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by Steve Clark
Managing Editor

TO BE SUBMITTED NEXT ISSUE

Asm to a project that otherwise would have become a drag.

This issue (The Paper’s third issue) is the first one to be prepared with the new computer equipment (for a related article see “New Times, New Faces” by Matt Friday on page 3). In addition, we have some great features: recent events like the “Grande Cypress Corona- tion,” and upcoming events, such as the “Monterey Bay Walk for AIDS” (both on page 1). We also have local news like the proposed “Randy Compton Memorial Garden,” and the renovation of the “State Theatre” (pages 4&5). We even have an article by Congressman Sam Farr on recent “HIV/AIDS funding increases” by the federal government (page 7).

Check out the Education page (on page 8), Fiction (on pages 13&14) and our new regular feature “Peninsula Profiles,” (page 9) in which Gregory LaRouxe will be interviewing prominent members of the local community. Don’t forget to enter The Paper’s contest, “Name the Paper” (page 1).

Even with all these great articles and more, we are always searching for reader contribu-

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TO EVERYTHING THERE IS A SEASON...

By Wes Davis
Staff Editor

Transitions happen every day in our lives. The only constant in life is change.

This will be my last chance to write in this space as an employee of MCAP and as The Paper’s Editor. (I will still contribute to The Paper as a volunteer.) I want to thank the volunteers and staff that have contributed to the birth of what I believe is the beginning of a new community spirit emerging in Monterey County. The birth of this new spirit is reflected in the cross section of committed people who have given their time and effort to bring you The Paper. That cross section has not always been one of agreement. We had many heated discussions about many important issues. However, we learned quickly that we had to agree to disagree in a civilized manner. Compromise and cooperation became the order of the day, and we discovered that behind an opposing point of view, was a person. Once we got to know the person, we found that we could have different opinions and still work for the greater good. This is part of the new spirit that is emerging.

Our mission has been and will continue to be to promote education and prevention of HIV/AIDS. In so doing, we are also committed to giving voice to the communities that we represent... (Continued on page 15)

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BAYMEC
Central Coast Report

synopsis by Matthew Friday
Staff Editor

Six of the seven June Primary candidates endorsed by BAYMEC (The Bay Area Municipal Elections Committee, a lesbian/gay political action group) in Monterey and Santa Cruz counties won his or her race. These are potentially powerful results!

The winners in the 15th and 17th Congressional Districts were Norm Mineta and Sam Farr, respectively. Bill Monning in the 27th Assembly District (that includes the peninsula folks!) and Mark Tracey, Sheriff; Mardi Wornhoudt, Supervisor; and Kathleen Akoan, Superior Court Judge. Some of these names will be more familiar to Santa Cruz County residents. Both

"...BAYMEC held a press conference, Protest Assembly member Bruce McPherson's vote on AB 2810, the Domestic Partnership Legislation..."

Tracey and Wornhoudt will face a run-off campaign in November. Democrat Bill Monning will duke it out with Republican short-timer Bruce McPherson during that same month.

On June 9th, BAYMEC held a press conference on the steps of the county building in Santa Cruz to deliver over 900 postcards protesting Assembly member McPherson's vote on AB (Assembly Bill) 2810, the Domestic Partnership legislation.

BAYMEC was joined by a coalition of gay organizations, senior representatives and non-gay domestic partners. BAYMEC extends their thanks to all those who took the time to fill out postcards or attend meetings and press conferences.

Three lesbians and a gay man were elected to the Santa Cruz Democratic Central Committee, which organizes and directs the activities of the democratic party in that county. (We've had a couple serve with Monterey County's Central Committee too, by the way!)

Finally, BAYMEC's Garden Summit, a genuinely interesting fund-raiser for BAYMEC's many political initiatives, will be held September 24th from 4pm to 7pm in Soquel. For additional information call Claire Shells at (408) 426-1494.

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Macy's Benefit Shopping Day

Help support John XXIII AIDS Ministry through the purchase of tickets at $10.00 each to a fun filled day of shopping, fashion presentations, light refreshments, special events and entertainment for the entire family, plus an opportunity to win a $1,000 shopping spree at Macy's.

Each ticket will entitle the purchaser to a 20% discount on purchases of men's, women's and children's apparel and/or fashion accessory items, and a 10% discount on purchases of housewares, jewelry, domestics, and/or gift items (excluding cosmetics and fragrances).

The event will take place on September 13th from 10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. at Macy's Monterey in the Del Monte Shopping Center. For ticket information, call John XXIII AIDS Ministry at (408) 655-1737, or mail your check to John XXIII AIDS Ministry, P.O. Box 1931, Monterey, CA 93942.

New Times, New People

by Matthew Friday
Staff Editor

The staff of The Paper welcomes Steve Clark as its new Editor-in-Chief! Steve comes to the publication with a recently completed MBA in International Management from The Monterey Institute of International Studies.

A native Peninsula (Pacific Grove), Steve will be pursuing a career in publishing and sees The Paper as an important project in his own and the community's development, "a way to reach out and involve a majority of people in our community."

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Monterey County Lesbian/Gay/Bisexual Task Force

One More Meeting!

by John E. Brennan
Contributor

Will you be there? Will the Task Force be there?

The Monterey County Lesbian/Gay/Bisexual Task Force (MCLGBTF) is in danger of disbanding from lack of participation. MCLGBTF exists to carry out what no other Monterey County organization does: To be a voice for the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual community in Monterey County. What if that voice were gone?

We will hold at least one more meeting: September 15. The meeting will be held at the Unitarian Universalist Church (490 Aguajito, near Holman Highway). The church provides an inexpensive meeting room; otherwise there is no affiliation with the church. If we have a show of support, we will continue to meet on the third Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m.

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Franco's Norma Jean's B.B.Q.

By Bruce Carlson
Contributor

Franco's Norma Jean's will celebrate its 7-year Anniversary with a party at 8:00 p.m. on September 4th. Owner and operator, Ernie Sanchez, said a show and food will be a part of the festivities and that no cover will be charged. His bar, restaurant and disco is located in Castroville on Mer-ritt Street.

Franco's will hold their Halloween Party on October 31st at 8:00 p.m. Prizes will be awarded to the best-costumed participants. First prize is $100.00, second prize is $50.00, and third prize is dinner.

Franco's Norma Jean's 4th annual BBQ fundraiser at Toro Park on Sunday, July 3rd raised over $800.00. Ernie likes to produce this benefit because it creates a good mixture of cultures. People of all cultures come together to help raise money in the fight against the spread of HIV/AIDS. The money will be used to buy condoms which will be given out at Franco's.

Franco's still sponsors Lesbian night every Friday, and Country and Western night on Sundays. Franco's also caters to Gay weddings or parties. They can host the party at Franco's or bring the food to your location. Information about any events can be directed to 633-2090 after 1:00 p.m.

"Ernie Sanchez, at the 4th annual BBQ fundraiser."
Photo: B. Carlson and M. Friday

"The BBQ fundraiser was well attended."
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**News Stories**

**THE RANDY COMPTON MEMORIAL GARDEN**

By Matthew Friday  
Staff Editor

Recently I received a phone call from someone fairly quivering with excitement. I don’t receive many of this sort these days, but when they come — and they always do — they’re usually from someone in the community sharing their good work and the possibilities for some kind of breakthrough.) These calls always seem important, right with potential and I don’t ignore them. It’s as if someone unknown has thrown down a golden stepping stone on the garden floor, suddenly everything seems to revolve around that stone. The caller represented Maggie Downer, a long-time community go-getter and sometime activist interested in establishing an AIDS Memorial Garden in Monterey. The garden would enlarge upon

an herb garden already established next to the Joseph Boston Store, California’s first mercantile at the edge of Custom House Plaza between Fisherman’s Wharf and the Doubletree. Maggie Downer worked closely with the young man who established that herb garden, Randy Compton. Randy spent untold hours of careful research and approximation to bring in the plants, plans and materials that would make the garden an authentic replica of the first mercantile was founded. He died with AIDS in 1991 and Maggie has launched a strenuous, single-handed effort to have the garden, a Sunset magazine showcase, named in Randy’s honor. She has been successful in the effort, and plans to place a bronze plaque commemorating Randy in the garden he developed for the fair city of Monterey. The garden would enlarge upon

**ORIGINS OF GAY AND LESBIAN SHAME**

by Craig D. Wandke  
Staff Reporter

Despite personal growth for many gays and lesbians, many of us still wrestle with issues of shame over our sexuality. The origins of this shame are subtle and complex, and result from both overt and silent message systems which society has created. Though the following discussion is necessarily brief, it does focus on some of the more important societal message systems that say to us, “you are not OK.”

**Religion**

Organized religion has been a potent purveyor of shame for many of us, and church condemnation is given additional authority through selected biblical passages. When admonitions against same-sex relations are preceded by the words “God has said...” the caveat takes on a terrifying and undeserved importance. Leviticus 18:22 clearly states, after all, “Thou shalt not lie with mankind, as with womankind; it is an abomination.”

However, most people who quote the Bible minimize or ignore other passages which order death to those who rebel against their parents “[For every one that curseth his father or his mother shall be surely put to death” (Leviticus 20:9)]; curse God “[And he that blasphemeth the name of the Lord, he shall surely be put to death.” (Leviticus 24:16)]; or who eat pork or, indirectly, play football “[And the swine, though he divide the hoof, and the clovenfooted, yet he cheweth not the cud; he is unclean to you. Of their flesh ye shall not eat, and their carcass shall ye not touch; they are unclean to you” (Leviticus 11:7-8).”

**Parental Expectation**

Our parents may have unwittingly created a shameful environment for us by referring to our behavior which would bring them (our parents) pleasure. Such innoxious comments as, “Janie had such a lovely wedding. She’s such a sweet girl... Why isn’t she married?” Mary’s grandchildren are so adorable, “or ‘When are you going to settle down and get married?’ all deliver a shame message to gays and lesbians struggling with their own identities and acceptance.

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**New Computer Equipment**

**The Paper** would also like to take advantage of this space to thank George Norlock for his generous contributions of equipment for the use of people interested in working with - or submitting articles to - The Paper.

Nicknamed "Frankenstein," George put together a 386 IBM compatible computer with a monitor donated by Michael Antoncich, a hard drive (which was donated by another volunteer), a mouse donated by George’s own software. MCAP bought a $45 3-1/2" disk drive and a larger, $99 drive to triple the storage capacity. The whole thing was connected to a laser printer (used by the entire MCAP office) and Presto! - we have working, newspaper-dedicated equipment.

The fact that it is newspaper-dedicated is important to George, who would like to see more newspaper, more often. With that in mind, he mentions the general interest in finding a scanner for The Paper (for pictures and additional graphics), and perhaps someday hooking up a dedicated laser printer.

Like Steve, George wants to see more people involved with the publication, development and dissemination of The Paper, more pictures "faces!" from social events, and a roving reporter (with camera). Noting that increased contributions and on-going columns would build The Paper’s base and credibility in the community, he’s quick to recognize the value of new and changing input as well.

With such additions, The Paper once again opens its sails to the possibilities of discovery! Expecting the winds of opportunity and satisfaction as much as public commentary, we invite you to join in wherever your interest - or heart! - is touched.
BEING A GAY WOMAN

by Melina Zavala
Contributor

Being a gay woman in a mostly straight community is very stressful, sometimes beyond belief, and that's to say the least. Coming out of the closet or admitting you're gay, lesbian, bisexual or whatever the case may be has become easier than in past years, but there still seem to be a great deal of obstacles in our paths. I believe that the motive for admitting it should come from inside and should be done for personal reasons not because of any pressure, that is, from friends or family.

In my own life, being a gay Hispanic woman has been a tumultuous one. Coming from a strict, traditional Mexican culture, where the man and woman have set characteristics of what roles they should play, has become an obstacle that I am determined to overcome, but will take a great amount of time and patience. Therefore it has restricted my life in a way that is unexplainable. Always looking for my mother's support, trying to please her and make her see me has become my obstacle for not admitting my sexual orientation to her. Personally, I don't see why it should matter, but I've been raised in such a way that its just out of pure respect that parents be told to at least give them a chance to try to accept it and react, may it be a good or bad reaction.

Society itself has discriminated against anyone whose religion, race or color is different but I sincerely think they've gone too far by discriminating because of a person's sexual orientation. The only aspect that separates us from the straight community is what we do behind closed bedroom doors which, frankly, is nobody's business except our own. I feel that everyone has the right to their own lifestyle and we, the gay and lesbian community, should not be afraid to express ourselves because of society's insecurities! They have no right to treat us as scapegoats then well I don't think children are going to be thrown in and used as scapegoats then well I don't think this. Second of all, why should we be treated as "lower" people just because we're gay, lesbian, bisexual. Even though straight society is mainstream, it's time for us to realize that we are becoming mainstream America and get back our rights that are rightfully ours.

It's funny how most straight people say that it's "OK, I guess, for people to be gay but just as long as they don't kiss or hold hands in public where our children will see these things because it's not normal." Second of all, why should we be pushed into the closet as if we were doing something wrong? There's no reason why we shouldn't be able to show our affection in public. It's the same situation if a straight couple kissed in public, well if the children are going to be thrown in and used as scapegoats then, well, I don't think children should see anyone kissing in public. It's not normal. Children will get ideas!! My skepticism is true because if people

NEW FLASH - AUGUST 30

AB2810, California's Domestic Partners legislation, has made it through the Assembly and is now sitting on the governor's desk. This bill sets up a mechanism for Californians who are in committed loving relationships: visit each other in the hospital, use a standard form to will each other their property, and be recognized by the courts as having a legal preference to administer a partner's affairs should he/she become incapacitated. This would be accomplished through a statewide registry. Take out your pen and write a short letter (only a paragraph or two—or less) would do the trick. Address your concerns to: The Honorable Pete Wilson, Governor of California Capitol Bldg., First Floor Sacramento, CA 95814

STATE THEATRE PRESERVATION GROUP WORKS TO BRING BACK "THE MAGIC"

By Brad Harlan
Contributor

While not the original instrument, this Wurlitzer is virtually identical to the one installed prior to the theatre's opening in 1926. The console is mounted on the original (and restored) hydraulic lift in the orchestra pit. Those familiar with the Castro Theatre in San Francisco will appreciate the entertainment possibilities that the pipe organ offers.

When the theatre opened, it was a Moroccan-themed atmospheric entertainment palace, complete with special lighting effects, domed ceiling with a painted tent canopy, and, of course, the Mighty Wurlitzer. The facility seated nearly 1,500 people, this in a city which had a population at the time of approximately 6,000.

Through the years, many different owners made changes to the theatre, few of them in sympathy with its original design. A 1935 remodeling gave the lobby the appearance it has today, which is more of a Spanish flavor. The pipe organ was removed in the 1950s, and at some point the beautiful gold gilding and accent colors in the lobby, mezzanine, and the main auditorium were spray painted in (Continued on page 15)

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Take Five
in Costa Rica

by Dan Presser
Contributor

One of the most interesting destinations in this hemisphere is Costa Rica, a nation which offers elegant hotels as well as wild jungles.

Costa Rica is a tiny nation, approximately the size of West Virginia. In 1949 it abolished its army, deciding to direct its financial resources into education, culture and delivery of medical and social services. The country rises from its Pacific and Caribbean coasts to 11,000 feet at Irazu Volcano National Park.

The nation's capital and largest city is San Jose. Although there is no Gay Rights Movement in Costa Rica, one really isn't needed since laws protecting individual rights and personal privacy are vigorously enforced. Due to the acceptance of gays by Ticos, as the locals are called, the gay bar scene in San Jose is alive and very well. Ticos are fun loving and enjoy dancing, making almost all of the bars great dance spots. One of the most popular is La Torre on Seventh Street (Calle 7) between Central and First Avenues. The place is always packed and Americans are warmly welcomed. Cruising is great and eye contact does wonders.

A lovely side trip is the Jungle Train from San Jose through jungle canopies and banana plantations. The entire ride lasts eight hours.

Another worthy journey is a visit to the Del Rio leather facility. Del Rio makes leather goods for Pierre Cardin and other international labels. Call the factory at 36-25-81 and take advantage of their great bargains.

The main reason I went to Costa Rica was to scour the jungle floors for a special, rare creature. I wasn't disappointed in finding one, nor was I disappointed in the natural beauty of the country. Costa Rica is definitely a destination you should consider for your next vacation.

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The Armchair Activist
Changing the World from the Comfort of Your Living Room

by Megan Coffey
Staff Reporter

You (yes, you) can further the cause of justice in the following human rights cases involving the international gay/lesbian/bi-sexual/transgender communities. All you need are stationery, stamps, and the desire to support our sisters and brothers around the world.

Case #1: Unsolved murders of transvestites in Chiapas, Mexico

During the period from June 1991 to February 1993, between 15 and 25 transvestites and gay men were killed in Tuxtla Gutierrez, the capital of the Mexican state of Chiapas. There is evidence to suggest that sectors of the Chiapas police forces may have been involved in the murders.

An independent investigator, Jorge Gamboa Borraz, has been appointed to reopen the cases. However, there are indications that local law enforcement officials have been less than accommodating toward Gamboa's investigation. Frequent police raids on transvestite prostitutes in Tuxtla, meanwhile, are serving to effectively deter potential witnesses from coming forward. Furthermore, no one seems to know where to find the former head of the Chiapas police forces, Ignacio Flores Montiel, who is suspected to have key information regarding the murders.

Case #1: sample letter

I am greatly concerned about the unsolved murders of transvestites perpetrated between June 1991 and February 1993 in Tuxtla Gutierrez, especially since the evidence indicates there may have been police involvement. I demand that all those responsible for the killings be found and brought to justice.

The federal and state governments must ensure that Independent Investigator Jorge Gamboa Borraz receives full cooperation from law enforcement authorities. In addition, raids against transvestites must be stopped, and the safety of investigators and witnesses must be guaranteed. Also, the Mexican government should disclose the whereabouts of the former head of Police Forces for the State of Chiapas Ignacio Flores Monttel, so that he may be brought before the independent investigator. Thank you for your attention to this serious matter.

Send letters to:
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Case #2: Homophobic Cobb County awarded Olympic venue

The Atlanta Committee for the Olympic Games (ACOG) chose Cobb County, Georgia as the volleyball venue for the 1996 Summer Olympics. Cobb County has a long history of fostering hatred and discrimination against minorities; both the Ku Klux Klan and the American Nazi Party have headquarters there. Last year, the Cobb County Board of Commissioners passed a resolution aimed at restricting arts funding for works addressing gay and lesbian themes. The resolution explicitly condemns the gay community and gay "lifestyles" as being incompatible with the county's moral standards and "directly contrary to state laws."

Despite pressure from several U.S. congresspeople and local newspapers, the ACOG has stated that it will not change the site of the volleyball competition unless it is so directed by the International Olympic Committee.

Case #2: sample letter

I am concerned that the Atlanta Committee for the Olympic Games may be implicitly endorsing the discriminatory policies of Cobb County by awarding said county the 1996 volleyball venue. Cobb County's official anti-gay stance discourages lesbian and gay people from participating in or attending any Olympic events located there. In the past, such government-sanctioned discrimination has been actively opposed by the organizers of the Olympic Games. For example, the long ban on teams from South Africa because of apartheid. In order to preserve its reputation for a commitment to peace and global cooperation, the Olympics must not hold even a single event at a site where the local officials promote hatred and intolerance. Thank you for your attention.

Send letters to:
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The Honorable Andrew Young, Chair, Atlanta Committee for the Olympic Games, c/o Law Engineering, 1000 Abernathy Road NE, Suite 1800, Atlanta, GA 30328
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Contributor

Part III

Introduction

Part II of this series discussed wills and living trusts, which are used to ensure that your property will be handled according to your wishes after you die. This final installment concerns cohabitation agreements and registering as domestic partners, which ensures that your property will be handled according to your wishes while you and your partner are living together.

Cohabitation Agreements

If you are living with another person or partner sharing property and expenses, you can clarify your arrangement with a cohabitation agreement, or "domestic partnership agreement" [not to be confused with registering with a city as domestic partners, which is addressed below]. This is a contract between people living together defining who owns which property, and who owes which debts. It also defines which property is jointly owned and how debts will be paid. Often the agreement will have three "exhibits" attached to it, listing each person's separate property and all joint property. These exhibits can be modified over the years as properties change.

You can also include in a cohabitation agreement a method for dividing joint property if you separate, and a method to resolve disputes that may arise. Alternatives to court, such as mediation and arbitration, can help to resolve differences more compassionately while also protecting your privacy. Your expectations about financial support should also be clarified: are you financially independent, or should you be obligated to pay one another's support if one partner becomes disabled and can't work, or if the relationship ends and one partner needs more money to maintain the lifestyle attained together? These questions can be answered in a cohabitation agreement, once you decide the answers yourselves - which is the hardest part.

The cohabitation agreement is as binding on you as a contract and can be enforced by a court if necessary, as long as sexual services are not specified as part of the agreement. (Contracts for sex have been held to violate public policy, and are not enforced in California.) Remember that registering as a domestic partnership under city ordinances can be a meaningful experience, but it normally has no legal effect unless one partner is a city employee and seeks benefits for the other partner under the ordinance enacted in a particular city. Registration may be evidence of a committed relationship if a dispute arises concerning support or ownership of property, or if a will is contested. By itself, registration as a domestic partnership has no effect on your property or on your legal obligations to one another; a cohabitation agreement does.

Without a written cohabitation agreement, you may risk misunderstandings with your partner that could end up in court if substantial property or a claim for support is involved. Remember Martina and Billie Jean: a clear written agreement could have made all the difference between a private transaction and a public spectacle.

No particular format for a cohabitation agreement is required. An attorney can draft one for you, or you can refer to suggested forms in self-help books. Legal self-help books, such as those published by Nolo Press, are available through local bookstores [ed.: and by mail from Lambda Rising Bookstore in Washington, DC, and A Different Light in San Francisco]. If you draft your own agreement or follow a form, make sure you understand the legal effect of each provision since you will be bound to do what the agreement says.

In June, the House approved a $63 million increase.

Care: The Ryan White CARE Act, which funds medical treatment and ancillary services for people with HIV/AIDS, has been woefully underfunded since its inception. While CARE Act programs received welcome increases in the FY1994 budget, these increases only began the process of compensating for past neglect.

In May, I supported the following increases in Ryan White funding. (The House passed increases are contained in parentheses.)

- $64 million ($27 million) for Title I, which supplies emergency relief to the 42 cities hardest hit by the epidemic.
- $88 million ($12 million) for Title II, which funds comprehensive services to all 50 states.
- $34 million ($3.6 million) for Title III, which supports early intervention services through migrant and community health clinics and other federally funded health centers.
- $40 million ($4 million) for Title IV, which provides medical services to children, adolescents and families.

Research: In 1993, Congress reauthorized the National Institutes of Health, substantially enhancing the authority of the Office of AIDS Research to coordinate, evaluate and plan AIDS research programs at NIH. The centerpiece of this legislation provides for a consolidated appropriation to the Office of AIDS Research which will enable its director to implement a unified, strategic plan for AIDS research.

In May, I supported an increase of $130 million to help exploit urgent research opportunities that could hold the key to progress against the disease. In June, the House approved a $41 million increase.
HOME TESTING FOR HIV ANTIBODIES

by Wes Davis
Staff Editor

Recently I read an article in POZ magazine about the new home test kit for HIV antibodies. In that article the point of view was taken that this would help to get people into treatment sooner and thereby avoid people dying from PCP or other opportunistic diseases. The premise is that most people present when they are ill, and that by having a home test kit available they would presumably find out sooner and therefore take precautions. Self-proclaimed AIDS Diva (whatever that means) Connie Norman says that "We need every single member of the American population to voluntarily get anonymous testing. I'm worried that we don't know what the picture of AIDS is." It is true that we don't know what the picture of AIDS is. I think the money required to test the entire population is at best foolhardy without proper counseling. Therein lie the problems I have with home testing.

The proposed test would allow you to buy an over-the-counter, prick-your-finger and bleed kit. To obtain your results you mail the kit back to the manufacturer, wait for a week and call an 800 number. You enter your personal ID code by touch tone phone. If you are negative you get a prerecorded message. If you are positive you are told to hold for a counselor. Simple enough. Too simple. Strub.

My concerns are four-fold. First, there is no in-person counseling for HIV+. No one to hug, or hold your hand. No personal touch at a time when you will need it the most. Secondly, how will a counselor a thousand miles away be able to tell you that the HIV+ group just changed the time of the meeting? How will a stranger know who to refer you to for medical resources, for housing, for legal assistance? Will a stranger a thousand miles away be able to intervene in a suicide attempt?

My third concern is for those who test negative. How will this new system allow for the "Window Period"? (The time in which one who is infected may not have enough of the antibodies to trigger the test, but may have enough virus to infect.) I fear that it may actually ease the spread of HIV by promoting a false sense of security. Ninety percent of the people that I talk to do not understand how the test works, or how to assess their own risk. I fear that the new test with its recorded messages may enable people at risk to continue their risk behavior while thinking that they are not infected, when they could be. I can easily imagine someone calling up the 800 number entering their code and letting a new partner listen to the prerecorded message.

My fourth concern is for the lost opportunity to educate. When a person comes in for testing, they have already broken through their own denial. They have admitted to themselves that they may be at risk. This presents a window of opportunity to assess their behavior(s) that have brought them to this point. It allows us as counselors to answer their questions, their fears and concerns. It allows us to teach about this disease. It allows us a pre-test mode to lay the groundwork for whatever the results are. If positive, we can have a support system in place with referrals to medical, psycho-social, and other support services. We can even have those people on hand when the results are delivered. If the results are negative, we can use that time to reinforce positive behavior change, and to ask that they return to have another test if that is appropriate. The point is that we are there in the room with them as they hear the results. We can see how they react to the news. You can't do that over the phone.

I have a real problem with the promotion of the kit as a "silver bullet" that will "get people tested and protected against PCP before they get sick." That statement is quoted in POZ by its publisher, Sean Strub. Mr. Strub also owns the company hired by Direct Access Diagnosis, a John- son and Johnson company that owns the home test kit, to conduct focus groups. His endorsement may be seen as suspect by some. I see it as inaccurate and terribly naive. I would feel much better if Direct Access would include a local component to handle the counseling and referral.

I would feel much better if the monies spent to advertise this went into services rather than Johnson & Johnson's pocket. I would feel much better if there were provisions for local agencies to be able to buy the kit and have the clients' results sent to them for delivery. I would feel a lot better if we knew what legal rights one would have if they used the kit. Who will have access to the 800 number telephone logs? Who will have access to data bases that will accumulate? For my money the home test kit boils down to this. We need more thought to go into this before we act. I think the idea has some merit; the promotion as a means to defeat PCP does not. It is more example of a quick fix to a complex problem. How many people will just hang up when hired by Direct Access Diagnosis, a Johnson and Johnson company that owns the kit. I smoking of Marijuana or crack to a higher of Thailand's internal scientists feel that to.

...it is true that we don't know what the picture of AIDS is."

MCNEP SEeks Volunteers and Donations

by Peggy Keirn
Contributor

The Monterey County Needle Exchange Program (MCNEP) is an all-volunteer organization which provides HIV/AIDS prevention information to drug users at risk for HIV transmission. There are some facts about needle exchange.

Injection drug users are the second largest group in the U.S. with HIV/AIDS. They are the primary source of transmission into the non-drug using, heterosexual community, including women and newborn babies. Drug users cannot be ignored if the spread of HIV is to be stopped. MCNEP was created in response to this immediate need for HIV prevention.

MCNEP has been operating underground for almost three years because it is still illegal in Monterey County to possess syringes without a prescription or a medical reason, such as diabetes.

The volunteers use the Harm Reduction Model to provide referrals, bleach, alcohol wipes, and exchange needles one-for-one, (i.e. a clean needle is not provided unless a dirty needle is returned).

WHO BENEFITS?

By Wes Davis
Staff Editor

The National Library of Medicine data banks can be accessed with a computer modem. To find out more on how to do this, fax the NLN at (301) 496-0822. Information about drug trials and AIDS drugs is free. Other searches may cost between $2.00 and $5.00.

By Wes Davis
Staff Editor

Numerous studies have shown that clean needle exchange programs are effective in decreasing the risk of HIV infection among injection drug users without increasing the number of clean needles on the street. Because the program is strictly a one-for-one exchange the argument that needle exchange will produce more injection drug users by putting more needles on the street is not valid.

...7% of AIDS cases in Monterey County are gay or bisexual men who are also injection drug users.

In April 1992, MCNEP volunteers exchanged 28 needles in one week. They are currently exchanging 650-800 per week throughout Monterey County.

Needle exchange programs are an easy and cost effective method of preventing the spread of HIV/AIDS; just 7.4 cents can save a life (the cost of one clean syringe).

The MCNEP is currently in desperate need of volunteers and funds to keep this important program running. If you are interested in volunteering or in making a donation, please call 394-6581 to leave a message and someone will get back to you.

News Briefs from the HIV Hotline

This is of particular concern when one considers how tobacco companies have been targeting youth, minorities and women.

Thailand Tests New AIDS Vaccine

An American firm United Biomedical Inc. (UBI) is testing a new AIDS vaccine in Thailand. The vaccine was given to 38 Thai volunteers, all of whom had tested negative for HIV antibodies. This trial is being conducted with a broad section of people including a Buddhist priest, a Red Cross official, soldiers and even taxi drivers. UBI will test the volunteers in eight months to see what changes have occurred from the vaccination. This vaccine is one that is relatively simple, easy and inexpensive to produce.

However, not all people in Thailand are pleased with this trial. Some factions of Thailand's internal scientists feel that to do this, one vaccine is wrong. They feel that more than one should be tested. Some local Thais worry that they're being singled out as guinea pigs for "...dubious foreign drugs." However, the program has been given the green light by the WHO (World Health Organization.)

HIV/AIDS and the Information Superhighway

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Interview

PENINSULA PROFILES

by Gregory LaRouxe
Staff Reporter

An interview with
Bobby Callery
Man 2 Man Project Coordinator, MCAP

Gregory LaRouxe: Bobby, let's find out where you're from.

Bobby Callery: I'm from the heart and soul of God.

GL: O.K., and I'm from Uranus. Now, let's try again. Where were you born?

BC: I was born in this form in a suburban town of the century mill town next to Lowell, Massachusetts. I grew up around lots of meadows and fields, lots of flowers and animals, lots of good space, energy and sunshine. A middle child, I have a younger brother and an older sister who's the youngest of the family.

GL: Sounds positively enchanting. Now, let's move on to your educational background before we break out in a chorus from Sound of Music.

BC: Actually, my course of studies started when I was about seven. As little kids played with their toys, I played with mine. Remember the Visible Man? I was in sixth grade lecturing on the various anatomical systems of the body. That was clearly my chosen profession, dealing with Human Health.

GL: We need some 8mm film with this biography. How about college?

BC: I studied Biology, Philosophy, Psychology, German and Latin at University of Massachusetts at Lowell and University of New Hampshire. During this time I also was doing some religious studies at St. Francis Seminary.

GL: So, can we assume you're Catholic?

BC: I was brought up Catholic, but at the time of my studies at St. Francis, I was also studying Hinduism.

GL: So, the final outcome of your studies?

BC: A B.A. in Biology.

GL: Twelve years of college and a big B.A. later, I'm almost afraid to ask what's next.

BC: What do you do with a B.A. in Biology? An entry level job as a bank teller in Boston, of course. Four years later as Training and Development Officer for the same bank, I wound up training 6,000 employees in Management, Banking and Finance, Stress Management and Employee Assistance Programs.

GL: Impressive! I'm having trouble visualizing you in that Brooks Brothers suit, though.

BC: Yeah, I just wasn't much of a blue suit type.

GL: Bobby, when did your life become involved with the virus?

BC: During my banking career. The AIDS Action Committee of Boston. Originally, we started as a group of 10 or 12 people in a living room, one or more of whom had been diagnosed. We were there day and night talking and crying, caring and sharing. We were there when people were shutting their brains out for weeks. We saw when people got pneumonia and died 48 hours later. We were there.

GL: The doctors at the hospital were going, "What the hell is going on? What the hell is going on?" Damn few of them realized that this was something significant. Most didn't even want to talk about it.

Eventually, we developed and grew into a much larger AIDS service organization. I co-facilitated groups, became one of the trainers, and established the Buddy Program.

GL: Sounds as though you have deep rooted emotions concerning this one. Let's move on to Hawaii.

BC: Yes, the beautiful island of Oahu and the Life Foundation which was very similar to my present position at MCAP. And then there was the Addiction Treatment Services for the Salvation Army.

GL: I feel another wave of emotion coming on.

BC: Well, these people on the street are not just alcoholics and drug addicts. They have minds and are aware of their circumstances of life. I had some of the most politically astute and scientifically interesting conversations with people who were drying out. As their questions came, I was able to answer them.

GL: Let's bring you back to Monterey, Bobby. Define the Man 2 Man Project for me.

BC: Man 2 Man is men encountering men in all different ways. It's an outreach program that provides access to community services and organizations, information and literature about the virus, and provides tools to encourage the practice of protected sex and to encourage more discussion.

GL: Gay men need to talk with each other, to tell our stories to each other, and to tell them to our younger brothers so they won't fall into the same dangerous circumstances.

GL: What's your personal "mission" in all this?

BC: To do what I do best, educate. People say they know enough about the virus. How can anyone ever think that? This virus is probably the most significant, intricate social issue of our time. This is one of the main events that will define our lifetime in the annals of history.

GL: What I'm offering is a forum for discussion. The Man 2 Man Project is about communication, and I'm here to work with the people of Monterey County. We still need to process through this last decade and its experiences.

GL: Any words of wisdom for our readers?

BC: Yes, we need to build in the community. I think it's necessary that gay people take another step out of the closet. We need to challenge this virus. Ever vigilant in my work, I invite others to be vigilant with me. Let's challenge the virus's power over us.

GL: One last question: who's Bobby Callery?

BC: I'm a very lucky man. I've met a lot of wonderful people and on the way, I've found something that's interesting to me and that's worthwhile doing. That's what Bobby Callery is all about.

GL: Thank you, Bobby.

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EL GRAN IMPERIO DEL CIPRÉS
CORONACIÓN DE 1994
El condado de Monterey elige dos emperadores a La Corte Imperial

por Brent Krider
y Jonathan Martins

Traducido por Rich Harden

El día 16 de julio de 1994 vio amanecer una nueva época para el Gran Imperio del Ciprés del condado de Monterey, S.A. Tanto Jonathan Martins como Brent Krider fuimos elegidos emperadores en esta ocasión.

Un poco más de la historia de la organización. Monterey y Santa Cruz no son reinos. Quisieramos agregar al buen trabajo agendas que no identifican específicamente a los condados de Monterey y Santa Cruz en el sistema de Cortes Imperiales. Al aceptar estos puestos honorados, no comprometemos apoyar a ustedes de nuestra comunidad con orgullo, dedicación y diversión.

Pues, muy bien, pero ¿quienes son? Se estarán preguntando algunos. Es una buena pregunta, que nos ha hecho mucho sentido. En breve, la Corte (como se conoce con afecto) es una organización dedicada a la generación de fondos, pero con un fruto. Somos hombres y mujeres que organizamos realizaciones de presentaciones de drag, noches de diversión de cuero, jiras, fiestas en la playa, lo que sea, a los cuales generamos dinero para organizaciones de apoyo de gays, lesbianas, bisexuales y transexuales. Recientemente hemos tenido el honor de donar dinero al Proyecto del SIDA del Condado de Monterey; el Proyecto del SIDA de Santa Cruz; el Ministerio del SIDA de Juan XXIII; el Centro de la comunidad de Lesbianas, Gays, Bisexuales y Trasgénicos; y Equinox. Para el año entrante esperamos apoyar estas y otras organizaciones en los dos condados.

Un poco más de la historia de la organización. Monterey y Santa Cruz son dos reinos y tenemos un grupo como el nuestro. De hecho, somos miembros de quince años de una red internacional de otras Cortes, todas de las cuales generan dinero en ambientes divertidos para donarlos a quien lo necesite. Hace veintiséis años, durante la época de Stonewall, la Madre José, una reina de drag de San Francisco, decidió que la comunidad gay necesitaba ayudarse mientras, al mismo tiempo, instigar orgullo en sí. Ella desarrolló el sistema de Cortes que, como emperadores y emperadoras, princesas y príncipes, herederos imperiales, marquesas, marqueses, barones y baronesas, sefiores y damas (¿ya lo ves?), los titulares indican responsabilidad. Se ganan, no se regalan. Un emperador y emperadora son responsables por representar la organización local, mientras el mismo tiempo, ayudar a crear inspiración y dar dirección. Los títulos de emperador y emperadora repercuten en la comunidad.

Si a usted le gustaría ser parte de este grupo emocionante que tantas cosas maravillosas hace para otros, hay varias maneras de que nos podamos comunicar. Puede, sencillamente, asistir y apoyar nuestros esfuerzos, donar cosas para las subastas, patrocinar a personas deshabilitadas, etc. Desde ahora parece que tenemos una gran parte de nuestros trabajos de publicidad para preparar los eventos, y hasta desempeñar algunos papeles. Hay sitio para todos.

Si su organización quisiera saber no sólo cómo ayudar, sino posiblemente beneficiarse de nuestra generación de fondos, simplemente comuníquese con nosotros y arreglaremos el asunto con usted. Un requisito básico es que su grupo sea caritativo y que atienda a los menesterosos. Aunque hemos donado y seguiremos haciendo una parte de nuestros fondos para agencias que atienden los condados de Monterey y Santa Cruz.

En conclusión: ¡siguimos generando realidad, haya vivido de acuerdo con su responsabilidad. Al aceptar estos puestos honrados, de otras Cortes, todas de las cuales generan habilidad de cre;u la unidad, el esfuerzo, y el juntar todas las maneras conocidas para apoyar a sus amigos, he seguido apoyando el comienzo.

Europa, decidio que la comunidad gay crearía su propia seltería para hombres. Recientemente hemos apoyado el comienzo de un nuevo programa a SCAP que específicamente busca ayudar a mujeres con VIH/SIDA. En el futuro esperamos poder ayudar también otras organizaciones que ofrezcan servicios a las que tienen cáncer del seno y otras enfermedades. Comuníquese con nosotros y hablemos. El proceso es fácil, los beneficios son muchos.

 Cuando se ponga el sol al final del nuestro reino, esperamos haber vivido nuestro sueño con ustedes. Esperamos que esta Corte, la Corte de Diversión, Honors y Realidad, haya vivido de acuerdo con su nombre y ganado su respeto. Esperamos ver un aumento de conciencia, compasión y diversión en nuestro eslabonamiento y nuestras amistades. No nos atraen las muchedumbres, sino la gente. Nuestro sueño es que nuestras amistades transcurran los días del año, que todos recuerden la razón original de fundar el sistema de Cortes: para apoyar, orgullo y diversión. Esperamos tener el honor de pronto conocerlas a todos ustedes.

Siempre usa condones.

"Los Dos Eperadores Brent Krider (L) y Jonathan Martins (D)" Foto: G. LaRoux
CAMINATA PARA EL SIDA

por Joe Script
Traducido por Rich Harden

La Caminata para el SIDA de la Bahía de Monterey tendrá lugar en Santa Cruz y Monterey a las 9 de la mañana, sábado el 8 de octubre de 1994. Todos los réditos de la caminata beneficiarán programas que apoyan gente con VIH/SIDA, y proveer educación en nuestras comunidades acerca de la prevención de la propagación de VIH/SIDA. La caminata de Monterey comenzará en el Monterey High School. La caminata de Santa Cruz originará comenzará al Parque San Lorenzo.

Agencias que sacarán beneficio de la Caminata para el SIDA incluyen el Proyecto del SIDA de Santa Cruz, el Proyecto del SIDA de Monterey, el Hospital de la Costa Central, el Centro de Salud Para la Gente, Planned Parenthood de los Condados de Monterey, Santa Cruz, la Asociación de Enfermeras Visitantes de la Costa Central, el Programa de Prevención de VIH de la Universidad de California de Santa Cruz y el Ministerio del SIDA de Juan XXIII.

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- Para información o para ofrecer sus servicios de voluntario, llame a Kellie en Santa Cruz a 427-3900 o a Bill en Monterey a 394-4747.
- Cada caminante que traiga al menos $150 el día de la Caminata recibirá gratis una camiseta conmemorativa. Habrá premios para esos caminantes que entreguen la mayor cantidad de contribuciones el día de la Caminata.

La Caminata está haciendo resaltar equipos de caminantes este año. A la gente se le está dando ánimo para formar grupos de todo tipo: el trabajo, clubs, vecindarios, y otros grupos a quienes les interesen la Caminata. La caminata quiere que todos los grupos les llaman para dejarles saber que van a participar como un equipo. A los equipos les hará acentuar el aspecto de la Caminata, el 12 de septiembre en el Calle Central y el Good Times, y hay sitio, según Kellie, cuanto más pronto llames, mejor probabilidad tendrás de ser mencionado.

Kellie afirmó que más de 70 voluntarios ya están involucrados en el proyecto, pero que más se necesitan. Voluntarios de Santa Cruz se reunirán el 1 de octubre.

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SER UNA MUJER GAY

por Melina Zavala
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Ser una mujer gay en una comunidad principalmente heterosexual causa una tensión a veces increíble. Hoy día es más fácil que antes admitir que eres gay, lesbiana, bisexual, o lo que sea, pero sigue habiendo obstáculos en nuestro camino. Yo creo que el motivo por admitirlo debe provenir desde adentro, y que se debe hacer por razones personales y no a causa de ninguna presión, sea de amigos o de la familia.

En mi propia vida, ser una mujer hispana, lesbiana o heterosexual causa una tenacidad inexplicable. El andar siempre turco, pues, no creo que los niños deban ver cómo pasan al descriminar contra gas, es importante ser verdadero a ti mismo porque no es normal. Segundo, para qué empaparnos en el armario como si estuviéramos metidos en algo malo? No hay razón de impedimos de demostrar nuestro cariño en público. Es la misma situación si una pareja heterosexual se sara en público, pues si a los niños se les va a meter en ésto y usarlos de cabeza de turco, pues, no creo que los niños deban ver a nadie besar de público. No es normal. ¡A los niños se les meterán ideas a la cabeza! Mi espíritu es verdadero porque si la gente quiere que ésto se impida, pues, entonces ¡que todo se prohiba!

Ya es bastante difícil que la comunidad trate nuestros problemas del armario dentro de la familia, pero para tenerlo hasta dentro de la sociedad, pues, es ridículo. Ya es hora de ser fuertes, buscando la fuerza desde adentro y de nuestra otra familia: la comunidad gay.

No importa de qué marco cultural vienen, es importante ser verdadero a ti mismo y encontrar la fuerza a través de las raíces. Creo que es hora de saber quién eres y dejar de tener vergüenza de ser gay (o sea de tu inclinación sexual). Cada individuo necesita encontrarse uno que tenga vergüenza, porque, como dice la cita de la película Strictly Ballroom: Vivir con miedo es como vivir a medias.
I'm losing a friend to rumors
Because the people around are doing the talking
Unmindful of the fact that everyone has feelings.

Look out for number one is our creed
If I say enough maybe I'll satisfy my greed
For the attention everyone is willing to give
To a nice tasty tidbit about someone who lives
Better than we ever hoped and has the wisdom
That we find lacking in ourselves. Which once done
Has taken the life and vitality out of a person
Better than we ever hoped and has the wisdom
Who is the foundation for more than one human.

The mirror reflects me
The thoughts inside are not seen
What is in there for a person to see
I love you.

(Part II - next issue)
**The Gray Squirrel and the Black Squirrel**

A "Gayble"

by Marvin Shaw

Contributor

In that part of the Gaytto known as Treetops, there lived a gray squirrel, along with various feathered and furry fellow citizens. Gray was a serious chap, who spent long hours patrolling his territory, gathering food and lining his tree hollow with soft leaves. He had put away a great stash of acorns.

But even though Gray was healthy and secure, he felt something was missing from his life. One day, when he was out at the limits of his patrol, he saw a black squirrel. Black was a most nimble fellow, and the speed and daring of his scamper fascinated Gray. At one point Black leaped briefly on Gray's limb and flashed a strong look from his snapping dark eyes.

Gray realized what was missing from his life. But before he could do anything, Black darted off, and Gray soon lost sight of him through the leaves. Disconsolate, Gray clambered slowly back to his hollow.

In the days that followed, Gray lost interest in patrols. He spent hours curled in his nest. When he did go out, he wandered aimlessly, now and then looking nervously to see if Black was anywhere near.

He spent much time just listening to Wind sighing through the branches. And though he was not nocturnal, he passed much time gazing at Moon. Naturally, other Tree-toppers noticed. It didn't take them long to figure out the problem. They were swift and unsparing of advice.

Bluejay, that snappy, impudent bird, was the first. "Look out for that Black," he screeched. "You know where he lives? I do. He lives under a deck by a human's house. Anyone who consorts with Those can't be any good."

Gray, who had seen Bluejay around the human's house plenty of times, eating their fruit and plaguing their cats, believed him, but he didn't know if he should take Bluejay's judgment.

Raccoon was next. "Do you know I've actually seen Black nibbling on ivy? Any animal as irregular as that can't be worth much."

Gray believed Raccoon too, but he doubted his opinion because he had seen Raccoon eating some of the human's garbage.

Turkey Buzzard zoomed over one day and hovered just above Gray's limb. "Look out, kid," he squawked. "Black goes with the wrong crowd. You know how I get around. I see everything. Well, I've seen him running with roof rats."

Gray knew that Turkey Buzzard saw a lot more than anyone else in Treetops, so he couldn't doubt him either. But he was reluctant to accept the judgment of anyone who sought out carrion and didn't seem to have any friends himself.

Then one day Black passed right beneath him. Gray was nibbling out nuts from a pine cone. On an impulse, he dropped the cone to the ground. There were still lots of nuts on it.

Black picked it up and then looked up. "Oh, thank you," he chittered.

"Come up here," Gray replied. "There are lots more."

Black quickly scampers up the trunk. Together, they picked cones, nibbled and conversed. Soon, Gray realized what was missing from his life. But before he could do anything, Black darted off, and Gray soon lost sight of him through the leaves. Disconsolate, Gray clambered slowly back to his hollow.

The End

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**Fools Believe in the Poetic Beauty of Lemmings/Memorial I**

(for Hector Luis Denis, Jr. 3/18/64 - 4/6/89)

by D.M. Aguayo-Delgado

Contributor

Last time we were together
I did not see your face.
Kaposi's kidnaps
familiar brown boys
from behind coffin walls.

Did you see your Mami
beat her breast; the pit pat
of a crumpled pahuelo,
blue cornflowers
sloshing toward ground.

Her love flowed easily
once you were left
with only a few months.

I could not speak,
too many tongues snaking
through my head, chanting
mea culpa, mea culpa.

Our first spring
came after pulling
my sorrow logged body
out of Lake Ontario.
Her scissor lipped shore was merciful,
welcoming me back. I said, yes, I will stay.
I smelled jasmine in the snow.

You kept me alive
begging you alive;
that quiet thaw of love, of fucking
when you are eighteen and raw
from having been taken too many times,
and the path before you has been erased
hungrs left behind, forgotten.
Even then I heard the voices of the yet undead;
that raspody of ruin

Some usher in their thirteenth year,
smoky rituals of mankind.
You were raped by an uncle,
called you her woman.
You learned, as I did,
what woman can mean.

Our people are dying past nightmare.
Their souls gather
in the sweet air of El Yunque
waiting for the next.

I am left with unfiled photographs of you,
praying to love myself, as if love happens--
green thumb or luck.
There are no survivors here.
Where shall I bury our dead?

Hector, I loved you. I will never forget.
My children will know your name:
gentle compatrio
who knew love too late.

You died. You were killed.
You were twenty-five.
And the voices shall forever chant:
Mea Culpa, Mea Culpa, Mea Culpa,
Amen.

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fairly well established base from which to
begin our reign. We would like to build on
all of the hard work of those who have
gone before us and grow even more. We
will measure our growth not necessarily in
numbers, but in our ability to build unity,
networking, and bringing the numerous
facets of our diverse communities together
for a common good - to help others and to
have pride in ourselves.

We believe in putting the FUN back in
draining. In addition to what we have
done in the past, we are looking forward to
having an art auction, a casino night, soft-
ball and volleyball tournaments, bowl-a-
thon, mystery dinners, and a recognition
dinner for all of you who have given so
much to the community over the years, and
more. The bottom line - we're going to
continue to raise money in as many cre-
ative ways as possible and give it away!

If you would like to be a part of this
exciting group that does wonderful things
for others, there are several ways that we
can connect. You can simply attend and
support our events, donate items for auc-
tion, sponsor tickets for people with dis-
abilities who can't afford them, advise us
of ideas for fundraisers, you can help set up
functions, and you can even perform.
There is a place for all of us.

If your organization would like to
know how to not only help out, but possibly
be a recipient of one of our fundraisers,
simply contact us and we will set up the
process with you. Some basic requirements
are that you are a charitable group serving
those in need. While we have given and
will continue to designate a large portion
of our funds to agencies that serve the gay,
lesbian, bisexual, and transgender com-
unities, we do not discriminate. We have
and will continue to support other agencies
who don't specifically target the gay com-
unity. By helping one, we are all helped.
We also don't just support AIDS organiza-
tions or men's programs. We have recently
supported the beginnings of a new program
at SCAP which specifically targets women
with HIV/AIDS. Upcoming, we hope to
to also be able to support organizations that
offer services to those with breast cancer
and other illnesses. Contact us and let's
talk. The process is easy; the rewards are
many.

When the sun sets on our reign, we
hope that we will have lived out our dream
with you. We hope that this Court, "The
Court of Fun, Honesty and Reality," will
have lived up to its name and earned your
respect. We look forward to increased
awareness, compassion and fun in our net-
working and our friendships. We are not
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we will all be constantly reminded of why the
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for (1) making people sick, poor
and uneducated, this initiative would be it.
If we want to (2) hide and muffle people
whose own voices, children, friends and
neighbors might accidentally betray their
existence, this is an ugly and fearless way
of doing it. And if we (3) truly believe that

a law that represents your attention to the world
- what you're willing to use, live by
or settle for. It's happened before --
and we're always sorry later.

What works in hurting a race or eco-
nomic group can be brought to bear on any
perceived minority. It's happened before,
and we're always sorry later.*

And let them know you are participating as
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The Paper Commends...

by Matthew Friday  
Staff Editor

The Monterey County Herald for their forthright editorial of Monday, August 8. Some of us might have heard about or recently read the story on the Senate’s July vote of 63 to 36 to deny federal funds to any (school) district that encourages homosexuality as an (appropriate) lifestyle alternative. That was 63 to 36 in favor of denying those funds.

Despite the fact that innumerable studies show strong indicators that sexuality is governed in some part by genetic predisposition; and that the suicide rate among teens, intimidated, lonely and afraid is terribly high due to such destructive attitudes clearly tolerated - or espoused - by peers or caretakers, these senators passed that law. It takes a keen sense of responsibility to apply one’s experience and education to the issues of identity, mutuality and diversity. It takes guts not only to despise, but speak out against bullies.

So we take this opportunity to thank The Herald for the courage of their humanity and for their ongoing support. It is an issue of civil rights, but it is also bridge building - so that all sides are strong, anchored and accessible. So that we are not only tolerated, but respected as belonging. Speaking of bridge building, The Paper also commends The National Coalition Building Institute (NCBI, the organization responsible for rebuilding, resonisizing the broken hearts - and dreams - of many of the victims of the L.A. King riots for their ongoing work in all minority communities, much including our own. Thank you to these people for carrying on the good work..."
ORGINS OF THE PINK TRIANGLE
Benefit Performance for Santa Cruz AIDS Project

By Matthew Friday
Staff Editor

Central Coast Theatre Works presents 22nd. All performances will take place at the Martin Sherman's Bent, a powerful drama Actors Theater, 1001 Center Street, Santa about the internment of homosexual men in Cruz. For further information call 425-PLAY.

E.J.R. asks: My roommate is making me crazy! I used to have feelings for him, but now I just hate him. Things have been awful ever since his new boyfriend moved in. He makes my roommate and me both crazy, and in turn my roommate looks to me for support and understanding. I can't give him what he needs and that causes a lot of problems. We're to the point that we don't even talk to each other most of the time. That's OK, but things are just getting worse. I can't move for three more months. I don't know what to do. Help!

W.W.: Help is right! I hope that your friends and co-workers aren't paying the price. Sounds like you just might be in over your head on this one. You state that you used to have feelings for your roommate and now you just hate him. Hate is a powerful emotion that has a great propensity to hurt and damage everything exposed to it. I would ask you to take the time to re-examine these feelings you once had. Are you in love with your roommate? This triangle is usually complicated and problematic even under the best of circumstances. It sounds to me like your biggest challenge will be to somehow re-establish communication between all three of you. Maybe planning a nice dinner at home would be a good start. Set the mood, set the table, and set your butts down. An awkward situation can be turned around over a dinner table. No guarantees, but someone needs to make the first move. Please, no food fight!!

My only other suggestion is: you need to get your feelings sorted out. Possibly a friend to just listen or maybe professional counseling would be helpful. You need to rid yourself of this alleged hate, the sooner the better. It's interfering with any chance of your listening or understanding the relationship between your roommate and his boyfriend. Your roommate is seeking your opinion; he surely must regard your love life. Explore and enjoy! If need be, I know at least three women who would be happy to oblige you. Let me know.

Questions or concerns on any topic are welcome. Submit all inquiries and comments to:

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What is wrong with me? So, life may be like a box of chocolates, but some of us may want to lose some weight. Tom Hanks stars in "Forest Gump," a mixture of tear jerker and historical news reel. What's wrong with me? I didn’t really like the film and that makes me kind of un-American. The footage of Forest with famous persons throughout U.S. history is great, but the sappiness even got me - queen of sap that I am. Sally Field plays Tom Hanks' mother. Haven't we seen her do this before? Even the accent sounds the same. Are women actors in their late 40's over the hill sexually and only delegated to mother-type character roles? (See below.) Truth is, I was really moved by the love and caring between Tom Hanks and Gary Sinise who plays Forest's Vietnam lieutenant. Gary Sinise is the best thing about this movie and it would have been a lot more interesting if Forest and the Vietnam Veteran had bought a little fixer-upper and moved in together while they started their own shrimp business. But I guess this idea also makes me un-American.

Hey, speaking of women over 45, go see Susan Sarandon in "The Client." While Sally Field, who probably is about Susan Sarandon's age, gets to play her dying mother Southern accent routine once again, Susan Sarandon gets to play a nurturing attorney AND has sex appeal all at the same time. She plays a woman who has hard knocks, goes back to law school late in life, and is a recovering alcoholic at the same time. My kind of woman! "The Client" is a typical summer flick and, believe it or not, I found it much more enjoyable than the book. Susan Sarandon's character in the book seemed one dimensional compared to the way she comes alive on the screen. It's a typical action thriller law drama, but it's lean on courtroom and heavy on running around. The male co-stars are well worth it too - Tommy Lee Jones and actor newcomer Mark Rene. The dark horse, Mary Louise Parker, plays the young child's mother and is terrific. I hope to see her in bigger parts.

Movie of the Summer Award goes hands down to "Go Fish." Times are a changin'. First there was "The Children's Hour" and how suicide was the answer. Next came "Desert Hearts" and how seduction of semi-straight women may be the answer. In the '90s we have "Go Fish" - the story of a carefree single lesbian, lookin' for love. "Go Fish" is an 85-minute black and white film written and produced by Rose Troche and Guinevere Turner, two women in their 20s! A comedy romance, "Go Fish" celebrates lesbianhood. Instead of Harry meeting Sally, we have Max meeting Ely, and it works. The women in the film have dinner parties, worry about what to wear, get hair cuts, play matchmaker and want to meet Ms. Right. "Go Fish" is the first film which shows us who we are in all our uniqueness, yet how similar we are to all others, male and female, who may be out there lookin' for love. I suspect "Go Fish" will take the place of "Desert Hearts" in video libraries. I am also really thrilled to see that a major distributor has picked up this film and has pushed it out there for all of us to view. I'd like to see it come to neighborhood theaters in Monterey. With the title "Go Fish," maybe Clyde and Josephine in Pebble Beach would go, thinking it's a documentary on card games or a direct to take a vacation. Either way, they'd have a good time, as I did. See "Go Fish" and celebrate who we are!
SUPPORT GROUPS

Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG) meets the fourth Thursday of every month at the Unitarian Church, 490 Aguajito Road, Carmel.

HIV-Positive Men and Women of the Peninsula Support Group Meets 7:00 p.m. every Tuesday at Monterey County AIDS Project, 780 Hamilton in Seaside. For information contact Pam Bonsper at 394-4747.

HIV-Positive Men and Women of Salinas Support Group Meets 4:00 p.m. every first and third Wednesday of the month at Monterey County AIDS Project, 10 Sherwood Drive, Suite 5 in Salinas. For information contact Pam Bonsper at 394-4747.

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John XXIII AIDS Ministry A.A. meeting for infected and affected For information call 655-1737.

John XXIII AIDS Ministry Moms for Moms Support Group For information call 655-1737.

Family Members and Friends of People with HIV/AIDS Support Group Meets at Santa Cruz AIDS Project (SCAP), 911 Center Street in Santa Cruz. For information call 427-3900.

Women with HIV/AIDS Support Group Meets at Santa Cruz AIDS Project (SCAP), 911 Center Street in Santa Cruz. For information call 427-3900.

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The Hon. Sam Farr 202 225-2861 or 408 649-3555
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Do you believe in dreams? I know I do. Do you believe they can come true? Do you believe there, is someone out there for everyone? I'd like to think so. I'm a Gay male 23, 6'4", 190 lbs., HIV-. Seeking a dreamer and believer! If you believe 2 men can come together as a unit, beating the odds, please feel free to make that first step and write me! Box 305

GWM 30, active lifestyle, professional seeks same. Love tennis, biking, theatre, eating out, cooking in, skiing, sailing, travel and movies. Looking for love, passion, trust, caring and monogamy. Blue eyes, dirty blonde, 5'7", 170 lbs. Box 303

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Pacific Bear wants mate. GWM looking for same about 40-45. Heart more important than looks. I am mature and stable and expect the same. Enjoy travel, cooking and hibernating with the right bear. No smoke, No drugs. Reply to Box 308

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Cute, athletic college grad, GAM, 24 years old, 5'7", 145#. I like rollerblading, volleyball, working out. Also cuddling and horseback rides on the beach. Seeking fun, outgoing, active friends in the south bay and mid-peninsula 21-29 years old. Reply to Box 307

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