

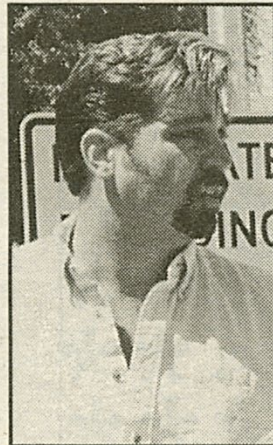
## Death Threats Follow Local Man After Bashing

**A** local man has received death threats following the gay bashing, possibly because of his involvement in publicizing the event.

Nick Kaleel, who worked as a bartender at one of the gay bars in the neighborhood where the attack occurred, received his first death threat one week before the bashing, but didn't think much of it.

After the attack and his appearance on a local television news show, the number of calls increased dramatically. Callers asked for Kaleel by name, then threatened him by saying "This is only the beginning" and "We're watching you."

The worst threat according to Kaleel was



Nick Kaleel received death threats following his appearance on local television.

the letter he received. The letter was post-marked in San Jose, but mentioned Kaleel by name.

Kaleel contacted the Monterey City Police Department. An officer took a copy of the written death threat and offered

to provide Kaleel with a police escort.

Kaleel's shift at the bar weekdays ended at 2 a.m. when there is little traffic on Lighthouse Ave.

Kaleel was quick to say that other Monterey residents have been supportive following his appearance on the news. "People at the grocery store have stopped me and asked 'How is the man that was attacked'," said Kaleel. -WK