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**Summary Information**

**Repository:** California State University, Monterey Bay Archives and Special Collections  
**Creator:** Friday, Matt  
**Creator:** Carlson, Bruce  
**Title:** Matt Friday and Bruce Carlson papers  
**Identifier:** MS-06  
**Date:** 1991-2011  

**Physical Description:** 6.75 Linear Feet (3 record cartons, 2 large flat boxes)

**Overview**

This collection contains correspondence, photographs, newspapers, notes, programs, ephemera, and other material documenting the political activity and community involvement of Matt Friday and Bruce Carlson. The bulk of material relates in particular to their activism on behalf of the LGBTQ community in the Monterey County region and its struggle for legal and social recognition.

**Arrangement**

Materials arranged in the following series:

Series 1: Community activism  
Series 2: Educational involvement  
Series 3: Political involvement  
Series 4: Newspapers, clippings, and press  
Series 5: Personal  
Series 6: Scrapbooks, awards, and memorabilia

**Immediate Source of Acquisition**

Donated by David Reichard, 2016.

**Conditions Governing Access**

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Biographical / Historical

Matt Friday was born in 1950 in Ottumwa, Iowa and moved to the Monterey area in 1967. Friday was a co-founder of several environmental projects, a board member for the Monterey County AIDS Project (MCAP), and a frequent contributor to numerous local publications. Friday was also involved in human rights and organized educational community forums on issues such as hate crimes and racism. Friday was heavily involved in area politics, including serving as Chair of the 27th Assembly District from 1999–2003 and serving as co-President of the Bay Area Municipal Elections Committee (BAYMEC) from 2003–2004. Friday also acted as television commentator during the 2000 Los Angeles Democratic National Convention.

Bruce Carlson was born in 1942 in Pittsburg, California. Carlson moved to the Monterey Peninsula in 1986. In 1999 he became a founding board member of the Monterey County Gay, Lesbian and Straight Education Network (GLSEN). He was also a founding member of the Monterey County Coalition for Fairness and a founding board member of the Monterey County Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Task Force. He was the co-director of Monterey’s first Gay Pride Parade in 1992. Carlson was also active in local and national Democratic politics. He held various offices and committee seats in the 27th Assembly District beginning in 1996. He became a representative for the Bay Area Municipal Elections Committee in Monterey County (BAYMEC) in 1994 and a board member in 1996. Carlson was also a delegate to the California State Convention and the Democratic National Convention in 2000.

Matt Friday and Bruce Carlson moved to Eugene, Oregon in 2005. Domestic partners since 1986, they were married in 2014, becoming the first same-sex couple to wed in Lane County, Oregon after a judge struck down the state's ban on gay marriages.

Sources:


Scope and Contents

This collection contains correspondence, photographs, newspapers, notes, programs, ephemera, t-shirts and other material documenting the political activity and community involvement of Matt Friday and Bruce Carlson. Materials in the collection document their activist work and participation in LGBTQ-related
organizations and events, including Bay Area Municipal Elections Committee (BAYMEC), Gay, Lesbian & Straight Educational Network (GLSEN), Monterey County Equal Opportunity Advisory Committee, Monterey County Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Task Force, and Monterey County Pride. Also included are materials related to their involvement in the Democratic party and the campaign against California Proposition 22 (known as the Knight Initiative) in 2000, as well as documents associated with local objections to government funding for Boy Scouts of America. Also included are teaching materials collected by Friday and Carlson in support of their educational outreach activities on behalf of the LGBTQ community. This collection also contains locally published LGBTQ newspapers, including “The Paper” and “Manifesto.”

Processing Information

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Administrative Information

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- Gay activists -- Monterey County (Calif.)
- Gay rights
- Homosexuality and education
- Human rights advocacy
- Monterey County LGBTQ Collection

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**Educational involvement, 1993-2010**

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- **Laramie Project, 2003**
- **Other materials, 2003**
- **Teaching materials, 1993-2010, undated**

**Political involvement, 1994-2007**

- **Bay Area Municipal Elections Committee (BAYMEC), 1994-2004**
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- **Manifesto, 2000 February-2004 March**
  - Box 5 (Text)
- **Out Now, 1994 October 6-12**
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