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KQED-TV presents Alternative Conceptions a film by Vicky Funari and Christina Sunley. The film (35 minutes) looks at donor insemination, an option many lesbians are choosing when creating families. The film focuses on Mary, a single parent, and April and Susan, a lesbian couple. Mary brings a proud and humorous perspective to raising her daughter, Michelle, in a conservative suburban neighborhood. April and Susan, a New York City professional couple, each have conceived a child through anonymous donors, and thoughtfully discuss their decisions. The film explores critical issues: Why choose alternative insemination? Is home insemination safe? Should a child have the opportunity to know his or her biological father? Just how are lesbians creating new kinds of families? Watch and find out. 10 p.m., channel 9 Monday, April 13.