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### SRRT ENDORSES BETTY TUROCK

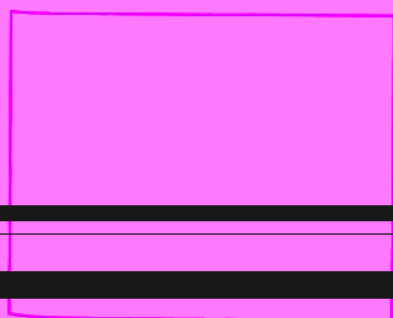
At its meetings in Los Angeles, SRRT's Action Council members voted to endorse long-time member and activist, Betty Turock, for ALA President. Ms. Turock's statements at the Candidates Forum and in a special meeting before Action Council won the hearts and votes of many in the Round Table.

SRRT members running for ALA Council, according to the list published in the December 1993

for inclusion on the ballot. Look for these members and give them your consideration in voting.

### FROM THE COORDINATOR

Well, except for a little rumbling of the ground. Los Angeles was a relatively quiet conference. SRRT Action Council passed three resolutions. These resolutions - South



Committee asking

[REDACTED]

areas in the present fiscal and political climate there is no guarantee that access to the information highway will

amount to censorship. One other Council Action of note: SRRT member Nancy Kranich was elected to the ALA Executive Board. There are some more comments about ALA Council in another article (see p. 6).

A number of people got to see the minority recruitment video that SRRT helped finance. I

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Ayala and his team for a job well done.

I was pleased to discover in the ALA Press Office

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have material to send to the Clearinghouse, contact one of the co-coordinators:

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to start making selected Clearinghouse materials available electronically, beginning with the Clearinghouse order form, documents available without charge, and one or two of the others (probably the archives list). If all goes well, these items should be available via *CAYLIB* and the

Help is still needed! First, Midwinter Read-Aloud coordinator, Gary Klein, has a scheduling conflict, and someone is needed for this responsibility for the Annual

together and spotlight gay and lesbian professional organizations. These may include the Society of American Archivists, the Art Libraries Society of North America, and the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force.

to nominate a library or individual please contact the task force chair:

**Beth Sibley**

1111 University Avenue, Suite 1000

for more information

Moffitt Undergraduate Library

Nominations for Steering Committee vacancies are being sought and are due by April 1. Elections will be held at

Berkeley CA 94720  
phone: (510) 643-9346

fax: (415) 642-7001

**ISRAELI CENSORSHIP ISSUE, UPDATED: A  
MESSAGE FROM THE COORDINATOR**

It is doubtful, at this time, that I will ever be allowed to see the remaining letters. No letters that I have been allowed to see level charges of misconduct or violent behavior against any member of the ICPL Task Force or

Last message David Williams, Coordinator, ICPL Task Force

Form on Israeli Censorship and Palestinian Literature



the number of non-votes or abstentions is significant.  
[Redacted]

ALA) had a special committee to advise the Boy Scouts  
of America on this issue. [Redacted]

1992 for another four year term, has missed Annual 1991  
and Midwinter 1992 (the last two sets of Council meetings

appear to be in violation of ALA Policy 9.5, which states  
that ALA "shall have no ... formal relationships with

Participants may write their own letter, saving the pledge amount. For Urgent Action Alerts, contact:

**Cheryl Martin**  
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--Al Kagan, University of Illinois

## **ALOS HOLDS HEARING ON LIBRARY SERVICE FOR THE POOR**

The ALA Office for Library Outreach Service held a hearing on ALA Policy #60, Library Services for the Poor: Implementation Activities, at the Midwinter



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During the Vietnam War, the U.S. operated numerous

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military bases in Thailand, mostly in "Isaan," the underdeveloped, rural, agricultural northeast region. Near each of these bases, thousands of babies were born to Thai women and American soldiers. The lucky ones were

turned down, probably because of his African-American appearance. His English-language skills are O.K. No, it's not fair -- but that's just the way it is.

During a holiday visit, I met Junior in Bangkok and hired him for a week as my guide on a tour of southern Thailand. He was thrilled to board the plane for his first flight on the 60-minute Thai Airlines domestic route southward. Though he had never visited Hat Yai, Krabi, Pee Pee Islands, or Phuket, Junior was a more-than-adequate tour guide. He served as a good companion and carried luggage eagerly. But in addition, he translated, asked questions and directions, and haggled prices skillfully, probably requiring more than the local market

Junior and I returned to Bangkok after a week touring southern Thailand's resorts. My moment of truth arrived when I overheard Junior responding to another orphan's inquiry that I was his father. When I smiled, amused, Junior explained that I was like a father to him, paying attention, spending my time and money taking him places. I was so touched, I cried. That's when I decided that I could make a difference.

After hearing Junior's story, I decided to find out how I could help him. I learned that the U.S. Congress approved and President Reagan signed the Amerasian Immigration Act of 1982 (U.S. Public Law 97-359, 96 Stat. 1716) designed specifically for Amerasian children

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(by Thai standards) which I paid him \$20.00 daily. He was abandoned since 1950 in Thailand, Vietnam, Laos, Korea

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Bangkok and other affected Asian capitals, has taken no action to let the Amerasians know that they may be eligible for this benefit. There has been no effort on the

his medical exam authorization and visa interview appointment from consular services at the U.S. Embassy in Bangkok. The applicant will be required to pay the

Information about the I-360 petition requirements can be

Efforts continue to pressure Americans to take

specializes in immigration law. Tax-deductible contributions can be made to the Pearl S. Buck Foundation, which also gladly will help identify potential Amerasian immigrants for interested persons. For more information, contact:

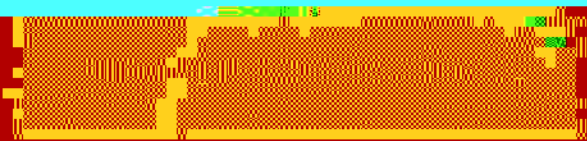
Pearl S. Buck Foundation

P.O. Box 1031

Cotchett, a San Francisco attorney, filed a class-action suit in the Washington, D.C. Court of Claims against the U.S. Navy. The suit, filed on behalf of Filipino Amerasians, seeks \$69 million to help pay educational and medical expenses for the children.

At the November 1993 meeting on Asia-Pacific Economic

Cooperation in South Pacific Region (EPAP)



\* The American Association for the Advancement of Science Council has accepted for affiliate membership the National Organization for Gay and Lesbian Scientists and Technical Professionals, according to a February 24, 1994, report in the *Fort Worth Star-Telegram*. According to the report, this ends a seven-year fight among members

notable Black women. The 1994 poster and the "Celebrating..." poster are available for \$6.00, plus \$3.50 for shipping and handling each. The "A Salute..." poster is available for \$9.95, plus \$3.50 for shipping and handling. They can be ordered from: National Women's History Project, Dept. P, 7738 Bell Road, Windsor CA 95492; phone: (707) 838-6000.

\* Women, Ink. has produced their second catalog, with more than one hundred development-oriented publications of relevance to women. It contains both recent and classic works, an expanded gender analysis section, and

educated lay reader with a serious interest in the subject;"

BOOK REVIEW

These are commendable criteria, although only the first offers any means of concrete selection. Criteria 2 and 3 are subjective and lend themselves to debate.

The bibliography is divided into seven subject categories: arms control, disarmament, and proliferation; causes and

international organizations is far too heavily weighted on

If one accepts the provocative metaphor that militarism is

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This should clearly be considered a unique book in the

a nutrient voyeuristic inquisitiveness to Zealand's point

burgeoning literature on gays and lesbians in the military.  
Its uniqueness, however, is not a guarantee that it will

of view, and by default, to that of the reader. On the  
other hand, what else do young men talk about besides



Unfortunately, Signorile's exhortations are compromised  
by his frequent use of pseudonyms to shield the identity

This anthology, which was partly intended as a basic  
undergraduate/graduate textbook or curriculum resource

the book. In addition, the author's preoccupation with

primarily on the American academic community for its

with critical analysis, and personal comments from several mystery novelists. Subject postings provide cross references to applicable authors. Included within the book are a title and character index. Materials analyzed in the book are from mainstream and gay/lesbian publishers.

course, not all of the characters can determine their own true calling. Alcalá introduces the reader to a different and somewhat quirky Latino world without a formula-driven happy ending in sight. Instead the reader is treated to short stories that provoke thought and teach in a unique way. These stories are the mystical stuff that science

guidebook provides a fascinating mosaic of the evolution of the gay mystery genre. The author concludes that John Jasper, in Charles Dickens' *The Mystery of Edwin Drood* (1870) was the first homosexual in a mystery novel. The following 100 years were replete with denigration of gay and lesbian mystery characters. Dialogue expressed about these characters contained derogatory terms such as "faggot", "queer", "poof", "nances" ad infinitum. In many cases the representation of gay men in mysteries was marked by a desire to dress in female clothing. With the publication of Joseph Hansen's Dave Brandstetter

In her preface, Kathleen Alcalá states that these stories "concern the women who came of age in the United States within a Mexican social structure . . . [and] are about inner landscapes . . ." But her characters transcend their Latino culture in struggles that all ethnic nationalities can relate to. These individuals in otherworldly settings are faced with the pressures of fulfilling expected roles. Alcalá presents the tales of how they cope. Her stories of imprisoned spirits are full of symbolic caged birds, manicured gardens and elegant fountains juxtaposed with

**JOURNAL OF INFORMATION ETHICS**,  
Robert Hauptman, editor. Jefferson NC:  
McFarland and Co., Inc. (Spring, 1993).  
ISSN 1061-9321, Semi-annual \$38.00.

The issue of ethics seems to have invaded almost every topic of study over the past few years, and without a doubt, it has received a significant level of attention from those in the business of printing, publishing, and

—Andrea Johnson, Innovative Interfaces Inc., Berkeley CA

**OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY ACROSS CULTURAL BOUNDARIES**, Susan C. Merrill, editor. Binghamton NY: Haworth Press 1991. 116p. ISBN 1-56024-223-X

disseminating information. The *Journal of Information Ethics* is representative of an area of interest that seeks to address ethics in all areas of information or knowledge

**\$24.95.**

**Titles Received:**

***OUTING: SHATTERING THE CONSPIRACY OF SILENCE***, by Warren Johanson and William A. Percy. Harrington Park Press, 1994.

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Millichap. PNB Publishers, 1993.

***MULTICULTURAL ACQUISITIONS***, edited by Karen Parrish and Bill Katz. Haworth Press, 1993.

***WHOLE TERRAIN: REFLECTIVE ENVIRONMENTAL PRACTICE***