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The Paper

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Gay Pride 1995

Nearby Events

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.

We're Here, We're Queer, and We Know How to Make Headlines
The Paper Turns One!

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 issue took hours to complete. 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 The manual cut and paste method of production has been replaced by digital processing.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 definitely 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 had 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 become a voice for our community. Happy birthday to us and here’s to the second year!!!

Deadline for the August/September Issue is July 17th
Start typing NOW!

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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.

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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. [Editor's Note: the deadline for applications may pass before this issue goes to press.]

For more information call Salud Para La Gente's voicemail at (408) 763-3413 (bilingual Spanish/English).
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 Aguayo-Delgado, the author of the editorial, and MCAP should write a retraction. Although Aguayo-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 Aguayo-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.
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 as 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 decides 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 also 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 is here to give voice to your concerns.

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Anonymous. Testing on Fridays, appointments necessary. $20 or what you can afford. 1270 Natividad Rd. 899-8100

Monterey County AIDS Project
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
Tuesday, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Confidential or anonymous: $20-40 sliding scale. By appointment. 758-8261

Monterey/Seaside
Community Hospital (OPIS)
Confidential: $45. Appointments necessary. 23625 Holman Hwy. 625-4972

County Health Department
Anonymous: $20 or what you can afford. Testing on Fridays, appointments necessary. Broadway & Noche Buena, Seaside. 899-8100

Monterey County AIDS Project
Tuesday, 10 a.m. - noon. $20 donation. 780 Hamilton, Seaside. 394-4747

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Military, civilians working for the military & dependents on special basis 647-5662

Planned Parenthood (Seaside)
Mon/Wed/Fri, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Tues, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Thu, 11 a.m. - 6 p.m. Drop-in, 394-1691

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 Advocate quotes a former Man-to-Man coordinator as saying "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 we can 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 dehumanizing 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—nor 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 attracted to a lecture for PPN. Man-to-Man will include "mini-programs" to involve the community; the community itself is responsible for how effective the program will be.

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: 

- Peer Educator Program Manager
- Bar Outreach Program Manager
- PSE Outreach Program Manager

Workshops and Events

Safesex and other events, both instructional and social, as well as house parties. Topics can be varied and non-traditional.

Volunteers needed:
- Event Manager
- Volunteer Opportunities:
- 6 Program Mentors
- 6 Peer Educator Trainers

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
- 6 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 develop 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 every day 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 passed 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.”

PFLAG News

Local Chapter Promotes Understanding, Donates Books

Our chapter used a grant from the now-defunct Monterey County Gay, Lesbian, and Bisexual Task Force to buy ten copies of five different trade books to help educate the community about our issues. The books were selected by a large group of chapter members, purchased at a discount from Waldenbooks, and then lingered, awaiting volunteers to find them homes. I am pleased to announce that at the April meeting a brigade of volunteers stepped forward to MAKE IT HAPPEN! Books will find homes in the Monterey, Pacific Grove, Carmel Valley, and Seaside public libraries, as well as the Robert Louis Stevenson School library and 4 others.

Robin Sawyer, [Monterey County PFLAG’s] chapter president, has seen to it that we are an official chapter of the national organization, that we have a phone line, newsletter, and mail box to connect us to the community, and that we have regular programs at our meetings to both educate new members and keep “regulars” interested in coming. She has represented the chapter on panels, drummed up financial contributions, solicited volunteers for various efforts, and on and on. After more than a year as President (and Publicity Chair before that), Robin has announced that she would like to give another parent the opportunity to lead the chapter. Elections will be held in August, with nominations at the June meeting, and ballots mailed out in July. For more details, leave your name and number at 655-FLAG.

June is Gay Pride Month! Several members are going to the San Jose parade on June 11, and several to the San Francisco parade June 18. Buy a PFLAG T-shirt ($15) at the May meeting to wear to one (or more) of these parades and make a new friend—carpool with a few others!

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NGLTF: Passes Resolutions on Nat’l Social Issues

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 Jochson-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.”

We Need Writers - Got a Cause? Put It In The Paper
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What is “On-Line?”

By John E. Brennan
Contributing Writer

L ast issue we answered the question, "How do I get on-line" with an explanation of the hardware (the physical components of a computer) needed to get on-line. That discussion focused on the interaction between a computer and a modem. This column will define "on-line" and present a few examples and uses.

"On-line" is a general term used to describe the state of connection between you (via your computer) and other computers. Generally this connection occurs over a phone line, so once you have this connection you are on the line.

Everyone uses phones to make connections—mostly verbal connections. When you go on-line with your computer, you are using phone lines to make data connections. Instead of verbal communication, you use your computer as a tool to share data, search data, and retrieve data. People have been using phone lines for data communication for years.

When I was a kid and I wanted to know something and I was desperate, I would call information, 411. When I was at home with no answers from the regular sources, I'd call information and ask, "Is Greenland an island or continent?" or "How many pints are in a 1/2 gallon of milk?" Although it has become politically incorrect to ask information operators for this type of information now, the phone was my only connection to the outside world after dark. (Upon reflection, I now wonder why I thought information operators—people who sit in a low-lit place all day staring into space talking to strangers for 6 seconds at a time—could provide reliable, accurate information.) No other source for reaching out for information was available then.

Now I can reach out by going on-line. I can find out that Greenland is an island and that 4 pints are in a 1/2 gallon by searching vast databases for that information.

The vast amount of information available is one of the difficulties of going on-line. It's as if, as a kid, I had gotten all the information operators in the world on the line at the same time and asked the question, "How do I decide what my favorite color is?" I would have a vast number of answers and many languages to contend with.

Since on-line only describes the connection to other computers, we only have the question half answered. You can be connected (on-line) to a variety of places, like Compuserve, America Online, a local bulletin board or an Internet provider. See the side bar for a brief explanation of the Internet.

Once you are online, you can send and receive e-mail (electronic mail), look up current news, conduct research on a particular topic, chat with others with similar interests, and explore the depths of whatever else is out there. Do you have a particular interest, say foreign films, current HIV research, skeet shooting or repairing Volvos? Chances are you can find people with similar interests to discuss the issues of the day.

Next issue: The Joys of E-Mail! E-mail John E. Brennan at 74744.3653@compuserve.com, The Paper at stickyrice@aol.com.

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The Paper's Computer Column ~@#$%^&*()' +

Fast 4 Reviews of Cultural Elements

by seven forty

Film

Priest: Protecting the guilty and persecuting the innocent. Creating guilt and absorbing dedication. All this and more from the Catholic Church. Hot love scene between the two most handsome men in the UK.

Kiss of Death: The title says it all. Why bother?

RENT! (Into the Jungle)

Aguirre: The Wrath of God (1972): Werner Herzog's surreal tale of a European dreamer leading followers through the Amazon Basin in the mid-1500s. Tension, betrayal and dirty costumes.

Fitzcarraldo (1982): Werner Herzog's return to the jungle. An obsessed man's dream to move a 200-ton steam boat over a mountain in the Amazon to finance opera in the jungle. Amazing and astonishing. A bit long, but most compulsions are.


Hearts of Darkness (1991) (The making of Apocalypse Now): The tale of making an amazing and astonishing movie uncovers the real soul of the movie and players. The horror of the movie is the horror of making the movie.

CD

Turbulent Indigo/Joni Mitchell: Not that great. Maybe it will grow on me. As always with Joni, the words are the core. Music's a bit swirly.

Unplugged in New York/Nirvana: A disappointing swan song. Some of the rocks are sharp, but it mostly treads on mediocre soil. Fantastic in concept.

EAT: Solving the Epicurean Equation

Jalapeños: Salvadorian and Mexican food. Don't be put off by the mini-mail exterior. Inside is a restaurant in a style and tradition to rival the best dives in San Francisco. The food is great, the atmosphere not unexpected, and then there's the blaring music. Go now.

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Monterey AIDS Project and Abbey Infusion Services

Present a Forum on HIV Wasting Syndrome and Antiretroviral Therapy Update

Saturday, June 24, 1995
10 a.m. - 3 p.m., lunch provided
Monterey Beach Hotel
Monterey, California

This will be a clinical update for health care providers as well as people living with HIV infection and their caregivers.

For more information, please contact:
Tom Sanguino, R.N.
Abbey Home Healthcare
(408) 655-4080 or (800) 775-4872
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 3-29 (various events)
Harriman, 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 Brazos Gay Pride
London ............................................ October 25th 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
Providence, RI .................................. June 17th
Redondo Beach/South Bay, CA ............ September 17
Rockefeller, 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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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’ll lesbian & gay news. KUSP, 88.9 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 radio 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: TWRadio@aol.com), or call Greg Gordon at (213) 874-0874.

Community Calendar

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 373-3065 or 653-2953.

Wed, 31st
Sound & Vibration Healing
Meditation with the Didjeridoo. Presented by John Villa for those infected or affected by HIV.

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 & 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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Wed, 7th
Health with Sound & Vibration
with Linda Shade. For those infected or affected by HIV. Call Pam or Joan at 394-4747.

Sun, 11th
Santa Cruz Gay Pride

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

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.

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

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.

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.

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.

Mon, 24th
John XXIII Volunteer Potluck
7 p.m. at 540 Lighthouse, Monterey. 655-1737 for more information.

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

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A Peek into the $4.98 Beauty Contest & BBQ
The Grande Cypress Empire sponsored a fundraiser BBQ and beauty contest May 14th at the After Dark to raise money for local charities. Emperors Brent and Jonathan and members of the court were present (top photo) as were members of the Modesto court (center) who helped out with the cooking duties that afternoon. Local residents turned out to both support (bottom) and participate in (left) the event, which follows on the heels of the very successful Closet Ball which was held in Carmel the night before. To find out about upcoming court events, call 899-2048.
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. Sometimes a number of people feel upset. “They” say wait a minute we disagree. “Others” say agree with X for whatever reason. AND THEY HAVE THE AUTHORITY TO MAKE THE DECISION. “They” feel their ideas are being discounted. Feelings are hurt. Additionally “They” feel helpless. The toxic edge appears.

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.”

Dear Quicksilver,

I am 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?

Signed,
In Love and Hopeful

Dear In Love,

If you can, stop seeing him. You are describing a short course on going nuts. It sounds like you are already starting to control 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.

Send questions for Quicksilver to The Paper at P.O. Box 2081, Monterey, CA 93942-2081. Quicksilver Answering Service is provided by a Licensed Marriage, Family and Child Therapist. The suggestions made here are intended to be helpful in general situations. If you are experiencing overwhelming feelings contact a local mental health professional.

Send in Your Questions Today
The Being Alive Medical Update

Presented by Dr. Mark Katz
Reported by Jim Stoeker

We have emphasized for some time that saliva does not carry HIV at all 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 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 test results mean.

If the number of viral copies is less than 10,000, there is probably nothing that needs to be done. With a result of between 10,000 to 20,000, an individual should review his/her options. If there are 20,000 to 100,000 copies, it is time to do something (get on an antiviral, begin ORI prophylaxis). If over 100,000 copies are detected, aggressive treatment should be pursued.

Integrate Inhibitors

Integrate 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 integrate. The next step in developing an integrate 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 integrate 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

We have made the case many times that anyone whose T-cell count falls below 200 should be on PCP prophylaxis. And we have also made the case that PCP prophylaxis should be, if at all possible, Bactrim. Many people have problems with the drug, but there are a number of desensitization regimens available. And many report high success rates with these regimens. We emphasize that it is worth the effort to pursue desensitization if you initially have problems with Bactrim; it is currently the superior prophylaxis for PCP.

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.

Low levels of testosterone are associated with fatigue, weight loss and decreased libido. If you have any of these symptoms, you should have a test of your serum testosterone level to determine if treatment is needed.

Boise on the Bay?

MCAP welcomes new Man-to-Man Outreach Coordinator

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've always been 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 Speakers 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.

"Bazzard 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 responses to the only gay men here so we threw out "watering holes" where our whole lives revolved around being gay. We partied with gay men from over powering of the White, over the age of 35, middle to upper class, literate, and English speaking men.

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 of those that I believe in. 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.

Is it my responsibility to seek out gay people of color to encourage them to become involved? Why does it always fall down to racists? If you were to visit my business, you would not see any Black or Asian employees. Is that because I am racist? In seven years of business we have 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 work towards the solution to the problem. I will do my part in this world to better it any way I can. I know you will do yours. Thank God we have the Ryan White Consortium, the Gay Men's Consortium, MCAP Board of Directors and the E/P Network that are willing to give their time to volunteer for the causes that they stand for. Volunteers are hard to find. Remember, we worked a long time on this Peninsula. With the help of many volunteers and Board of Directors, we have just jumped on the horse to ride. Don't beat the poor animal. It will fall over and die and then where will we be?

Richard Mygroth
Pacific Grove

It is great that the article "Gay White Male...Not!" was published in The Paper, because you are expressing the opinion of many people who are marginalized or have difficulties in expressing their voices.

I completely agree with the issues of racism and classism that are brought up in the article. To be gay in the city you have to get involved in the established gay white male society of the Monterey Peninsula. I write for this class. We critized government and politicians for not being reality-based in their decision-making. Likewise we have to be critical of the exclusive gay white males who monopolize the decision-making efforts regarding HIV service programs, when they have little or no knowledge of the daily struggle of an unemployed, farm working, HIV-infected transvestite who turns tricks in order to care for his dying partner, or of a fifteen year old, third generation gang member. It is a fact that many Latinos become infected by white gay males after they have come to this country. This partly 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 continued 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

When is it my turn to have AIDS where will the safe places be for me?

OPES...YES!
NIDO...YES
JOHN XXII...YES
MCAP...NOT!

Gay males are not stupid and we are also not available for attack...eliminate the danger, whatever it takes...but let us not reduce ourselves to Ms. Aguayo-Delgado's agenda to pit one minority against another!

Wayne Johnson
Monterey

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.

First I was appalled, upset and then deeply concerned. I was astonished by the fact that some one 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 in meeting the needs 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 individuals 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 services to this group tend to be very limited. Where is our outreach to this community in the Salinas 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 our Monterey County AIDS Project, to create an ad-hoc committee representing the needs of the diverse cultural, racial, and ethnic communities within our county. Then I can be 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, 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 of us. Our community is 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 Allton 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.

I just read Deborah Aguayo-Delgado'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 painting all gay white men 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 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 only could be welcoming. However, she must not assume that just because I am white and gay that I am against people of color.

Earlier 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 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 contributions, 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 amity 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 sidelines and no real help. I hope that this was not your intent. However, you have put yourself in the position of being defensive as though people who have tried. So let us see it, you can come join us and help or sit by the sidelines and criticize.

Regarding the issue of whether or not I would print this article, yes she should have. However, the article should have had a disclaimer that this was not the view of MCAP staff nor The Paper staff. They should have labeled this article as a personal opinion. It was not. This article should have been an editorial article, not front page "news" as it appeared to be. I also wonder if Joy Rubey as Executive Editor would have approved an article complaining about "The Same Old Lesbians Run MCAP!" to appear in The Paper as front page news? I doubt it. Nor should she. Joy allowed this to go forward as though she nor as one's VIEWS. In so doing she has institutionalized this brand of discrimination not only for The Paper, but possibly for MCAP.

The point here is to say that there had been this between NEWS and VIEWS. I do not condone censorship. I also do not condone open hostility toward any one group. In running this article, you have shown that the leadership has been summoned, scrutinized and from some quarters, the community itself has roared, responding to the accusing thorn of prejudice, and The Paper, more longer of unbecoming tides, was reminded to behave more properly.

Phew! The smoke cleared, wounded citizens lie twisted and bleeding everywhere—but somehow, the action was necessary, the fire was put out, the wickedness of the Maddie-dog had worked its way through the saddle, untouchable and unrefracted.

Monterey County's problems with minority representation should surprise no one. (For instance, since the 1960's our county has been under a federal injunction to submit all changes in our electoral processes, e.g., redistricting, to judicial review because of past racial inequities. I'm not sure how many counties across the U.S. can claim this distinction—but I'm fairly sure that far fewer would want to.)

It's probably not necessary to cite the comments—or telling silences—about Carmel, Pebble Beach, Seaside, Castroville, Salinas, or King City. And, of course, as lesbians, gays, bisexuals, transgenders and drag queens we're aware of prejudices besides class, color, language, culture, or ethnicity... (ahh, but that could hit a little close to home.)

She offers no suggestion on how to arrive late at the meeting. If Deborah would have been invited to present her paper, she would have had the opportunity to share her research and insights. However, the article cast her as part of the problem that she seeks to solve. These are my views as I see them. I hope that some good can come from the enmity and animosity that Deborah's article contained and has generated.

The Paper: We are saddened by Mr. Davis' decision to stop contributing his insightful commentaries and HIV news articles to The Paper.

The Editors stand behind our decision to print Ms. Aguayo-Delgado's editorial on the front page of the April/May issue. We do not believe that any personal comments, editorials, or other materials should be arbitrarily banned from the front page of The Paper. The Editors also feel that Ms. Aguayo-Delgado's article does not single out gay white, middle-class men only, it is critical of the entire gay community, a number of us, the editors, applied to her editorially concluded this issue, we apologize.

The B/G/L/T community has the potential for appropriate indignation from every side—Hoo Whee!—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 inclusive 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 forgetfully, every day.

Matthew Friday Del Rey Oaks

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 gender.

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 exist even as we know them today. I remember the meeting the writer refers to, she arrived late, heared 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, all of 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.

Some 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.

Gerard Allen Carmel

Dear Editor, I read with interest the article in your last issue by Deborah Aguayo-Delgado regarding certain minorities 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 every right to her views and The Paper had the right to 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 her views has lessened her credibility and capabilities or to ask for her dismissal is nonsense - and should be dismissed as such.

John W. Castillo Member of the Gay Community and an MCAP Volunteer

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
Letters to the Editor

Aguayo-Delgado Responds

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

When I wrote the article entitled, "Gay White Males...", I knew that it would be received with a degree of dissonance. 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 objectives of the article, which seem to have been overlooked or misconstrued, and to respond to some of the fallout.

My intent when writing the original article was to lend voice to many of the people throughout Monterey County who cannot come forward to speak their own truths. I shared my concerns and observations about the dangerous exclusion of people of color resulting from the current climate of fear and examining the status quo, my article was also to serve as a call to action—intended to encourage people of color and members of traditionally underrepresented minority communities to bring 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, MCPAC 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, attempt to take on responsibility on any one person or organization—a point I clearly stated in the article. Some members of the Gay Men's Community Group, 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 community groups and people who historically have had very little access to relevant HIV education, care and support services. I focused on the subtle exclusion of gay people of color and members of minority communities, and acknowledged that this possibly could be a result of simple benign neglect, which is the most passive form of racism [the term minority here refers to racial, cultural, economic, and ethnic minorities—and issues of sexual minorities within these groups].

In addition to raising awareness and examining the status quo, my article was also to serve as a call to action—intended to encourage people of color and members of traditionally underrepresented 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, MCPAC 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.

In light of the fact that as of July, 1994, over 55% of all reported AIDS cases in the U.S. were of African-American, Latino, and Native American descent, 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 predicted? I welcome the opportunity in working with those who are committed to taking on this challenge.

To this end, at the conclusion of the public forum which was conducted at a recent MCPAC 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 responsibility in order to 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 Monterey County AIDS Project will be able to provide leadership in developing ways of creating linkages between at-risk individuals and community groups to provide advocacy within systems to ensure access. [Editor's Note: For more info on the Diversity Advisory Committee, see the listing in column calendar for June 2nd.]

My intention in writing the previous article certainly was not to be divisive. I was expressing the truths about certain people’s lives. These truths are painful, but neither divisive nor slanderous. On the contrary, what I have witnessed to be divisive are some of the defensive and destructive ways in which some people have chosen to respond. I did not call anyone a racist, nor did I make the assumption that gay white men are “against people of color”. Instead, I addressed exclusionary practices that are prevalent in many societal situations, and in the gay community as well. I also do not claim to represent all people 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 groups 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”, “slanderos”, and “homophobic”, told that I am filled with a hatred of “gay white men”, and that all white people are to blame for a current public humiliation of those who have ever died from AIDS in Monterey County are now “rolling in their graves”, because of me. Immediately after publishing, one reader who thought that he was going “to refer the matter” to his attorney because he believed I had portrayed him “both professionally and personally as a racist”.

People comfortable with the article’s contents have written them off as “old news”, “punishing people for being white”, and just another example of “the same old thing—another lesbian of color who blames without offering a solution”. Much energy has also been placed on blaming The Paper staff for having placed my article on their front page, which is not true. I wrote directly to the editors of the letter to the editor (where I imagine “histrionic” writing such as my piece live in exile).

Yet what I have done is express the truthful realities of many peoples’ lives—people who, for a variety of reasons and barriers, are chronically underrepresented in most decision-making arenas in this society (gay or straight). Does my affirmation of the existence of some who are marginalized constitute an opinion only suited for placement on an editorial page? To say that the commentaries and observations found in my article belong to the realm of opinion, rather than actuality. This would not only be erroneous, but a disservice to the life experiences I am validating.

The boundary between my personal and professional life continues to be blurred by the refusal of some to acknowledge that I wrote the article as a concerned individual, and not as a MCPAC staff member or agency representative. As a result, my qualifications, not only for writing the article but also for doing my job, have been publicly called into question, and it has been demanded that I be removed from my position as a paid staff member of MCPAC.

More astounding are the demands that this should also happen to all MCPAC staff members who have supported the article. I am grateful for the support of many colleagues who have received from colleagues such as clients, volunteers, and staff members, and am prouder than ever to be a part of such a team. I am prouder to be a part of a team of individuals who are committed to uphold MCPAC’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 HIV/AIDS. I am thankful to all those 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 make us realize the value, who are among us, 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 deserving 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.
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?

Do those of us in the community who are furious with our perceptions of the article, let our anger serve as a tool to further factionalize our community, or do we channel that energy into making our community a safe community for all people, of all ethnic backgrounds?

Do 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 join together with members of our community who may hold very different opinions than our own, and continue to wage our battle against homophobia, and AIDS?

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 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 Sanguino R.N.
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Pacific Grove, CA 93950

Ms. Aguayo-Delgado is obviously a new kid on the block. Her “facts” are often wrong, her approach abusive, her anger obvious. Three other MCAP employees and a major donor have publically endorsed her histrionic manifesto. They ALL need to go—STAY! The article and each endorsement is a HATE CRIME against gay white men over 35, and we do not deserve it. Ms. Aguayo-Delgado should attend a few meetings and then would know that the final power brokers with regard to HIV/AIDS policy making are heterosexual women and men. What did a gay white male ever do to you, Deborah? Do your research, then we will talk.

Bryan Callas
Monterey

It amazes me how often White gay men and women describe racial minorities as “them.” Apparently when these people describe themselves, “white” always precedes “gay.” It must be comforting to be part of the American majority, yet still profess to belong to a minority group whenever it’s convenient or personally advantageous.

When I hear someone use the phrase “Is it my responsibility?” I know that the real message is “I’m comfortable and I really don’t give a damn about you.” When AIDS struck White gay men, they fully expected the entire gay community to come to their rescue. Now that the epidemic has spread to people of color and women—the same groups that have altruistically provided support for the past decade—White gay men see no reason to open up a place at the table for them.

It’s ironic to hear local lesbian women parrot this message of indifference, since they continue to be shunned and ridiculed by the gay male community.

Until we learn to behave as “family,” where the concerns of the gay community aren’t divided along racial or gender lines, let’s pack away the rainbow flag and replace it with something less hypocritical: a light-white flag of surrender.

Russ Dunsenberg
Monterey

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!” that 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 under a grant from the Monterey County Health Department (with funding from the State Office of AIDS) for HIV Education and Prevention services. As stated in The Paper’s editorial policy, “the opinions expressed in these pages are not necessarily those of the staff of The Paper, the Monterey County AIDS Project, the State of California, or the Monterey County Health Department.”

Many recommendations have been made both to MCAP and to the editorial staff of The Paper to address issues related to this article and the various concerns about its publication. Recognizing the importance of these issues, several steps have been undertaken:

• MCAP’s Board of Directors set aside time at their April meeting to hear the testimony of 15 concerned community members.

• MCAP’s Board created an ad hoc advisory committee to focus on racial and ethnic minority issues.

• MCAP’s Advisory Committee on Lesbian/Gay/Bisexual issues held a special meeting to discuss this article, and recommended that: 1) MCAP staff responsible for the publication of The Paper meet with The Paper’s editorial staff to develop guidelines for publication of editorial-type submissions (e.g., placement, disclaimers, degree of editorial license). 2) MCAP staff and volunteers work with other community leaders and groups to sponsor a community-wide workshop or retreat to focus on coalition building and healing rifts within the HIV community.

MCAP remains firm in its commitment to provide HIV education, and care and support services to all people infected and affected by this disease, regardless of age, gender, race, ethnicity, gender preference, or socio-economic status. The responsibility for healing divisions and rifts within and among communities, and for creating solutions to the problems facing us, is shared among all individuals and organizations in leadership positions. We welcome comments from concerned community members who are interested in improving our services and our ability to deliver them in a supportive and accessible manner.

Suggestions can be made to the MCAP Board Member-at-Large Lorraine Faherty, Board President Jeffrey Merritt, or Executive Director Joy Rubey. In addition, MCAP Board meetings (scheduled for the third Monday evening of each month) are open to the public. For further information, please contact MCAP at 394-4747 from Peninsula telephones, 772-8200 in the Salinas area, or 1-800-300-4740 from other parts of the county.

Letters to the Editor are Always Welcome
Welcome to Monterey?

by Cannes Deux

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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-good luck salutation from a friend to myself 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, by Cannes Deux

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What I found inside did not disappoint me. It's a nice place! Dance floor in front, bar in back, and a delightful patio 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?

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, by 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

Washington, 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 "hemos 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 "Fag by Rep. Dick Armey (R-26th TX)." In response, Cunningham eventually ceded that he shouldn't have used "short hand" when referring to gays and lesbians in the military.

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

As I See It

by Matthew Friday

Contributing Writer

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 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—somewhere 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 nursing 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, many other acquaintances who made it happen. As they move on, they leave a legacy to the community of Monterey. They have contributed to the creation of a community that is unique in its own right.

The Paper's job is always just beginning. Besides giving voice to our interests, successes, frustrations and anxieties it must inform and educate. This is not always pretty. Besides soaring at times gracefully, 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!
For Sale

- Black Leather Motorcycle Jacket
- Size medium, $210, well-worn, butch as fuck. Call John at 622-9917.

Nightclubs

- The After Dark
- 214 Lighthouse Ave., Monterey
- Dancing, full bar. 373-7828
- Dancing, full bar. 633-2090

Women's Resources

- Battered Lesbians Support Therapy
- For lesbians involved in emotionally or physically abusive relationships. Meets weekly (there is a fee). Call 649-6283.
- Monterey Rape Crisis Center
- Rape Crisis Line, 373-4357; North County Crisis Line, 633-5900, Office, 373-3955.
- YWCA

Community Resources

- Alcoholics Anonymous (AA)
- Central Office
- 373-9713 or 424-9674
- American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU)
- For Monterey County
- 373-4491 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.
- 899-2084
- 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 335-0466 or 372-2192
- Monterey County Health Department
- 755-4512
- National Coalition Building Institute
- 373-4606
- Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG)
- Meets the 4th Tuesday of every month in Carmel. Call 655-FLAG for information on meetings and speakers.
- Pet Loss Grief Support Group
- 649-6283
- The Peninsula Professionals Network (PPN)
- A social group for professional men and women from the Central Coast. Call 659-2446 for information.
- Salud Para La Gente
- Health services and education in Spanish and English for the Pajaro Valley. Call 763-3413 (voicemail) for information.
- Santa Cruz Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual & Transgendered Community Center
- 1328 Commerce Lane in Santa Cruz. Call 425-LGBG for information on programs and community activities.
- Transgender Support Group
- 462-3663
- Women's Bisexual Network
- 427-4596

HIV/AIDS Resources

- Monterey County AIDS Project (MCAP)
- 780 Hamilton, Seaside, 394-4747; and 10 Sherwood Dr. Ste. 5, Salinas, 424-5550.
- 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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10. Come out to your dog
9. Stop pretending you like everything k.d. lang and Melissa Etheridge sing
8. Rubbers, rubbers, rubbers
7. Explain to parents the role of Melrose Place in your life
6. Stop telling co-workers the rainbow flag sticker in your rear window is the flag of Bermuda
5. Stop making your girlfriend pretend she is blind just so you can hold hands/elbows
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3. Go ahead, order the quiche
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