Finding Aid to Mary Richards Audiotapes

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Abstract: Mary Richards was a journalist for the Bay Area Reporter (BAR), a San Francisco-based LGBTQ newspaper, in the 1980s and 1990s. The collection contains over 200 audiotapes of interviews Richards conducted with queer people on a wide range of topics. Included are conversations with figures like Tom Waddell, José Sarria, Gilbert Baker, Virginia Apuzzo, Rikki Streicher, Alan Selby, and others. For her stories, she explored a diversity of topics, including talking with people from local AIDS organizations, gay and lesbian vegetarians, religious leaders, lesbian bar patrons, gay Deaf community members, and many others. The collection has been fully digitized and is available online at https://calisphere.org/collections/28088/.

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Biographical/Organizational History Note: Mary Richards was a longtime freelance journalist for the Bay Area Reporter (BAR), a San Francisco-based LGBTQ newspaper, in the 1980s and 1990s. A dedicated LGBTQ ally, Richards volunteered as a caretaker with people with AIDS, including at San Francisco General Hospital's Ward 5A and the Shanti Project. She died in 2023.

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