. "It was a painful decision," says Learned.

The lack of adequate funding is an unpleasant reality, both for Face to Face and the community it serves. Learned finds this a typical trend in human services in general. "My experience has been that there is never enough... be they HIV, the homeless, the aging, et cetera... human services [funding] is never adequate."

"If the question is 'can Face to Face make a difference with its current budget?' [the answer is] Yes. If the question is 'can we meet the needs of all the clients at this time?', the answer is clearly no."

Learned's work at Face to Face reflects her commitment to people-oriented work. "It is possible to administer programs, and administer them wisely, and not have to totally

HIV News

By Doug McCulloch

ddi and Phase II Clinical Trials

ddi (dideoxyinosine) is a drug similar to AZT in that the drug inserts itself into the replication process of viral DNA, causing a termination of the replication process. Unlike AZT, ddi appears to have fewer serious undesired effects and none of the bone marrow suppression effects seen with AZT. Yet, the question remains: is ddi better than AZT at slowing or stopping the progression of HIV infection?

To answer this question the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) issued Bristol-Myers a treatment IND (Investigational New Drug) status for ddi so that Phase II clinical trials comparing ddi and AZT could proceed. Phase II is that portion of the drug approval process which involves controlled studies of 200 to 300 volunteers to assess a drug's effectiveness.

Three protocols, or studies, have been designed to compare ddi and AZT. Protocol 116 is designed for persons who have never taken AZT or who have been on AZT for less than twelve months. Participants in this protocol will be randomized into one of three trial arms: 1) AZT, 2) low dose ddi, or 3) high dose ddi. This protocol will be conducted at San Francisco General Hospital.

Protocol 117 is for people who have tolerated AZT for more than twelve months. As in Protocol 116, participants

will be randomized into one of three study arms: AZT, low dose ddi, or high dose ddi. Protocol 117 will be conducted at Kaiser Hospital in San Francisco.

Protocol 118 is designed for persons who have had to quit using AZT because of intolerance. People in this study will be randomized into one of two arms: either low dose ddi or high dose ddi.

With Protocol 116 and 117 there is no guarantee and only a 50/50 chance that participants will receive ddi. The advantage of these studies over past studies is that no one gets stuck with a placebo. Everyone will get either ddi or AZT. Of course those in Protocol 118 will definitely get ddi.

In addition to three protocols, there is also a parallel track study for people unable to participate in the formal studies. The parallel track study is handled through private physicians, and the drug is provided free on a compassionate use basis.

The National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases reports that recruitment for these studies is ongoing, and the studies cannot begin until enough people have been enrolled. There are, of course, many inclusion and exclusion criteria of which one must be aware. The parallel track study also has very specific inclusion guidelines.

To find out more about enrolling in one of the formal trials call 1-800-TRIALS-A (1-800-874-2572). For information about the parallel track study have your physician call 1-800-662-7999. Your physician will be sent a package of information discussing how to enroll you in a parallel track study. For information about other clinical treatments call the AIDS Project at 579-AIDS.

compromise some basic tenets about how you want to live your life."

The strain of doing this kind of work has led Learned to take care of herself by balancing her time. She reserves weekends for time alone or with her partner, who lives in Ukiah. This often involves hiking in the mountains or on the beach, and swimming. "It's increasingly important, as we now show people how to have quality life, to also apply that to [my own] personal life." She has also been changing some priorities regarding her involvement in community action; she has fewer projects than she once had. But she remains firm in her commitment to human services.

"The fact that I'm an administrator doesn't mean that I stop being an advocate."

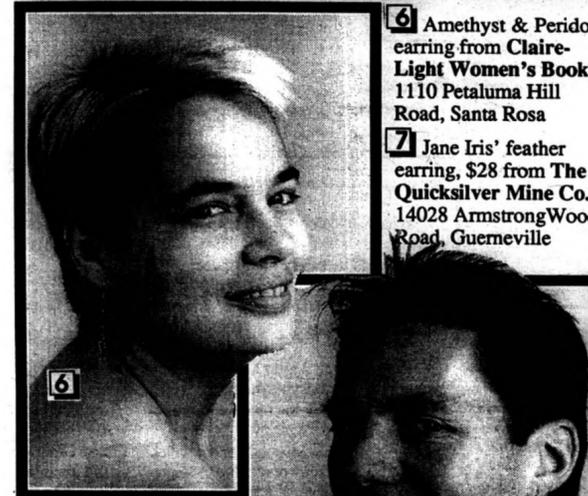


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Coming Out On The Silver Screen

By Sandy Lowe

My first trip to San Francisco after the earthquake was to the Roxie Theater to see the premiere of the video/film "Tongues Untied" by Marlon Riggs. It was the feature piece of five presentations made by and about Bay Area lesbian and gay filmmakers. It was also one of those great gay film events where the audience was wildly appreciative and ever eager to see some bit of themselves up there on the silver screen. We were not disappointed. Marlon's film, the longest piece at 55 minutes, was shown last and brought the house joyously to its feet.

The showing was made more powerful by its juxtaposition with the shorter "Out in Suburbia," a film by Pam Walton (shown at a BANGLE meeting in Santa Rosa in mid-November.) This tidy video is a peon of delight and praise for lesbian normalcy in a verdant suburban paradise (I suspect it's Palo Alto.) This film featured "satisfied, well-adjusted, middle class" (their words, not mine) lesbian couples who are all madly in love and who were all "married for life" to the girl of their dreams. Clearly it was important to these women, and perhaps more so to the filmmaker, to depict the contentment and inarguable legitimacy of the tender human loves and relationships that compose these blessed unions. It was really quite wonderful, after all these years and all those marches, to see on a screen those proud and caring women who had finally made it in the coveted landscape of domestic bliss and reasonable security.

Nothing wrong with all this. Except that it was followed by "Tongues Untied," almost an hour's powerful and lyric reflection by Marlon Riggs on his life as a black gay man. His statement proved to be neither suburban, domestic nor blissful. Not by a long shot.

Riggs had to start alone and from the beginning — no long traditions of community building, black gay media expression and filmmaking here. Therefore Riggs' film is a deliberate and courageous break through the media wall of invisibility. This introductory work succeeds in conveying

the anguish and pain involved in growing up as a black gay man in America. It also finds a way to celebrate the even more invisible beauty and power of black, gay brotherhood. (A rap incantation opened the film: "Brother to brother. Brother to brother," never letting us forget that "black men loving one another is the revolutionary act!")

Painful reminiscences would disappear into a silent blackness. The screen would sit dark, engulfing the audience, exploding with flashes and fades of the little boy growing up in Georgia. In the black community called *faggot*. In the white community called *nigger*, followed by a stunned and empty silence. The universal setting of male isolation.

The video is only partly autobiographical. It documents Riggs' escape from Georgia, his perplexing involvement with white men and his arrival in gay San Francisco where he discovered that he "...was a nigger still." But the video expands and fills the void with a small army of friends and lovers, trampling down the vineyards of bigotry and homophobia with their proud presence, their affections and humor, with the precision poetry of Essex Hemphill, with song and dance and finally with hordes of dark men marching down boulevards in Gay Freedom Day parades everywhere.

We may have to wait a while to see "Tongues Untied." The filmmaker, Marlon Riggs, won an Emmy for his documentary "Ethnic Notion," a visual record of racist stereotyping. The film was widely distributed and shown on public television. But "Tongues Untied" is bound to be more volatile, and channels of distribution have yet to be found for it. Riggs would like the film to be available to colleges and community groups and to a wide audience, although his target audience is "black men in general and black gay men in particular" who "have never seen their images on screen in any kind of way."

Seen side by side, these two films made by a white lesbian and by a black gay man, show the diversity in style and development that separates men and women, black and white. What they have in common is their depiction of gay emergence and their proud and dogged insistence on affirming our existence by becoming boldly visible.



Dough McCulloch and Don Lee stop to reaffirm their vows at the Old North Church in Boston. They celebrate their 10th anniversary on December 13.

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What Sagittarius wants is *another* vacation, but in lieu of a wilderness trek with only a backpack or a weekend in an ashram, send them to a 49ers game.

Take a Capricorn away from work, and give them an evening of comedy — just get them to laugh a little.

The gift for an Aquarius doesn't have to be expensive, just original. And you might as well make it yourself, because if they ever see one like it, you're in trouble.

A book would be good for a Pisces, but make it pure fantasy, because they don't like reality and spend as little time in it as possible.

Kate Ryan has practiced Astrology in Sonoma County for thirteen years.

Don't give Cancer a cookbook because they already have every one ever printed. Give them cash, cause they're the best shoppers.

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Astrology

By Kate Ryan

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Dear Editor,

First of all, I want to say what a wonderful paper you all have created! I marvel at how it can be so professional and "home-grown" all at once. I hope you never get too slick (too big for your britches my mother might say.) Sure, it would be nice to have fewer typos, but I wouldn't trade perfection for the signs that there are real people putting this thing together.

I do have one criticism. I think it's really a shame that the only lesbian-focused column (Robin Gail's "Reflections") should be so consistently uninteresting. I find I rarely even finish reading it. Her fashion statements in the October issue were sort of cute, but any time she tries to do something serious it just falls flat. Her style is redundant, self-involved and preachy. She sounds like she wants to be sure she doesn't offend anyone. I resent her unspoken assumption that somehow, deep down, we really all agree about everything. I would like to see a column that makes me think, whether I agree or disagree; that occasionally raises questions instead of pretending to have all the answers. I'd be very curious to know what other lesbians think about this. If you have an opinion on the matter, why don't you write a letter to the editor too.

Susan Greer

Dear Editor,

On Nov. 7, 1989, Domestic Partners' Day, two high school students interviewed Doyle Wilkinson and me. Their assignment was to prepare a 50 minute presentation on Lesbian/Gay Rights. Both students were enthusiastic. Their questions, ideas and research impressed me. I was shown books and information new to me. They were interested in my experience and what I thought concerned lesbians and gays in Sonoma County.

1989 was a media year for lesbians and gays across this nation. In Sonoma County, we went to the Board of Supervisors for public acknowledgement of our contributions, we celebrated our 3rd Annual Pride Picnic and proclaimed our PRIDE with the "We Are Your Neighbors" ad. We stood up for our right to County tax dollars for direct services for people living with AIDS and The Press Democrat featured us in the "Coming Out Series". All of the above and more was available to these two young women to educate their peers. They got to hear the inside story of how important it is for lesbians and gays to be open and out.

When I thanked them for choosing Lesbian/Gay Rights as their topic, I also told them their advocacy makes my life as a lesbian easier. Then I was asked "When will there be gay rights?". "When lesbians and gays have more friends like you. We are not going to get gay rights on our own." They turned to me and thanked me for being "OUT", and for being courageous.

These two young women convinced me again of how vital it is for lesbians and gays to be both "Out and Visible."
Magi Fedorka

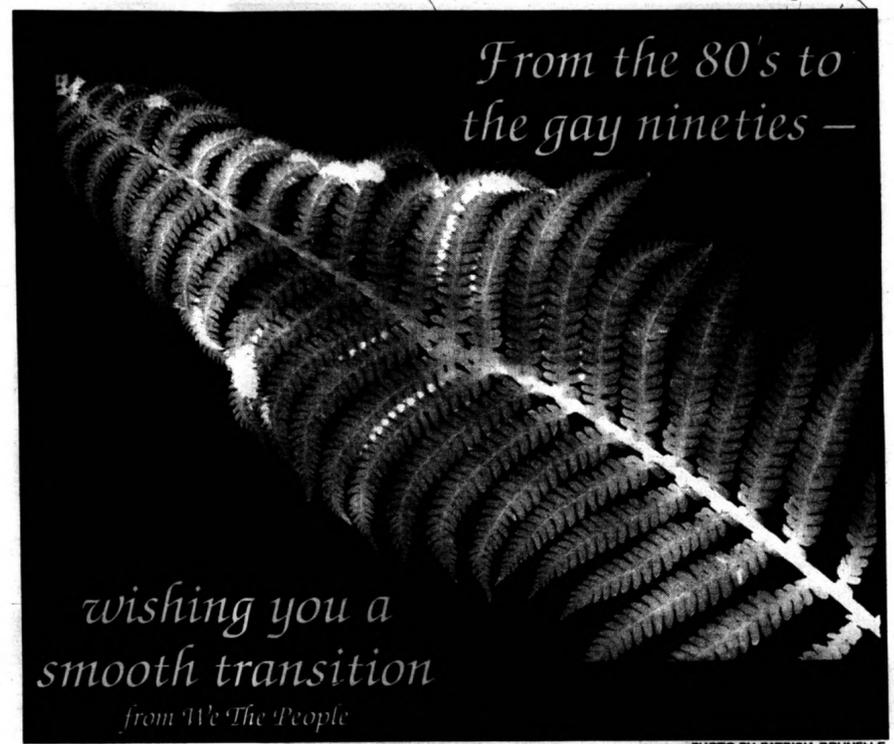


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Dear Editor,

On behalf of the organizers of Uppity Feet for Justice and Peace, Pledge for Peace in Central America, Citizens for a Healthy Economic Future, Women Against Rape, PEO Homeless Shelter, and the Rainbow Coalition I want to thank everyone who helped make our 1989 dance-a-thon such an earth-shaking success.

So many people helped (literally hundreds) that we can only mention some by name. Thanks to all our dancers, who brought in over \$12,000 for our five non-profit groups. Thanks to all the phonebankers, posterers, letter-stuffers, data entry people, cooks, security guards, event volunteers. Thanks to all the bands for wonderful dance music, and the poets, actors and rappers as well. Thanks to KAFE-Radio for co-sponsorship, to Glen Mitchell, Bill Bowker, Scott Murray and Nancy Walton for emceeing, and to Rebel "Hyperdrive" Fagin for production. Thanks to the scores of businesses who donated food and beverages as well as raffle and dance prizes, and the newspapers, TV and radio who gave us such fine publicity.

Special thanks to: Lauren Hawkins, Suzie Daniels Weise and Robert, Mather & Gibbs Advertising agency for paste-ups; Kerry Richardson for photos; Charles House for poster design; Paz Printers and American Speedy Printing; Buddulph Chevrolet for use of "billboard"; Henry Taylor Accountants and Creative Property Services for use of offices; SCPEO Head Start staff for childcare, the dozens of masseuses who eased tired feet; Nick Peck and the volunteers at the Center for Peace and Justice for all their help. And to anyone I left out: sorry. We really appreciate the help.

If you pledged money and haven't sent it in yet: please do. Pledges are wonderful but checks pay the rent. If you hadn't pledged but would still like to contribute, send a check to Uppity Feet, Box 1426, Santa Rosa, CA 95402.

Finally, Uppity Feet '89 T-shirts are still available at \$8 each for pink or blue on black, gray or blue (some muscle shirts available). Call 526-7220 or 545-7220.

Get your feet ready for the 1990 version... In Peace,
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SONOMA WALL

FROM PAGE 2

tremely influential in the outcome of these elections. The TVC is active here too. We have no domestic partner legislation or gay rights ordinance to protect. We can't even get a pride resolution passed. When The Press Democrat ran a series of coming out articles, hate letters to the editor were abundant. The Board of Supervisors denied funding for Face to Face, and please remember that Sonoma County voters helped elect all-American bigot Jim Nielsen. The TVC has no trouble getting their members and friends to vote, donate money, or attend meetings. The TVC represents a large group of dedicated, motivated, organized groups and individuals, whose agenda involves denying us freedom.

Are we too busy fitting the PD's description of us — middle class, upwardly mobile, coupled, raising a family, and pursuing a career? Or are we too overwhelmed just

trying to make a living and pay rent and put food on our tables? Are we too absorbed in healing our sick, grieving our dead, recovering from our childhoods, and licking our wounds? Are we too occupied with having fun, being social, and watching tv and videos? Are we too satisfied with patting ourselves on our backs for being such good gays and lesbians?

Nobody has verbally abused us lately. Ernie Carpenter hasn't even called us fascists. Are we complacent? I am shocked that it takes insults to motivate us, but if that is what it takes, here goes: Come on all you bourgeois bulldykes and fainthearted faggots, get off your butts and get involved. What are you — a bunch of perverts?

Did it work? Was I convincing? The next SonomaWall meeting is Sunday, Jan. 14. See you there.

By Kit Mariah

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Heartwood Institute is a healing arts school that is well known for its classes in massage, polarity, hypnotherapy and nutrition. The facilities available for this event includes a large indoor gathering space, hot tub, sauna, sweat lodge and an almost unlimited amount of beautifully rustic, rural rolling countryside.

This magical spot will provide the perfect environment to gather and share the healing energy that all can collectively create. Space is limited. For reservations and information contact Terry Brown, PO Box 381, Ukiah CA. 95482. (707) 462-4010

Calendar (continued from back page)

WEEKLY MEETINGS...

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 pm. 3054 Stevenson, SSU. For info call Mike Kiraly 546-2503.

Healing the Spirit of Codependence, a group for women experiencing isolation in their journey to heal their spirit. Call Marjorie Thirkettle, MFCC (ML021923), 889 3304, or Donna Jones, FNP, 542-5207.

HIV/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 889-3304.

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

HIV Support Group, sponsored by the Napa Valley AIDS Project, meets every Tuesday, 7 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 pm, Christ Methodist Church, 1717 Yulupa Drive, Room 5, Santa Rosa. For info call 823-5845.

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

Moving Through Grief, a support group for people dealing with loss, facilitated by Marjorie Thirkettle, MFCC, and Donna L. Jones, FNP. Meets Wednesdays, 6:30-8 pm, for

Positive for Positives, support group for HIV/AIDS/ARC, meets every Wednesday at noon. For info call 885-1834 or 889-3255.

Rainbow's End, gay/lesbian/bisexual youth project sponsored by the Ministry of Light, meets the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Thursday of each month for support and discussion. Ages 15-21. Ministry of Light offices, 1000 Sir Francis Drake Blvd., San Anselmo. For 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 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 (ML021923) at 889-3304.

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OTHER PROGRAMS

BACW Planning Meeting, Marin Local Area Network. For info call Julie (415)924-2529.

Gay Games III - Swim Team, 11:30 am swim and important 1 pm luncheon meeting. Saturday December 9. For info call Sandy 527-9052.

Lesbian Business Owner's Association meets once a month. For dates, times and further info call 585-7854.

Marin Walking and Dining Group (BACW) meets once a month at 6:15 on a weekday evening for a walk in various locations followed by a potluck at a home nearby. For info call Lin (415)383-5345.

MCC Santa Rosa meets Sundays at 11:30 am, at 3632 Alway Drive. All lifestyles welcome. For info call 528-1076.

Napa Valley AIDS Project offers an ongoing Support Training for volunteers. For info call 255-9617.

Networking Group for Lesbians Becoming Parents, a new group for lesbians who plan to conceive children through artificial insemination within the next year. A place to share info and resources; an opportunity to build friendships for future parenthood support; open

membership; monthly meetings at participants' homes; other activities. First meeting February 2, 7 pm. For info call 538-3235.

Russian River Metropolitan Community Church is a church for all people regardless of sexual orientation. Service every Sunday at 11:00 am, 14529 Armstrong Woods Rd., Guerneville. For info call 889-0552.

Theater Going Group. Join BACW-Marin at the Marin Theater Company Thursday night previews in Mill Valley. Optional dinner before the performance. Performances on Jan. 11, Mar. 1, and Apr. 19, 1990. 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 in a special issue. Please note that because of our press time, events scheduled before the fourth of the month should be submitted two months in advance. We The People, P.O. Box 457, Guerneville, CA 95454. (Use this address for calendar items. Please note that because of our press time, events scheduled before the fourth of the month should be submitted two months in advance. We The People, P.O. Box 457, Guerneville, CA 95454.)

Classifieds

Rental Wanted: 2 disabled lesbians seeking rental, Petaluma or Santa Rosa, convenient to bus, and first floor. Either one bedroom maximum of \$800 or 2 bedroom with maximum of \$700 rent. Have 2 kittens. Please call friend Steve at 894-4623 in Cloverdale.

Room available in great house in Santa Rosa by Dec 1. Sunny, clean, W/D, veg. garden, \$300-350 neg. H/eth 578-5388

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Workshop for partners of sexual abuse survivors. This workshop will include education as to how sexual abuse affects relationships, how partners are affected, how to be supportive but take good care of yourselves, and express your feelings and experiences. Sat. or Sun. in January to be determined. 10am-4pm - \$40 - \$80. Bring lunch and journal. Coffee/tea to be provided. Facilitated by Vicki Blackfoot, M.A. - Psychologist, Consultant/Educator specializing in Survivors and Partners.

Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual Youth Group A support program for young people between the ages of 14 and

21 will begin mid January 1990. This will be a structured program within a safe and accepting atmosphere led by two facilitators: Jim Foster MFC and Beverly Laird. For intake info, call Jim Foster at 528-3800

Like to have fun? Join the Social-Life Club, only \$10 for 6 months. See calendar for list of activities. Call Jerry 528-7464 for info.

Have An Extra Room? Well adjusted GWM (20), student of SSU, is in need of a place to live. Goody guy (non-smoker, no drugs, rarely drinks), very responsible, will help with house chores as well as follow house "rules". I basically need a room (I have my own furniture) to study, sleep, & live an honest lifestyle. Rent is guaranteed (calling price \$275) will also share common needs as well (utilities, food, etc.). I'm looking now for a move in January (2nd semester). I'm open to any type of environment (as long as I feel comfortable, can study, and have some privacy). Please give me a chance. Pete 795-1398

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Gay Meets? Not yet, but still trying. Apt. 516-g in Santa Rosa, 1BD \$450, 2BD \$550, 3BD \$630. Gays appreciated and welcomed. Call Sport 578-4552 for details.

Support/Education group for partners of sexual abuse survivors. A supportive, confidential environment where partners of survivors share experience and feelings, learn how sexual abuse issues affect relationships, and develop skills in communications, self-knowledge and nurturing, and relationships. Beginning Dec/Jan - 8 week commitment. 7-9pm, (day to be determined). \$15-20/session. Facilitated by Vicki Blackfoot, M.A. - Psychologist, Consultant/Lecturer specializing in Sexual Abuse Survivors and Partners. (707)529-3953

Your Own History. Preserve your jokes, philosophy, style, memories of loved people, political recs., thoughts & dreams. I interview you and edit the result for your family, friends and personal enjoyment. From \$50 to \$500. Hire me as a gift for an elderly friend. Adrienne: 823-2375

Looking for Roommate. Gay man, 28, no alcohol, drugs or smoking. Very active housewife, W/P, S-LC and lots more. \$275 mo. plus utilities and equal chores. Call Jerry 528-7464. Available Jan. 1.

Looking for Roommate to make 3 in a Gay male household. Vocal-Life Club, joining Jan 1.

Only 2 left - silly black kittens - 4 months old sweet, adorable females. 889-9180

Lesbian - Forty-ish seeking companionship (and more). Looking for someone to share out door adventures, romantic dinners by the fire, walks on the beach, and a love for animals. I can be reserved at times yet have a great

Sublet (Jan 15 - March 1) Sonoma Mountain Rd. Secluded and quiet. One Bedroom House on creek, surrounded by trees. Rent is \$200/wk reduce in exchange for dog care (one old Irish Setter) and mail forwarding. 575-1837

Do you have a service or skill, that is of interest to the GL Community? Is it only want early recovery junkies or rock music fans. Large Victorian house with wood heat, well water, \$220-\$320/month depending on number of women, 50 sq ft. \$600, last months rent dep. Available immediately. 828-2408.

Wanted: Lesbian or Gay to share 2 bdrm, quiet apt, Sonoma area. Must be clean & sober. Avail - 12/1 - \$300 mo - 986-9410

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Country Western Line Dance (lessons and dancing) will be held at the Sebastopol Community Center, Saturday Dec. 9 & 16, 300 Morris St. (off Hwy 12.), \$5 donation. Donna E., who conducted workshops this year at the West Coast Women's Festival, will be teaching dances like the "Frezza" and the "Tush Push". No partners needed.

Winter Women's Crafts Faire - Celebrate the holiday season with some of the finest craftswomen in northern California on Saturday Dec. 9, 11 am-6 pm, at the Sebastopol Community Center, 390 Morris St. (off Hwy 12.) Handmade pottery, jewelry, seasonal crafts,

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I'm a 6' blue eyed construction worker in my late thirties. I'm hairy, in good shape with a cute butt. I'm brand new and looking for a girl to have his way with me. Safety and discretion a must. No drugs. Note with desires. Phone #, Photo? AD 1201

Looking for a lover who won't drive me crazy; a woman who loves to laugh and play and sees the true beauty in life. Like me you are over 30, don't smoke, drink, or drug, are spiritually inclined and into talking relationships. I'm brand new and looking for your own choices in life. Reply AD 1202

Goodlooking GWM 40 who enjoys young men for discrete dating, seeks a young man who enjoys the company of older men. Virgins are welcome. Nothing kinky just what feels comfortable to us both. Reply AD 1203

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.

"Off the Beaten Path: Works in Clay", a show featuring the work of 20 Sonoma County ceramic artists, will run through Jan. 7. The Gallery at the Quiksilver Mine Co., 14028 Armstrong Woods Rd., Guerneville. 11-530 daily.

EXHIBITS Paintings, by Guerneville artist Nancy Lee. Jan. 1-

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Calendar

DECEMBER/JANUARY

FRIDAY DECEMBER 1 WORLD AIDS DAY

In Celebration of Life (ICL), planning meeting and election of new officers. 6:30 pm, Orenda Center, Santa Rosa. For info call Harry Faddis 829-5396.

Jane Iris Designs, Inc., 3rd annual studio clearance sale/party. Discounted items, seconds and overruns at great prices. 4:00-8 pm, 2860 Bowen #7, Graton. 823-8764.

SATURDAY DECEMBER 2

Gay/Lesbian Vegetarian Quarterly Potluck 7 pm, 119 W. 7th St., Santa Rosa. For info call Mike Kiraly 546-2503.

SUNDAY DECEMBER 3

Annual ClaireLight Holiday Party. Come celebrate and enjoy a day-long 10% discount on all in-stock books. Refreshments, door prizes and a Special Surprise Guest. Noon-5 pm, ClaireLight. 575-8879.

Tea Corinne and several other contributors to the book *Intricate Pleasures* will appear to read selections from their stories and sign copies of the book. No admission charge. 5 pm, ClaireLight. 575-8879.

Robbi Somers will give a reading from her book, *Pleasures*. 2-4 pm, Storyteller Bookstore, 16350 3rd St., Guerneville. For info call 869-3714.

Sonoma County Women Against Rape, 6th Annual Holiday Auction. Comedienne Gayle Remick will be on hand to auction a wonderful array of gifts auctioned by local businesses. (ClaireLight will be having a holiday open house next door, see above.) Noon-4 pm, M. Lavelle's Salon, 1110 Petaluma Hill Rd., Santa Rosa. For info call 545-7270.

Tennis 9-11 am, Piner High School, Santa Rosa. Sponsored by the Social Life Club. For info call Jerry 526-7464.

TUESDAY DECEMBER 5

BISupport, a peer support group for BiSexual people of all ages and colors, and for those wishing to discuss BiSexual issues in a safe, confidential and friendly environment. 7 pm. For info call Michael 539-2569.

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

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 6

Sonoma County Lesbian/Gay Democratic Club No meeting this month. See you Jan. 11.

THURSDAY DECEMBER 7

Computer Group, primarily Macintosh. 7 pm. Sponsored by the Social Life Club. For info call Jerry 526-7464.

Country Western Dancing, every Thursday, 7:30-Midnight, at BJ's in Corte Madera. See Weekly Programs.

FRIDAY DECEMBER 8

ACT-Up Sonoma County meets on the 2nd and 4th Friday nights of the month. 7:30 pm. For location of meetings and info on upcoming actions call 869-3265 or 865-2411.

BISocials, a social club for BiSexual people and their friends and families, will host our 2nd potluck and dance starting at 7:30 pm. Bring food and beverage of your choice. For info call Michael 539-2569.

A Chanticleer Christmas, Renaissance

Christmas music by America's premiere male vocal ensemble. 8 pm, First United Methodist Church, 1551 Montgomery Dr., Santa Rosa. General admission \$12, Students/Seniors/Groups \$10. Tickets available at Bass, Stanroy's.

SATURDAY DECEMBER 9

Country Western Line Dance Workshop for Women, lessons and dancing, no partner needed. 8 pm, Sebastopol Community Center, 390 Morris St. \$5 donation. For info call Jacqua 527-6102, or Sherri 584-0746.

Dignity, gay Catholic organization, meets once a month. 6:30 pm. Mass at 7:00, followed by potluck dinner. For info call J.R. & Pat 526-4910, or Mert 579-5308.

Gay Games III - Swim Team 11:30 am swim and important luncheon meeting at 1 pm. For info call Sandy 527-9052.

Gay/Lesbian Community Center organizational meeting. Election of Board of Directors. Don't let that sound intimidating, join us. 1-3 pm, Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, Todd & Stony Pt. Roads, Santa Rosa. For info call Pam McDaniel 795-0463, or Bob Casanta 887-1037.

Muslo Outing, An Old Fashioned Christmas performed by the Golden Gate Men's Chorus. 8 pm, San Francisco. Group outing sponsored by the Social Life Club. For info call Jerry 526-7464.

Pauline Pfandler, director of Women's Theatre Project, will lead a 2 hour workshop designed to loosen you up and help you laugh at yourself and your antics via scene-character-vocal improvisations and theater games. 7 pm, ClaireLight. Admission \$7-10 sliding scale. 575-8879.

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

Winter Women's Crafts Faire, womenmade crafts, food, entertainment. 11 am-6 pm, Sebastopol Community Center, 390 Morris St. \$2-5 donation includes door prize tickets. Portion of the proceeds goes to the Sebastopol Senior Center. For info call Jacqua 527-6102, or Sherri 584-0746.

SUNDAY DECEMBER 10

Beachcombing and Picnic 11:30 am. Sponsored by the Social Life Club. For info call Jerry 526-7464.

East Meets West Holiday Dance Party, BACW East Bay and Marin. 2-6 pm, Berkeley Yacht Club, Berkeley Marina. \$10 members, \$15 non-members; tickets at the door.

Mother River Spirit Monthly Circle for Womyn meets 2nd Sunday of the month. 5 pm in Russian River area. Womyn of all traditions welcome. For info call 869-3445.

Tennis 9-11 am, Piner High School, Santa Rosa. Sponsored by the Social Life Club. For info call Jerry 526-7464.

MONDAY DECEMBER 11

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

Dining Out at La Verra's. Sponsored by the Social Life Club. For info call Jerry 526-7464.

TUESDAY DECEMBER 12

Full Moon Drumming and Chanting Circle for Womyn, in celebration of the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. 7:30 pm. For info call Mother River Spirit 869-3445.

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

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 13

AIDS Commission Meeting, Public Health presents its implementation plans of Commission's recommendations. Public encouraged to attend. 6:30 pm, 3033 Cleveland Ave., Santa Rosa.

Z Budapest, author/priestess, will give a talk on the holidays of the ancient Europeans - the politics of celebrations, both personal and communal, that have survived centuries of persecution. After the talk, Z will sign her new book, *The Grandmother of Time*. 7 pm, ClaireLight. 575-8879.

THURSDAY DECEMBER 14

Country Western Dancing Every Thursday, 7:30-Midnight, at BJ's in Corte Madera. See Weekly Programs.

FRIDAY DECEMBER 15

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

SATURDAY DECEMBER 16

Card Party 7:30 pm. Sponsored by the Social Life Club. For info call Jerry 526-7464.

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

SUNDAY DECEMBER 17

Carolling rehearsal for an evening of caroling on Dec. 23. 4 pm. Sponsored by the Social Life Club. For info call Jerry 526-7464.

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

Slide Show (travel) 4 pm. Sponsored by the Social Life Club. For info call Jerry 526-7464.

Tennis 9-11 am, Piner High School, Santa Rosa. Sponsored by the Social Life Club. For info call Jerry 526-7464.

MONDAY DECEMBER 18

GGBA Northbay Chapter Holiday Dinner. 7:30 pm, Equus Restaurant, Fountain Grove Inn, Santa Rosa. \$22 per person. For info call Toni D'Angelo 578-7743.

TUESDAY DECEMBER 19

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

Movie Night Sponsored by the Social Life Club. For info call Jerry 526-7464.

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 20

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.

Heliotrope Book Club The book this month is *Berlin Stories and/or Last of Mr. Norris* by Christopher Isherwood. 7:30 pm. Sponsored by the Social Life Club. For info call Jerry 526-7464.

THURSDAY DECEMBER 21

BISupport, a peer support group for BiSexual people of all ages and colors, and for those wishing to discuss BiSexual issues in a safe, confidential and friendly environment. 7 pm. For info call Michael 539-2569.

Country Western Dancing Every Thursday, 7:30-Midnight, at BJ's in Corte Madera. See Weekly Programs.

FRIDAY DECEMBER 22

ACT-Up Sonoma County meets on the 2nd and 4th Friday nights of the month. 7:30 pm. For location of meetings and info on upcoming actions call 869-3265 or 865-2411.

Bridge Party Beginning and advanced players welcome. Sponsored by the Social Life Club. For info call Jerry 526-7464.

Festival of Winter Celebration, a womyn's ritual celebrating the many winter holy days - Solstice, Hanukkah, Yule, Christmas, Kwanzaa. 8 pm, potluck following. For info call Mother River Spirit 869-3445.

Caroling at rest homes, convalescent homes and specific homes. Time TBA. Sponsored by the Social Life Club. For info call Jerry 526-7464.

SUNDAY DECEMBER 24

Tennis 9-11 am, Piner High School, Santa Rosa. Sponsored by the Social Life Club. For info call Jerry 526-7464.

MONDAY DECEMBER 25

PFLAG, no meeting this month. See you next year.

THURSDAY DECEMBER 28

No Country Western Dancing Tonight See you next year. See Weekly Programs.

Dark of the Moon Meditation and Healing Circle for Womyn. 7:30 pm. For info call Mother River Spirit 869-3445.

SUNDAY DECEMBER 31

Brown Bag Reader's Theater Annual Clean and Sober New Year's Eve Extravaganza. Special Entertainment. 9 pm-1 am, Santa Rosa Vet's, Lodge Rm. \$5-50 donation.

New Year's Eve Get Away, room for only 2 more people. Open for both women and men. Sponsored by the Social Life Club. For info call Jerry 526-7464.

Tennis 9-11 am, Piner High School, Santa Rosa. Sponsored by the Social Life Club. For info call Jerry 526-7464.

TUESDAY JANUARY 2

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

THURSDAY JANUARY 4

Country Western Dancing Every Thursday, 7:30-Midnight, at BJ's in Corte Madera. See Weekly Programs.

TUESDAY JANUARY 9

Course in Miracles Study Group forming, for women only. Organizational meeting at 7:30 pm. For info call Jill 664-1262.

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

THURSDAY JANUARY 11

Sonoma County Lesbian/Gay Democratic Club meets in downtown Santa Rosa. 7:30 pm. For info call 527-0485.

Full Moon Drumming and Chanting Circle for Womyn. 7:30 pm. For info call Mother River Spirit 869-3445.

FRIDAY JANUARY 12

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WEEKLY MEETINGS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

AIDS Awareness Group of AA (alcoholics only) Monday, 7 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.

Country Western Dancing for all Two-Steppers and Wanna-Be's north of the Golden Gate. Every Thursday (except Dec. 28,) 7:30-Midnight, at BJ's, 5625 Paradise Dr. (Paradise Shopping Center), Corte Madera. Lessons 7:30-9 pm with host Donna E. of the West Coast Women's Music Festival. All are welcome. For info call BJ's (415) 924-8432.

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