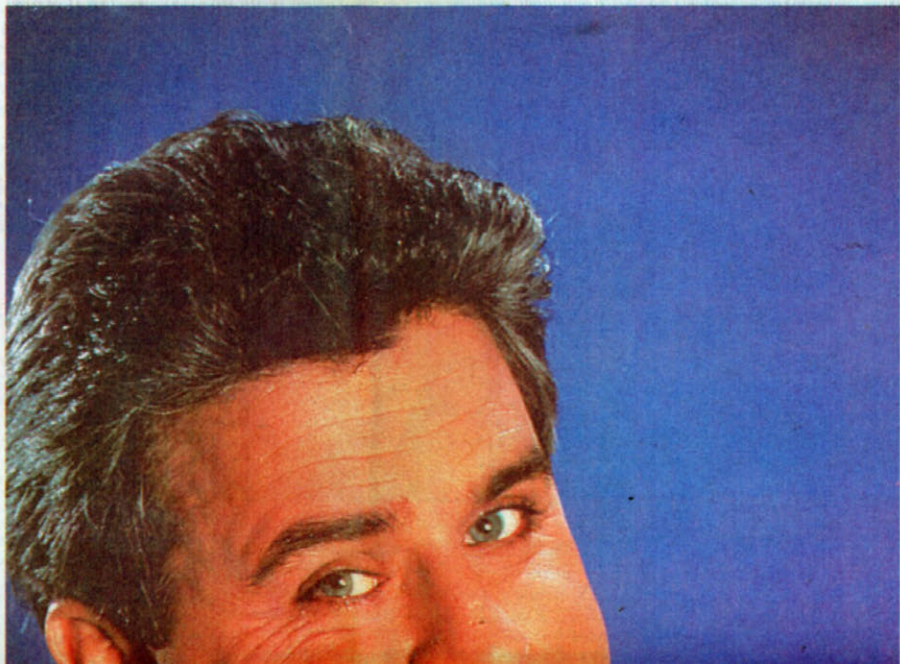


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**JOHN ROBINSON**

# Award winner opens book on gay awareness

The message on author Paul Monette's Los Angeles answering machine yesterday told callers that the newest winner of the National Book Award was in New York "making queer history."

That, as it happens, was no small exaggeration. For Monette - the Andover native who moved to California 14 years ago, came out of the closet, started writing books, contracted AIDS, and lost his first lover and many friends to the disease - is the first openly gay AIDS activist to win the prestigious award from the National Book Foundation.

In a telephone interview yesterday, Monette said the award has provided him "a bully pulpit" from which

he intends to educate the public about AIDS, the sex closet and prejudice against homosexuals, all themes he has developed over six novels, a memoir and three collections of poetry.

"I feel I accepted this award for a generation of gay and lesbian writers. It's a tribute to the kind of literature we have given ourselves and our allies over the last 20 years," said Monette, who is undergoing experimental treatment for an AIDS-related illness.

"I have a sense that time is precious for me. I don't know if I have two months, six months or two years to live. I'm blessed that the lightning rod of history hit

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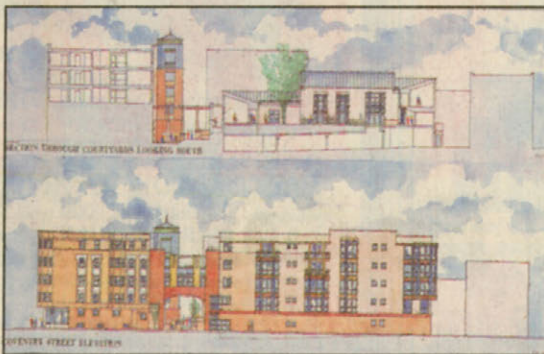
# Winning designs for living with AIDS

**T**ODAY IS THE LAST DAY of "Build Boston," the panoply of exhibits and talks about architecture and construction that's held every year at the World Trade Center, out on Northern Avenue past Jimmy's Harborside.

That means today is also the last chance to catch the AIDS exhibit. You can see the winners of a national competition, sponsored in Boston, in which architects were asked to design housing for people with AIDS.

AIDS is an architectural crisis, just as it's a personal and medical crisis. Eighty percent of people with AIDS will need special housing at some time.

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David Kaplan and George Nakatami's winning plan for a Boston site.

# The spirited re of Audre Lorde

By Renee Graham  
GLOBE STAFF

Of the cancer which finally claimed Audre Lorde once wrote, "It is only of that continuing battle of self-defense and survival women fight that triumph."

Cancer, which dogged Audre Lorde for more than a decade, proved the only force that still the acclaimed poet, feminist and activist who died Tuesday at age 58 in St. Louis, succumbed to the disease after a 14-year battle but never blinked nor bent beneath the weight of sexism and homophobia she confronted as an African American, a woman, and an artist.

She lived in the Virgin Islands for 10 years, but was the poet laureate of St. John's.

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