

# Manifesto:

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All you need is ... All you want is ...

## Big Gay Event Season Begins

**Kicking it Off:  
Fashion Show,  
Youth Awards,  
and A Gay  
Evening In May**

**Wednesday, 1**

**GENDER AWARENESS DAY**  
NOON – 5 P.M. • Part of UCSC's Queer Awareness Week. Participating students will go to classes as a "different or deviant" gender, and stage a die-in to protest violence against trans people.

**VOLLEY BALL**

5:30 P.M. – SUNDOWN • One of the many gay events on the Monterey Bay that's been happening for so long that no one remembers when it started. Open to everyone interested in some non-

**Calendar** competitive fun. Or just hang out and cheer them on. Every Wednesday night at the Main Beach in Santa Cruz (between the Boardwalk and the Wharf), throughout Daylight Savings Time. No play on rainy days.

**LECTURE: DANA RIVERS**

7 – 8:30 P.M. • "Living My Truth: Why Transphobia Is Yesterday's News." Nationally recognized and award-winning trans activist and spokeswoman Dana Rivers shares how her



**Geoffrey Stout, owner of Club Dakota, and Shnada Leer are ready to party!**

feminine strength refused to surrender while she lived and worked as, David Warfield, a man's man. Reception follows. UCSC Kresge College, Room 327.

**Thursday, 2**

**ARTIST'S RECEPTION: OUR VALENTINES**

5 – 7 p.m. • Local photographer Mike Tossy, and his work, are the focus of this event, which features the exhibit "Our Valentine's," photographs of same-sex couples. At

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### Rep. Farr Speaks Out on National Day of Silence

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#### National Day of Silence

(Mr. FARR of California asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)



**Mr. FARR of California.** Mr. Speaker, today across the country, thousands of students on our

college campuses are silent. They are silent as a sign of solidarity of persons who, because of their sexual orientation and gender identification, cannot speak for themselves. They are silent as a form of protest against a society that silences persons who are different, persons **Allies** who do not meet main street's definition of proper.

They are silent, but we in Congress should not be. We should shout and raise our voices and call for an end to discrimination and prejudice against gays, lesbians, bisexuals and transgender persons. We should affirm loudly that by this day of silence, America has the capacity and the heart to say to all persons are just that, persons; and all persons are deserving of fair treatment. In closing, I would like to thank two gentlemen from my district, Bruce Carlson and Matt Friday, for their dedication to such causes, and recognize the instrumental role they play in creating a nation free of prejudice. §

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UCSC's GLBT Center. Refreshments will be served.

**CONCERT: PATTY LARKIN**

7:30 P.M. • Lea Lawson presents the long-awaited performance of singer, songwriter, and master guitarist for one show only. Tickets are \$18 / advance at Herland, Santa Cruz Civic Box Office, the Bookloft, etc. etc. etc., and Aptos Bike Trail. At the Kuumbwa Jazz Center (320 Cedar St. in Santa Cruz).

**Friday 3**

**QUEER FASHION SHOW**

7:59 P.M. • The lights, the drama, the fashion! "Fairy Tales: Queers Beyond the Pages" is the theme. Tickets are \$4 / advance at Porter Dining Hall on Wednesday, May 1, and Friday, May 3, from noon - 3 p.m.; \$5 at the door, if there are any left. At UCSC Porter Dining Hall. Proceeds benefit the UCSC Glee Club, HIV Prevention, Queers of Color, CLUH and the GLBT Resource Center.

**GAY CHRISTIAN GROUP: THE LARAMIE PROJECT**

7 P.M. • View and discuss HBO's production of *The Laramie Project* during this month's Safe Space for Gays and Lesbians, an open and confidential group for those who would like to share their stories and find encouragement in the context of a Christian faith community. At First Congregational Church (900 High St., in Santa Cruz; in the lounge across from the sanctuary). Contact Rev. Laura Rose, 831/426-2010 or leave confidential message at 831/588-5034.

**FORUM: ABUSING THE QUEER SOUL**

4:30 - 6 P.M. • Come hear local GLBT people talk about their experiences in ex-gay programs. Refreshments will be served. Part of UCSC Queer Awareness Week. At Student Union Redwood Lounge.

**SCREENING AND DISCUSSION: TREMBLING BEFORE G-D**

6:30 P.M. • A provocative and surprisingly funny documentary about the hidden lives of gay Orthodox Jews. Part of UCSC Queer Awareness Week. \$4 / Hillel Card holders; \$6/students and others. Panel discussion follows film. At UCSC Media Theater, at Theater Arts.

**PARTY WITH HOLLY NEAR**

7:30 P.M. • WomenCARE invites you to an evening of celebration featuring Holly Near and humorist Terri Tate, in celebration of 10 years of free supportive services for Women with Cancer, including lesbian support groups. Tickets \$20 at Bookshop Santa Cruz, Book Loft, California Futons, Bookworks, AMF Cabrillo Lanes. Complimentary tickets to people living with cancer available only at WomenCARE. At the Rio Theatre in Santa Cruz. 831/457-2273.

**Saturday, 4**

**QUEER YOUTH LEADERSHIP AWARDS**

6 - 7:30 P.M. • Refreshments  
7:30 - 10 P.M. • Variety Show & Awards Ceremony  
This year's event has a new format and has gone bilingual. Skits, poetry, singing and dancing, and, of course, the awards will take the stage, hosted by Luis Juarez. Included will be an excerpt from the local production of *The Laramie Project* that ran through February and March of this year at the Broadway Theater in Santa Cruz. The awards go to six youth who've demonstrated leadership in the promotion of human rights—and includes a \$500 honorarium for each; two youth allies and an organization will also be honored. Tickets are \$0 - \$10 / youth, \$25 / adults, available in advance at Salud Para La Gente, Casa Beinestar, The Ugly Mug, Streetlight Records, Herland, White Raven, and Cloud Nine. At Loudon Nelson Community Center Auditorium (301 Center Street in Santa Cruz).

**QUEER FASHION SHOW**

7:59 P.M. • (See Friday, 3, for details.)

**ART SHOW: H.E.A.L.: HOUR OF EVOLUTION, ART AND LIFE.**

8 P.M. • This event will introduce the audience to a group of over 25 artists, who will take them on an exciting, multi-sensory tour of social issues and healing through dance, photography, painting, music, fire dance, and more. Tickets are \$10. A benefit for Survivors Healing Center. Two shows are planned (see Sunday, 5) at the Four-Eighteen Project (418 Front Street in Santa Cruz).

**Sunday, 5**

**GARDEN OF GAY-ITY PARTY**

2:30 - 4:30 P.M. • Come enjoy an afternoon of cross dressing, gender-bending, hat decorating (bring your own hat) and croquet on the lawn of the Women's Center. Food and drink will be served. Part of UCSC Queer Awareness Week. At the UCSC Women's Center.

**AIDS/LIFECYCLE FUND-RAISER**

4 - 7 P.M. • Local riders KC Bly and Carey Drumright are hosting a fund-raiser at Club Dakota for AIDS/LifeCycle, a bicycling event to raise money for the San Francisco AIDS Foundation and the Los Angeles Gay & Lesbian Center. Suggested donation is \$5, or spring for \$10 and be entered automatically in a raffle. Must be 21+ with valid ID. At Club Dakota (1209 Pacific Ave. in Santa Cruz.) For more info about the ride, or to donate on-line, visit [www.aidslifecycle.org](http://www.aidslifecycle.org) and reference participant # 4513.

**ART SHOW: H.E.A.L.: HOUR OF EVOLUTION, ART AND LIFE.**

6 P.M. • (see Saturday, 4 for details).

**CONCERT: RICHARD SCHINDELL**

7:30 P.M. • Celebrating the release of his new CD, *Courier*, Schindell returns to Santa Cruz this month, presented by Lea Lawson Productions. Tickets are \$16.50 in advance (+service charge) e at Herland, Aptos Bike Trail, etc. etc. etc., the Bookloft, and the Santa Cruz Civic box office. At Kuumbwa Jazz Center (320 Cedar Street in Santa Cruz.) 831/426-7828

**GAY SKATE NIGHT**

8:30 - 10:30 P.M. • It's Dorothy's night out! Semi-regular, throughout the spring (May 12, 19; June 2, 9, 16). \$7 (includes skates). At The Rink (251 Kings Village Road in Scotts Valley). Marty at 831/479-3355.

**Monday, 6**

**RELEASE PARTY: BIG Q**

5 - 7 P.M. • Come meet contributors/editors and celebrate the launching of UCSC's new queer 'zine, the *BIG Q*. Refreshments served. Part of UCSC Queer Awareness Week. At UCSC GLBT Center.

**LECTURE: QUEERLY CLASSED**

7 - 8:30 P.M. • Join Prof. Dana Frank for a lively group discussion about class/ism in the GLBT community. A short segment of the award-winning film *Out at Work* will also be shown. Part of UCSC Queer Awareness Week. At UCSC GLBT Center.

**Thursday, 9**

**FILM & RECEPTION: DE COLORES**

7 - 8 P.M. • Reception  
Come meet film directors Peter Barbosa and Garrett Lenoir before the film screening. Refreshments served. At Casa Latina, UCSC Merrill College.  
8 P.M. • *De Colores* Premiere  
Moving bilingual documentary about how Latino families are replacing the deep roots of homophobia with even deeper roots of love and tolerance. At UCSC Merrill College, Room 102.

**Friday, 10**

**PANEL: HOLISTIC HEALERS—ON ALTERNATIVES FOR HEALING TRAUMA**

7 P.M. • Several practitioners will be introducing various holistic arts, for survivors of child sexual abuse and their supporters, and will be available for questions and answers. Free. At Survivors Healing Center (2301 Mission Street, Suite C-1). Refreshments provided. 831/423-7601.

**CONCERT: MOZART'S REQUIEM**

7:30 P.M. • The Cabrillo Chorus, Cantiamo, and Cabrillo Chorale are performing, accompanied by Ensemble Monterey, along with the Cabrillo Youth Choir, singing other Mozart pieces. Conductor is Cheryl Anderson. The performance will be at Twin

Lakes Church in Aptos, a large hall with excellent acoustics. The *Requiem* is one of the most awe-inspiring pieces of Western music ever composed, and was featured in the movie *Amadeus*, recently re-released in a Director's Cut. Don't miss this unique opportunity to hear a masterwork. Tickets are \$20 / preferred seating, \$15 / general, \$12 / students & seniors. Call the Cabrillo Box Office at 831/479-6331 for tickets.

**Saturday, 11**

**WOMEN'S DANCE CLASSES & PARTIES**

7 - 7:45 P.M. • Beginning Salsa & Swing  
7:45 - 9 P.M. • Beginning Niteclub Hustle  
9 - 10 P.M. • Practice Dance Party  
Drop-in, no partner necessary. Niteclub Hustle is a dance created in the 70s for disco music. It is a fast-paced fun dance that is very closely related to swing and can be danced to a wide variety of modern music. If you like to dance at clubs and want to know how to dance with a partner to all that techno and disco music, this class is for you! \$12 one class and dance; \$15 two classes and dance; \$5 dance only. At the Palomar Ballroom. Andria at 831/477-4115.

**Thursday, 16**

**BOOKS: NO OTHER LIFE**

7:30 P.M. • Gary Young—poet, letterpress printer, visual artist, and teacher—will read from his new trilogy, which gathers in a single volume, *Days*, the award-winning *Braver Deeds*, and the final book, *If He Had*. Free. At Bookshop Santa Cruz (1520 Pacific Avenue in Santa Cruz).



**Patty Larkin  
May 2**

Friday, 17

**CONCERT: YARDBIRDS**

Featuring special cameo appearances by Don Baskin of Syndicate of Sound, Cyril Jordan of the Flamin' Groovies, and Tim Abbott of the Chocolate Watchband. Presented by Keith Putney. At the Rio Theatre (1205 Soquel Avenue in Santa Cruz). 831/423-8209

Saturday, 18

**A GAY EVENING IN MAY**

8 P.M. • The 17<sup>th</sup> fund-raiser / talent show, "Over the Rainbow," features the incomparable Miss Shanda Leer as host. Highlights include the Carol Hill Dancers, Barbara Lindsay, Junior World Figure Skating Champion Edrick Stewart, MoonLife, and Leslie Kitchen doing something "secret." As well, perennial favorites Motion Pacific Dance Troupe, The Lesbian & Gay Chorus of Santa Cruz, and Cheer San Francisco will also be performing. Produced by Max Schneider. Directed by Marty Hunter. Host restaurants for the dinner are Pearl Alley Bistro, Clouds, and Gabriella's. Here's how it works: go to one of the three restaurants on May 18 at 5:30 P.M. and tell the host/ess you're attending AGEM. Have a fabulous dinner (it's not included in the price of your ticket) and enjoy the show. A portion of your tab is donated to AGEM.

Tickets for the show range from \$8 - \$25, available at Ticketmaster or the Civic Box Office. Proceeds benefit the Santa Cruz AIDS Project. AGEM2002@aol.com

Friday, 24

**MOVIE NIGHT**

7 P.M. • Survivors of child sexual abuse and their supporters are invited to a free screening of *Thelma & Louise*. Come view a classic movie in the company of other survivors. At Survivors Healing Center (2301 Mission Street, Suite C-1). Refreshments provided. 831/423-7601.

Sunday, 26

**BRUNCH: QUEER HISTORY**

11 A.M. • Santa Cruz Pride kicks off what it hopes will be an ongoing queer history project, with a history brunch. Everyone is invited to bring memories, photos, videotapes, and clippings—there will be scanners, video cameras, and other equipment to help preserve materials, and a chance to share memories. For more information, visit [santacruzpride.org](http://santacruzpride.org) or call 831/761-9652.

**SHANDA LEER**

8 P.M. • The gurl's doing double-duty this month—first as hostess of AGEM, then as the star of her own confection—*Kings and Queens* of the drag variety fill Club Dakota with music and dance. \$3 donation requested at the door. At Club Dakota (1209 Pacific Avenue in Santa Cruz). Proceeds benefit Santa Cruz LGBT Pride.

Friday, 31

**CONCERT: RAINBOW WOMEN'S CHORUS**

8 P.M. • The spring concert, "Elemental Woman," is an evening of exploring universal themes through choral music. In addition to short classical works and songs from other cultures, the chorus will perform the Bay Area premiere of Director Ruth Huber's new piece, *Windsong*. Also on the program are selections by Cris Williamson, Randy Newman, Carole King and Quincy Jones. At Unitarian Universalist Church (505 E. Charleston Street in Palo Alto). Tickets are \$15 / advance, \$17 / door. To reserve tickets and for information, call Eileen at 408/374-5228.

June 1 & 2

**WORKSHOP: DESTINATION THERAPY**

10 A.M. - 4 P.M. • Destination Therapy assist individuals in transforming negative core beliefs, healing traumatic memories, resolving grief and alleviating internal conflicts. Led by Joni Mamicki, LMFT. \$20 - \$80, sliding scale. Pre-registration is required. Call Survivors Healing Center at 831/423-7601 for more information.

June 2

**28<sup>TH</sup> SANTA CRUZ PRIDE: PRIDE = ACTION**

11 A.M. • March Bands, floats, musical and marching groups from the bay area and beyond will fill Pacific Avenue in downtown Santa Cruz with queerness in a visibility action not to be missed.

NOON - 5 P.M. • Rally

The march ends in San Lorenzo Park (Ocean and Water Streets), where the rally features vendors, organizations, information, food, games, while music, dancing, and speakers take to the stage.

Saturday, 8

**HOWDY PARDNER!**

6 - 11 P.M. • The Bay Area Municipal Elections Committee is hosting its 2<sup>nd</sup> Monterey Bay dinner dance at Roaring Camp in Felton. A barbecuin' square dancin' good time. Western wear is optional. California Assemblywoman Carole Migden is the keynote speaker. \$65 per person, call Mark Hajduk 831/336-2668 or Matt Friday and Bruce Carlson at 831/899-2263.

June 9

**WORKSHOP: COUPLES**

10 A.M. - 4 P.M. • A one day workshop focused on enhancing relationships where at least one member is a survivor of childhood sexual abuse. Open to people of all sexual orientations. Led by Amy Pine, LMFT, and Steven Kelly, LMFT. \$125 per couple—some financial aid available. Pre-registration is required. Call Survivors Healing Center at 831/423-7601 for more information.

June 15

**MONTEREY PRIDE**

11 a.m. - 6 p.m. • A "day in the park" event with booths and entertainment for friends and family. At the Monterey County Fairgrounds. [www.montereypride.org](http://www.montereypride.org) or 831/372-6727.

June 17 - 21

**QUEER YOUTH CAMP**

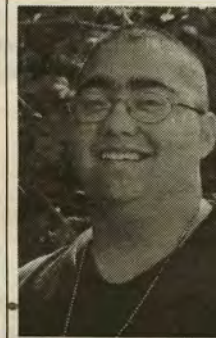
This camp is for queer youth to have fun at the camp they have always dreamed of! Created for youth by youth, and their allies. This is the second year for Queer Camp in the Santa Cruz Mountains and it has been extended to five days (Monday through Friday). Activities include singing around the campfire, roasting marshmallows, volleyball, hiking, art in the woods, a Starlight Dance, and a talent show. Sponsored by STRANGE, Santa Cruz Area Radical Faeries, UCSC GLBT Resource Center, Billy DeFrank Center, and the Diversity Center. 831/335-5861. 🐾



**Nikira Hernandez** Marisol Lorenzana



**Kristen Sharpe** Kyle Wehrman



**Kevin West**

# Queer Youth

## Leadership Awards

Saturday, May 4, 2002

Louden Nelson Center

301 Center Street, Santa Cruz

6:00 - 7:30 p.m. • Refreshments/  
Social

7:30 - 10:00 p.m. • Variety Show  
and Awards Ceremony

Get your tickets (youth \$0 - \$10  
adults \$25)

Watsonville: Salud para La Gente &  
Casa Bienestar

Soquel: The Ugly Mug

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# Scrap \* Book



## A Real Drag!

The last few months have seen a, appropriately, dramatic increase in the number of drag shows on the Central Coast.

Just take a look at these photos, by Stuart Peterson, of recent shows at Club Dakota and UCSC.

Coming this month, the Queer Fashion Show at UCSC, and Shanda Leer does double-duty as the hostess of A Gay Evening In May and produces another fabulous event at Club Dakota. See the Calendar for details.

Oh, and see if you can spot Shanda sans drag!



POTSHOTS

# The Lady Boys of Thailand

They sit comfortably at the tables of one of the outdoor bars in the middle of the Night Bazaar of Chiang Mai, an old walled city surrounded by a murky moat in the north of Thailand. The Rainbow flag flies high and business is brisk. The lady boys are adept at entertaining the Western men, most of whom are older and not so very handsome anymore, but no one seems to notice or care all that much.

Although Western men come by the

ing him that in the States, you're done with at 25, so he should consider himself lucky as he has another ten years to enjoy in Scotland than we in America.

Their names are usually too long even for one another, so everyone has a nickname. Nui was the young man serving behind the bar, not exactly a lady boy himself, but quite effeminate with his lithe body, sweet smile and attentive manners. I was with a Londoner, Peter, although he looked more Mediterranean

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planeloads to Thailand for sex, whether with the women or the Thai guys, many of the hotels will not allow the lady boys in the rooms with their Sugar Daddies, so other arrangements must be made. There is always the House of Male, the beautiful teakwood bathhouse located on a tiny Soi, or alleyway, outside the city walls, across from the International Insect Museum. Bring your own condoms, though, as the house doesn't supply them as in the bathhouses of the West. The men who are really serious about getting laid in Thailand rent out apartments by the week or month where the desk clerks aren't so nosey about who comes and goes. Others are more willing to risk the wrath of the hotel clerk and the expected knock on the door.

Since the days of the Viet Nam war, Thailand has been a place where Western men come to fulfill sexual fantasies that cannot be fulfilled at home. Unfortunately, except for a few randy young Aussies from down under, most of the men are past their prime, paunchy and even sort of sad looking. You see them walking around town with their young tarts by their sides, and sweet as it may be, it is, nonetheless, a sad statement on our own Western obsession with age and physical appearances. Over the last thirty years or so in the West, we have created a cult to the perfect physique that reminds one of the glory days of ancient Sparta and Athens where muscle-bound athletes would perform in the nude for the sensual pleasures of the lusting masses. We are so hung up on youth and beauty, on pecs and penile size that people have become as disposable as a paper cup. A Scottish man told me that a gay man in Scotland is finished at 35 years old. I responded by tell-

than British. And he was more my type than the slender Thai boys. But now and again, Nui would smile at me and urge me to go chat up the lady boys at the bar. A couple of them came over to say hello, offer their company and look lovingly in my eyes, as though promising every pleasure conceivable, and then some. Nui assured me that I could have any one of them there for a just few hundred Bhts, or under ten dollars. Personally, I much prefer the Western look than the Asian and while I was happy talking with this tall English stud next to me, I sensed that he was entertaining thoughts of taking one of the lady boys back to his hotel and risking the inevitable knock on the door.

No one seems to really notice the lady boys. No one except the Westerners, that is. We try so hard to blend in with the mainstream that seeing these lady boys in the streets is quite remarkable.

Apparently, many of them come from the Northeast of Thailand where the poverty is overwhelming and opportunities rare, so they migrate to cities like Bangkok and Chiang Mai to work in the sex trade. Some want only to make enough money to settle into a better situation, while others want to be cared for. They form close emotional bonds with their men, oftentimes believing they have found the man of their dreams, who, invariably, is from some country in the West. For example, one young man I met at the bar told me he had a boyfriend in Amsterdam he loved very much and that one day he was going to Amsterdam to live with him. I surely didn't want to break his bubble, but were I him, I wouldn't bank on the fidelity of a gay Westerner, especially one from Amsterdam, that's for sure.

**M a n i f e s t o N e w s . o r g**

Cadillac Hope Marie Prestley sez...

# GET YOUR ASS TO CHURCH!

(Sunday Brunch at Pearl Alley Bistro)

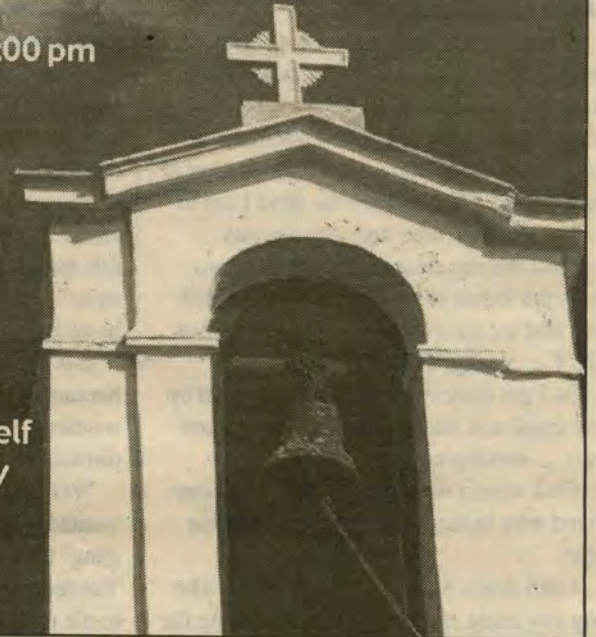
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TALK! IS IT CHEAP?

# You Can Take That to the Bank

It's just another day, or should I say all-in-one day. Anyway you slice and dice life, it always presents you with moments to grow and laugh ... screw those crying ones ... ha ha ha.

I got up on my treadmill of life, or at least it seems like it currently, and threw myself together. I was tired and no time to sleep. I had a man waiting for me and I needed to be there and let him in ... yum ... sounds more like a Saturday night than a daytime story. Yet people have accused me of having a soap opera life!

Guess it could be worse. Okay deep down I always wanted to be Erica Cane from all my children!!! Anyway, I threw some clothing on and pulled my mane of hair in a bad bun and with a light dusting of make up so I didn't scare the dead I ran to work. The man who was waiting was ... yes just the rug cleaner. For the past two days the toilets at work were flowing with shit and we are not talking in the drain but OUT ... yucky!!!!!!!!!!!!

So I get there open the door followed by my usual A.M. routine, the most important part ... making coffee!

God when I was little I could not understand why in the world people drank that shit!

I still don't, but now I'm an addict. The rug guy came and started in on cleaning the

rug. I gave him some coffee and made some for myself and took a few moments to sip my coffee and look around the store to see what needed to be done. As I did this my image cast across the tell-all tale of the mirror. I was shocked ... I looked like hell. I was tired, worn, and not my usual sexy self!!!! Love being the writer ... can fill in all the blanks with any words I choose ... ha ha ha ... who said life was fair?

At first I wanted to cry but I smiled and laughed to myself ...

Why? Well the cup of coffee I was sipping turned out great and for the first time all week I could just take a moment ... and breathe. This is what my life has come to ... as the late Peggy Lee use to say 'if that's all there is ... let's drink ... ha ha ha.

You see I manage two very different stores ... waitress, slinging sushi ... have a full dating card, try to hang with friends and write ... well if that's what you call it ... ha ha ha ha.

But at this moment I realized that I had become a very normal, heterosexual woman ... now how the hell, and when, did this all happen!

Well if truth be known it's what I always wanted ... to just be ... to just be part of the gang! Like not different, not standing out. Yet deep down too there was this little diva in the making longing to stand out and be

counted and reach stardom! ...

So who will win? Well looking in the mirror right now ... guess who? Ha ha ha.

I am now in the prison of normality ... no maybe not everyone is wearing stripes ... just seeing them, and stars too ... ha ha ha.

Ever see those cartoons ... when someone gets hit over the head, we and them, see stars? Well cartoons don't lie!

Later I proceeded to drive home and it was a beautiful day in California and I thought to myself God I've come along way from New Hampshire!

When I got home my neighbor was having a yard sale and we chatted along with other neighbors. Here they were all looking different doing their thing and at this very moment we were all together. I then went in and on-line and chatted with boys.

One of the guys is Mike. Who calls me overnight and many e-mails daily. I think me likes me ... but is that enough?

I told him about my day and I think he didn't like it, and I feel a real friendship has to be based on truth. The part he didn't like was when I went and did my banking for work this guy got in line after me and started chatting. He was hot. A real California cowboy. He turned to me and said I was cute! So we ended up outside chatting I exchanged numbers with him and started

walking to my car. Well, he then called me back so I walked back over to see him. At this point he was in his truck and I looked in and he had cock in hand ... what do you think? ... I said ... yummy ... but got to get back to work ... and walked away ... I said while walking way ... call me! I laughed thinking ... God I look this bad today and can do that ...

After chatting with Mike, and a glass of wine ... I was hot ... to Trot ... and decided I needed a moment of pleasure ... mmmmmmmmm ... well I felt so much better, showered and headed to work. All I have to say is thank God for battery-operated Objects!

Work was kind of slow, but I got to eat some great sushi and then headed to my girlfriend's party. With a couple of bottles of wine I headed out to party with the lesbians!

The party was great and as I looked around and chatted with all these powerful unique women. I saw a rainbow and I made a wish!!!!!!!!!!!!

I was tired and the girls walked me to my car ... like any great gentlewomen would do!

When I got home there was a call from bank man and I laughed as I threw myself down on the bed thinking back to this funny day ... Wow! I thought, Sarah this is your life!

On and off of coffee ... ha ha ha.  
Be well all ... 'til next time!  
Sarah



**Lavender Road  
Metropolitan Community Church**

**Reverend Jean Hart**  
Pastor  
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# Cool Jerk

Lately, I've been thinking a lot about masturbation—and not simply because my partner spent the past seven months in Europe. Now that he's back, in fact, I'm thinking more about masturbation than before. I don't have quite as much time to Jill these days, for one thing. Also, there are the vestiges of relationship guilt: "I'm in love with the sexiest creature on earth, so I probably shouldn't embrace my own pulchritude while he's trying to sleep next to me."

It upsets me that even here in the fabulous 21<sup>st</sup> century, masturbation still bears stigma. If you spend your weekend doing the bodybuilder up in Accounts Receivable, you can brag about it at the coffee station Monday morning, even if you kept falling asleep before coming. But if you spent the entire weekend alone, giving yourself the most excellent orgasms, are you going to tell your co-workers why you're beaming so brightly? Unless you work at Good Vibrations, it's not likely.

This is something to get politically angry about. For starters, "masturbation" is really such an ugly word. I tried to do some etymology research before deadline, but my OED is in the shop. The only thing my backup dictionary tells me is that there is an adjective form: masturbational. Use it in a sentence this week! I promise, however, to find the culprit who foisted this awkward on us and expose him or her as a cryptofascist.

Most of us are probably too familiar with all the myths about masturbation—

## Fun facts!

- The great Dorothy Parker had a bird she named Onan, because he kept spilling his seed on the ground.
- "Steps In Overcoming Masturbation" is a brilliant document published by the Church of My Parents, and is available in various places on the net. Try [www.moonmac.com/Mormon\\_masturbation.html](http://www.moonmac.com/Mormon_masturbation.html), or type "Mormon masturbation" into your favorite search engine. Learn, as I did, how to keep your church membership unsullied!
- Onan.com apparently has nothing directly to do with masturbation, at least in the ways I have known it. It is, however, a Web site rife with double entendre fun. ("Onan engines come emission certified and ready to install without modification.") Enjoy!!

basis, but it has happened. As a young tranny, learning this was enough to make me feel even more shame about self-gratification. It wasn't enough, apparently, that god hated me, my parents were disappointed, and that I'd become infertile, depressed, and blind. Oh, AND a transsexual. And a girl.

But you know what? I masturbated anyway. And I did it, a lot—partly because of the adolescent hormonal deluge, and partly because They wouldn't let me

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the hairy palms, the going blind, how it's not as good alone. (If you're not familiar with the myths, put this paper down right now and call your parents, your clergy, or someone else's parents or clergy. Try not to stay on the phone too long, and then come right back to finish reading the column.)

Here's another myth, with which you might not be familiar: for a lot of transsexual-identified people, there has long been this unwritten idea that if you ever actually engaged in sex for pleasure, maybe you are not so transsexual after all. To wit, if you actually admit to your therapist and/or physician that you have touched your genitals to get off, you run the risk of being refused further medical and psychiatric treatment. For many years, a transwoman who admitted anything but absolute revulsion for the organ everyone keeps calling a penis feared the denial of services.

Surely, it is much less common these days for a trans-identified person to actually be refused such help solely on this

drink coffee.

It is interesting to me that the way I learned to take care of myself most successfully is much more "female" than it is "male." If I had tried to explain this distinction to a shrink, years ago when this situation was of great concern to me, I think it would have looked like I was trying too hard to be "like a girl." God forbid I should experience pleasure without a good dose of inadequacy. I masturbated, and lived to masturbate another day. And somehow I managed to overcome the idea that if I did, I wouldn't be enough of a girl.

Imagine this: a future in which I don't have to choose to call my thing a clit or dick, and I don't have to feel shame about getting some really great sex from the person I know best over the weekend. I think it's possible, especially in our burgeoning trans communities, to talk a lot more frankly about sex in the multiplicity of ways we experience it, because for the trannies I know, sex is always interesting, often queer, and usually fabulous. 🐾

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## LOCAL ISSUES UPDATE

# Proof Through The Night That Our Sign Was Still There

A \$5 million potential budget crunch has crushed Santa Cruz City Council's plans to dump the controversial River Street Sign—at least for a year. That was the Council's decision at its April 9 meeting, led by council member Emily Reilly, who observed that too much time had been spent on the issue already.

Alert observers may remember that from its first appearance last autumn, the optimistic, upbeat, early-'60s-style metallic mini-monstrosity had raised a furor, its brushed metal and primary colors raising the hackles of unapologetic ruralists and self-styled art critics alike.

Calls for the gargantuan Sign to be repainted, covered over, or replaced entirely with some more symbolically native material—redwood, driftwood, or perhaps hemp—multiplied. Crane companies came forward to offer free removal. And Council member Ed Porter listed the despised item for sale on eBay, describing it in glowing terms. Twice. No big bites.

The failed sale, the budget crunch, and the countervailing influence of a loose group of modernists and public finance followers who lobbied to save the Sign finally drove the debate to a well deserved death, and it will remain in rigor mortis for the foreseeable future.

## County Continues Secret Snitch System

Ever wanted to talk directly to whom-ever's calling county officials about your household's peculiarities, and find out what the problem really is?

Well, no such luck.

Against the advice of its own planning director, and contrary to the wishes of a frustrated crowd, the County Board of Supervisors voted at its March 12 meeting to continue using anonymous whistle blowers as a secret civilian code enforcement staff.

So what's the problem? For one thing, the volume of complaints has so dramatically that it's overwhelmed county code enforcement personnel. This has left significant health threats unaddressed while minor matters earn red tags. So concluded the county Grand Jury, who looked into the system last year and found it badly broken.

For another, community-wide wars keep breaking out wherever anonymous complaints dominate. In Topanga Canyon, one hyperactive anonymous complainant set off a cycle of retaliatory reporting which now engulfs entire neighborhoods in revenge. Many of these begin when a new wealthy homeowner moves in and decides that the older poorer residents are really not quite up to snuff.

Too, local planning officials have become fatigued with playing the role of ac-

cessories to harassment. One case in point: an award-winning community broadcast facility has faced twenty years of false complaints—including charges that it was conducting gambling operations—by faceless cowards hiding behind the superior power given them by county law.

So County Planning Director Alvin James asked supervisors to cut the burgeoning problem down to size by requiring mediation between neighbors over minor complaints—a process that would reveal names.

Uh-uh, said the Supes. In the end, only supervisor Jeff Almquist supported the mediation move, saying that it would be healthy for neighbors to start talking directly again. All the rest—Pirie, Beautz, Campos and Wormhoudt—voted to keep the civilian spy system in place.

## Election Out takes

While anti-tax crusaders crow over the success of Measure L, the county utility-tax repeal, some aren't so sure that the vote was as much anti-tax as anti-county. "The same voters raised their own taxes by voting for the school bonds," observes one political onlooker. "How anti-tax can they be?" ... Which may be hopeful news for the city of Santa Cruz, where a similar utility-tax repeal has just qualified for the November ballot. In one of the odder primary election shenanigans, an ex-mayor of Santa Cruz was spotted tying 'Caution' ribbons around one supervisorial candidate's signs, and confronted personally, though no action was taken ...

## Supervisors: Let the Japanese Out!

In a particularly intriguing agenda item, the County Board of Supervisors voted at its February 26 meeting to let the Japanese Americans interned in WWII camps out for some air.

The Board, some 59 years after the fact, rescinded "the action taken by the Board of Supervisors in 1943 which resulted in the adoption of a resolution protesting the release of Japanese and Japanese Americans from relocation camps, and approved related action." The "related action" is not described.

An admirable move, we think, to reverse racist policies, no matter how much later in time. Which leads us to hope for a Board apology for its parallel current policies, which have zoned nearly all the county's unbuild land solely for the wealthiest few and thus excluded virtually everyone of color, sometime around the year 2061. 🐼

## Invitation to the Active

Have a topical issue update complete with facts, dates, and context that might be of general interest? Send it to *Manifesto*: and make this a true community column! Deadline: the 15<sup>th</sup> of every month.

## CLASSICAL REVIEW

# Pak and Zhang Pack Punch

By Francis García

We ran into John Larry Granger a few weeks ago at *Blue* in the Castro. He was on his way to guest conduct the New Haven Symphony, excited that he was about to become a bi-coastal conductor. For Program 5 of the Santa Cruz County Symphony, Jung-Ho Pak of the New Haven and San Diego Symphonies took on conducting duties, giving Granger the opportunity to observe

*Suite for Orchestra, Op.35*, since MTT conducted it the day he was appointed Music Director of the San Francisco Symphony, and we were not disappointed. The orchestra played with a rather astonishing authority, providing the big sound required of Rimsky-Korsakov's brilliant orchestration. Concertmaster Kristina Anderson has never been more graceful than in the sweet, plaintive playing of the solo violin passages which signify Sheherazade telling her tales. KUSP

On the local front, performances at UCSC have happily kept the home fires burning.

the orchestra from the audience. In addition to giving conductors a chance to study their own orchestras from a different perspective, guest conducting gives conductors the opportunity to work with different musicians, perform for new audiences, and add another orchestra to their resume. For the audience, it's a treat to experience another personality at the podium.

Jung-Ho Pak is a graceful, athletic conductor, a figure constantly in motion. The orchestra responded with a balletic performance of music of Glinka, Glazunov and Rimsky-Korsakov. Mikhail Glinka's (1804 - 1857) sparkling *Ruslan and Ludmilla Overture*, based on Pushkin's fairy tale poem, was crisply performed, with excellent playing from the entire orchestra. This was followed by the *Violin Concerto in A Minor, Op. 82*, of Alexander Glazunov (1865-1936). The soloist, Howard Zhang, the winner of the 2001 Klien String Competition, is a student of the late Dorothy Delay and Itzhak Perlman at Julliard. This tall, lanky, boneless 17-year-old, swimming in an oversized tux (we understand that at rehearsal, his jeans were big enough for three of him), effortlessly played this impressionistic work, negotiating intricate passage work with ease and giving legato phrases an exquisitely sweet, warm sound. The orchestra made the most of this luscious, lovely, rather wispy music. Zhang, treated to a standing ovation, seems nonchalant about his effect on an audience. After politely brief bows, he ambled off, leaving a well wisher in hot pursuit with a bouquet of flowers. We're told he's mad for cars, as is many a teenager of driving age.

We hadn't heard the final work of the program, Nicholay Rimsky-Korsakov's (1844 - 1908) *Sheherazade, Symphonic*

88.9FM already broadcast the April 6 performance on April 14. The next performance of the Santa Cruz County Symphony takes place at the Civic on May 4, with a program of Bach's *Chaconne from Partita No.2 for Violin*, Beethoven's *Piano Concerto No.4*, and Stravinsky's *Firebird Suite*.

The San Francisco Ballet continues to please with programs fairly bursting with variety. Mark Morris' choreography, set to music of Richard Strauss after Francois Couperin makes fascinating blend of pre-classical and modern ballet movements. Morris has an uncanny ability to respond to music both physically and spiritually, with a sophisticated, playful response to the rhythms of a work. When a dancer or the ensemble makes a pointed reference to, say a passage's ending note, it becomes a witty remark. Contemporary in spirit, partnering between men and women is mutually supportive, non sexual, and relaxed. Helgi Tomasson's *Chi-Lin*, performed to the music of Bright Sheng (who also conducted the work), showcased the exceptional talent of Yuan Yuan Tan as the mythical Chinese creature representing peace, justice, truth, and wisdom. Colorfully costumed and staged, the work is classical in concept, relying on the technique of the dancers rather than inventiveness of choreography. *Black Cake*, danced improbably to the music of Stravinsky, Massenet, Mascagni, Janacek and Tchaikovsky, is in turns sexy and hilarious. To experience the women of the company dancing authoritatively in swiny, metallic gray cocktail dresses and black dance heels and the men in sheer black tights has got to take a number of people's breaths away, for a variety of reasons. 🐼

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# Role Model for America— Lynn Breedlove

A review of her first novel, *Godspeed*

By Shani Heckman

Over seven years in the making, Lynn Breedlove's debut novel, *Godspeed*, is not for the light-hearted or mainstream—which is precisely why it is such an important read. Released by the prestigious St. Martin's Press, Breedlove has captured the life of a working class, punk, dyke-boy perfectly. Breedlove is famous, in the queer world, as the lead singer of the all-dyke (and first, I'd argue) punk San Francisco band, Tribe 8. She has toured extensively internationally, and has lent her talents to performance arts troupes like Sister Spit and Tribe Spit Deep for numerous national tours. This book seems to capture the tormented mindset of an artist in what is definitely the best iconography of a punk dyke lifestyle ever. *Godspeed* is to my generation what *Beebo Brinker* and *Stone Butch Blues* was for past generations—the capturing of history by telling our stories ourselves.

*Godspeed* is the story of Jim, a working class San Francisco boy-dyke / speed freak / bike messenger who works very rarely and lives in a squat in Bernal Heights. Her quest in life is to get clean and find love. At the beginning of the



are men's rooms and lady's rooms, and no room for us." Breedlove has phenomenal talent in discussing the difficult in a way that will hit home for most everyone. When thinking of one of his girls being molested by her father Jim thinks: "She was off playing in her magic forest where five-year-olds go when life gets stupid."

*Godspeed* is a rare novel because it was

Breedlove writes poetically, utilizing metaphors in an often surprising and musical way.

novel, Jim's life is little more than finding drugs, shooting drugs, chasing a girl who wants him to quit the drugs, and scheming money and friends for more drugs. So many drugs, that many readers will be put off by Jim's story, as Breedlove's descriptive writing is so good that you can't help but feel like you are a junkie too. Jim's two challenges in life are drugs and Ally, a hard-working, stripper, rocker-chick who isn't ready for Jim's love. Both the drugs and the loss of Ally influence his decision to leave it all and become a roadie for the all-dyke band Hostile Mucous. Hostile Mucous share a lot of similarities with Breedlove's band Tribe 8 in that the lead singer likes to wear a dick, gets folks to suck it, and then cuts it off as part of the floor show. Touring with the band gives Jim a chance to quit shooting drugs and leads him to a stay in New York City, with a surprising twist at the end.

Breedlove writes poetically, utilizing metaphors in an often surprising and musical way. For instance, when talking of cross-country travels and the limitations of the current definitions of gender, Jim thinks "In all the malls, rest stops, and gas stations

written by and for poor working class queers. *Godspeed* is able to describe trans issues as they relate to feminism and the patriarch without being the least bit academic—absolutely brilliant! What Breedlove has done is rare, in capturing a living movement of society's "undesirables" in a way that shows you how much the system creates this self-destructive, seemingly unhappy, yet extremely talented, individual. Breedlove describes her style best: "My friends have told me fantastic stories that I just had to put in *Godspeed* and have Jim do. It's the way I document my people's secret lives. Queers, people of color, working class folk, punks, nobody knows what we do Our lives are invisible. I like to cut little windows and let the rest of the world look in."

Nice window, Lynn!

While an excellent piece of brilliant writing from what I deem both a dyke icon and a role model, *Godspeed* at times needs a bit more editing. After all, there are only so many drug trips one story can support. Nonetheless, Breedlove has created an amazing work of art that must be read and shared, if only to save ourselves. Highly recommended! 🐷

# Quails and Crowns, Oh my.

By Shani Heckman

## Upcoming Shows

My favorite band, **The White Stripes**, stop in San Francisco on June 6 at The Fillmore. **The Melvins**, one band who has influenced widespread genres, stop in Santa Cruz at the Catalyst, May 22.

## Festival Circuit News

**Ladyfest Bay Area** happens July 24–28 and promises to feature indie films, workshops, and daily performance art shows. **Nectar**, the women's stage at San Francisco Gay Pride, kicks off at noon, June 30.

## CD Reviews



### Crows on 45

*Not on the Menu*

HEARTCORE RECORDS, 2001

This full release from New York based, Crows on 45,

formally known as The Crowns, is a fiery frenzy of pop punk queercore, pervasive of influence yet unique within the movement. *Not on the Menu* features Heather Hellskiss on vocals and guitar; Chris Ohnesorge on vocals and drums; Hillary Johnson on keys and console buttons; Ernesto Foronda on guitar; and Jedediah Smith on bass. The title track "Not on the Menu" steals the show for me lyrically: "maybe it was because of the way we looked ... two girls, two ties, some fries, stereotype, we feel it is our duty to inform you of something important, not here on the menu ..." Whereas, "Mouth to Mouth" has a fierce dance beat chuck-full of boy girl vocals wrought with The Haggard influence (yes, the girl screams). "Walk in the Park" speaks to violence against women with an interview with a "Central Park victim," Crowns bellow "No more excuses!" as an anthem to women's empowerment. *Not on the Menu* is a new favorite on my CD carousel. It's a fine

release that blends influences from The Third Sex, Sleater-Kinney, and The Haggard in a way that makes it a sound all their own, a sound definitive of the queercore music movement.

## The Quails

*We Are the Quails*

INCONVENIENT PRESS & RECORDINGS, 2001  
Together for over two years, San Francisco based, The Quails (pictured below), bring a unique sound to an exciting movement of new band projects in the Bay Area. Full of boy girl vocals, intermittent claps and drumbeats, The Quails play fun music. The Quails are Seth Lorinczi on bass, guitar, and vocals; Jen Smith on guitar and vocals; and Julianna Bright, on drums and vocals. The Quails have an interesting story around deriving their name. Originally, they started as "The Never Ending Quails" but abbreviated to The Quails for simplicity's sake. Mined from a shop sign in Chinatown where stacks and stacks of caged little game fowl inspired them, less by their captivity than their cartoon nervousness, and the quail, conveniently enough, is the California State Bird. The Quails' eclectic sound and political mindset reminds me of early Gang of Four recordings but with a serious countrified edge. Seth's voice reminds me of David Byrne's, that adds an additional soothing element to their style. In "Taken" the Quails sing a song of torment with beautiful lyrics like "the saddest wound is worse than the unknown". "New Wave," on the other hand, is one of the few tracks on this release with a punk edge fully displaying The Quails amazing ability to include all music genres with this release. Simply put, this is just an amazingly creative first release from some very talented local artists. There is something for everyone on this release mellow, fun and sometimes fast with an all original sound—I recommend it and they will be on the Nectar stage June 30! 🐷



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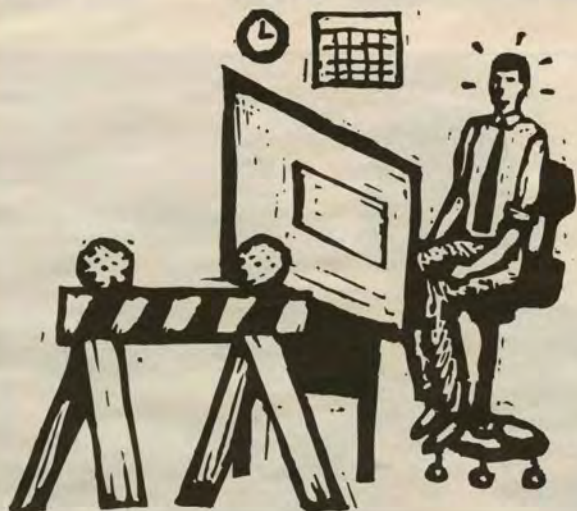
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Serving the LGBT community, social and support groups, drop-in space, lending library, housing & job resources, events and activities calendar, e-mail announcement list.

**Open Hours**

- Sun, 2 – 5 P.M.
- Mon, 1 – 10 P.M.
- Tue, 1 – 7 P.M.
- Wed, 1 – 7 P.M.
- Thu, 2 – 5 P.M.
- Fri, 9 A.M. – 6 P.M.
- Sat, 3 – 6 P.M.

**UCSC GLBT Resource Center**

1156 High Street  
University of California  
Santa Cruz, CA 95064  
831/459-2468  
GLBTcenter@cats.ucsc.edu  
www2.ucsc.edu/GLBTcenter  
Open to the public Mon – Fri.  
Info & resources, art shows, lending library, videos, calendar, groups, etcetera. Located behind Crown and Merrill Colleges.

**Classes / Training**

**National Coalition Building Institute**

177 Webster St., #A370  
Monterey, CA 93940  
831/373-4606  
PO Box 757  
Santa Cruz, CA 95061-0757

831/465-9048

A non-profit leadership training organization that works to eliminate prejudice and intergroup conflict.

**Family**

**GLBT Parent Groups**

c/o Walnut Avenue Women's Center  
303 Walnut Ave.  
Santa Cruz, CA 95060  
831/426-3062

- 1<sup>st</sup> Sun, 1 P.M., GLBT Parents and their Kids group
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Sun, 1 P.M., Lesbian and Bi Mom's and their Kids group

**Parents, Family, and Friends of Lesbians and Gays**

Support for parents, relatives, and friends of gays, as well as for gay people seeking better family relationships.

**Monterey**

831/655-FLAG  
terry@pblum.com  
www.pblum.com/pflag  
• 4<sup>th</sup> Tue, 7 P.M., Monterey, call for location

**Santa Cruz**

831/662-4780  
• 1<sup>st</sup> Tue, 7 P.M., Santa Cruz, call for location

**Prospective Queer Parents**

177 Walnut Ave.  
Santa Cruz  
831/425-5422  
A social and educational group for anyone in the queer community interested in becoming a parent.  
• 3<sup>rd</sup> Mon, 7 P.M.

**Health & Safety**

**Casa Bienestar**

90 Mariposa  
Watsonville, CA 95076  
831/761-8595  
Health and HIV prevention services.

- Mon, NOON – 6 P.M.
- Tue, women's hours, NOON – 3 P.M.
- Wed, 10 A.M. – 1 P.M.
- Wed, Chupahigados, 5:30 P.M. – 8:30 P.M.
- Thu, NOON – 4 P.M.
- Fri, 10 A.M. – 1 P.M.

**Centro de Salud para las Mujeres**

250 Locust Street  
Santa Cruz, CA 95060  
831/427-3500  
Organizacion sin fines de lucro, provee servicios medicos de salud y educacion para todas las mujeres. Se cobra segun los ingresos, se acepta MediCal, MediCare, y seguros de salud privados. Servicios de pediatria, papanicolaus, menopausia, exámenes de los senos, acu-

puntura, y consejeria de nutricion.

**Cuidado de la Mujer**

831/761-3973  
Servicios de advocacion sobre el cancer para la mujer, recursos y educacion.

**Drop-in Center**

412 Front Street  
Santa Cruz, CA 95060  
831/457-1163  
Condoms, coffee, and conversation.

- Mon, NOON – 4 P.M.
- Thu, youth hours, 12:30 – 4 P.M.
- Fri, women's hours, 1:30 – 5 P.M.
- Fri, 5 – 6 P.M.

**El Hospicio**

6851 Soquel Drive  
Aptos, CA 95003  
831/688-7684  
Es un proyecto de cuidado para las personas en la etapa final, provee servicios en los hogares, y una variedad de apoyo y consejeria de grupo para las personas dolientes.

**Hepatitis Clinic**

412 Front Street  
Santa Cruz, CA 95060  
831/425-3033  
Free Hep B, C, and HIV tests, Hep A & B vaccinations, for injection drugs users under the age of 29.  
• Mon, 5:30 – 8:30 P.M., Drop-in Center

**Hospice Caring Project**

6851 Soquel Drive  
Aptos, CA 95003  
831/688-7684  
Provides hospice home care services, a variety of grief support groups and counseling.

**Intercambio de Jeringas**

Monterey 831/759-1794 (cel. 206-6001)  
Santa Cruz 831/427-4557  
Watsonville 831/761-8595  
Una-por-una.

**Lúnes en:**

- Santa Cruz en 412 Front St. 5:30 a 8:30 P.M. (llame antes de las 5 para entregas a domicilio)
- 90 Mariposa Ave. en Watsonville de la 1 a 5 de la tarde.

**Martes en:**

- Salinas de las 4 a las 6 de la tarde en el area de los Hoteles cerca del 101.
- Salinas en Chinatown de las 7 a las 8 P.M.
- Santa Cruz en 3:30 a 4:30 P.M. en 133 Fern St. y Coral St. en frente al River Shelter.
- Monterey de la Una a las tres de la tarde, entregas a domicilio.
- Watsonville de la 1 a las 5 de la tarde en 90 Mariposa

**Miércoles en:**

- Boulder Creek cerca del mercado True Nature Foods 5 a 6 P.M.
- Salinas por Iris St. de las 7 a las 8 de la noche. (Norte de Salinas.)
- Santa Cruz de las 12 a 1 P.M. en 412 Front St.
- Watsonville en 90 Mariposa de las 11 A.M. a las 2 P.M.
- Watsonville detras Del Sol Market (Union y Riverside) de 2:30 a las 4:30 P.M.

**Jueves en:**

- Salinas de las 5 a las 6 P.M. en Chinatown.
- Salinas en Valley Truck Stop en Abbot St. de las 7 a las 8 P.M.
- Santa Cruz en 412 Front St. 6:30 a 8:30 P.M.
- Watsonville de las 12 a las 4 P.M. en 90 Mariposa St.

**Viernes en:**

- Salinas de la 1:30 a 4 P.M. en el sur de la ruta del Condado de Monterey.
- Salinas de las 4 a 5 P.M. entrega a domicilio.
- Salinas en Chinatown de las 7 a las 8 P.M.
- Santa Cruz para mujeres en 412 Front St. de las 4 a las 5 P.M.
- Santa Cruz 412 Front St. de las 5 a las 6 P.M.
- Watsonville en 90 Mariposa de las 10 A.M. a la 1 P.M.

**Sábados en:**

- Salinas en Chinatown de las 11:30 al mediodía.
- Santa Cruz en 412 Front St. de las 11 al mediodía.

**Domingo en:**

- Santa Cruz en 412 Front St. de las 11:30 A.M. a las 12:30 P.M.

**Matsubayashi Ryu Karate**

113 Trescony St.  
Santa Cruz  
831/425-2249  
Unchain your inner warrior, gay-friendly space, sumi-e, ikebana, and zen sitting. Free.  
• Tue & Thu, 7 – 8:30 P.M.  
• Sat, 9 – 10:30 A.M.

**Needle Exchange**

**Boulder Creek**  
831/427-4557  
Wednesday  
• 6 – 8:30 P.M., next to True Nature Foods

**Monterey**  
831/759-1794 (cel. 206-6001)  
Tuesday

• Monterey Peninsula, 1 – 3 P.M., home visits  
Friday  
• So. Monterey County, 1:30 – 4 P.M.

**Salinas**  
831/759-1794 (cel. 206-6001)

Tuesday  
 • 4 – 6 P.M., E. Salinas Hotel Route  
 • 7 – 8 P.M., China Town  
 Wednesday  
 • 8:30 – 10 P.M., Iris St., No. Main  
 Thursday  
 • 5 – 6 P.M., China Town  
 • 7 – 8 P.M., Valley Truck Stop, Abbot St.  
 Friday  
 • 4 – 6 P.M., E. Salinas home visits  
 • 7 – 8 P.M., China Town  
 Saturday  
 • 11 – NOON, China Town  
**Santa Cruz**  
 831/427-4557  
 Monday  
 • 5:30 – 8:30 P.M., 412 Front St. (call by 5 P.M. for home visit)  
 Wednesday  
 • NOON – 1 P.M., 412 Front St.  
 • 7 – 8 P.M., 412 Front St.  
 Thursday  
 • 6:30 – 8:30 P.M., 412 Front St., (call by 5 P.M. for home visit)  
 Friday  
 • 4 – 5 P.M., 412 Front St. (women only)  
 • 5 – 6 P.M., 412 Front St.  
 Saturday  
 • 11:30 A.M. – 12:30 P.M., 412 Front St.  
 Sunday  
 • 11:30 A.M. – 12:30 P.M., 412 Front St.  
**Watsonville**  
 831/425-3023  
 Wednesday  
 • 2:30 – 4:30 P.M., Riverside & Union St., behind Del Sol Market  
**Planned Parenthood**  
 1119 Pacific Ave, Ste. 210  
 Santa Cruz, CA 95060  
 831/425-1551  
**Planned Parenthood Mar Monte**  
 40 Penny Lane  
 Watsonville, CA 95076  
 831/724-7525  
 Cuidado de la mujer, palmificación familiar, clinica para senoritas y jovenes. Servicios generales para todas las edades. costo accesible y confidencial. Servicios satelites en Cabrillo College y Recursos en el Valle de San Lorenzo.  
 Women's health care, reproductive health care, teen services, general services for people of all ages. Affordable, confidential. Satellite services at Cabrillo College and Valley Resource Center  
**Q&A Project**  
 831/454-4826  
 Peer education and outreach

program for youth. Outreach, workshops, and social events.  
**Salud Para La Gente**  
 204 East Beach Street  
 Watsonville, CA 95076  
 831/728-0222  
 Organizacion sin fines de lucro, provee servicios medicos de salud y educacion para toda la familia. Se cobra segun los ingresos, es acepta MediCal, MediCare, y seguros de salud privados, ofrecemos un plan de pagos. Pruebas del VIH/SIDA gratis.  
**Salud Para La Gente**  
 204 East Beach Street  
 Watsonville, CA 95076  
 831/728-0222  
 Health clinic.  
**SC Women's Health Center**  
 250 Locust Street  
 Santa Cruz, CA 95060  
 831/427-3500  
 457-2486  
 Non-profit provider of medical and health education services for all women. Sliding scale fees, MediCal, Medicare, and insurance accepted. Primary care for women, pediatrics, menopause consults, breast cancer early detection, acupuncture, and nutritional counseling.  
**Wo/Men's Alliance For Medical Marijuana**  
 831/423-5413  
**WomenCARE**  
 831/457-2273  
 Women's cancer advocacy, resources, and education.  
 • 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Thu, 10:30 A.M., lesbians with cancer group  


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**HIV / AIDS**  
 Client Advisory Council  
 c/o SCAP  
 175 Walnut Ave.  
 Santa Cruz, CA 95060  
 831/427-3900  
 Helping inform the HIV-positive community of Santa Cruz County.  
 • 4<sup>th</sup> Wed, 6:30 P.M., open grievance forum  
**El Ministerio Juan XXIII del SIDA**  
 1098 Del Monte Ave.  
 Monterey, CA 93942  
 831/655-1737  
 John23AM@aol.com  
 www.johnxxiii.org  
 Provee apoyo de fe y espiritual para todos, apoyo emocional, oportunidades de vivienda para las personas, y sus familiares viviendo en el condado de Monterey con el VIH/SIDA.  
**Family & Friends of PWA/HIV**  
 c/o SCAP  
 PO Box 557

Santa Cruz, CA 95061  
 831/427-3900  
 Support group.  
 • 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Tue, 6 – 7:30 P.M.  
**HIV Testing Hot Line**  
**Monterey**  
 831/755-4500  
 Ask for HIV testing.  
**Santa Cruz**  
 831/454-4014  
**Informacion sobre las pruebas del VIH**  
**Monterey**  
 831/755-4500  
 Ask for HIV testing.  
**Santa Cruz**  
 831/454-4014  
**John XXIII AIDS Ministry**  
 1098 Del Monte Ave.  
 Monterey, CA 93942  
 831/655-1737  
 655-0983  
 John23AM@aol.com  
 www.johnxxiii.org  
 Provides multi-faith/spiritual, and emotional support, housing opportunities to individuals and families living with HIV/AIDS in Monterey County.  
**Monterey County AIDS Project**  
**Seaside**  
 780 Hamilton  
 831/394-4747  
**Salinas**  
 12 E. Gabilan  
 831/772-8200  
 www.mcap.org  
**Santa Cruz AIDS Project**  
 175 Walnut Ave.  
 Santa Cruz, CA 95060  
 831/427-3900  
 • 2<sup>nd</sup> Wed, 4 – 6 P.M., volunteer training  
**Women's HIV/AIDS Group**  
 831/497-3300  
 Led by Lauren Crux.  


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**Legal & Political**  
**American Civil Liberties Union**  
 Santa Cruz  
 831/429-2262  
**Bay Area Municipal Elections Committee**  
**San José**  
 PO Box 90070  
 San Jose, CA 95109  
 408/486-9049  
**Monterey**  
 831/899-2263  
**Santa Cruz**  
 831/336-2668  
 GLBT civil rights political action committee.  
**California Alliance for Pride and Equality (CAPE)**  
 PO Box 1172  
 Sacramento, CA 95812-1172  
 916/492-6160  
 916/646-1569  
 EMail@calcape.org  
 www.calcape.org

**Gay, Lesbian, Straight Education Network**  
 1803 Mission Street, #522  
 Santa Cruz, CA 95060  
 Cece or Darlene at 831/465-8327  
 Bringing together all people concerned with ending anti-gay bias in schools.  
**GLBT Alliance**  
 831/515-4101  
 GLBTalliance@earthlink.net  
 Santa Cruz County non-partisan progressive political action group.  
**Forums**  
 • 2<sup>nd</sup> Thu, 7 P.M., Diversity Center, 177 Walnut Ave., Santa Cruz  
**Steering Committee Meetings**  
 • 4<sup>th</sup> Thu, 7 P.M., Diversity Center  
**Lesbian and Gays of African Descent for Democratic Action**  
 1800 Market Street, Suite 411  
 San Francisco, CA 94102  
 415/865 5617  
 www.lgadda.org  
**LLEGO**  
 1612 K St., NW Ste. 500  
 Washington, DC 20006  
 202/466-8240  
 202/466-8530  
 www.llego.org  
 La organizacion Nacional de Latinos Gay y Lesbianas y Transgeneros.  
**Log Cabin Republicans**  
 Political action committee of the Republican Party.  
 1633 Q Street, N.W. #210  
 Washington, DC 20009  
 202/347-5306  
 202/347-5224  
 info@lcr.org  
 www.lcr.org  
**Silicon Valley Chapter**  
 PO Box 612201  
 San Jose, CA 95161-2201  
 Shane at 510/226-1701  
 slvcr@aol.com  
 www.lcrca.com/sv/  
**Love Sees No Borders**  
 marta@loveseesnoborders.org  
 www.loveseesnoborders.org  
 Raising public awareness of the plight of same-sex binational couples and their fight to remain together.  
**Marriage Equality/California**  
 c/o Ventura County GLCC  
 3503 Arundell Circle, Suite A  
 Ventura, CA 93003  
 Bruce Bradley at 805/339-6340  
 805-477-0199  
 www.marriageequalityca.com  
 A non-partisan, grassroots organization working to bring about an end to marriage discrimination through outreach and education.  
**National Gay and Lesbian Task Force**

1700 Kalorama Rd. NW  
 Washington, DC 20009  
 202/332-6483  
 www.nglftf.org  
 Working to eliminate prejudice, violence, and injustice against gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgendered people at the local, state, and national level.  
**National Stonewall Democratic Federation**  
 PO Box 77165  
 Washington, DC 20013-7165  
 202/783-8670  
**!OutProud!**  
 369 Third Street, Ste. B-362  
 San Rafael, CA 94901-3581  
 info@outproud.org  
 www.outproud.org  
 The national coalition for gay, lesbian & bisexual youth.  
**Pajaro Valley Lesbian Gay Straight Task Force**  
 831/768-2100, ext. 466  
**Pro-life Alliance of Gays and Lesbians**  
 PO Box 33292  
 Washington, DC 20033  
 202/223-6697  
**Resource Center for Nonviolence and the New Society Book Store**  
 515 Broadway  
 Santa Cruz, CA 95060  
 831/423-1626  
**Santa Cruz City Schools GLB Student & Families Task Force**  
 Cece Pinheiro at 831/429-3476  
 Maryanne Tong at 429-3305  
**Scouting For All**  
 info@scoutingforall.org  
 www.scoutingforall.org  
 A nonprofit organization of scouts, adult leaders, and concerned individuals outside of scouting dedicated to ending the discrimination of the Boy Scouts of America towards GLBT youth and adults.  
**Servicemembers Legal Defense Network**  
 PO Box 65301  
 Washington, DC 20035-5301  
 202/328-3244  
 sldn@sldn.org  
 A national legal aid and watchdog organization that assists servicemembers hurt by the Don't Ask, Don't Tell, Don't Pursue policy.  
**Victory Fund**  
 1705 DeSales St. NW, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor  
 Washington, DC 20036  
 202/842-8679  
 www.victoryfund.org  
 Non-partisan campaign funding for GLBT candidates.  


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**On-line**  
**Craig's E-mail List**  
 cwenzl@mcap.org  
 List for Monterey / Salinas GLBT

events. E-mail Craig Wenzl at cwenzl@mcap.org to be added.

**Electric Café**

831/425-JAVA

Local gay-owned FREE bulletin board service (BBS).

**Lesbians I Could Know**

FemTopGrrl@aol.com

A net list for lesbians in Monterey and the surrounding area.

**Monterey's Gay Web Site**

www.gaymonterey.com

**Santa Cruz Mountain Women**

www.queernet.org/lists/scmtwmn.html

An e-mail list for lesbians who live in the Santa Cruz mountains.

**SpeakOUT**

mfandbc@redshift.com

The electronic newsletter of Monterey County.

**Uppity Women Magazine**

618 Broadway

Santa Cruz, CA 95060

editor@labyris.com

www.labyris.com

Online feminist queer-friendly 'zine.

**Publications**

**LaGazette**

PO Box 671

Santa Cruz, CA 95061

831/426-7828

llp@cruzio.com

Monthly feminist forum.

**Manifesto:**

PO Box 2701

Watsonville, CA 95077-2701

831/761-3176

761-0130

NonHetPapr@aol.com

www.ManifestoNews.org

The monthly non-heterosexual newspaper of the Monterey Bay.

Deadline is the 15<sup>th</sup>.

El periodico no-heterosexual de la Bahía de Monterey.

**Positive Press**

PO Box 557

Santa Cruz, CA 95061

Bimonthly newsletter by and for Santa Cruz County's HIV-positive community.

**Radio & TV**

**Closet Free Radio**

KZSC 88.1FM

www.closetfreeradio.org/listen.html

Music & news

• Mon, 7 P.M.

**OutRight Radio**

831/476-2800

KUSP 88.9FM

www.OutrightRadio.org

Nationally syndicated radio show produced in Santa Cruz.

**QTV / Queer Youth TV**

831/465-8327

Queer television on Santa Cruz

Public Access Cable channel 27 (AT&T).

• Sat, 10 P.M.

**Queer Santa Cruz**

Free Radio Santa Cruz 96.3FM

Host Glitter King interviews local queers and spins music

• Fri 9 - 10 A.M.

**Radio Q / Talk of the Bay**

c/o KUSP

Daniella Wolfe

KUSP 88.9FM

Interviews for the lgbt and women's community with host Daniella Wolfe

• Mon, 6:30 P.M.

**Recovery**

**Alcoholics Anonymous**

**Pacific Grove**

831/373-3713

• Sat, 10:30 A.M., St. Angela's, Room 6.

**Santa Cruz**

831/475-5782

• Mon, 8 P.M., Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church

• Tue, 8 P.M., Loudon Nelson, 301 Center St., Santa Cruz (men only)

831/423-8914

• Wed, 6:30 P.M., Holy Cross High School, Room 108, Santa Cruz. (HIV-positive)

831/476-6698

• Sun, 7 P.M., Calvary Episcopal Church, Santa Cruz (women only)

**Gay-friendly Step Study**

• Thu, 8 P.M., Loudon Nelson, 301 Center St., SC

**Gay/Bi Al-Anon**

831/476-6698

Call for day / time (women only).

**Narcotics Anonymous**

831/429-7436

LGBTQ and allies.

• Sun, 7 P.M., Diversity Center (177 Walnut Ave., SC).

**Social**

**Alianza para Jovenes Gay**

**Seaside**

831/394-4747 ext. 27

**Salinas**

831/772-8200 ext. 17

Para jovenes y señoritas gay, lesbianas, transgéneros, y los que están cuestionando su sexualidad entre las edades de los 14 a los 25.

**Arcoiris**

831/763-3421

Social-support group for non-heterosexual Latino men. Meetings are predominantly in Spanish. Everyone is welcome.

• Thu, 7 P.M., 204 East Beach Street, Watsonville

**Ballroom Dancing**

1344 Pacific Ave.

Santa Cruz, CA 95060

Steve Hughes at 831/426-1221

Lessons and dance party, \$10

includes lesson and party.

• Sun, 7 - 9:30 P.M.

**Bi-friendly Santa Cruz**

831/427-4556

Social gathering.

• 3<sup>rd</sup> Sun, 3 P.M., call for location

**DrumWomyn**

Sandra at 831/662-3733

sandralshears@netscape.net

Based on the tradition of Ubaka Hill and the DrumSong Orchestra. Now organizing. We need a director, a meeting place and members for a steering committee. \$20 monthly dues covers instruction fee.

• 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sun, 7 P.M.

**El Nuevo Arcoiris**

831/763-3454

Grupo para hombres Latinos no-heterosexuales todos los Jueves a las 7 en Salud Para La Gente (204 E. Beach St., Watsonville).

**Equinox**

755 Cedar St.

Santa Cruz, CA 95060

831/457-1441

Support for gay, bi and trans men.

• Mon, Tue, Wed, 2 - 6 P.M.

• Thu, 2 - 9 P.M.

• Fri, NOON - 6 P.M.

**FATTYS**

831/425-3966

Fat And Tired of Taking Your Shit & Allies is a fat-positive social, support, and activist group for self-described fat folks and allies, straight friendly.

**Garden Variety Dykes**

831/426-7062

Monthly gathering for women who love to garden.

• 2<sup>nd</sup> Sun, call for time and location

**Gay and Proud**

831/427-3900

Jovenes y señoritas en la edad de la escuela secundaria (high school).

**Gay and Proud**

831/763-3431

Co-gender youth group (high school age).

**Gay Teen Alliance**

12 E. Gabilan Street

Salinas, CA 93901

831/772-8200

For youth ages 14 - 25, all genders.

• Thu, 7 P.M., meeting, bilingual

**Gay/Straight Student Alliances**

Aptos High • Tracey Runear

Everett Alvarez • John Williamson-Page and Marla Netzer

Harbor • Ron Indra

Santa Cruz • Noreen Winkler

Soquel • David J. Lista

Watsonville • Randy Alaga

**Hombre a Hombre**

12 E. Gabilan

Salinas, CA 93901

831/772-8200 ext. 17

cangel@mcap.org

Ofrece una variedad de programas y eventos, sobre sexo-seguro organiza fiestas calientes y sanas sobre el sexo-seguro, educación para hombres gay.

**Horizontes**

Watsonville

831/454-4298

831/454-4826

El nuevo grupo para hombres Latinos en Watsonville, llame por más información.

A group for Latino men in Watsonville, please call for more information.

**Latinos United**

c/o the Diversity Center

177 Walnut Ave.

Santa Cruz

Phil at 831/425-5422

Social / support group for the gay Hispanic community and its allies.

• 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Wed, 7 P.M.

**Lesbian Alliance of the Mont.**

**Peninsula**

PO Box 4572

Salinas, CA 93912

831/644-8384

Social / support organization.

• 2<sup>nd</sup> Tue, 7 P.M., 245 Foam St., Ste. 220, Monterey

**Man 2 Man**

12 E. Gabilan

Salinas, CA 93901

Daniel at 831/772-8200

dtorres@mcap.org

www.mcap.org/m2m

Offering a variety of sex-positive programs and events, sponsor of gay movie nights, Gay Teen Alliance, gay men's outreach and education.

**Monterey Peninsula College**

Craig at 831/394-4747, ext.14

SAPPHOGRL6@cs.com

LGBT student club.

• 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, & 4<sup>th</sup> Fri, 2:15 P.M., Constanoan Lounge

**Morgan's Coffee & Tea**

498 Washington St.

Monterey

Weekly mixer.

• Mon, 7 P.M., gay & lesbian night

**Mountain Men**

Bill4545\_98@yahoo.com

A loosely organized e-mail network of men. Potlucks, hikes, game night, etc.

**Movie Night**

**Seaside**

780 Hamilton

Daniel at 831/772-8200

• 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Wed, 7 - 10 P.M.

**Santa Cruz**

177 Walnut Ave.

831/425-5422

• Fri, 7:30 - 9 P.M.

**My Brother, Myself**

755 Cedar St.

Santa Cruz

831/457-1441

Men of color.

• Wed, 6 P.M.

**Over 25 GBQ Men's Group**

755 Cedar St.

Santa Cruz

831/457-1441

Support, mentorship, and discussion.

• 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Mon, 7:30 - 9 P.M.

**Peninsula Professional Network**

PO Box 4714

Carmel, CA 93921

831/659-2446

Social evening with speakers for LGBT people.

• 2<sup>nd</sup> Wed, call for location

**Phoenix Transgender Assoc. of the Monterey Bay**

831/394-4747, ext. 14

Social group for trans folk over 18.

• 2<sup>nd</sup> Fri, 7 P.M., MCAP, 780 Hamilton, Seaside

**Pride Monterey County**

PO Box 2684

Monterey, CA 93942

831/372-6727

primoco2002@earthlink.net

www.montereypride.org

Annual celebration in June.

**Planning Meetings**

• 2<sup>nd</sup> Mon, 7 p.m., Monterey Youth Center (777 Pearl St.)

**Proud Voices**

755 Cedar St.

Santa Cruz, CA 95060

831/457-1441

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PO Box 8280

Santa Cruz, CA 95061-8280

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**Santa Cruz Pride**

for lack of funds).

- Mon, 7 P.M., First United Methodist Church, Santa Cruz

**Santa Cruz Trans**

c/o the Diversity Center  
PO Box 8280  
Santa Cruz, CA 95061  
transcengender@yahoo.com  
Support group and e-mail list for all folk trans, and their friends and allies, on the central coast.

- 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tue, 8 P.M., 177 Walnut Ave., Santa Cruz

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c/o Billy DeFrank L&G Community Center  
938 The Alameda  
San Jose, CA 95126  
408/513-2159 x6459 (voice-mail)  
info@soboa.org  
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831/425-3155  
STRANGE@cats.ucsc.edu  
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**Task Force for GLBTQ Youth**

c/o the Diversity Center  
PO Box 8280  
Santa Cruz, CA 95061  
831/427-4004  
qytf@diversitycenter.org  
Serving youth of Santa Cruz County, produces annual Queer Youth Leadership Awards.

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Mon, 3:30 - 5 P.M., Aptos Public Library, 7695 Soquel Dr.

**Under 30 GBTQ Men's Group**

755 Cedar St.  
Santa Cruz, CA 95060  
831/457-1441  
Support, mentorship, and discussion.

- 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> Mon, 7:30 - 9 P.M.

**Voces de Ambiente**

755 Cedar St.  
Santa Cruz, CA 95060  
831/457-1441  
Grupo de apoyo para hombres gay, bisexuales, y transgéneros, reuniones los 2 dos y 4 tos  
Lúnes de cada mes, a las 6 P.M.  
Peer support for gbt men.

- 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Mon, 6 P.M.

**Women's Bisexual Network of Santa Cruz and the Greater Monterey Bay Area**

831/427-4556  
Social/support group for bi, bi-curious, or bi-positive women.

- last Wed, 6:30 P.M., call for location

**Women's Song Circle**

831/393-1616  
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- 2<sup>nd</sup> Thu, call for time and location

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PMB 222, Ste. C  
849 Almar Ave.  
Santa Cruz, CA 95060  
831/425-3227  
triangle@trianglespeakers.org  
www.trianglespeakers.org  
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- 2<sup>nd</sup> Mon, 7 P.M., board meeting, Triangle Speakers office, 520 Mission St., SC
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Mon, 7 P.M., Diversity Project Team, United Way office, 1220 41<sup>st</sup> Ave., Capitola

**Spirit**

**Al-Fatiha Foundation**

405 Park Avenue, Suite 1500  
New York, NY 10022  
212/752-4242  
Gay Muslim organization.

**Catholic Mass**

490 Aguajito Rd.  
Carmel  
831/655-1737  
For GLBT, friends, and family.

- Sun, 2 P.M., Unitarian Universalist Church

**Episcopal Church of St. John the Baptist**

216 Oakland Ave.  
Capitola  
831/469-3023  
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**Evangelical Network**

PO Box 14223  
San Francisco, CA 94114

415/979-4200

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**First Congregational Church**

900 High St.  
Santa Cruz, CA 95060  
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An open and affirming congregation of the United Church of Christ with monthly meetings for friends and relatives of gays and lesbians, and safe space for gays and lesbians.

**Grace Inclusive Church**

831/475-1463  
A Christian congregation for all people.

- Sat, 6:30 - 7:45 P.M., Loudon Nelson, 301 Center St., Santa Cruz
- Sun, 10 - 11:15 A.M., Diversity Center, 177 Walnut Ave., Santa Cruz

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1024 Soquel Ave.  
Santa Cruz, CA 95062  
831/425-1770  
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- Sun, 10:30 A.M.

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**Holy Cross Outreach Ministry**

126 High Street  
Santa Cruz, CA 95060  
831/423-8914  
Catholic GLBT discussion group / potluck.

- 1<sup>st</sup> Sun, 7 P.M., Holy Cross High School (Room 108), Santa Cruz

**Integrity**

831/484-2326  
Episcopalian services throughout the Central Coast.

**Lavender Road MCC**

PO Box 1764  
Santa Cruz, CA 95061  
831/459-8442  
Sun, 5 P.M. at Trinity Presbyterian Church, 420 Melrose Ave., Santa Cruz

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831/335-5861  
Men's spirituality group with monthly heart circle in Santa Cruz and e-mail list.

**Religious Society of Friends (Quakers)**

Silent worship.

- Sun, 10:30 A.M., 225 Rooney, Santa Cruz

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420 Melrose Ave.  
Santa Cruz, CA 95062  
831/423-8995

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831/479-3444

**Unitarian Universalist Church**

**Aptos**  
6401 Freedom Blvd.  
831/684-0506

- Sun, 10 A.M.

**Carmel**

490 Aguajito Rd.  
831/624-7404

- Sun, 9:30 & 11 A.M.

**Vipassana (Buddhist)**

Mary Orr at 831/688-3958  
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- Tue, NOON, Santa Cruz Zen Center, 115 School St., SC
- Thu, 7 P.M., First United Methodist's Fellowship Hall, 250 California, SC

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www.sirensomensrugby.com  
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**Support**

**Gay & Lesbian National Hotline**

332 Bleecker Street, Ste. F-18  
New York, NY 10014  
888/843-4564

- Mon - Fri 6 P.M. - 10 P.M., Sat NOON - 5 P.M., all times are Eastern Standard

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PO Box 301  
Petaluma, CA 94953  
707/283-0036  
707/283-0030  
info@isna.org  
www.isna.org

A public awareness, education, and advocacy organization which works to create a world free of shame, secrecy, and un-

wanted surgery for intersex people (individuals born with anatomy or physiology which differs from cultural ideals of male and female).

**Lesbians Building Conscious Relationships**

c/o the Diversity Center  
177 Walnut Ave.  
Santa Cruz  
Fran at 831/425-5422  
fran.gertler@diversitycenter.org  
Group for single lesbians, baby-boomers and older, committed to the growth and support of healthy, communicative, safe, caring and conscious relationships.

- 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sat, 6 - 8 P.M.

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c/o the Diversity Center  
177 Walnut Ave.  
Santa Cruz  
Will or Fred at 831/425/5422  
Support group for gay, bi, bi-curious and transmen. Coming out, sexual exploration, fears and concerns about living as a GBT man.

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# Quest for World Domination and Vibrators

**M**y quest for world domination has begun. I now have *another* fan, in Colorado! Apparently, I'm doing it one B.F. State at a time. The post came from either: a man and woman, a man who has a drag name or someone with Multiple Personality Disorder. I'm privately hoping for the third. Prisoners and loonies, my fan demographics are improving. (It's also become apparent that I've become incredibly offensive! Loonies? Degrading states like Colorado and Arizona? They say one become one's parents when you get older, but it seems I've managed to change directly into my Grandmother from Texas, rest her bigoted soul.) SOON I'll be syndicated and everyone will read "Bluenotes!" Right. Anyhoo, Ophelia, the name of the new reader, is actually very cute, sweet, witty and has, obviously, impeccable taste. I haven't seen him, actually, so I don't really know if he's cute. But in my fantasy world he's gorgeous and madly in love with me. All of you are really, but that's my world.

Not Necessarily the News

The move is complete! Well, mostly complete. We have yet to hang pictures on the wall and put out tchotchkes, but for all intents and purposes, we are finished.

I really want to thank Pearl for helping me move. She's always been such a dear, and with her help we were able to move all of my crap in five hours. Looking back on it, it wasn't a bad experience at all. If anyone is moving, I have two recommendations: pack and rent a truck. I spent a week prior to the move packing. Putting things in boxes and organizing before the move really helps. Gone are the days of my youth, where I loaded clothes and all items breakable into trash bags and packed my Honda to the gills. Now, I have *furniture* and *stuff*. Now, I am an adult. Now, I wrap and pack. I use newsprint and boxes. Care-free? Heck no! That stuff's expensive! Part of the packing also involved a great-purge. I donated six bags of clothes and one bag of shoes to Goodwill. These weren't little Louis Vuitton clutches, dear, these were Hefty, 45-Gallon Bad Boys. If you see a queer amount of people who look like either drag queens or tall men walking around in size 15 pumps, you'll know they were lucky recipients of part of this grand donation.

If you're moving, I also recommend renting a truck. Instead of 14,000 trips in one's cute little Jetta, or whatever gay car you're driving, you can do it all in one trip! If you decide to rent a truck, *don't*

wait until two days before to rent. Here's a hint: *lots* of people move at the end of the month and on weekends. Oh, and another hint: U-Haul agencies don't answer their phones in Santa Cruz. As it was, I ended up having to rent a truck from Aptos Tool Shed. If you decide to rent, I recommend renting from them. They answer their phones and are very friendly. Plus! You can get your saw blade sharpened while you wait. Their décor is on fire, with old school hand-lettered signs. I offered to re-do their "YOU MUST RETURN TRUCKS WITH A FULL FUEL

mate knowledge of the whereabouts of my lube kind of made me wonder about where we stood as housemates. She then asked if I had been home at any point during the day, had left the back door open or looked at my passport recently (??? "Daisy, have you lost your mind?" I thought.). No, I hadn't, so she gave me the news.

"Gurl, we've been robbed!"

"Gasp." I've always had a way with words in a crisis.

"But Gurl, They took your lube and my vibrator!"

Who would take the two most important items in the house of single people? Was it a kidnapping? Would we get a ransom note?

TANK OR ELSE" signs, but they were really proud of the work that went into them and they wanted to keep them. Oh, I would be remiss if I didn't say the guy there was hot. Fill my tank? You betcha! What's a back ho? It sounds fun!

Heh. Yes, Caddi always has always had ulterior motives.

So, life with Daisy and Bug is wonderful.

We live in a cute little Santa Cruz style beach house in the "Seabright Area". We are about six blocks from the beach with lots and lots of windows, a French door, a large hedge, a large patio and a big banana bush. Being in the Seabright Area, we have a neighborhood breakfast place, a Chinese restaurant, a brewery, a coffee house, a "Family" wood-burning pizza parlor (no, it isn't a "Family" or "Family" Wood that gets burned, it's owned by "Family" I hear), *two* dive bars (perfect!), *two* taquerias, a liquor store, and a debatably over-priced yet definitely entertaining and loud Italian restaurant run by this guy who looks like Albert Einstein (but I'm not convinced they are still open). For those so interested, we have our local piercing pagoda/smoke shop, some software/computer stores, a real estate agency, and a Laundromat of which we fortunately do *not* have to frequent. Essentially, it's perfect.

Oh, we also have our neighborhood burglar!

Yes, Daisy and I were burglarized! One day, after work, I received a call from Daisy asking if I had moved my lube. "That's odd," I thought, as I couldn't remember where I put my lube. Her inti-

"Gasp. (pause) GASP! The HUMMINGBIRD?"

I made it home, totally creeped out at the horrifying nature of the crime! Who would take my lube and her vibrator? Who would take the two most important items in the house of single people? Was it a kidnapping? Would we get a ransom note? They left the diamonds. They left the money. They left the TV, VCR, computers, stereos, blah blah blah. They left the other vibrator and the dildo. They took the *best* vibrator and lube. What kind of creep monster would do such a thing?

CUE DISCO PORN TRACK

ENTER OFFICER JOHN (hot in an Opie kind of way, but even a dust bunny would look hot in a uniform)

So, there we are, showing where they got in and what stuff they went through. We go to the living room and the officer says, "So, let me guess, they took jewelry and change." (He had mentioned there were several neighborhood robberies that day. Kids taking whatever they could put in their pockets. This squelched my pervert-murderer imaginings. Whew. But, it hasn't totally killed my mole/inside job theories, though.) Daisy and I just looked at each other and busted out laughing. The dispatcher didn't tell him what was stolen. (Yes, we told Dispatch. It was The Hummingbird, God Damn it!)

Daisy: "No, they took my vibrator and his lube."

The grin that spread on his face was totally worth the awful feeling of having one's house broken into *and* the creepy fact that someone only took a vibrator and lube! The fantasies of me saying,

"Yes, officer, they took her vibrator and we just *don't* know what to do! Pout pout" was worth it.

CUT PAST TONS OF INNUENDOS (cops can be so pervy!), HOW IMPORTANT THOSE ITEMS WERE TO US, WHAT KIND OF BATTERIES WERE STOLEN (here I thought they were 9V), AND WHY THEY DIDN'T TAKE THE OTHER VIBRATOR AND DILDO (we knew they were inferior to The Hummingbird, but they have feelings, too).

Officer John (on his radio): "I need a case number on a stolen vibrator."

We died. Then comes in a flurry of phone calls from other officers and emergency service workers to his non-emergency phone asking, "Can I get a confirmation on that?" Oh, to be in the station that night. Hell, to be in the station *any* night.

Given the circumstances, It's pretty hard to be upset about being burglarized.

After the officer left, Daisy and I dashed off to Camouflage get a new vibrator and more lube. The officer said it is important for victims to replace what was stolen and to be sure that the new item gets put *in* the right place.

I have to stop or else this column could go on forever! That will teach me to say, "Gee, I don't have anything to write about this month!" Needless to say, with the new vibrator and lube, everything is, ah, pretty much back to normal.

Parting shots. Spring is here, so there are way too many things going on. Be sure to check out A Gay Evening in May. Shanda Leer, I hear, will be emceeing. I hate her. That bitch is new on the scene for what, two seconds, and already she is invited to emcee AGEM? Have I ever been invited to emcee? NoooOOOoo. I'll tell you something, flash in the pan, they'll love you for fifteen minutes and then throw you away just as quickly. I've seen it happen before. It takes a special person to last like I've lasted. It takes brains, a tough hide, and a spell-checker to help you spell "emcee" to last like I've lasted! Just kidding, dear! You know I love you, even though your prettier, own your own home, are thinner, have beautiful hair, skin and make-up. Kiss. Kiss. You know I love you? Bitch. Next month, look for my review of Franco Norma Jean's Cinco de Mayo party. I'll be there as a spectator, as I've been banned in 52 states and can only be seen on special editions of *Cops*, but promise to give you all a full report!

Love me if not yourself (like Daisy and I do),

Caddi 🐾

Bluenotes is underwritten by Pearl Alley Bistro



# Dykes To Watch Out For by Alison Bechdel

**FOOD FOR THOUGHT**

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OH, HUH, THE DINNER HOUR... THAT PAUSE IN THE STRUGGLE, THAT CRISIS OF CIVILITY, THAT BULWARK AGAINST THE MALIGNANT FORCES OF BARBARISM.

SO JEZANNA SAID SHE'D WRITE ME A RECOMMENDATION, BUT SHE'S PISSED. HUH.

I DON'T KNOW WHY. I TOLD HER I CAN DO THE LIBRARY AND INFORMATION SCIENCE PROGRAM LONG DISTANCE, SO I'D BE KEEPING MY JOB.

PHIPPS CALLED ME IN TODAY, THOUGHT SHE SHOULD LET ME KNOW ONE OF THE EXTERNAL REVIEWERS SAYS MY SCHOLARSHIP IS 'OBSCURANTIST.'

I BET IT WAS THAT DRAWSTRING PANTS-WEARING, 'BREAKING OUR SILENCES' CHUCKLEHEAD OVER AT STATE. AT LEAST MY STUDENT EVALUATIONS ARE STRONG.

OF COURSE, I WILL QUIT EVENTUALLY. THAT'S THE WHOLE POINT, TO DO SOMETHING MEANINGFUL WITH MY LIFE. GOD, I FEEL SO IMPOTENT SOMETIMES AT THE BOOKSTORE.

THE WORLD IS PLUNGING INTO CHAOS, AND WHAT AM I DOING? PEDDLING CELEBRITY AUTOBIOGRAPHIES.

OH, GREAT. YOU BROUGHT IT HOME.

BUSH IS TURNING UP THE HEAT FROM DETENTE TO DETONATE. THE DEFENSE BUDGET HAS BALLOONED. WE'RE INVOLVED IN AN INDEFINITE WAR AGAINST AN AMORPHOUS ENEMY.

NOW THEY'RE MARKETING THE INVASION OF IRAQ TO US LIKE IT'S A NEW FLAVOR OF PEPSI.

YOU'D THINK WE MIGHT LEARN SOMETHING, WATCHING THE ISRAELIS AND THE PALESTINIANS RETALIATE THEMSELVES INTO OBLIVION, YOU CAN'T END TERRORISM WITH BRUTE FORCE!

HOW DOES LIBRARY SCHOOL FIGURE INTO ALL THIS, YOU ASK? I'LL TELL YOU HOW.

WHAT BETTER WAY TO COUNTERACT THE SECRECY, THE CONCENTRATION OF POWER, AND THE THREATS TO CIVIL LIBERTY THAT WAR ENTAILS THAN BY FACILITATING THE FREE FLOW OF INFORMATION?

AS GANDHI SAID, NON-VIOLENCE AND TRUTH ARE INSEPARABLE. I'M GOING TO FEED PEOPLE THAT TRUTH!

SO WHERE'S THE PART ABOUT HOW SHE'S A BIG LESBO?

OR PERHAPS I SHOULD CONSIDER A CAREER IN THE FAST FOOD SECTOR.

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KEEP AN EYE ON WHAT HE'S WATCHING THIS TIME. NO SURGERY CHANNEL, NO PRAISE THE LORD, NO FOX NEWS.

YEAH, OKAY. SO HOW'S COUPLES COUNSELING GOING?

OH, CARLOS, I DON'T KNOW. SHE'S NOT DEPRESSED ANY MORE, BUT WE STILL HAVE THE SAME OLD PROBLEMS, LIKE HOW CONSUMED SHE IS BY HER JOB. I MEAN, SOMETIMES LATELY, IT'S HARD TO REMEMBER WHO I FELL IN LOVE WITH.

OH, PLEASE! YOU SOUND LIKE A TEENAGER. YOU'VE BEEN TOGETHER HOW MANY YEARS NOW?

NINE...

OH MY GOD!

TODAY'S OUR TWENTIETH ANNIVERSARY.

GOD, YOU'RE OLD.

A BIT LATER, DOWNTOWN...

CLARICE! I TRIED CALLING YOU. DID YOU REALIZE...

I KNOW, I KNOW. I'M SORRY!

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THE MEETING RAN LATE. AS IF MY JOB WASN'T ALREADY IMPOSSIBLE, NOW THE EPA'S GUTTING THE CLEAN AIR REGS WE USE TO PROSECUTE THESE CO2 SPEWING COAL-FIRED PLANTS.

BUT WHAT DO I EXPECT FROM AN ADMINISTRATION WHO HAD ENRON WRITE ITS ENERGY POLICY? AND A PRESIDENT WHOSE GLOBAL WARMING PLAN ASKS CORPORATIONS TO CUT BACK THEIR GREENHOUSE EMISSIONS VOLUNTARILY?

AND A SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR WHO'S ITCHING TO LAY WASTE TO ALASKA FOR SIX MONTHS WORTH OF OIL AND A FEW JOBS?

I DUNNO, TOMI. YOU'D THINK AFTER ALL THESE YEARS, I'D BE USED TO IT. IT WOULDN'T UPSET ME SO MUCH.

BUT THIS PLANET COULD BE A #@%\*ING PARADISE, AND WE'RE MAKING IT INTO A LIVING HELL.

WELL HELLO.

THANKS. YOU JUST REMINDED ME OF SOMETHING.

SHALL I MOVE ON TO THE SPECTER OF NUCLEAR HOLOCAUST?

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by Eric Orner

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Mid East War

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Ladies

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Hey Look! in the sky, why it's...

RAMALLAH

HEBRON

BETHLEHEM

Stop Raging, Start Rollin'.

Stop Bombing, Start Bumping.

Jerusalem

Meanwhile back at his day job...

HAS ANYONE SEEN ETHAN?

Called in, said he'd be a little late.

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DAULO'S ASTROLOGICAL CAMP

# A Family Affair

Most people interested in Astrology realize that there are several systems in use around the world. The Hindus of India have their particular system, the Chinese another and even the Tibetans have a particular system all their own. However, what I am finding most interesting of all is the system used by the people of Burma, now called Myanmar. Most of the Eastern systems tend to regard April as the New Year, probably due to Aries and Taurus, the signs of Spring, being prominent during that month. What is different about the Burmese, however, is that they view the heavens and all the planets, the stars and other celestial bodies as a large family. Everything is regulated into cycles of seven in honor of the original seven planetary spheres from the Sun to Saturn. Thus, a person born at a particular point in a particular planetary cycle is considered a member of the planetary family ruling that cycle. Accordingly, Burmese astrologers make their predictions not so much on the current transits or the characteristics of the person's Sun sign, but based upon which "family" they are born into. With this in mind, rather than focus on any particular astrological phenomenon as I usually do, this month I am going to take a look at the planetary families of the signs and hope that it allows for a little more insight into our complex natures.

**Aries:** Mars, ruler of Aries, is direct and impulsive, oftentimes brusque and contentious, arguing a point just for the sake of the argument rather than for right or wrong. As Mars moves towards Cancer

these weeks, expect conflicting emotions and minor upsets on the home front. Things will only be as bad as you make it.

**Taurus:** You belong to Venus' clan and so represent wealth and comfort, ease and enjoyment. Or to the contrary, the lack of material comfort and happiness. The secret is in understanding what is of real value in life and not to get caught in the accumulation of goods and possessions.

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**Cancer:** Like the different phases of the Moon, there are many sides of you and if you aren't clear as to what your role is in the grand scheme of things, your whole existence will be wasted in

seeking false securities and projecting unreasonable expectations on those closest to you.

**Leo:** Born into the radiant Sun clan, your life should express all the glory of that life-giving ball of fire. Mind you, not everyone has the enthusiasm for life that you do, so be patient and understand that each person is fulfilling a particular destiny, even if it isn't all that clear to you.

**Virgo:** Like Gemini, you are also a child of Mercury, but where the former is all over the place with no real focus, you tend to go the other way and can get quite obsessive over the inconsequential details of life. Don't lose sight of the

beautiful forest by concentrating on one weak sapling.

**Libra:** As one of Venus' relatives, you strive for harmony and peace, even if you have a hard time incorporating them into your life. Unfortunately, you often opt for the easiest solution for the sake of general peace instead of asking the deeper questions and taking the extra step to assure that harmony you so fervently seek.

**Scorpio:** Keeping to the old planets as the Burmese people do, Scorpio would

fall into the family of Mars, but unlike Aries, Scorpions are sticklers for detail and won't quit until they have appeased their curiosity. But beware, Scorpio: like yourself, most people want to maintain a degree of mystique and privacy and your efforts to unravel that mystery are not always well received.

**Sagittarius:** The ever expansive Jupiter claims you as one of his own, meaning that you are graced with an ability to get along with just about everyone. You tend to take everything in stride, which is good, but at the same time, you could do well to be a little less expansive and concentrate on putting a life together for yourself.

**Capricorn:** Who says that Saturn has to be a killjoy? I mean, you do have that side of you and so need to make a conscious effort to be more supportive of those around you, even if it means a little patronizing. You can catch more flies with honey than with vinegar, but I'm sure you've been told that more than once.

**Aquarius:** Another one born under Saturn's roof, you also tend to be too harsh both on yourself and those around you. I know you think that you know what's best, but that is just the attitude that some of the most repressive dictators have held. Listen more to others before deciding on a course of action. You may mean well, but the methods you employ can be quite Draconian.

**Pisces:** Jupiter always takes his clan to the farthest reaches, exposing them to the new and unusual, the exotic and mysterious. But, my dear Piscean friend, wherever you wind up in your mind, the fact remains that you need to live here on Earth, so be practical or else you may lose touch with everyone and everything around you. 🐸

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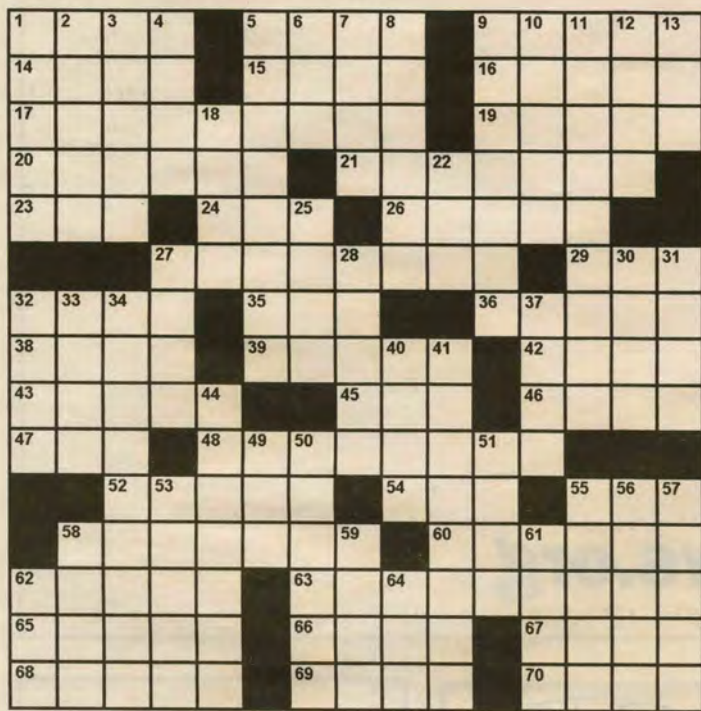


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"The Write Stuff"



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- 1 She beat Navratilova in 1989
- 5 Put your eye to a small opening
- 9 Org. of supportive moms and dads
- 14 Weaving of Priscilla fame
- 15 Hard to come by
- 16 Gertrude's partner
- 17 Willa Cather Pulitzer Prize work
- 19 Mardi Gras, e.g.
- 20 "Notes on Camp" author Susan
- 21 Courting seats
- 23 Where to find *NYPD Blue* reruns
- 24 "The A-Team" actor with a Mohawk

- 26 Companion of the Lone Ranger
- 27 Edward Albee Pulitzer Prize work
- 29 Nutritional abbr.
- 32 Peter Doyle was this Whitman's sampler
- 35 Noted Warhol subject
- 36 He made hard bodies
- 38 Tennis pro Nastase
- 39 Gary Danko's first courses
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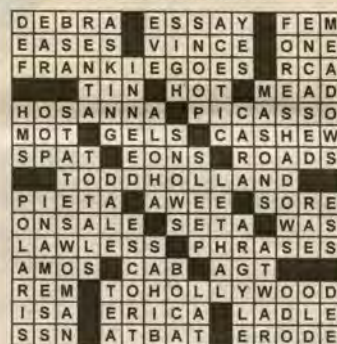
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- 52 Ignore, as an order
- 54 Utmost degree
- 55 Where to look for the "gay gene"
- 58 Households for trois
- 60 Talk by Rev. Perry
- 62 Places for stable relationships?
- 63 Sara Teasdale Pulitzer Prize work
- 65 Have a falling out
- 66 "Take \_\_\_ leave it!"
- 67 The African Queen author
- 68 Radar puts them to his mouth
- 69 Langston Hughes' "\_\_\_ and Out"
- 70 Doctor on *Frasier* played by Christine Baranski

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- 1 Oscar movie for Whoopi Goldberg
- 2 Song by Moby
- 3 He often screws actors
- 4 12-incher
- 5 Will and Grace and Ellen
- 6 Colette made a splash in it
- 7 Screws up
- 8 Money piece for a lesbian
- 9 Julie to Melissa, once
- 10 Group that goes cruising
- 11 Anne Sexton Pulitzer Prize work
- 12 Beaters of kings or King's unbeatable serves
- 13 Come together
- 18 Cry before claiming immortality
- 22 Lover that you can't get over
- 25 Poet \_\_\_ Wu
- 27 "Leave that alone!" to Susie Bright
- 28 Casting/seduction site

- 30 Advice from Richard Simmons
- 31 Heche of *John Q*
- 32 Like three men that visited Mary
- 33 *American Beauty* screenwriter Ball
- 34 A. Scott Berg Pulitzer Prize work
- 37 Heavenly balls
- 40 Worker at the bottom
- 41 Rita Mae Brown's \_\_\_ *Discomfort*
- 44 Charles, who could make you a man, and others
- 49 Fag follower
- 50 It protects one of your balls
- 51 Ps on the Parthenon
- 53 Cause of "bed death"
- 55 Familiar tongue
- 56 *Ragged Dick* writer Horatio
- 57 How sailors come
- 58 Horse that isn't hung like a horse
- 59 "And \_\_\_ bed"
- 61 Express the success of a lover's caress
- 62 Keep out
- 64 Woman's promise to her wife, e.g.

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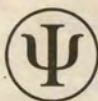
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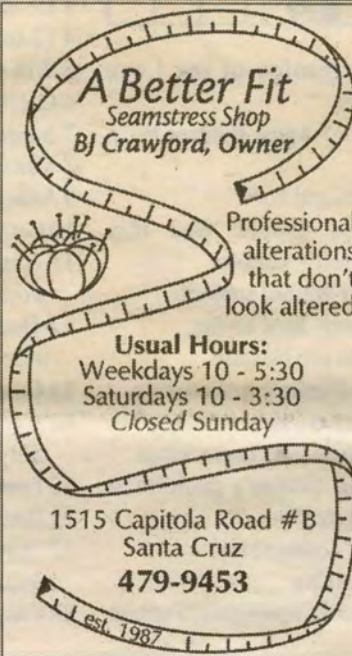
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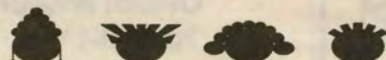
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