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The Paper

Gay Pride 1995

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June 4th
Santa Cruz Gay Pride
No Pride Without Freedom,
No Freedom Without Pride
21st Annual Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual,
Transgendered Pride Parade & Celebration. Parade: 12 noon, municipal parking lot at Cedar & Cathcart, downtown Santa Cruz. Celebration: follows parade, San Lorenzo Park, Santa Cruz, until 6 pm, admission free.

Sacramento ............June 10th
San Jose ...............June 10th & 11th
San Francisco ..........June 18th
Stockton ...............June 24th

Monterey Events

June 11th
"Gay Pride Homecoming"
at the After Dark, 214 Lighthouse Ave.
No Cover Charge
3 p.m. Barbeque
6 p.m. Homecoming Rally
10 p.m. Homecoming Dance & Announcement of the Homecoming King & Queen

Page Scott or Diana at 644-3192 or call the After Dark nightclub at 373-7828 for more information.

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How To Reach Us

From the Editors

The Paper

By Barbara Burke
Managing Editor

In June 1994 I heard that Matthew Friday, Bruce Carlson and a small group of other people were starting a newspaper for the gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender community in Monterey County.

The first two issues had come out during that summer and production had begun on the third issue when I went to my first meeting. I was amazed at the energy and dedication of the people there. Everyone was very excited and involved in the process of creating The Paper. Steve Clark was elected as the new managing editor, to replace Wes Davis. A computer had just been donated and the layout was to be done on Microsoft Publisher for the first time. Because of the new software, the layout alone for that time needed to be completed. Also, we could only access the computer when an MCAP employee was there to open and lock up the office. We spent a number of weekends at MCAP assisting Steve as he painstak­ingly laid out each page. Due to Steve’s effort, The Paper’s style changed to one that was more professional. He was also responsible for the center pages being translated into Spanish for our Latino readers. The Paper was changing.

Since that time four issues (including this one) have been printed. The current highly stylized and very professional layout was developed by Wes Kashiwagi, one of the current managing editors. The manual cut and paste method of production has been replaced by digital processing. Involvement by the community in writing articles and updating the Community Calendar has continued to grow.

During this first year The Paper has definitively experienced its share of growing pains, including highly controversial articles and computer hardware and software changes. Many personnel changes have also taken place, including some staff writers, committee members and managing editors. Through all of this, The Paper has grown and developed.

At this one year anniversary I want to thank the many people who have volunteered their time and talents to produce The Paper. Due to their efforts the Monterey gay community has a place to voice its opinions, to share its experiences, to print personal fiction, poetry, cartoons and art work, to learn about the current treatments, education techniques and statistics regarding HIV/AIDS, and to read about local, state and national current events affecting our community. This is truly something to be cherished and supported. I also want to thank our advertisers for their ongoing support. As the number of advertisers grows, The Paper comes closer to its goal of becoming a fully independent community newspaper. Finally, I want to thank the individuals who make up Monterey County’s gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender community. Thank you for your articles, your suggestions, your letters to the editors, and for making The Paper a reality. Please continue to participate! It’s only with your help and support that The Paper can be a voice for our community. Happy birthday to us and here’s to the second year!!!

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Salud Serves Pajaro

by Edith Tuile
Contributing Writer

For the past 10 years, Salud Para La Gente in Watsonville has brought community health services to the people of the Pajaro Valley, a region many peninsula residents forget is a part of Monterey County.

Mario Hernandez is the program manager for Salud. Since joining the organization 2 years ago, Hernandez has worked to overcome social, cultural, and language barriers that have stymied other health, social, and HIV/AIDS outreach programs.

Local Focus Succeeds
Hernandez estimates that of those reached by Salud, 70% are Mexican-American, with a large percentage being both non-English speaking and migrant farm workers. "We have a lot of drag queens working the streets in Watsonville," said Hernandez. "I don't want to see in the Latino community what I've seen happen in the gay community, where 50% of the people I meet are potentially HIV+. I'm losing half of the people in this world I can relate to."

Salud provides these groups with free and anonymous HIV testing, and early intervention education. Salud's HIV outreach is funded through the State of California, county governments, and fundraisers, although private donations from the community are encouraged. The Larry Trujillo Fund, named in memory of a Salud employee who helped establish many of their HIV programs and who later succumbed to the virus, provides an emergency fund for food, shelter and other essentials. Salud also receives money from the Santa Cruz Walk for AIDS.

A Flood of Opportunity

The recent flood that devastated Pajaro provided Salud with a unique opportunity to spread the safer sex message. Salud packaged 2,000 hygiene packets to distribute to flood victims. Hernandez said that Salud made sure that the packets also included condoms, lube, and instructions. "The reason I'm involved with AIDS education in the Latino community," said Hernandez, "is that I don't want to see in the Latino community what I've seen happen in the gay community, where 50% of the people I meet are potentially HIV+. I'm losing half of the people in this world I can relate to."

Salud is currently looking for outreach workers, with bilingual English/Spanish speakers preferred.

For more information call Salud Para La Gente's voicemail at (408) 763-3413 (bilingual Spanish/English).

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• Latex condoms may weaken with age. Check every time you use a condom. The condom may be damaged or have a defect that you may not see.

The warning label from the Avanti condom package.

Stick to Latex

New Condoms Not Proven Effective Protection Against HIV Infection

Polyurethane condoms should not be considered a reliable means of preventing HIV infection according to the British manufacturer, Durex. This new type of condom, which is now being sold locally, is plastic instead of rubber like latex. Questions about the efficacy of the new condoms are on the rise, according to MCAF's HIV outreach worker at the After Dark nightclub.

As lesbians who practice protected oral sex know, HIV cannot penetrate polyurethane, the material used to make plastic food wrap; the problem may lie in breakage during anal intercourse or slippage. The polyurethane condoms don't retain their shape as well as latex condoms after they've been stretched. -WK

The Paper Celebrates Its First Birthday With This Issue!
Local Stories

Bi-County Queers Join Heads
New Group Works to Get Beyond Visions of Bad Golf Shorts & Hairy-Legged Women

by Javier Kake
Contributing Writer

Queers from Monterey and Santa Cruz met to forge closer ties between the two communities. Sofia Ramos organized the April 22nd meeting in Monterey.

"Monterey is like a suburban cul-de-sac," said Matt Friday of Monterey, trying to characterize the prevailing mindset of the local queer community. The twelve women and men at the meeting agreed that Santa Cruz tends to look to San Francisco when it comes to queerness, while Monterey looks inward.

To Look North or Not
Ramos suggested that Monterey's reluctance to organize may stem from the influence of traditionally conservative groups, such as the church and the military. Regardless of the reasons for people's perceptions of Monterey, Santa Cruz residents often view Monterey as provincial.

One Santa Cruz representative said that to him Monterey means "a bunch of old money White guys in bad shorts playing golf." Santa Cruz was described as "hairy-legged women running around protesting stuff."

Santa Cruz's queer community is more organized and visible, but the reasons for this are unclear. Many cited the university as a major influence in promoting openness in what is essentially a very conservative town.

Contact The Paper for information on the next meeting. Carpools are forming.

Swords or Plowshares?
Consortium Meets to Discuss Editorial

By Wes Kashiwagi
Managing Editor

The agenda of the Gay Men's Consortium meeting April 23rd in Monterey unexpectedly changed from advising local organizations on improving HIV outreach to preparing a response to an editorial which appeared in the April / May issue of The Paper. No formal response from the Consortium was approved at the meeting.

Of the nine men present, most felt that Deborah Aguyao-Delgado, the author of the editorial, and MCAP should write a retraction. Although Aguyao-Delgado never mentioned her affiliation with MCAP in the editorial, the men felt that the tone of the article compromised her ability to serve as an MCAP employee; they believed that a few older, gay, white men on the peninsula were being accused of holding a monopoly over local HIV/AIDS committee positions while ignoring the needs of the rest of the county.

Other consortium members felt that the editorial was critical of the gay community as a whole and that the Consortium's time would be better spent addressing the issue of racism within the gay community. They also cautioned that any public lambasting of Aguyao-Delgado or Joy Rubey, MCAP's Executive Director, could be interpreted as another personal attack on Rubey.

Wayne Johnson, who organized the Consortium, felt that he and other members were not being allowed to express themselves freely in public forums. Said Johnson, "I feel Joy Rubey was part of this article, that she helped with it. Fire her now."

A quilt previously displayed in MCAP's Seaside office was draped across the conference table during the meeting. Bryan Callas, who was not present at the meeting, asked MCAP to return the quilt to show his displeasure with the organization after the editorial ran in The Paper. Callas had donated the quilt as part of a fundraiser.

Consortium meeting attendance has dropped to between 8-9 members, although the low turnout at this meeting may be due to confusion over whether the meeting had been cancelled. Consortium members were not notified or asked if they thought the focus of the meeting should change. No further meetings were scheduled.

Wes Kashiwagi is co-managing editor of The Paper, a member of the Gay Men's Consortium, an MCAP volunteer, and chair of MCAP's Diversity Committee.

Read The Paper: It's Not Just for Breakfast Anymore
Art From the Heart
by Barbara Burke
Managing Editor

In an effort to introduce our readers to our advertisers, recently interviewed Cheryl Trotter, owner of Artists Forum Gallery.

In February, 1994 Cheryl Trotter's brother moved his successful gallery of early California art from Pacific Grove to Carmel. At that time he offered the space to his sister, who although she was working for Monterey County Office of Education as an Environmental Education Teacher, had been showing her own art since 1980. With encouragement from her family and friends Cheryl opened Artists Forum Gallery. Her ongoing goal is to provide gallery space for the work of the many local artists she knows, as well as her own art work. Cheryl is on the Board of Directors of the Pacific Grove Arts Center and is a member of the Carmel Art Association. Her connection to the artists whose work she shows is not only as a gallery owner but is also a colleague.

When she opened her business Cheryl received 200 portfolios from artists interested in showing at her gallery. This provided her with the opportunity and the responsibility to select the art she would display. "One of the benefits of owning my own gallery is being surrounded by great art every day," she remarks. However, she is also sensitive to the feelings of rejection of the artists whose work she does not select. This is one of the most difficult parts of her job.

Cheryl also loves her relationship with her customers. She's a very social person and enjoys selling art that she loves. "I simply talk to people about what I like about the art. I sell from my heart." This non-pressured, sincere sales style is a hallmark of Artists Forum Gallery.

Cheryl recommends a person purchase a piece of art only if it resonates with them. "(If you go home and it stays with you.) She is also very willing to work with a customer who wants to buy art work. She encourages potential buyers to take the art home for 48 hours to see it in different areas of their house and in different lights before they make a decision. When a person does decide to purchase, Cheryl can "make allowances financially." She tries to be very flexible and offers creative financing in order to enable people to own art.

Artists Forum Gallery is a unique place to experience quality art in a comfortable atmosphere. It's a place where Cheryl Trotter freely shares her knowledge and expertise about art. Finally, it's a place where someone (whether an experienced art buyer or a novice) can confidently purchase art that speaks to them.

Artists Forum Gallery is located at 309 Forest Avenue in Pacific Grove and is open 11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. When you stop in, please let Cheryl know that you read about her gallery in the Paper.

Out to lunch

I can't believe it! Yoshi's dating a man!!

Are you sure it's really a man? I mean like a MAN man?

Yeah, maybe it's just a very pretty dyke.

All I know is, it's really a man...

Yo, earth to morals, obviously it's really a man... standing up.

Yuck, I think. I'm gonna puke.

Ah Ace, you're just pissed because his chest is bigger than yours.

That's not hard that tall has a bigger chest than her.

Who-hey! I am not that small! You - Z - ah...

At least mine are real!!

Hum... sorry, Ace, but even Fallopian's are bigger than yours.

BOOB CHECK!!

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HIV Testing Sites

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Confidential: $20 or what you can afford. 10 Sherwood Dr., 772-8200

Natividad Medical Center
El NIDO Clinic
1330 Natividad Rd., 759-6516

Planned Parenthood
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Play Hard, Play Long, Play Safe
Man-to-Man Grasps Opportunities

New Coordinator Outlines New Programs

by Justin Larson
MCAP Man-to-Man Coordinator

Though ending its second year, I feel safe saying MCAP’s Man-to-Man Outreach Program is still a fledgling endeavor requiring definition and direction. Though a scope of work exists defining what must be accomplished, how to accomplish it is left largely up to the community. How is a contact defined? What types of events does the community want? What has been tried and should be tried again? Perhaps it is this lack of an attached blueprint which has caused me such confusion. How do I create one effective program serving gay men that everyone can agree on?

Discouraging News

An article in the last issue of The Paper quotes a former Man-to-Man coordinator as saying “I think there really is no such thing as a successful HIV outreach program.” An article in the May 2 Advocate suggests that unless “major changes are made in AIDS prevention education,” we will continue to see high exposure rates in the gay community. It points out that “pamphlets alone are not sufficient to stop the spread of AIDS.”

So what is the answer? Why is the Man-to-Man mission so daunting? When so many young people are continuing to engage in high risk behaviors from lack of information, and so many gay men in their thirties and forties are feeling frustrated to the point of not caring anymore, what can we do to try to make a difference? Perhaps I should write a pamphlet on it!

New and Improved

Though printed information is a necessary tool in HIV education, I don’t think it’s the solution. Certain thought processes must change if the Man-to-Man Program is to succeed in educating and supporting the gay community in its efforts to stay healthy.

1. The program must be sex-positive. None of us became celibate the very moment we heard or read about AIDS. But that seems to be the solution in many circles—“You won’t get it if you just say ‘No’ to sex.” Any program that will be effective must support individuals in their sexuality. The unspoken formula of “Sex = Infection = Death” is demoralizing and counterproductive. Man-to-Man will provide options, sex-positive information, and activities.

2. Multiple programs are needed. Unlike the basic condom, one size does not fit all—not even most! Programs must be designed to fit elements of age, economics, culture, and activity. Programs for leather-men on safe S&M practices probably won’t draw the young drag queens from Carmel, while many of the Garrapata Beach crowd may not be a lecture for PPN. Man-to-Man will include “mini-programs” to ensure that activities are tailored to the people who need the information.

3. The gay community must be an active part of the program. Man-to-Man is NOT here to solve the problem for everyone else. HIV disease was spread through many people, and it will take many people to bring it into check. We will need volunteers, resources, and ideas. Without buy-in from the community at large, the program is doomed. Man-to-Man will make every effort to involve the community; the community itself is responsible for how effective the program will be.

4. The program must be interesting and fun. One more AIDS 101 lecture and I think I’ll go crazy! Outreach is most effective in social environments. And we cannot avoid sex in trying out new things. Programs that come right out and embrace sexuality, while not everyone’s cup of tea, may be the most effective way to reach some people who are at high risk. Man-to-Man won’t be sponsoring orgies, but we promise not to be boring!

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The following volunteer positions are needed for the programs we are pursuing, job descriptions, time requirements, and other necessary information are available by calling me at the Salinas MCAP office.

Bar Outreach
A new approach to outreach, with new opportunities possible at Planet Gemini in Salinas! Outreach workers will now do more than hand out leaflets and pass out pamphlets. Interaction and fun will be key.

Volunteers needed:
- Bar Outreach Managers
- 10 Program Mentors
- Peer Educator
- Program Coordinator
- Peer Educator Trainers

PSE Outreach
A public sex environment (PSE) is a public area where men meet other men. Bars, outside at a public event such as a Pride festival. Outreach workers will need to be hands-on. We will not be engaging in inappropriate and threatening behavior, but we will be providing resources and support and positive role models for gay youth.

Volunteers needed:
- 6 Program Mentors
- 5 Event Facilitators
- 6 Event Managers

Peer Educator Program
Training peer educators in the county high schools in gay and lesbian issues and promoting sexual orientation sensitivity.

Volunteers needed:
- Peer Educator
- Program Coordinator
- Peer Educator Trainers

If you have an interest in working in the development of any of these programs, I need your input! While we plan to keep the program in conjunction with Pride activities in June, we can use the ideas, resources, and volunteers mentioned above right now!

To help, call me at 772-8200. If someone from Man-to-Man contacts you, please seriously consider their request. Your investment now may yield a truly effective program down the line!
Gay CA Students Lobby for Funding

From News Release
Sacramento, CA—Students from across California are coming to Sacramento to lobby and give testimony in support of AS 1001, The Dignity for All Students Act. This legislation adds "sexual orientation" to the sections of the education code that protect students from discrimination.

Assemblymember Sheila Kuehl says, "Nothing is more important than removing the barriers that keep our students from achieving their full potential. We need them. And they need the school administrators to protect them against the virulent harassment and violence they must endure simply trying to get a public education."

Laurie McBride of the LIFE AIDS Lobby, which is sponsoring this legislation along with the California Teachers Association, said "This is a top priority for the gay and lesbian community state-wide. For each one of us it's a very personal issue. No one should have to survive open hostility and abuse based on homophobia, but young people in the schools and in the classroom are especially vulnerable."

The passage of this legislation is crucial, The National Gay and Lesbian Task Force documents that almost half of gay males and 20% of lesbians experience verbal or physical assault in high school. A 1989 Bush Administration "Report on the Secretary's Task Force on Youth Suicide" showed that twenty-eight percent of gay and lesbian youth are forced to drop out of school because of harassment resulting from their sexual orientation and that lesbian and gay youth are two to three times more likely to attempt suicide than heterosexual young people.

AS 1001 would pass the Assembly Higher Education Committee by a vote of six to three and now must pass the Assembly Education Committee. The students will be coming into Sacramento to lobby the legislature in the morning prior to the bill being heard in committee. Students also will participate in a press conference in the state capitol.

According to Kuehl, "As a society, we all bear the cost when young people, who want nothing more than to enter adulthood and make their individual contributions to the community, are assaulted and told that their lives are worthless, that they are better off dead. All children deserve the dignity of an education free from discrimination, violence and harassment. AS 1001 would continue California's commitment to a safe and secure learning environment for ALL students."

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From News Release

At its April board meeting, the National Gay & Lesbian Task Force unanimously adopted three resolutions on critical national political issues: welfare, affirmative action and immigration. A preamble to each resolution reads, "Recognizing that the civil rights of gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender people are intrinsically linked to the civil rights of all people... The resolution on welfare reads: "[NGLTF] opposes the elimination or reduction of government programs that provide needed food, housing, health care, and other basic services." The resolution on affirmative action reads: "[NGLTF] supports the establishment and continuation of policies and programs that attempt to address the continuing effects of this nation's legacy of gender- and race-based discrimination, and opposes the wholesale elimination of the concept of affirmative action." The resolution on immigration reads: "[NGLTF] opposes all legislative measures that deny immigrants provision of basic needs, especially health care, and campaigns that make immigrants scapegoats for societal problems."

"Current events call on us to be clear on these issues as we move forward on the national, state and local level in alliance with other organizations and movements," said Board Co-Chair Deborah Johnson-Rolon. "We recognize that in order for this society to offer us the compassion and justice we seek as gay and lesbian people, that compassion must exist for all. We at NGLTF know these issues are, in fact, controversial. We believe it's important to take a stand, for our coalition efforts and for our educational work within the community."
A Short Story
by Emma

We were alone in her car. I felt really awkward. I didn’t know where to start because it just seemed too impossible. She let the awkwardness fill the car until there was no more room to hide. I blurted out, “I’ve never even touched a woman!”

She cocked her head and I blushed in the semi-darkness, impossible. She let the awkwardness fill the car until there was no more room to hide. I blurted out, “I’ve never even touched a woman!”

“I’ve never even touched a breast.”

“Why not?”

The question was so simple, the answer so troubling. “Because it would cause me to do something I didn’t want to do.”

“Like what?”

“Like... I don’t know. Like what!” I answered in exasperation. “I just knew she shouldn’t have taken her blouse off in the first place. She said she was showing me what guys did on dates. She wanted us to practice on each other so we would know.”

“So was she right? Is that what guys did on dates?”

I thought back to high school dates and wished it could have been like that. Wished some guy, just one, would have allowed me to lie down unashamed on a bedroom rug and take off my blouse and let him look at my young breasts. Let him adore them and gently and tenderly touch them—delicately and tentatively feel the taut nipples, his fingers tripping over their erectness.

“No, that isn’t,” I answered. “Not quite.”

As a matter of fact, I couldn’t think of a time when anyone really seemed that interested about any part of me. All I could remember were hard zippers rubbing against my thighs, grappling hands fighting with my bra, frantic thrusts between my legs, liquored breath hot in my face.

She leaned closer to me and put her hand on my cheek. Just the back of her hand, as a mother would, checking for fever. I turned toward her and looked into her eyes. They were so deep, I felt I could swim right into them. Her sweater was soft. The necklace she wore hung between two gentle mounds of feather white angora.

“I’m too old,” I said to her. “I don’t know what to do.” I paused and sighed, “I just don’t have a clue.”

She took my hand firmly in hers and slipped it up under her sweater. My hand automatically found her smoothness, her roundness. My fingers straddled her nipple like a horseman, his mount. I gripped it and squeezed and felt it respond and quiver. I played around and around it, my fingers enjoying its nubbin, its strength. She slowly removed my hand from her breast, then asked me how it had felt.

“It felt like Cindy’s,” I said, “way back when.” It felt like Cindy’s sixteen year old, virgin, white breast, I thought to myself... so amazingly soft and supple. I wanted so much to feel it again. This time take her other hand and put it between my legs where the yearning arose.

But it was time to go back, she said, adjusting her seat and straightening the rear-view mirror. She inserted the keys in the ignition and started to back out into the main road... get us back before we were missed. But before we left, she grinned at my longing and confused eyes and smoothing her sweater, simply said, “I don’t think you’ll have any trouble at all, Sarah.”

The Paper welcomes short stories and other works of fiction.

Take Five Pilgrimage to Provincetown
by Dan Presser
Contributing Writer

There’s no better place to relax than Provincetown—at the very end of Cape Cod and the very beginning of a wonderful memory. There’s so much to enjoy in P-Town—history, art, natural beauty, recreation and most of all the freedom to be yourself.

In 1620 the Pilgrims established themselves in Massachusetts. Now, 375 years later, Provincetown honors that, even declaring 1995 “The Year of the Pilgrims.”

Provincetown guests can learn about the early Pilgrims by visiting Pilgrim Monument and museum.

Provincetown boasts the largest and oldest continuous art colony in America. Artists began expressing themselves in the late 1800’s and continue to do so. Endearing art galleries line P-Town’s streets, showing interesting works by wonderful New England female artists.

Provincetown’s natural areas are protected by the Cape Cod National Seashore called the Provincelands. Herring Cove with its sandy white beach is a delight for lesbian and gay bathers. Sunset over Cape Cod Bay is extremely romantic.

Nightlife starts before sundown with a tea-dance at the Boatslip. From there the party usually moves to the Pied Piper. Summer nights span fun along the streets of tiny P-Town. Most of the activity centers on Commercial Street. Check with your local travel agent for a list of activities going on this summer in this lovely mecca for lesbians and gays.

Accommodations in P-Town are numerous, but its cottages and guest houses fill quickly. It’s best to make reservations early.

Getting to P-Town is easy. From Boston you can rent a car. Be prepared to spend anywhere from 2.5 to 4 hours on the road. If the weather is cooperating you can take the ferry. The trip takes 3.5 hours and leaves Boston in the morning, returning in the afternoon. The quickest and most convenient way is to zoom across the bay on one of Cape Air’s 9-passenger Cessnas. The trip is only 20-25 minutes and the view is breathtaking.

For more information call the P-Town Business Guild at (800) 637-8696.
What is "On-line?"

When I was a kid and I wanted to know something and I was desperate, I would put on the interaction between a computer and a modem. This column will define "on-line" and present a few examples and uses.

Generally this connection occurs over a phone line, so once you have this connection you are on (the) line. When I was at home in the 1970s, I was making calls and contacts—mostly verbal connections. When I go on-line with your computer, you use your computer as a tool to share data, search data, and retrieve data. Everyone uses phones to make connections—mostly verbal connections. When you search on-line, you (via your computer) and other computer users (via their computers) exchange information, share information, and do business.

The vaste amount of information available on-line can be a source of information and knowledge. For example, if you are looking for a recipe for a special occasion, you can search the Internet for recipes and choose one that suits your needs. The answer to a question can be found on-line, and the information can be used in many ways. For example, if you are looking for a topic, you can search the Internet for information related to that topic. The Internet is a very unique communication tool for many applications and people.

Next issue: The Joys of E-Mail!

By John E. Brennan

Contributing writer
Gay Pride Far & Wide

Allentown, PA Lehigh Valley........ June 17 & 18
Antelope Valley, CA ...................... October 20 & 21
Atlanta ......................................... June 25
Baltimore ...................................... June 11th / AIDS Walk & Pride Day
Birmingham ................................... June 4
Boston ......................................... June 10
Charlotte, NC ................................. October 11-15 / Out Charlotte '95
Chicago ........................................ June 25
Chico, CA ..................................... September 17 / Freedom Fest '95
Claremont, CA (Inland Valley) .......................... October 10
Cleveland, OH .................................. June 17
Colorado Springs, CO .................... June 18 / PrideFest '95
Concord, NH .................................. June 16
Danville, NH ................................. moved to Concord
Denver ......................................... June 25 / PrideFest '95
Durham, NC .................................. June 9
Edmonton, Alberta .......................... June 16 - 25
Fort Myers, FL ................................. June 3-25 (various events)
Harlingen, PA ................................. July 27-30
Henniker, NH ................................. June 17th / Pat's Peak
Houston ........................................ June 18-25 / Parade 25th
Huntington, WV ............................. July 2 / Pride Picnic
Indianapolis .................................. June 24
Laguna Beach, CA ......................... May 6-7
Laredo, TX/Nuevo Laredo, MEX ...... June 16-25 / Los Brasos Gay Pride
London ......................................... October 26 largest event in Europe
Long Beach, CA .............................. May 20 & 21
Long Island, NY ............................. June 11
Los Angeles .................................. June 24 & 25 / 25th Anniversary CSW
Madison, WI .................................. July 16
Miami/ Ft. Lauderdale ...................... June 24 / PrideFest '95
Milwaukee ..................................... June 9 & 11
Minneapolis/St. Paul ...................... June 24 & 25
Montgomery County, MD (DC) ......... June 4
Nashville ..................................... June 10-18
New Orleans .................................. Labor Day Weekend
New York City ................................ June 24 & 25
North Hampton, MA .................... June 17th / Western Mass.
Orange County ............................. August 12 & 13
Orlando ........................................ June 24
Palm Springs, CA ......................... November 11 & 12
Phoenix ....................................... June 2-4
Portland, ME .................................. June 17th / Pier dance Friday night
Pomona/South Gabriel Valley, CA ...... October 16
Provendence, RI ............................. June 17th
Redondo Beach/South Bay, CA .......... September 17
Rochester, NY ............................... July 15
Sacramento .................................. June 10, held in Capitol Park
Saint Louis .................................. Sept 23 & 24
Salt Lake City ................................ June 11
San Diego .................................... July 15 & 16
San Francisco ............................... June 18
San Jose, CA ................................. June 10 & 11
Santa Barbara, CA ......................... June 11
Santa Cruz, CA ............................. June 4
Sonoma County, CA ...................... June 11 G/L wedding, holy union
South Central Pennsylvania .......... July 29
Seattle ........................................ June 25
Stockton ...................................... June 24th, 10 am. parade
Tampa ......................................... June 25
Visalia, CA ................................... May 14
Waco, TX (Central Texas) ............. August 31
Washington DC: Black Pride ......... May 26-28 / National Celebration
Washington DC Pride ..................... June 18

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Local Gay & Lesbian Alcoholic Anonymous Meetings

Discussion Meeting:
Thurs., 8 p.m., Little House in the Park, Pacific Grove, Central & Forest.

Step Study:
Tues., 8 p.m., Little House in the Park, Pacific Grove, Central & Forest.

Book Study:
Sat., 10:30 a.m., Unitarian Church, Monterey, Hwy. 1 at Aguajito.

Gay Men's Meeting:
Mon., 8 p.m., Little House in the Park, Pacific Grove, Central & Forest.

On The Air: Local Weekly Radio

Mondays: 7:00 p.m. Closet Free Radio. Local gay and lesbian news & announcements. KZSC, 88.1 FM
Tuesdays: 12:30 p.m. This Way Out. Int'l lesbian & gay news. KUSP, 89.9 FM
Thursdays: 9:00 a.m. My Sister's House. Women's music & interviews. KAZU, 90.3 FM
Sundays: 9:30 a.m. Breakfast in Bed. Women's music. KZSC, 88.1 FM
1:00 p.m. Women's Radio Collective! Music and requests. KAZU, 90.3 FM.

This Way Out Radio in Peril
Gay/Lesbian Show May Shut Down Due to Lack of Funds

From news release

This Way Out, the world's only internationally syndicated weekly gay and lesbian program, is dangerously close to leaving the airwaves due to lack of funds. Coordinating Producer Greg Gordon announced recently.

"I called a meeting of our volunteers over the weekend and laid it out for them," Gordon said. He characterized the show's annual budget as "a drop in the bucket, given the community's well-publicized economic clout." Gordon explained that while This Way Out is produced by volunteers, there are still costs involved with putting the show on the air, such as recording tape and other supplies, satellite distribution fees and telephone charges. "It's also becoming harder to get unpaid labor from freelance producers in an era of public broadcasting cutbacks," he said.

"It would be tragic if we have to shut down," Gordon continued. "For many people This Way Out is their only source of news about the community. We know from our mail that many of our listeners live in small towns where there might not be a flourishing gay and lesbian community or a local publication."

Gordon says the financial crisis is due in part to the program's failure to attract major grant funding. "Several smaller foundations have kept This Way Out one step ahead of our creditors for seven years."

"We thought the program could become self-sustaining through larger grants and community contributions, but so far that has not happened," Gordon explained that "due to various legal complications, we can't accept paid advertising, and we can't ask for money on the air. The big national gay and lesbian organizations have offered enthusiastic moral support, but apparently don't provide financial help for independent endeavors such as ours."

What You Can Do

For info, or to make a tax-deductible donation, please write to This Way Out, P.O. Box 38327, Los Angeles, CA 90038 (e-mail: TWORadio@aol.com), or call Greg Gordon at (213) 874-0874.

MAY

Sun, 28th

Foothills Hike for Women
Gay & Lesbian Sierran's Loma Prieta Chapter. For information M. Galloway (415) 326-8174 or Ginger Wolnik at (408) 739-3995.

MCC Church Service
Services held every Sunday evening at Mariposa Hall, 801 Lighthouse Ave. Monterey. Call 335-0466 or 372-2182 for info.

Tues, 30th

Male Sexual Abuse Workshop
A 3-session workshop by the Monterey Rape Crisis Center. The sessions will cover the male role model, the impact of boyhood abuse and trauma, and love, intimacy and sex. $5 to $20 per session (sliding scale), pay at the door. Call 393-3995 or 653-2953.

Wed, 31st

Sound & Vibration Healing
Meditation with the Didjeridoo. Presented by John Villa for those infected or affected by HIV. 1-3 p.m. at the Barnyard Community Room, Carmel. Call Pam or Joan at 394-4747. One of MCCP's Centered Living Weekly Workshops.

JUNE

Fri, 2nd

MCAP Diversity Committee
A multi-cultural, multi-racial advisory committee to address issues regarding access to services by members of traditionally underserved minority communities. 7 p.m. at the MCAP office, 780 Hamilton, Seaside. We can help with transportation from Salinas or other cities. Call Deborah at 393-1808 or Wes at 655-3756.

Sat, 3rd

Annual Marilyn Monroe Lookalike Contest at Franco's
First prize $200. Starts at 8 p.m. Call Franco's Norma Jean, 10639 Merritt St., Castroville For more information call 633-2090.

Sun, June 4th

Monterey Gay Pride Homecoming
3 p.m. BBQ at the After Dark (214 Lighthouse, Monterey) no cover charge. 6 p.m.: Homecoming Rally. 10 p.m.: Homecoming Dance & announcement of the Homecoming King & Queen. Page Scott or Diana at 644-3192 or call the After Dark nightclub at 373-7828 for more information.

Be There!
**Wed, 7th**

Health with Sound & Vibration with Linda Shake. For those infected or affected by HIV. Call Pam or Joan at 394-4747.

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**Sun, 11th**

Santa Cruz Gay Pride

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**Fri, 9th**

Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual/Transgender Subcommittee of the Monterey County AIDS Project Meets the second Friday of each month. 6:30 pm. For directions, please call 647-8033, or write to the following address: Tom Sanguino R.N., PO Box 882, Pacific Grove, CA 93950

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**Wed, 14th**

Angel Attunement & Meditation with Marsh Morgan
For those infected or affected by HIV 1-3 p.m. at the Barnyard Community Room, Carmel. Call Pam or Joan at 394-4747. One of MCAP's Centered Living Weekly Workshops.

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**Fri, 16th**

Women's Night at Franco's
Every Friday night at Franco's Norma Jean at 10639 Merritt St., Castroville. Dancing, full bar. No Cover. Restaurant open Fri. 5-9 & Sat 4-9. Franco's is also available for lesbian & gay weddings, including catering. Call 633-2090

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**Wed, 21st**

Striving to Heal
With Rosemary Brown Sanders, Psychic. For those infected or affected by HIV. Call Pam or Joan at 394-4747 for more info.

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**Sun, 25th**

Casa Esperanza Open House
John XXIII AIDS ministry opens the doors to its new facility in Salinas. 1-5 p.m., 14 West St., Salinas. Call 655-1737 for more information.

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**Mon, 26th**

John XXIII Volunteer Potluck
7 p.m. at 540 Lighthouse, Monterey. 655-1737 for more information.

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**Wed, 28th**

Personal Healing
With Jessica Haynes. For those infected or affected by HIV. Call Pam or Joan at 394-4747. One of MCAP’s Centered Living Weekly Workshops.

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**Tues, 4th**

YMCA Ice Cream Social
Outside Colton Hall, Monterey. 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Benefits the YWCA.

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**Thurs, 6th**

Mid-Life Can Be Fun
Eight-week series for women transitioning into mid-life. $15/session. Call the YWCA at 649-0834 for information.

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**Mon, 10th**

The Paper Editorial Meeting
Join the staff of Monterey County's gay newspaper. Meetings are held at the MCAP office at 780 Hamilton in picturesque Seaside at 7 p.m. Bring your ideas for the upcoming issue. Call Barbara or Wes for info. Our phone numbers are on p. 2 of this issue.

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**Mon, 24th**

John XXIII Volunteer Potluck
7 p.m. at 540 Lighthouse, Monterey. 655-1737 for more information.

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**Sat, 14th**

Walk for AIDS
The annual fundraiser approaches. A fun way to walk off an eggs benedict brunch. Put it on your calendar today. Call Bill at MCAP for more information 394-4747.

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**Oct**

**Sat, 13th**

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Dear Quicksilver,

I've lived in the community for 10 years now and I'm sick of the politics. When I express my ideas at meetings people get angry and feel like I'm on the other side. This is so draining, I want to walk from the whole scene.

Signed,
Tired Of It
P.S. I'm not the only one!

Dear Tired Of It,

Drop to the bottom line. X happens. Someone or a number of people feel upset. "They" say for whatever reason. AND TO MAKE THE DECISION. "Others" say they agree with X less. The toxic edge appears when "They" ask the "Others" to take sides with them. Walls go up. Cold shoulders.

An Alternative Way to be with it as is follows. "They" are the "Others." We're all on the same team, working for common causes. We are advocating diversity and tolerance. Get a grip. If we turn on each other, who's left? We're activists. We're concerned about social change. It matters. This is not about pleasing everyone all the time. It is about appreciation.

Let's support each other. Most people making decisions try hard not to offend. Don't take it personally when things don't go your way. Tolerance is not the same as Consent. Try to show up. Ask for what you want. Pay attention. Look deeply at Acceptance of what is and work toward change. Do we really want to work toward conformity? Do we want to discourage our most devoted social activists? Let's not spend our precious time and energy in conflict. When I studied with the Dalai Lama he said "just do what you can." I'm in love with a man who just wants to date. I keep telling him how happy we could be if he'd just give me a chance. Instead I feel that he is starting to distance me. What can I tell him to convince him he's making a mistake?

In Love and Hopeful

Dear In Love,

If you can, stop seeing him. You are describing a short course on going by nuts. It sounds like you are already starting to be controlling and judgmental. Love is acceptance. In this situation you can ask your friend to consider your feelings. Acceptance of his answer is the way to show you truly care about him. What you see is what you get.

It sounds to me like you're ready to find someone who wants to be in a committed monogamous relationship. You may be looking in the wrong place. If he tells you how he's feeling and you say "yes, but..." you are discounting and ignoring his reality.

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Bits & Pieces

Pollyanna and the Personals
Finding Love Somewhere Over The Voicemail Rainbow

by Jane Wynn
Contributing Writer

I've always been a loner of sorts; an interesting combination of wanting the spotlight and running away from it. Sort of Lucille Ball mixed with "I want to be alone" Greta Garbo and certainly not "typical" for an attractive woman of 45.

Unlike many, I have been single for most of my adult life and have lived alone for 17 wonderful years. Not to give one the impres­ sion that I am a wall flower, in fact, contrary, I pride myself with a background which includes dri­ ving cabs in Albuquerque, doing stand-up comedy at the Comedy Store on Sunset Blvd., and being a Christmas Bear in Chicago's Christmas parade. Shy, I am not.

However, I have always been quick with an excuse as to why I was not "dating" (law school, starting a new business, nursing dying friends, etc.). Provoked by two good friends, or perhaps dared, I put a personal ad in a San Francisco paper seeking a mate. It was time, my two friends told me, that I actively looked for Ms. Right.

Put a personal ad in a paper? What did I expect? I was prepared for a couple of weak, timid calls from lesbian shut-ins who never ventured out past their front porches. Why? Because my ad was enclosed. It made the reader think I understood the situation. With such a vast array of sexual citified pleasures to choose from, who would respond to PG Pollyanna?

As of the writing of this piece, my ad has been out for almost two weeks. I have not called my voice mail to retrieve my messages for two days now. Not because I will be disappointed that there will not be any warm greetings from anonymous suitors, but because there will be TOO MANY! Who would have thought that Pollyanna has made a come back!

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The timid callers came first. Shy, anonymous women who live for the day that true love can be found through the newspaper and who appear to have as their hobby, answering personal ads. "Hi, my name is Lucinda, and I saw your ad as I was browsing through the personals. Is that like looking for a new restaurant to go to?

After the first few shy ones came the first letter. It arrived almost as soon as my ad appeared in the newspaper. The timid had given way to the flight attendant who lived in Houston and wanted to meet in Oakland for some kinky, spontaneous fun. A picture was enclosed. It looked like a picture one would have done for a campaign brochure. After the "fly me" letter came a rash of responses, 29 to be exact. They came so quickly, I soon found my office and home littered with small, white pieces of paper with women's names, numbers and vital stats. "I love cats." "I'm 5' and a little overweight but working on it." "I am a musician at this bar in Los Altos for the weekend." "I am starting my own business and need some legal advice." My head was spinning and I was beginning to feel slightly overwhelmed.

Then there was a letter from a woman in Santa Cruz. Perhaps I received it on a Tuesday. The following day, I received the exact same letter from the exact same woman. She either was doing a mass mailing or she wanted to be sure that I knew she really meant business.

Then there was a letter written in French. I wondered what in my ad made the reader think I understood French? Since I do not read French, I still wonder what the letter said.

I have called many, but not all. After the deluge, I found myself in the space of enjoying my solitude more than I realized. Perhaps it was the number of responses, 29, and the thought of the task of driving all over Northern California to meet strangers. Perhaps all I really needed to know through this entire process is that there are many other attractive, personal and open women in their 40's still looking for the right person.

"They" say that when we put it out there something may come our way. In the midst of starting a card catalog for my various anonymous callers living in Northern California, without even seeing my ad, I received a call from a perfect stranger. We had met very briefly in a book store, one of my favorite places in the world. Twenty-nine responses later, I opened my eyes in my own back yard and found a jewel of a woman. I feel as if I should end this by putting on my ruby slippers, closing my eyes and clicking my heels. I think I will. There's no place like home. There's no place like home.

Next Deadline for Articles, Photos, Ads & Personals
is July 17th.

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309 FOREST AVE
PACIFIC GROVE, CA 93950
TEL (408) 375-4 ART
CHERYL TROTIER
OWNER

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We have emphasized for some time that saliva does not carry HIV and is thus not a source of transmission of the virus. A number of researchers have believed that saliva carries a substance that may kill HIV. Recently, researchers at the National Institute of Dental Research announced that they have identified a protein in human saliva (called SLPI) that shows anti-HIV activity. This finding may prove important for future treatment options. If we can find the nature of the substance, we might be able to develop a new antiviral based on it.

**Interpreting Viral Load Test Results**

In the years to come, the viral load tests (bDNA and PCR) will become mainstays of HIV treatment. [Editor's Note: the bDNA test is available at OPIS. Check with your local physician for more information.] These tests will help us to determine when an individual should start or change antivirals. The tests show their results in terms of the number of copies of HIV detected in a given amount of blood. We are beginning to understand what, in general, these tests mean.

Low Testosterone Levels

We have heard about low testosterone levels in HIV+ men in a number of past updates. However, very little information has been found in the medical literature. That is why I bring to your attention a study out of Columbia University and published in the Journal of AIDS.

In this study, researchers looked at 234 HIV+ men with a mean CD4 count of 157. The researchers found that there was a significant correlation between CD4 count and testosterone level. In other words the lower the CD4 count, the lower the testosterone level. They also identified five testosterone depleting drugs: fluconazole, ketoconazole, Megace, Tagamet and ganciclovir. People who were on any one of these drugs had lower testosterone levels than men not on any of these medications. People on Megace, in particular, were identified as having extremely low testosterone levels.

Integrase Inhibitors

Integrase is an enzyme needed for incorporating HIV into a cell's DNA. This is yet another point in the virus's life cycle where we can intervene to stop proliferation. To develop an inhibitor, we need to understand the structure of the enzyme, and researchers now know the detailed three-dimensional structure of integrase. The next step in developing an integrase inhibitor is to search for compounds that have properties that will specifically inhibit this enzyme. Five such compounds have so far been identified. And so the development of integrase inhibitors is underway with, of course, a long way to go. But the hope is there for eventually having an antiviral that works at a point different from both reverse transcriptase and protease inhibitors.

Bactrim Desensitization

When Justin Larson visited the area in February, the Idaho native had no idea he would become a resident six-weeks later! But now that he's here, he finds that, other than the beach, things aren't drastically different from the agricultural region he just left.

Though born and reared in Idaho, Justin is no stranger to California, having lived in the San Jose area for several years. And he has a background that will make your head spin!

"I started out as an apprentice butcher," says Larson, with a bit of a gleam in his eye. "I think we all agreed after a few months that cutting up raw meat was best done by others. It's just not my thing!"

Larson has worked in a variety of areas. "My father said to build your life like a building — the broader the foundation, the higher you can build." His foundation includes everything from construction office manager to disc jockey. He also pursued a degree in Bilingual Secondary Education at Eastern Oregon State College.

"I became involved in AIDS education in 1989," says Larson, "when people I knew were diagnosed HIV-positive. Since education was my background, I volunteered to do workshops with the Idaho AIDS Foundation (IAF). I got caught up in it and stayed with them for over five years."

Larson started as a Volunteers Bureau member, eventually acting as the IAF Education Coordinator. Following a leave of absence while pursuing a new job, Justin returned to active IAF volunteer work shortly after a tragic fire which consumed the IAF offices. He was quickly appointed Board President, a position which he held for a year and a half, in which he oversaw the rebuilding of the organization's programs and services.

"My strengths are in program design and implementation," revealed Larson, "as well as volunteer recruitment, training, and retention. The Foundation really needed those skills at that time. We had lost just about everything and everybody during the months following the fire, so we worked to find an office, a phone, and volunteers to get services restored as quickly as possible."

When not working in AIDS programs, Larson has been known to dabble in theater. He has a penchant for playing the comic relief characters in shows, having won a best supporting actor award last year with Boise's Knock 'Em Dead Dinner Theater.

"Zazzard in The Mystery of Edwin Drood was my favorite role. He's a lovable guy who really wants to do big things but always seems to get passed over. In the show, he gets his big shot at the spotlight. I guess I admire and relate to his patience and determination."

Justin is excited to join his partner, Jim, in Monterey County, where they and Justin's two cats look forward to making new friends and becoming a part of the gay community here.

"I feel that there are lots of opportunities here for me to grow and make a difference. Unlike in Idaho, AIDS is a reality here, so there is a better opportunity for education and outreach. In Idaho, they don't think they have a problem. Also, it's OK to be gay in California. I'm really looking forward to creating a new circle of friends and 'family' here."
Responses to the Editorial “Gay White Male...Not!”

Twelve years ago, when we first moved to the Monterey Peninsula, my mate and I went through many challenges. As a white, male couple moving here from San Francisco (from Chicago) we were struck by the lack of Community on the Peninsula. Beyond the “watering hole”, we felt as if we were the only gay men here so we threw ourselves into our work and focused on our new lives. Reflecting back, I can understand why we felt the way we did in 1983. We had just come from a city where our whole lives revolved around being gay. We worked with gay men and women, we lived in the outer Castro, we partied with gay men and women. I remember one day, walking down Market Street with a straight male friend and a carload of young men drove past and yelled anti-gay comments towards us. Just because we were two men walking down the street together it was assumed that we were gay. In larger cities you can submerge yourself in the Community.

Job opportunities landed us in the town of the newelywooded and the nearly dead, as Carmel was called back then. Because of our business, we met many people in the “small c” community, but few from the “large C” Community. Where were they? On a free night of the Monterey Community. Where were they? On a free night of the Monterey Community.

We hadn’t received any letters prior to this issue and thus had no policy regarding length, so we decided to reprint the following letters in their entirety. In the future, please limit your responses to 300 words or less.

PLEASE NOTE:
New Editorial Policy Adopted

We make our choices in life. My partner’s choice is to be very active in the Community. Mine is to be active in my town’s government. I rarely attend gay functions or events and if I do it is to support the work on the ground. That does not mean I am ashamed or embarrassed or uncomfortable about being gay. At this point in my life, it is not a priority. It’s my choice. People of color also have the choice to be involved or not to be involved.

Why is my responsibility to search out gay people of color to encourage them to become involved? Why do we always tell down to racism? If you were to visit my business, you would not see any Black or Asian employees. Is that because I’m racist? In seven years of business we had one Black man apply for a position. He was hired and worked with us a time and then moved on. One application, one hire. No Asian applications, no hires. No gay applications, no hires. Is this my fault?

To the author of “Gay White Male...Not!” I will not, as a white, male that is gay, accept your interpretation of my life. By lumping all people of a group together, you further racism and we have come to this country. This part has to do with some gay white males’ lack of concern for their Latino sex partners. Because, after all, Latinos are perceived as merely a fetish that can be bought, and no disclosure of HIV status is deemed necessary to these seemingly dispensable individuals.

Tell me, how can the members of the gay white community know how to provide services to us if they do not know our language, understand our culture or conduct outreach to us? Tell me, how can some gay white males continue to justify their continuous need to control services for a disease that affects everyone? Please tell me how can we open the hearts and minds of our white gay brothers to let us sit at the same table and have equal responsibility in the prevention of HIV and care of our families affected by this disease?

Sincerely,
Lorenzo Alberto Terrazas-Rodriguez

I recently picked up the latest issue of The Paper and boy was I surprised, nothing like tabloid journalism to gain one’s attention! As I began to read the contents of the opinion expressed by the person who wrote “Gay White Male Not”, I suddenly had certain feelings and emotions that I had to consider.

I was appalled, upset and then deeply concerned. I was astonished by the fact that someone would finally stand up and say what so many others have said behind closed doors. I was astonished that one individual would stand out and speak for so many. I was upset when I began to realize that a backlash against the individual who wrote the article would and did occur as was evident at the MCAP Board of Directors meeting. I became concerned as I began to realize that our county and the organization that we all believe in may possibly lack the understanding needed to see in the meeting the need of a diverse community. We are a diverse community. The Monterey County AIDS Project represents the County of Monterey. It is not the Carmel, Monterey, Pacific Grove AIDS Project.

I recognize that we can never be thankful enough to those individuals who have given so much to provide us with what we have today. We thank and appreciate the efforts of each one of the individuals who had the foresight to create the Monterey County AIDS Project over 10 years ago, providing services with understanding and dignity to those who are living with HIV and AIDS. As the epidemic has grown over the last 10 years, I see that it is possible that we have not attained the cultural diversity that is needed within our community to make it strong.

Monterey County is what Monterey County AIDS Project represents, but I ask you where is our cultural diversity? Do we have outreach to the Filipino, Korean, Vietnamese, Samoan, Japanese and Pacific Islander communities? All of whom live within Monterey County. The Latino community is a very large part of the community in which we live, however outreach and support to this group tend to be very limited. Where is our outreach to this community in the South County?? We must also consider the African-American community which seems to have not been integrated into the services and outreach efforts of our community at large.

In no way does anyone wish to discredit the time, energy, efforts and monies raised by those who are in the majority—“Gay White Males.” But now we need to ask and to call for cultural and ethnic diversity. We hope that this will be obtained by the mandate set by the Monterey County AIDS Project, to create an ad-hoc committee representing the needs of the diverse cultural, racial, and ethnic communities within our county. As a Gay White Male living with HIV in Monterey County, I feel that it is important for me to be a part of the community in which I live that includes all people. I only hope that more individuals will take the time to walk the walk, stand the stand, and talk the talk in integrating all of us into the one community that we are.

Finally as one individual pointed out in the Board of Directors meeting, “You have the problem, now give me the solution.” The solution is to become aware and respect the cultural diversity which surrounds each one of us. As a Gay White Male I am part of the Monterey County AIDS Project, which must be all encompassing and include all people in our continued support and education in the fight against HIV and AIDS.

James Alton Thomas
Salinas

Racism By Any Other Name...A personal view by Wes Davis

(The Author wishes to note, “I wish to let the readers of The Paper know that I am no longer a Staff Editor and will no longer be contributing any articles to this publication. Furthermore, the views expressed in this article are my personal views and do not represent any agency.”)

Just read Deborah Aguayo-Diaz’s article about racism. I would like to point out some errors in her article.

Coming Soon: The Gay Man’s Guide to Feminine Hygiene Products
First, Ms. Aguayo-Delgado arrived late at the meeting. If she had been on time, she would have observed that I did indeed ask about minority inclusion. Second, while I admire her for her convictions and for taking the time to express her views, I resent her holier-than-thou attitude that only castigates and points the finger of blame. If we as people are to truly grow and include all views, it is time that "the white gay males" are joined in their efforts and given some guidance.

We cannot continue to assume that someone is trying to oppress someone else simply because of their race. I too have lived here for about the same time. I have seen the disparity of which she speaks. I have actively supported any and all efforts to increase the involvement of people of color. If I have not been successful, it is not because I am racist, or cannot see people of color, it is that I need help in finding out how to do the job. If Deborah would focus her anger on some positive ideas and suggestions that they would be more welcome. However, she must not assume that just because I am white and gay that I am against people of color.

Regarding the E/P Network, I think that Deborah needs to check her facts before she throws stones. From the beginning, we have invited participation from all views. The Network has tried from the very beginning to be inclusive. We have used every avenue and tool possible. Yes, one could say that this was just an "invitation to participate." However, we have gone beyond that to trying to recruit people from different communities. We have asked that all members invite new participants. Without even attending any of the meetings or suggesting people to contact, or making any positive contribution, how dare you say it is the same old process? It seems to me that you only wish to complain and not to change. Perhaps it is that you have nothing to contribute.

Lastly, I would add that your article casts many people and agencies as the enemy. In so doing you have set up yet another barrier to cooperation and animosity between the races. It is very hard to try to do the right thing and be inclusive when all you get is snipping from the sidewalks and no real help. I hope that this was not your intent. However, you have put yourself in the position of allowing those who you have hurt to get you back. So, I see it, you can come join us and help or sit by the sidewalks and criticize.

The PAPER'S ROLE

T he B/G/L/T community has been an open forum with appropriate indignation from every side—Hoo-Wheel!—It looks like just about everyone has criticized somebody in this situation. (To paraphrase T. S. Eliot, we will probably go not with a whimper, but with some hot rant and raucous scolding. Gosh we confront the many faces of prejudice. Any effort in self-image, trust, education, association and good faith could be applied. Attending a variety of functions, events, festivals, workshops are meetings offered through the area's several cross-cultural and multi-ethnic associations and businesses comes to mind. For people working with HIV-related concerns there are incredible opportunities in schools and various groups to expand the place of women and minorities (as well as white men of any sexuality) in education and problem-solving around the AIDS epidemic.

Making lists, however, is easy. The fact remains, prejudice stands warily in the mind of each individual. While groups of us get together to meet the challenges that prejudice presents, it will remain within the choices, the words and actions (or lack of same) of you and me, our friends and families to move us, making inclusionary habits the order of the day.

The question, as I see it, is at what point does one take a place in solving the problems we share—prejudice is something in which all of us are immersed, if not, thankfully, everyday.

Matthew Friday Del Rey Oaks

I am a gay white male over 35, take great exception to the article written by Deborah Aguayo-Delgado.

As a founding member of the Peninsula Professional Network, a member of the Board of Directors of the Gay Men's Health Coalition and a participating member of the Gay Men's Consortium, I can say that to my knowledge these organizations whose memberships include both lesbians and gay men have never excluded any minority. In fact, we have diligently extended a welcome to all, regardless of their ethnicity, age or class.

It may be true, as stated in the article, "the same faces who pre­side over all the local decision making bodies—but those faces are not just lesbian and gay—they are primarily heterosexual."

If the writer had researched local gay history more than a year and a half she would know that, in fact, gay white males and females over 35 started the organizations and created the agencies now standing. They created the service bodies, that without extreme advocacy would possibly not even exist as we know them.

I remember the meeting the writer refers to, she arrived late, heard no introductions and did not hear the facilitator's remarks. The attendance at the meeting represented a net result of over 60 invitations to participate which had been issued. Those invitations covered each and every ethnicity, age and gender possible and the efforts of the conveners are to be commended as being inclusive to the extreme. Certain groups/representation chose not to attend, we cannot go out and drag them into meetings they feel no interest or responsibility to attend.

I endorse and respect the writer's right to her opinions, but please get your history and facts correct and please do not try to cause distrust among our gay community—we have enough to do taking care of our dying friends then to put our energy into defending ourselves against hateful and hurtful rhetoric.

Gerald Allen Carmel

Dear Editor, I read with interest the article in your last issue by Deborah Aguayo-Delgado regarding certain realities and the Gay Community. I found the article most informative. It was well written, by an intelligent person concerned about a serious issue. She had excellent views and The Paper had the right and the responsibility to print it.

I have since heard half a dozen people from minority groups express themselves on the subject and they all agree with Ms. Aguayo-Delgado.

Ms. Aguayo-Delgado happens to be a staff member of the Monterey County AIDS Project. To suggest that expressing his views has lessened her credibility and capabilities or to ask for her dismissal is nonsense - and should be dismissed as such.

John W. Castello Member of the Gay Community and an MCP Volunter

I felt that it was important to write to The Paper, and make known my feelings regarding the article in the last issue, "Gay White Male...Not!"

I would first of all, like to introduce myself. My name is Tom Sanguino. I am a Gay man of Mexican descent, and I am a
Aguayo-Delgado Responds

"The Master's tools will not dismantle the Master's house..." - Audre Lorde

When I wrote the article entitled, "Gay White Male...Not!", I knew that it would be received with a degree of dissension. This is to be expected when someone who is largely viewed as an "outsider" or the "new kid on the block" examines the status quo within the context of a public forum. The loudest objectors have personalized the article and attempted to divert attention, rather than address the essential themes and issues of the article—even to the point of publicly misquoting the article. I was, however, unprepared for the antagonistic backlash which unfolded. I wish to clarify the concerns and observations about education, care and support services that I have personalized the article, and a member of the Edu-Project.

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I feel that there was a very important message that was delivered by Deborah Aguayo-Delgado, which all people in our community needed to hear, but I do have a couple of concerns as to how the message was delivered. As a staff member of the Monterey County AIDS Project, when writing an article, in my personal opinion, it is my personal feeling that Deborah has placed herself in a position where it may be perceived by me as representing all people of color in the community that she was representing MCAP, in voicing her opinion.

It is my personal feeling, that when I speak as a representative for an group, that is visible in any community, one needs to be particularly sensitive in expressing their viewpoint, acknowledging that the served minority communities to gather the courage to risk humiliation and ridicule while joining together to advocate for their own communities. I will continue to urge members of these groups to apply for membership to the crucial decision-making bodies such as the Ryan White Consortium, MCAP Board, the E/P Network, the newly formed Ad-hoc Advisory Committees. In addition to devoting my time and energy to the Ad-hoc Committee, I am looking forward to applying to the E/P Network as well.

Further, I did not, as has been claimed, state that I felt any responsibility on any one person or organization—a point I clearly stated in the article. Some members of the Gay Men's community (and compassionately, whose meeting I cited, seem to feel unjustly singled-out. Although I can appreciate that my late arrival allowed some to doubt my "facts", a discussion of group norms to apply for membership to the crucial decision-making bodies such as the Ryan White Consortium, MCAP Board, the E/P Network as well.

In light of the fact that as of July, 1994, over 55% of all reported U.S. cases of AIDS are of color, and complicated by the climate of fear among documented and undocumented persons resulting from the current anti-immigration sentiment, it is crucial that the entire community be invested in making sure that HIV prevention education and care services are relevant and appropriate to these communities at greatest risk.

Changes in attitude and approach need to be made at every level—from individuals within a community, to community based organizations, to public health officials and legislators at national, state, and local levels, etc. Finding solutions to a community problem cannot be solely my responsibility, nor can it be incumbent upon those who are disenfranchised and have historically been denied access to information, services, and equitable representation. I will offer myself as an advocate; I can help concerned people try to find creative ways of reaching targeted groups of people—to bring the information and services to the people "where they are" instead of waiting for them to find us...After all, isn't this the model on which all HIV educational outreach is predicated? I welcome the opportunity to work with those who are committed to taking on this challenge.

To this end, at the conclusion of the public forum which was held at a recent MCAP Board of Directors meeting, I asked the Board to take a pro-active step by creating an Ad-hoc Advisory Committee which would address the concerns and needs of racial and ethnic minorities in the county. By deciding to create such a committee, the Board has admirably taken the important step of ensuring that we create conditions for change, organizing individuals within the community at large and mobilizing community-based organizations and public institutions to work together in order to down these barriers that keep people of color at high risk for HIV infection, is crucial. Now with guidance from the newly formed Ad-hoc Advisory Committee, the Board of Directors can create a forum in which the voices of all marginalized communities, thereby assuming that people of color are homogenous. To do that would be arrogant and would further perpetuate racism by disregarding the very differences among cultures which make our respective cultures unique. In the same vein, I am wary of those detractors who continue to claim to represent all gay white men and make threats and accusations in their name.

I have been called "racist", "angry", "hateful", "agist", "slovenious", and "homophobic", told that I am filled with a hatred of "gay white men", and others who would not like to be associated with me. I have received from colleagues such as clients, volunteers, and staff members, and am prouder than ever to be a part of such a professional team of individuals who are committed to upholding MCAP's mission, even when its ramifications are unpopular or controversial.

However, not all people who disagreed entirely or in part with the article have been vituperative. Remarkable people have reached out to me—some who are affected as well as living with the disease, others who are angry and hurt by what I wrote or how I chose to express myself—because they themselves have spent part of their lives trying to understand their own identities and groups and have been frustrated by the challenge. I understand that they felt "blamed" by the article, and their efforts unrecognized. I appreciate them having taken the time to seek me out; giving us the opportunity to learn more about each other, and to recognize the fact that we are all allies.

If there is one message that I can convey it is that our lives are worth living, and our individual and unique cultures are to be celebrated and deserved of respect and preservation. There will always exist a greater need for services than there are existing resources. By creating partnerships between communities at risk and the organizations in place to serve them, together we can serve all people equally and without rancor, and hopefully save lives.
 Letters to the Editor

public may perceive their opinion to be those of their agency.
I am not saying that Deborah should not have written the piece, nor am I saying that the article should not have been published, as I am an absolute supporter of the First Amendment Right of Free Speech for all people.

I feel that there should have been a prominent disclaimer printed with her article, indicating that the opinions of the author, were her personal opinions, and did not represent those of her organization.

I feel strongly, that without such a disclaimer, this article should have been more appropriately placed in The Paper as an Op-Ed piece, with a substantially less provocative title.

Hindsight is most certainly 20/20. The April/May issue of The Paper has already been released, as with the community for which it was intended.

The article has provoked many responses, both negative and positive. It has also served as a call for action to the Board of Directors of MCAP to create an ad hoc committee to address the needs of the minority community, which will have their first meeting by the time this letter is printed.

Where do we go from here?

If those of us in the community who support Deborah’s argument, but are furious with members of our community who feel they have been maligned, let our anger serve as a barrier to prevent us from having constructive interaction within our own community? Or do we channel that energy into making our community a safe community for all people, of all ethnic backgrounds?

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An Open Letter from the Monterey County AIDS Project

The management of the Monterey County AIDS Project (MCAP) wishes to acknowledge concerns raised in and as a result of an article entitled, “Gay White Male...Not!” which appeared in the last issue of The Paper. By publishing this article, MCAP certainly did not intend to offend any individual, group or organization.

The Paper is a joint effort of the Monterey County AIDS Project and members of the gay/lesbian/bisexual/transgender community. It is our responsibility, as members of the Gay community, to break down the walls that exist between factions, as well as the walls that exist between diverse racial, and socio-economic segments in our community. As our common goal, we should continue to lay the foundation for a community where we can exist in a safe environment, and further define our community.

I encourage all of you to become involved with your community, and a good place to start is with the MCAP Board of Directors Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual Advisory Committee, which meets the second Friday of each month. There will be a meeting on June 9, at 6:30 p.m. For directions, please call me at 647-8033, or write to me at the following address.

Please, let’s work together to make our community one to be proud of.

Tom Sanguineti R.N.
PO Box 882
Pacific Grove, CA 93950

Monthly Drive Nets Groceries & Cash for Pantry

MCAP volunteers braved chilly weather to solicit donations for MCAP’s food pantry May 6th. John Bisienius, Jaime Piotrkowski, Mekesha Nelson (pictured), David Guittierrez and Wes Kashiwagi made up the morning shift at the Nob Hill grocery store on Lighthouse Ave. in Pacific Grove. Bisienius and John Castello organize the drives in Monterey, which they report take in several hundred dollars in cash donations, food, and toiletries every month. To volunteer to work a 3-hour shift between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m., call MCAP at 394-4747. It’s an easy and fun way to get involved.

Letters to the Editor are Always Welcome
Welcome to Monterey?

by Cannes Deux

The words continue to make me smile... "Oh God, there's only one bar up there! You'll be running back in six weeks!" The goodbye-goodbye salutation from a friend to myself and my partner as we made our move from Southern California to the Central Coast.

In search of the "Vibe" on the Monterey Peninsula, I quickly discovered the location of the "only bar in town." It was a Tuesday evening. I soon learned that the doors don't open till 8 p.m. That figured—I thought—given the name of the establishment.

What I found inside did not disappoint me. It's a nice place! Dance floor in front, quiet bar in back, and a delightful patio area in between and the staff is friendly. What I didn't find inside is the source of my confusion...customers. Where are the people?

I can hear the cadence of sniffs, accompanied with a pointed "Get a life..." But wait, I understand that there are other things to do besides "hang out" in a bar. This is a beautiful area with lots of opportunity for "Healthy" activities. Walking, hiking, the aquarium, the wharf and the beach. Not to mention the plethora of coffee shops in old town. Are these options conducive to meeting people with whom you share the unique bond of being gay?

What about the opinion that the bar scene is unhealthy? Perhaps it is for some, but bars serve non-alcoholic beverages as well as cocktails.

I've learned that at one time there were several gay bars in the Monterey area. What happened? Did the gay population shrink so dramatically? I hear that there are a significant number of gays in this area. Many socialize in small circles that tend to remain small.

Perhaps you are a person who frequented bars at one point in your life and feel it's just not you anymore. Or you have met your "other half"—and there's no reason to cruise bars anymore. That would suggest that the primary motivation for going to a bar is to get laid.

Give a thought to the idea that you can gain anything you wish out of your experiences. If you are gay, there are certain topics of conversation, certain opinions, certain attitudes that you understand because you are gay.

In a particular bar in the town I moved from, I've met people from every walk of life, with experiences and talents in various professions that have become friends. Many other acquaintances own or manage businesses that I began to patronize after meeting them in a bar.

I met my partner in a bar. What we found in the "vibe" of that bar was a feeling of community!

If you are feeling lonely or bored, or yourself or with a "significant other" and haven't been to Monterey's bar lately, stop by, you never know who you might meet!

Another Slur in the House!

From News Release

Washingon, D.C. During debate on the Clean Water Act, Rep. Randy Cunningham (R-CA, 51st district) made a slur against gay men and lesbians. Cunningham referred to "theos in the military." He was immediately questioned by Rep. Bernie Sanders (I-VT) who asked if he was referring to the "thousands of lesbians and gay men who have risked their lives for this country."

Minutes later Rep. Barney Frank (D-4th MA), Rep. Peter DeFazio (D-4th OR), and Rep. Jerrold Nadler (D-8th NY) took the floor to denounce the anti-gay slur. Rep. Frank was recently referred to as "homos" by Rep. Dick Armey (R-26th TX). In response, Cunningham eventually ceded that he shouldn't have used "short hand" when referring the policy on gays and lesbians in the military.

CUNNINGHAM STILL DOESN'T GET IT! "HOMOS" IS NOT "SHORT HAND" — "HOMOS" IS A SLUR!


Let him know that hate speech is beneath the dignity of the House floor. Also, thank the four representatives who spoke out against slander.

As I See It

by Matthew Friday

It's been one year since the The Paper's first issue (June 1, 1994) and a lot has happened, both in our community and The Paper itself. The Paper has grown up from a damp fledgling produced at a home computer-people flying back and forth from office to kitchen with copy, ideas, hand drawings, editorial suggestions, handfuls of cookies and lots of (decaf) coffee. Arrangements and paste up would go on till sometimes 3 in the morning (which explains the decaf— somehow we all always had to work the next day); and delivery at The Herald, with luck, would be within minutes of our deadline.

Very creative and persevering people contributed their time, talents and expertise in coaxing that nursling to fly. Those who've joined goals in The Paper's almost regular publishing since then have made it a valuable tool in the community. The format continues to improve, features, editorials and cartoons generally have given The Paper the feel of continuity—or (unexpectedly?) shaken the dust off our little community.

The people who've done all this include your friends, neighbors, co-workers and adversaries. You have been on their minds almost constantly as each issue breaks out of the nest.

The Paper, made up of each contributor's experience, is shaped in large part by that person's understanding of the world—and you. If you are one of the many people whose contributions have made The Paper keep happening, thank you—from those who've brought it out, those who read it, from friends, neighbors, co-workers and adversaries. If you've ever met, or success The Paper can claim in this community.

The Paper's job is always just beginning. Besides giving voice to our interests, successes, frustrations and anxieties it must inform or educate. This is not always pretty. Besides soaring at times grace fully, we will also, without rancorous abuse, nosh on some serious prey.

The view is exciting from the perspective of this anniversary. We have a broad landscape, character, experience, and strength. With this June issue we can say proudly to ourselves as a community— We Did It...Happy Birthday!

The Paper is planning something

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Monterey's Very Own Gay Pride Parade on Alvarado St

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Women Seeking Women

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oh, so witty and gay! I am also brazen, outspoken, intelligent, talented, erotic. I invite you to let me take you off the planet. If the shoe fits, let's play! Further details, etc. 423-9738. (#02011)

Tennis Anyone?

40-ish SWL is new in town. Loves movies, tennis, books & biking. Stable, yet fun-loving, and scared to death of the idea of advertising in the personals. But...I wanna play. (#02012)

Men Seeking Men

Digital Queer Seeks Same

GAM, 29, 130, 5'6", seeks modestly wonderful man with whom to paint. See it. From digital video editor—who's very kind (of this ad). You: 29-34, short, smart, out & hairy-lipped. E-mail me at stickyrice@aol.com. (#02013)

Avg. Build & In Charge

GWM, 32, 5'10” in heels. Mentally and socially isolated, not horny. Hobby: cymbal collecting. Seeks 6’+ real man (no sissies) who will blindfold me and not have sex with me. Must speak French and be able to read and tell time. (02014)

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John XXIII AIDS Ministry
Michael Center, 540 Lighthouse Ave., Monterey, 655-1777

Moms for Moms
Support group for moms of people with AIDS. Meets the 2nd & 4th Weds. of every month in Monterey. Call 655-1737 or Jeanne Steinbach at 484-2265.

Community Resources

Alcoholics Anonymous (AA)
Central Office
Office, 649-0834 or 432-9874

American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) for Monterey County
373-4942 or 373-0823

BAYMEC
Lesbian & gay political organization. Call 899-2263 for information.

Gay Men's Health Coalition
649-2555

Grande Cypress Empire of Monterey, Inc.
373-4942 or 373-0823

Integrity
Gay Episcopalian group. Call 484-2326.

Lesbian Alliance
648-4338

Metropolitan Community Church
Services held Sunday evenings at Mariposa Hall, 801 Lighthouse Ave. Monterey. Call 373-4066 or 372-2182

Monterey County Health Department
755-1001

HIV/AIDS Resources

Monterey County AIDS Project (MCAP)
780 Hamilton, Seaside, 394-4747; and 10 Sherwood Dr. Ste. 5, Salinas, 432-5550.

Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual/Transgendered Advisory Committee of MCAP
Meets the second Friday of each month, call 647-8033 for more information.

Diversity Committee of MCAP
An ad hoc committee to promote minority access to HIV/AIDS services throughout Monterey County. For meeting information contact Wes at 655-3756.

HIV+ Hypnotherapy Workshop
Hypnosis for Healing invites HIV+ men & women to a monthly relaxation workshop. For more info, call MCAP at 394-4747.

HIV+ Support Group for Men & Women
Sponsored by the Monterey County AIDS Project (MCAP). Group meets every 2nd and 4th Tuesday at 7 p.m. at MCAP in Seaside. For more information, call MCAP at 394-4747.

Family, Friends, and Partners Support Group
Meets the 1st & 3rd Weds. of the month at MCAP in Seaside. For more information, call MCAP at 394-4747.

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6. Stop telling co-workers the rainbow flag sticker in your rear window is the flag of Bermuda
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In the grander scheme of things, all that really matters is having fun.