Saying "I Do" to Gay Marriage

Harness/Morrow

David Morrow and David Harness exchanged marriage vows at a private ceremony held September 2nd in Monterey. "I always wanted one relationship," said Harness, "I want the dog, the kids, the house with the white picket fence." The ceremony marks the end of the couple's year long engagement. The couple dated for two years after being introduced by a mutual friend.

Harness, 26, and Morrow, 24, live together in San Francisco, although they often travel to Monterey where Harness is a well-known DJ. The two men chose to exchange their own vows during the moving ceremony. Holding Morrow's hand, Harness said, "I just kept kicking everyone to the curb because you just wanted to be with David because of who he is. You're the world to me." Morrow spoke to Harness about the years they would share together. "I'm so grateful that I'll be able to love him forever," said Morrow as he turned towards Harness, "You're everything to me."

The mothers and family members of both men were on hand for the ceremony. Renee Harness said that she was not surprised to hear of her son's plans to marry. "I just hope David [Morrow] is paying attention to his cooking," she joked, "David is picky."

Barbara Gammill, Morrow's mother, was also pleased with her oldest son's decision to marry. "After I met David [Harness] I knew that they really cared a lot about each other."

The decision to have a non-traditional ceremony wasn't entirely intentional. Harness had called several members of the local clergy in the weeks preceding the ceremony, but his calls weren't returned. Of the approximately 150 guests, many of whom were gay, only a handful had been to a gay wedding. Many said that they knew of gay couples in long-term relationships, but that only a few of these had chosen to have a ceremony.

Harness' sister, Patty Dingle, said that for many of her gay friends weddings seem "so hetero." Dingle continued that the religious aspects of the ceremony were secondary: "Commitment in their lifestyle is important. This gives them the opportunity to show that commitment to the community and their friends. The next logical step is the government."

Surprisingly few of the guests had been to a gay wedding. Both Harness and Morrow saw the wedding as an opportunity to show their friends and the community that they are committed to their relationship. "You know I must love you or I wouldn't be up in front of all these people," said Harness, laughing.

The newlyweds don't plan on taking a honeymoon immediately, opting instead for a few days away by themselves. "We have a date with Mickey and Minnie," joked Harness.

The Engelparks Wed in P.G. Ceremony

Shannon Englebrecht and Ann Parker were married September 17th in Pacific Grove. The two Mountain View women welcomed family and friends to a beautiful, open-air ceremony. Parker is from South Dakota, and met Parker in San Francisco.

The couple drew their wedding vows from eclectic sources. They included selections from a traditional but non-sexist Anglican ceremony, poems, and lyrics from the Johnny Cash song "I Walk the Line". After exchanging wedding bands and their own vows, the ceremony concluded with the two women literally tying the knot with a broad white ribbon wrapped over their clasped hands. Guests were encouraged to sign a Quaker marriage certificate.

The couple traveled to Timberline Lodge north of San Francisco for their honeymoon.

We May Soon Have It, But Do We Want It?
by Matthew Rimoni
Contributing Writer

As the Hawaiian courts' ruling legalizing same-sex marriage approaches, Monterey's gay community is forced to ask itself if the legal right to marry is what it really wants.

Lesbians and gay men in America have always been denied the benefits of marriage. Medical coverage is afforded to those lucky enough to work for progressive companies or live in cities like San Francisco, but no same sex couple receives the tax breaks, inheritance rights, or military benefits enjoyed by their straight counterparts. Same sex marriages are also not recognized by the immigration department as cause for suspending deportations.

Not the Marrying Kind?
For John and Jim [both are pseudonyms], thoughts of marriage haven't entered into their relationship. For this Monterey couple, their own commitment to one another is enough. "I don't feel I need the ceremony," said John, 29, "I don't need people's approval to know that I'm sure of our relationship."

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Mission Statement

"To inform and give voice to the concerns of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender groups and individuals of Monterey County in order to contribute to the growth, stability, and cohesiveness of the community to the benefit of all its members."

Editor's Note

As much as I complain about missed deadlines and having to beg people for articles, working on The Paper has its rewards.

I had the honor of attending two local gay weddings last month. Happiness belongs to those who accept themselves for who they are, and these two couples obviously felt no lingering doubts about their decision to publicly acknowledge their love for their partners.

The legalization of same-sex marriages in Hawaii will open the possibility of legalized gay marriage in California. It may prove the battle needed to unify our increasingly fragmented community.

If legal gay marriages demonstrated a higher success rate than that of straights, the hate groups that have attacked our community for being anti-family and incapable of forming lasting relationships would be hard pressed to justify their angry rhetoric.

Just as love isn't the exclusive property of a particular class or race, marriage shouldn't be viewed as a purely "hetero" concept.

Amtrak Donates Shipping of AIDS Quilt

Amtrak, the railroad service provider, donated its services to help the NAMES Project Foundation transport the massive AIDS Memorial Quilt to the Rose Bowl Stadium in Pasadena.

The Amtrak Coast Starlight, a train that runs between Seattle and Los Angeles, was used to pull cars containing the panels of the quilt to Pasadena free of charge, according to a news release from the NAMES Project.

"AIDS has touched many of the lives of Amtrak's employees, passengers, and friends," said Brian Rosenwald, manager of the Coast Starlight. "I'm personally proud the Coast Starlight will deliver the Quilt to such a memorable event."

Black Gay Organization Aims For Nat'l Presence

More than three years after the membership of the Black Gay and Lesbian Leadership Forum (BGLLF) voted to make the Los Angeles-based group a national organization, its newly-appointed executive director says the group is finally ready to make that move.

"We're moving into a new era," said Keith Boykin, the forum's first executive director. "For whatever we may or may not have done in the past, BGLLF is ready to broaden its scope ... and [that involves a new vision, new activism, a significant national presence."

Rep. Frank May Open Closet On GOP Gays

Rep. Barney Frank, D-Mass., says he'll disclose to congressional leaders the names of closeted gay Republican colleagues if their party tries to reverse an executive order that prohibits discrimination against homosexuals who seek security clearances.

Frank, who publicly declared he was gay in 1987 after serving three terms in the House, first threatened to name the gay GOP lawmakers during floor consideration of the defense appropriations bill earlier this month.

Conservative Rep. Bob Dornan, R-Calif., was expected to offer an amendment blocking the executive order, which President Clinton issued last month.

Dornan never offered the amendment but now says he may take up the language in the Select Intelligence Committee, where he chairs the Subcommittee on Technical and Tactical Intelligence.

"If they were to vote that closeted gay people were a security risk, I would send a list of closeted gay Republicans to the ethics committee," Frank said. "If that's the policy, I probably have an obligation to report them."

Shocking Gray Goes Under, Mismanaged

Shocking Gray's consulting buyer and an office assistant have told In Unison newsmagazine (based out of Columbia, S.C.) the mail-order catalog company has closed and intends to file for bankruptcy.

Ed Rhuebart, a Manhattan-based buyer for the largest gay and lesbian catalog company, said Shocking Gray has stopped processing orders, released employees and padlocked its offices shut.

Rhuebart said he did not know if Shocking Gray's shutdown is permanent or if it will open after realligning the company and its procedures.

"Shocking Gray, the catalog, was doing fine. Shocking Gray, the company, was not," Rhuebart said.

A former office assistant of the company said Shocking Gray was not being run like a business should. "It was a real big mess. We had vendors stop supplying us because we paid in cash. Creditors were hounding us, and we just dug a hole too deep to get out of," said the former employee, who requested anonymity.

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Pocket Pigs: the Latest Fashion in Small Plastic Swine?
Suspended Teachers Get Support
from the Washington Times

SAN FRANCISCO (UPI) - City school officials said yesterday that they may appeal a state decision to suspend the licenses of two instructors who allowed sixth-graders to hear an explicit description of homosexual acts.

The teachers, who remain unnamed, were informed Monday of the decision by the state Commission on Teacher Credentialing.

"This is a very unusual case," said Judy Della Monica, vice president of the United Teachers of San Francisco union.

"To have a credential revoked in this case, teachers - did not directly do anything is not at all a good precedent."

Gail Kaufman, a spokeswoman for the San Francisco Unified School District, said the district was shocked by the ruling and was considering an appeal.

"This had nothing to do with the teachers' character," Ms. Kaufman said. "I'm not suggesting it was necessarily good judgment, but I think it was an incident that has certainly dealt with by the district."

Officials with the Rutherford Institute, a conservative legal aid group in Virginia that helped a parent of one student file the original complaint, heralded the decision.

"This matter indeed represents the first bullets fired in what we can see as a growing campaign to eradicate such grotesque violations of parents' rights in public schools," said Brad Dacus, a Rutherford attorney.

At issue was a talk given April 24, 1992, at San Francisco's Everett Middle School. Students from two classes were grouped together to hear guest speakers talk about hate crimes and violence against homosexuals.

But a girl in the class told her parents it went much further.

She said one speaker, a lesbian, told the class, when asked about her sexual feelings, that she did not want to be a man: "I just use a dildo." The speaker went on to tell the class how to use a dildo for oral and anal sex.

Bruce Budnick, the parent who filed the suit, said he was shocked when his daughter relayed what had been told to the class.

Ms. Kaufman said guidelines have since been put in place by the school district to make it clear to guest speakers what they may discuss with students.

Monterey Pride Association Starts Planning for '96

The Monterey Pride Association (MPA) will meet Sunday, October 22nd, at Morgan's Coffee and Tea, 498 Washington in downtown Monterey to discuss this year's pride festival.

The MPA is working on scheduling Monterey's 2nd Annual Gay Pride Festival and the first gay pride parade downtown Alvarado Street downtown. The theme for the 1996 Pride festival, which will be held June 8-9, is "Conquering Invisibility."

The MPA is a volunteer effort. They invite you to join and help make Pride '96 a success. Call Scott at 647-8234 for info.

Stopping the 2nd Wave
Committee Asks Minority Groups to Support HIV/AIDS Issues

by Russ Duesenberg
Contributing Writer

AIDS is not a gay problem, it's your problem. That's the message a local committee asked leaders of minority organizations to understand and take back to their respective communities at a recent presentation.

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For more information on the Diversity Committee call Deborah Aguayo-Delgado at 393-1809.

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First National Gender Lobbying Day Takes Off!

From Press Release

Washington, DC - On October 2nd and 3rd, 75 transgender, transsexual and genderqueer activists from across the US will gather on Capitol Hill to participate in the first National Gender Lobbying Day. This historic occasion marks the first time the gender community citizens and constituents from more than 20 states will meet on issues critical to the gender community such as employment discrimination, civil rights, access to medical care, and soaring levels of bias-related violence against the transgendered.

Said organizer Riki Anne Wilchins of the direct action group The Transsexual Menace, "It's high time 'genderqueers' came out of the closets, out of the shadows, and out of the margins. Too many of us have lost our jobs, our homes, and even our lives simply because of who and what we are. We work. We vote. We pay taxes. And we will no longer be silenced or shamed into political immobility. With Lobbying Day, we announce to the world that we are out for good."

NGL Day was born when a handful of gender activists gathered on Capitol Hill six months ago to test the waters for a long-term lobbying effort. During three days of high-intensity work, they succeeded in meeting with the offices of many House and Senate leaders.

More information is available from the Transgender Forum on America Online.

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Firsthand Look Into the Local TV and TG Communities

by Amanda Starr

Contributing Writer

Ladies and gentlemen, Hi! Hi! Hi! I'm Amanda Starr. I'm a B 튀 (nonbinary), which is a transgendered individual who chooses to possess a female wardrobe and wears it in public/private while also retaining a male wardrobe and wears it in public (and in some cases vice versa).

Fully clothed or scantily clad, we come in all shapes, sizes, sexual preferences, geographical locations, cultures, in the closet or out in public, full-time or once in a while: these differences are vast.

The thing we all have in common is our desire/passion to dress in female attire and emulate the female in our mannersisms and actions to some degree or another.

I am going to be contributing articles, information, news, and commentary about the transgender community, from near and afar:

• Events such as the California Dreaming convention held at the Burbank Holiday Inn last March (next year's California Dreaming will be in San Francisco, our backyard).

• Places to meet and socialize with other transgender individuals on both a small and large scale (Ever been to a place where there are 50+ other transgender individuals on both a small and large scale? Come join us and find out why the atmosphere is electric!). I'll also feature comments, locations of clubs, parties like Marlayna Lacie's dance parties at the Queen Mary Show Lounge in Studio City, California.

• Meetings and conferences, like the conferences last February sponsored by the medical professionals trying to understand why we are.

• Political & legal issues facing our community. (gender laws, such as Santa Cruz & San Francisco have passed to protect our rights).

• Stories and experiences I have had in my travels that will enlighten and entertain everyone—the list goes on and on.

What ever information I obtain, I'll pass this on to you ladies so you can broaden your horizons, meet new friends, come out of the closet, or just make peace with yourselves by realizing you/we are not all alone, most of all we're OK and not be ashamed of ourselves and our actions. Hopefully putting the knob of the closet door in your hands, turning it, opening the door and venturing out.

Anybody who has stepped out that door knows exactly what I'm talking about. It's easy for some and really hard for others. I can say to you ladies go ahead get out and enjoy your feminine side, because once you get out and your fears diminish you may wish you'd done it a long time ago.

I met a lady in her late 50's, early 60's from San Francisco at the Queen Mary Lounge. It was her first time out. She waited that many years and had to go all the way to Los Angeles to do something she'd been wanting to do all her life. She was having a wonderful time.

My first time out I think I was 16 or 17 years old. When I started studying at the California College of Arts & Crafts in the Bay Area (early 70's) I was out the door en femme and enjoying life to its fullest. Because of my ability to cope with the times, situations, and adventures, with my experiences, I learned to adapt.

I was 19; now I'm 42. I'm promoting my artwork as Amanda Starr, writing this column to all of you, and just loving life, but it all starts by opening the door and stepping out. Once you're out, the rest is easy.

I spent February and March in the North Hollywood and Studio City area en femme. You would all be surprised that the majority of the people that I encountered were very accepting of my feminine side. The places I stayed, the stores where I shopped, the restaurants I ate in. People really did not seem to be bothered by a TV turning it, opening the door and stepping out. I would go afternoon shopping, parking in an attended lot several times, and conversing with the attendant each time. He paid me a very unexpected compliment, saying I looked very elegant (that was a very important boost to my ego) and told me that my lifestyle is OK. This was a middle-aged Latino man, and coming from someone like that is really positive reinforcement and a confidence builder.

I was staying with a very dear friend Tasha La Blush and I went shopping at a Long's Drug for nylons and a few other feminine necessities that I ran out of, in all places Irvine. That's Orange County mind you, the home of Nixon, and the birthplace of the John Birch Society. I did not feel the least bit intimidated or the least bit of hostility. If I had, I would have been their problem anyway, not mine.

These are a few of the examples of my experiences. Here's something a little closer to home.

A few weeks ago I went to Wilson's Leather in the Northridge Mall to shop. The lady was very accommodating, letting me try on what I was buying to get the correct size. When I was at the counter finishing my transaction, she told me that her sister (brother) was in Los Angeles living life as a woman and showed me a picture of her. You never know when, where, or what but life will surprise you when you least expect it, and in the least expected places. The bottom line is don't fight it do it. Let your feminine side go and enjoy life from both sides, feminine and masculine. We are very special people: we have the ability to see the world from two perspectives.

The editors would like to welcome Amanda Starr, our first contributing writer from south county.
They’re Finally Stepping Down
GCEM Coronation Celebrates the Past

The Grande Cypress Empire (GCEM) is finally retiring the Dual Empress Brent and Jonathan. We commend them on all the hard work and for a job well done. Please join us at Coronation 1995 and help us give them a send off while raising money for our community.

The GCEM is a non-profit (501c3) organization that is dedicated to promoting our community in a positive way and to raising money for other service oriented non-profit organizations. The GCEM is a strictly volunteer organization. We do not incur any salary or payroll costs. Our goal is to raise money to help our community in a fun way.

Coronation is the biggest fundraiser of the year for the Grande Cypress Empire. This year's coronation will be held on October 13, 14, and 15. The weekend is full of events.

On Friday, October 13, the Out of Town show will be held at the American Legion Hall at 8th and Dolores in Carmel. The theme for the show is "Fright Night." Entertainers from all over the state and a few from out of state will be performing. The Dual Empresses Brent and Jonathan will be roasting during the evening's festivities. If you want to hear some good gossip or tell some good gossip on Brent or Jonathan, please join us. The doors open at 8:30 p.m. and the show/roast will start at 9:30 p.m. A donation of $10.00 is requested at the door.

Saturday morning, October 14, the GCEM will be at the AIDS Walk along with various courts from around the nation. The people walking with the courts will be competing for a trophy for the "Kampirest" (outrageous) outfit in the walk. Please come and join the walk and have some fun raising money. The AIDS Walk has been advertised in all the coronation flyers that the GCEM has mailed out nationwide.

Saturday night, the Coronation Ball will be held at the Monterey County Fairgrounds in the Monterey Room. The doors open at 5:00 p.m. and the Ball starts at 6:00 p.m. Tickets will be $20.00 in advance and $25.00 at the door. The evening is filled with entertainment: live singers, female impersonators, production numbers, and fun, fun, fun. The entertainers are from all over the state. The night is also to honor the members of the community. In addition, the Grande Cypress Empire will be disbursing between $10,000 and $15,000 to different charities. Please come and join us for the fun and festivities.

The GCEM would like to request sponsors to purchase tickets for persons less fortunate. The sponsored tickets will be available through MCAF Client Services. If you would also like to advertise in the Coronation Program, advertisements are deeply appreciated. Please contact Bill L. at (408) 899-2048 or Jonathan at (408) 633-6481 for more information.

If you would like to support the GCEM in a different way, donations, auction items, or raffle prizes are deeply appreciated. Please contact us if you have an idea about a different type of show or fund-raiser that you would like to see. The GCEM is open to suggestions and is always willing to help others.

The GCEM would also like to let the community know of another non-profit organization that will benefit this community. The AIDS Wish Association is a non-profit organization that is dedicated to fulfilling the last wishes of people with AIDS. This is for travel, theater tickets, movie tickets, and entertainment wishes. For more information, please contact the AIDS Wish Association at (408) 934-1063. The GCEM would like to say thank you to our community for all the love and support given. Without your help we could not be all that we are. Thank you!

Violence Against Gay Students includes Gang Rape, Washington Coalition Attests

Tom Flint
Associate Editor
Seattle Gay News

The Safe Schools Coalition released its second annual report, documenting 27 incidents of violence against Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgender youth in Washington public schools. The incidents ranged from name-calling to six incidents of gang rapes.

"The parents of one teenage boy reported he had committed suicide to escape the violence," said Tom Flint, Associate Editor of Seattle Gay News.

The coalition is a partnership of 34 public agencies and private organizations working to make Washington public schools safe places for sexual minority youth, as well as their families and educators. The coalition called for school boards, teachers and parents to take steps to protect sexual minority youth.

At a press conference in Seattle, Beth Reis, a member of the Seattle-King County Health Department, said the group documented six incidents of gang rape of sexual minority teens.

"In two of the rapes the attackers also urinated on their targets," she said. "In one incident they vomited on the person. In one they ejaculated on the person. In one they broke the teen's hand.

"We received reports of five other physical assaults," Reis said. "Two involved serious beatings of three youth; two of the three youth were treated in emergency rooms. One youth ran away from home and lived in a park until her wounds healed so her parents wouldn't have to know what happened to her."

In one incident, a 12-year-old boy was allegedly raped by various objects by four other sixth graders and two high school students who swore at him with language he refused to repeat, Reis said.

Another Gay teenager was held down by male classmates while he was raped by a girl while he was told to choose "between fucking a girl and having his cock cut off."

In another incident in the coalition's report, two teenage girls who are lovers were attacked by four male students and forced to have sex in front of them. The attackers then broke one girl's hand, raped the other girl, and beat the couple.

The Paper Congratulates Empresses Brent and Jonathan On Their Successful Reign
Hawaiian Court Expected to Approve Same Sex Marriage

The Hawaii Supreme Court's expected decision to allow marriage between same-sex couples is being debated on both the islands and the mainland. This groundbreaking legal decision could open the doors to local gay couples.

Most states recognize each other's opposite-sex marriage laws. However, the same is not a foregone conclusion for same-sex marriages. Activists warn that states are not legally bound to recognize another state's decision regarding marriage, only public policy.

The Test Case

-Baehr v. Lewin came before the supreme court in May of 1993. The Hawaii supreme court held that because the state's constitution prohibits sexual discrimination, restricting the definition of marriage to a union between a man and woman was discriminatory. The court's ruling is somewhat based on the same principles that struck down anti-miscegenation laws, which isn't surprising given Hawaii's multi-racial population.

Despite the make up of this state's population, the decision has not received overwhelming popular support in Hawaii. In surveys taken shortly after the ruling, residents opposed same-sex marriage by a 2:1 margin, which is in line with opinion polls taken on the mainland. However, influential groups such as the Japanese American Citizens League have decided to back the passage of the new law.

In Baehr v. Lewis, three same-sex couples sued the state for the right to marry, was returned to a lower court and the trial has been postponed to June, 1996. Should the lower court uphold the supreme court's decision, it would have the effect of legalizing same-sex marriages.

Vacation Money Talks

Since the center of the same-sex marriage debate is Hawaii, the strategy used by activists has taken an unusual turn. Activists have started calling their travel agents to request expensive vacation packages, but only for the trip to say their vows.

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YWCA, 203 Walnut St.
Monterey: 6 p.m.
Marpion Hall,
801 Lighthouse Ave.

Continued from Cover

John and Jim's feelings about gay marriage are not uncommon. Observing a ritual for something that isn't recognized by 90% of the population can seem ridiculous. Regardless of these facts, many gay couples still choose to marry, and for some being recognized as a couple by their community plays an important role (see cover story "Harness/Morrow").

Some gay men dismiss monogamy as a heterosexual concept, despite some of the advantages (not having to use condoms is an obvious plus). For others who have met gay couples with "open" relationships, the choice to be single seems less hypocritical.

Still, the Hawaii decision legalizing same sex marriage is seen by many activists and organizations as the next great social and political battle for the gay community. Lately, the debate has gone public.

Nightline Debate

On September 25th edition of ABC's Nightline, Ted Koppel hosted a debate on same-sex marriage between Evan Wolfson, the senior staff attorney of the LAMBDA Legal Defense Fund, and Robert Knight, the cultural director of the Family Research Council, a conservative advocacy group.

In response to Koppel's query about why Hawaii's Domestic Partnership law (see sidebar "Hawaii...") wouldn't suffice, Wolfson said, "Marriage...is a basic human right and a very important personal choice that people make in their life; perhaps the most important choice they make. And Gay people want to make that choice with the person they love for the same mix of reasons that non-Gay people do: emotional and practical, legal and economic, romantic, for some religious. And those couples ought to be able to make that choice without the government interfering in the choice."

The debate included a discussion of parenting. Gay men and women can't produce children together, but they can parent children, which seems less hypocritical. Knight responded by saying, "Marriage in and of itself is a good. It brings men and women together. It tames men to a great extent, 'cause men have a sexual drive that is quite different from that of women. But when you take a homosexual relationship you got [sic] two people with a gender identity deficit that are trying to fulfill it through the other."

The Paper will keep you informed of developments regarding gay marriage.

French City Recognizes Same-Sex Marriages

The French Atlantic port of Saint-Nazaire set what appeared to be a national precedent recently when it said it would begin delivering certificates officially recognizing established homosexual couples.

The certificates, although not legally binding on national authorities, would open the way for gay couples to enjoy some of the same benefits now afforded to unmarried heterosexual couples who live together. The benefits include the right to national health care for a non-working member of a couple, reduced family travel fares and rent subsidies. Twelve districts of Paris have followed suit.

Same-sex Marriage Discussion on the Internet

Here's how to find out the latest news on same-sex marriage via e-mail. Subscribe. Send a message 'subscribe marriage' to MAJORDOMO@abacus.oxy.edu. The same-sex marriage discussion is a hot subject right now. This forum provides updates about national marriage issues (Colorado and Utah are always good for controversy) and media events, for example Nightline's recent broadcast on the Hawaii court's decision. Also of note is the site for Partners Task Force for Gay & Lesbian Couples at http://www eskimo.com/~demian/partners.html.

**Unzipped vs. Truth or Dare**

by John E. Brennan
Contributing Writer

**UNZIPPED**

- Well dressed women
- Reference to “Mizrahi doing Ralph Lauren” received by nervous laughter and slight disdain.
- Grainy black and white film.
- Walks with Sandra Burnhardt, friend and confidant. Discuss gay sex.
- Runs into Mark Morris. Let’s him try on Simian coat.
- Gorgeous color film at the right time.
- People putting on clothes.
- Damnation of Jean-Paul Gauthier.
- Mother on the side adoring her son.
- Appreciative of Linda Evangelista.

**TRUTH OR DARE**

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- Reference to “Madonna doing Janet Jackson 1914” received by cackles and a scolding look.
- Grainy black and white film.
- Sits with Sandra Burnhardt, friend and confidant. Discuss lesbian sex.
- Invites Antonio Banderas to dinner. Does not know about his wife.
- Gorgeous color film at the right time.
- Nearly off-camera celebrity - Warren Beatty before Annette.
- People taking off clothes.
- Deification of Jean-Paul Gauthier.
- Father on stage adored by daughter.
- No peers.
- Unappreciative of Kevin Costner.

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**Travel & Leisure**

**Palm Springs Hotspots**

**Take Five**

by Dan Presser
Contributing Writer

This column has taken you to gay and lesbian resorts far from the Monterey Peninsula. Now it’s time to mention a spot closer to home. One, in fact, you can drive to—Palm Springs.

Mark your calendar because you have a couple of exciting dates to remember in Palm Springs. A hot time to be there is November 3-6 for the Palm Springs Gay Rodeo, a fully sanctioned IGRA event. Sign up begins Friday with rodeo performances taking place Saturday and Sunday at the Indio Equestrian Club. In addition to cowboy fun, there will be gay country cloggers, Bob Hawke, a hot time to be there is November 3-6 for the Palm Springs Gay Rodeo, a fully sanctioned IGRA event. Sign up begins Friday with rodeo performances taking place Saturday and Sunday at the Indio Equestrian Club. In addition to cowboy fun, there will be gay country cloggers.

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There are lots of things to do and see here.” He goes on to mention El Paseo Street, a shopping mecca similar to Los Angeles’ Rodeo Drive. “Estate Sale Stores are the new rage! You can buy anything from crystal chandeliers to clothes at wonderful prices, I love them.”

An experience not to be missed is the Aerial Tramway. It whisks you from the desert floor to 8,516 feet with dramatic temperature changes. You can buy two kinds of tickets: one for merely the ride and one, called Ride’n’Dine, includes a meal at the top.

Joshua Tree National Monument features many varieties of flora within the wilderness sanctuary. Indian Canyons is home to a couple of waterfalls where skinning is a must. The next time you’re considering a getaway weekend, put Palm Springs high on your list.
Hal and Kelvin, better known as The Dragons, perform at the 3M Foundation's Broadway-themed show. The fundraiser attracted an appreciative audience of over 100 people to the After Dark nightclub in Monterey.

Sun, 15th
Judy Fjell & Crystal Reees Performance
3:00 p.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Church of the Monterey Peninsula (490 Aguajito Rd., Carmel). Part of the Lovejoy Concert Series. $10.00 adults, $5.00 children 12 and under. Call the church for ticket information.

Grande Cypress Empire Victory Brunch
At the Senior Citizen's Center, Lighthouse and Dickman in New Monterey. 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. $10 donation. Call for info: 899-0731 (Marvin) or 633-6481 (Jonathan).

Grande Cypress Empire Victory Show
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MPA Afternoon Rummage Sale and Tea Dance
Monterey Pride Association fundraiser for next year's pride festival & parade. 4 p.m. on, $1 donation. At the After Dark, 214 Lighthouse Ave. Call 647-8234 for info.

Mon, 23rd
Melrose Monday's at the After Dark
Come watch the latest episode in the Backlot. Tequila shots $2.50, Coronas $2.00. The After Dark nightclub, 214 Lighthouse Ave., Monterey, 373-7828.

Wed, 25th
PFLAG Meeting
The Monterey County chapter of Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays. Meeting starts at 7 p.m. at the Unitarian/Universalist Church at 490 Aguajito Road, Carmel. Call 655-FLAG for more info.

Sun, 19th
"Absolutely Glamorous" 3M Foundation Pageant
The biggest 3M event of the year. Entrants for Mr./Miss/Ms. Gay Monterey County, Calif., are now being accepted. $3 suggest- ed donation. Starts at 8 p.m. at the After Dark, 214 Lighthouse Ave. Call Diana/Scott at 647-8254 for information.

Local Nightclubs
After Dark
214 Lighthouse Ave., Monterey
Dancing, full bar. 373-7828

Franco's Norma Jean
10639 Merritt St., Castroville
Dancing, full bar. 633-2090
Fjell & Reeves to Perform Oct. 15 in Carmel
Singer Songwriter Judy Fjell will appear in concert with Violinist-Vocalist Crystal Reeves Sunday, October 15 at 3:00 p.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Church of the Monterey Peninsula (490 Aguijito Rd, Carmel) as part of the Lovejoy Concert Series. Their program includes traditional folksongs as well as a large number of Fjell's original songs on many subjects, ranging from love and relationships to issues of social justice, especially with regard to lesbians and gays. Fjell has been performing and writing women's, political, and folk music for over twenty years. Now based in northern California, works as a concert artists and as a leader of workshops to empower voices, especially women's voices.

Crystal Reeves has appeared on four albums with Judy, performed as a member of the Robin Flower band for several years, and now sings regularly with Alternative Measures, the San Francisco-based lesbian barbershop quartet.

Advance tickets are $10.00 for adults, $5.00 for children 12 and under. Call the church at (408) 624-7404 for ordering information. Any remaining tickets will be sold at the door.

Wong Foo Drags
by Andy Bizan
Contributing Writer

Queens aren't the only things that drag. Two fast films, To Wong Foo, Thanks for Everything, Julie Newmar, one of the two mainstream gay films to arrive at theaters.

To Wong Foo is the fluffy tale of three New York City drag queens and their adventures in the small midwestern town of Snyderville.

If that sounds like a contraption for "we're not so different after all" self-discovery, you can guess what transpires next. Douglas Carter Beane's attempt at mixing fairy tale with street-smart drama (more successfully handled in the rarely seen film Five Corners) quickly disintegrate.

With the exception of a few clever lines, the dialogue is so tired as the TV-movie direction and camerawork from Beeban Kidron (Used People).

Despite these failings, two performances make Wong Foo watchable. John Leguizamo (from Fox's "House of Buggin'"") continues to show us his exceptional versatility, and Patrick Swayze makes the most of his role as the elegant Vida Boheme.

The drag queen I sat with gave a big thumbs up to the lovely purple outfit Swayze wore during the opening sequence, although he questioned why we never saw any of the drag queens out of drag.

The costumes are predictably fabulous, although the cinematography is bland. Snipes' best dish is trampled by haphazard editing.

Showgirls = Slowgirls
Even director Paul Verhoeven can't breathe life into this tired fable from The Strip. The film's NC-17 rating may draw those looking for titillation, but they'll be disappointed; this film is about the objectification of women and here it succeeds in making women's breasts very unsexy. Hampered by a shallow script and wooden performances, Verhoeven resorts to the brutality that drove his Soldier of Orange but here it only makes us turn away. My companion mentioned how much the film's plot reminded him of something from Aaron Spelling. I concur.

FAST 5
Reviews of Cultural Elements
by SEVEN FOURTY
Contributing Writer

FILM
Unzipped: Go now! This fun, endearing film, made by fashion designer Isaac Mizrahi's then-lover, is intimate, quirky and glamorous. Linda's beautiful!

Il Postino: Vaguely interesting story set in a seductive Italian coastal landscape. Boy meets Girl and the rest, and that's the plot. Yes, it has subtitles.

RENT!
The Tenant (1976): Have you ever moved into a place and wondered about the people who used to live there? Have you ever wanted to become them? A disturbing film. This is no Single White Female.

The Adjuster (1991). Atom Egoyan's quirky drama about archery, sex as an insurance claim benefit, and a censor becoming seduced by the pornography it reviews.

EAT: Solving the Epicurean Equation
Ferdi's: Yummy Red Beans and Rice priced for a thin wallet. Try the Cajun Tostada for a good taste of red beans and rice with some cheese, lettuce and guacamole.

The Paper's hitchy editor recommends the house gumbo at Ferdi's. Very nice.

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How Can I Be Expected to Be Gay if Jeffrey Leaves After One Week?
Local Motion:  
M2M is Hot and Healthy  

By Reggie Baldwin  
Contributing Writer  

We men get so focused on sexual acts we can no longer perform with wild abandon that we forget what we can do. We then discover ourselves depressed and dejected, believing that we can no longer perform. Many men believe that infection with HIV. Many men believe that infection with HIV is an inevitable part of the gay experience. BULLSHIT! If you're not sure just what to do about it, though, and are stuck in a sexual Show and Tell, wait till you experience Audience Participation!

Hot and Healthy parties - the sexual adventure for A-listers - go for hours. gay and bisexual men explore a wide variety of issues and activities that encourage intimacy, sensuality, and safer sexuality. Avoiding HIV is a given, so playtime includes new techniques, new toys and new approaches to making sex fun again. And again.

The first Hot and Healthy party was held in Salinas. And, while some participants were skeptical at first. As one man said, “While men in Monterey may be a bit puritanical about sexual activity, everyone still does it and everyone wants to feel good about it, but may not do it. Gay and bisexual men, we're used to the spirit of camaraderie, a brotherhood of heroes. The men who played got new information and ideas (and a few practice sessions) and now the list of great lays around town isn't so short. Erotic and interactive discoveries, surprises, games, accouterments, experiences, toys, ideas, and fantasies were explored and shared. The explicit and intense men of Hot and Healthy played hard until their senses overloaded, and their minds opened.

MoCo’s Hot and Healthy program, similar to San Francisco’s Hot Sex Workshop, was co-hosted by John Larson, the SF Stop AIDS Project, and local Man-to-Man Coordinator, Justin Larson. "Hot and Healthy emphasizes fun, sharing, and a great social environment," says Larson. "After I went to my first one in San Francisco in July, it took a couple of weeks to wipe the smile off of my face. This has been the case among the Monterey County participants too. Just like in the City, I saw plenty of phone numbers being exchanged and plans being made to get together again outside of the workshop. The nice thing is that, whether these men become partners or just friends, they have a common experience and training in intimacy without risk. And isn't that the goal of the men of Monterey County?"

Hot and Healthy parties are scheduled throughout the coming months, in both Salinas and the Peninsula. Participants must be pre-registered as space is limited due to social and sexual intimacy. To sign up for the next available workshop, call Justin Larson in Salinas at 772-2602 or 1 (800) 300-4740. You’ll receive a confirmation that is your pass to the best homosex of the male species that MoCo has offered in years.

Internet Addresses:  
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Just like the U.S. Postal Service mail, e-mail needs an address to get to the right place. Both need a recipient's identification and place to send the mail.

Sometimes Internet addresses are fairly clear, such as President@whitehouse.gov. Other times they are a little more cryptic. All e-mail that traverses the Internet has a common structure that is easy to untangle once you know the basics.

Within in the example, DigiQueers@aol.com, for example, has the three basic components of an Internet e-mail address: who exactly is getting the mail, where they receive the mail, and what kind of place is it that they receive the mail. The hinge point of the address is the @ sign. To the right of the @ sign is the domain of the address. The domain has at least two components, the location and the type of place at that location. The location is like the city state and zip code all rolled into one.

In the example, DigiQueers@aol.com, the location is "aol" which is the acronym for America Online. I see this and know that Digital Queers uses America Online as the service provider. But what's the rest, to the right of the location and type of place? Internet addresses contain information that's not part of a standard Postal Service address. The type of place you are getting mail from. "Com" means that the mail is from a company. Other types include "gov" for government and "edu" for educational institutions. Pretty handy!

Sometimes the domain can have additional elements. Large corporations may include the country, such as @us.oracle.com. Universities may include a group of universities, the college, department or other subdivision, as well as the university's address, and the extension "edu." @ucbink3.berkeley.edu is one of the domains of the University of California system at Berkeley.

Now that we are clearer about the domain of the address, we can look to the left of the @ sign. This is the specific part of the address that gets your mail to the exact person you want. This corresponds to the name and street address (or P.O. Box) in "snail-mail." Yes, snail-mail refers to the pace of the U.S. Postal service.

In the example, President@whitehouse.gov, you can guess that Mr. Clinton's aides will get the e-mail. You will never look at an e-mail address after this and wonder. The world is full of enough wonder.

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Hairy Shoulder Chic

Bears Come Out of Hibernation and Into Fashion

by Harry Zuitmeille
Contributing Writer

bear2 (bār) n.
1a. Any of various usually omnivorous mammals that have a shaggy coat and a short tail.
- American Heritage Dictionary

The latest group to revise the image of gay men comes bearing beards and furry tummies. Bears, generally defined as husky, hairy men, have successfully rewritten the last tenet of the gay man’s credo ‘never too tan, too rich, or too thin.’ Bears are asserting their right to be accepted into the gay community, sometimes with a militant growl. “Who wants those hairless guys; they’re nothing but shaved lesbians,” said one San Francisco bear about his taste in men.

From Vancouver to Atlanta, organizations for bears have appeared in every major American city. The bear clubs in the Bay Area offer a variety of social events for the hirsute, and there is now a store that caters specifically to bears’ sexual fantasies. “Bear” magazine has moved from the back of the rack to the front, and the bear section of America Online’s gay personals is one of the service’s most popular areas.

In Monterey, men who may have felt awkward because of their body type or hairiness are coming out to local nightclubs to enjoy their newfound popularity. In San Francisco, the Golden State Bears Beer Bust at the Lone Star has become a well-known meeting ground for bears and those that want a man they know won’t blow away in the wind.

“Bears are friendly and social,” said one Monterey bear. Indeed, the bear “attitude” is generally one of acceptance and camaraderie, which may explain why so many men feel comfortable with the label.

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Like any self-described group, bears have their own slang; “golden bear” for blonds, “cub” for younger bear or those looking for a daddy bear, and “grizzlies” for butcher bears.

Bears use a code that sometimes sound like a gay version of Winnie the Pooh. They talk of getting together for scratching sessions or winter hibernation in front of a fireplace; the tone is generally playful and full of woody references. Although their community is defined primarily by a physical characteristic, bears don’t always look or act like lumberjacks or Dom DeLuise. The cover model for a recent issue of “Bear” magazine had an average physique, but the photos highlighted the carpet of black hair that ran from his chest to his ankles, and his bushy mustache and beard.

Since most bears could just as easily have integrated themselves into the leather community, the choice to identify themselves as bears seems to come from their desire to escape the preconceptions about large, hairy men in their community, straight or gay; that is, even if you are born looking like a line­ backer, you can still be warm, caring, and cuddly without losing your sense of masculinity.

In the gay community, the term “a bear market” has taken on a positive meaning. Their rising popularity affords bears the chance to be themselves, whether that means Gentle Ben or a snarling grizzly. Grrrrrr.

A local bear club may be starting up soon. Look for more info in future issues of The Paper.

Teach Me
by Anonymous

Edible and Incredible
I want you to
Teach me.

Teach me how the funky, sweet, good smelling sap comes to be.
Teach me how to love you completely.
Tell me how, glistening with saliva, your nipples stand erect like soldiers at attention.

Show me the beautiful expanse of your body, whispering sweet invitations of lust.

Touch me with your soul until I lose control.

Teach me all of your hidden desires so that I know them as my own.

Finger thrust and tongue laps
That funky, good, sweet smelling sap.

Show me the beautiful expanse of your body, Laid out like a sacrifice to my soul searching tongue.

Tell me the words that will open you completely.
Show me the gestures that will make you squirt beneath me.

Whenever you are ready
I want you to teach me.

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If You Like Having Your Own Paper, Write Something for Us Already
Coming Out... Again

by Jane Wynn
Contributing Writer

Just before my 30th birthday, some 15 years ago, I came out to my father, who at that time was 72 years old. It was a matter of necessity. Dad had been badgering my brother for quite a few years asking him if I had boyfriends, etc. I had to come out not only to bridge a gap between us but also stop the cross examination of my brother.

The location was a bar in a hotel in Los Angeles. Dad and I seemed to always pretend to get along better when both of us were somewhat inebriated. I remember the pulse in my neck and the anxiety I felt. Here was my father sitting next to me totally oblivious about the great angst his daughter was going through. My mother had died seven years before and we had grown somewhat closer. I say somewhat because we only talked about safe subjects—the weather, cats and classical music, while steering clear of any controversy such as politics, dating, sex. I was smoking too; chugging down the booze and sucking in the smoke, getting ready to tell my Goldwater-voting father that his baby girl was a queer.

I did it. It wasn't bad. His response to my confession was "I suspected it." He listened as I rattled off a litany of girl friends' names, all of whom he knew and liked, Yes, Dad, all of them.

The next morning when I drove him to the airport and the drinking and smoking had long ceased, he announced to me, "Remember what you told me last night? Well, it was OK then and it's OK today."

That was fifteen long years ago. Since that November night "it" has never been mentioned again.

I am not proud of this fact. Here I am, confessing myself as the coming out queen when maybe I'm a fake. Yes, I told my father, but then when it is never mentioned again does it really count? Can one go back into a closet after coming out? Is there a statute of limitations? Oops—you came out fifteen years ago, but then didn't say it again so—sorry—you have to come out again!

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Still rants and raves about my aunt, his sister, although she has been dead now for over a year. He will not go gently into that good night. But he does like some things. He likes ice cream, his memories, the symphony and the stock market. He still gets out to the Portland Symphony. Shuffling down to his seat, lifting his head high as high as it will go and listening to his beloved Brahms or Mozart. Oh, and he loves his children, although it is impossible for him to show it.

I visit Portland about every three months. I see my brother and his family and I see Dad. Dad and I sit and talk about cat subjects. Things no doubt have not changed much for him since my visit in July. But I will sit across from my father, he at 87 and me at 45, and beside me will be a woman who looks like someone he used to know. And I will be glad.
Second Protease Inhibitor Lottery
by Jose Zuniga
The Washington Blade

Hoffmann-La Roche announced that it will hold a second compassionate treatment lottery for its anti-AIDS drug Invirase. In the first lottery, the drug was distributed free to 2,280 AIDS patients who were otherwise not eligible to enroll in ongoing clinical trials of the drug. Invirase, also called saquinavir, is a member of a new family of anti-AIDS drugs called protease inhibitors, which work by blocking a proteinase enzyme critical to HIV replication.

Beginning Oct 2, those who have not registered should have their doctors request screening and registration materials by calling 1-800-332-2144. Deadline for registration form submissions is 5 p.m. EST, Nov 3.

For more information, see your doctor.

Man-to-Man Seeks New Name, Identity
by Justin Larson
MCAP Man-to-Man Coordinator

The Man-to-Man Outreach Project of the Monterey County AIDS Project is building a new identity — starting with a new name and logo — for fun, positive, and involving activities for local gay/bi men.

Many of you have indicated that sensual, stimulating and visible parties, marketing programs, and specialty events would ensure that wanna-be sluts don't slur gay/bi men.

The Current Man-to-Man Program

MTM programs center on education and environment. Distributing condoms at the AD and Franco's has long been the obvious activity of the first area; the establishment of a healthy and supportive sense of community has been harder to realize.

Recently, however, a teen group, the Gay Teen Alliance, has been formed to help strengthen and sustain underage gay, lesbian, and bisexual teens through the tough times they face and issues surrounding lesbigay teens have been presented to school districts and juvenile hall. In addition, we have The Paper covering lesbigay life in the Salinas Valley and the Central Coast. Beyond these three activities, however, little is clearly charted.

Goals for the Future

Outreach efforts at lesbigay locales continue and will visibly escalate, but virgin activities will also take place. Events, parties, contests, and trips are now possible within the framework of the revised program. Promoting community-building efforts and supporting alternatives to bars will encourage those of us who may currently be reluctant to take part.

Input and assistance from all your regular and not-so-regular joes and janes out there is vital. Focus groups will review ideas and materials. Committees will help design new pieces of the project. Short-term and long-term volunteers with a variety of talents, especially in marketing, will bring this program about.

A New Identity

MTM is asking people to help develop a new name for use with outreach materials, advertising, marketing tools, and public service announcements. It will allow us to create a positive image for education and safer sex for local gay/bi men. The results will be presented to the MCAP Board of Directors at their October, 1995 meeting.

Following the selection, we'll have a contest for designing a new logo to go with the name. Entries will be accepted into December, and the winner will be announced at a major program kick-off in January.

The lesbigay community is encouraged to submit ideas for our new name to Justin Larson, Man-to-Man Coordinator, at the Salinas MCAP office at 10 Sherwood Drive, Suite #4, Salinas, CA 93901, or via fax at (408) 424-9615.

Life Won't Wait.

Be a Volunteer for the Monterey County AIDS Project

Client Companions • Man to Man & Woman to Woman Outreach Workers
Food Drive and Food Pantry Workers • Client Helpers to give rides, clean house
Newsletter • Office Help • Fundraising

Call 394-4747 for information
Who Needs to Advertise it?

by James A. Mearns
Contributing Writer

When you see a car pass you on the freeway, boldly displaying the six-banded icon of fagitude on its rear bumper, do you grimace in embarrassment and look the other direction, smile and honk your horn in jubilant camaraderie, or simply check out the driver for fuckability? Or perhaps you wonder when you too will achieve that level of self-acceptance and love that will allow you to openly reveal (with "no fear") your minority status as a member of a diverse group of humans that experiences prejudice, bigotry, discrimination, violent assault, and denial of the most basic human rights as a result of your sex, age, or sexual orientation. Do you fret about how you fit into the mainstream media; then, one day you uncover this info by pointing to: http://agora.rdrop.com/users/spyke/stmp/index.html

The perceived lack of positive gay role models is only due to their invisibility to the public at large.

When you come out into the sunshine and become part of the brilliant rainbow that represents the uncommon diversity of our common orientation, you are one among many, and inherit the wondrous gifts that integrity and honesty bring to those who are courageous enough to be true to themselves. Until the day is here that we can say that we are free to love whoever we choose without consideration of emotional or physical harm, denial of civil rights, or discrimination, it is imperative that we continue to remind each other and the general public that we are, in lieu of that day, indeed here.

The future is, as always, uncertain. Change is inevitable and is an ongoing process, not a static event. I urge you to take the next step in your personal journey, and come out that much more on October 11.

Where to Get Your Gay Gear

The Raven in the Grove bookstore carries rainbow flags, bumper stickers, and other gay pride paraphernalia. They're located at 505 Lighthouse Ave. in Pacific Grove, across the street from Pier One. Call 649-6057 for store hours.

National Coming Out Day is October 11th. Wear your colors proudly.
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Young GWM in Monterey seeks clean, responsible roommate for 2 bdrm apt. Balcony, vus, priv w/d, parking & storage. $400/mo plus, 1st & last. Glenn, 649-4566.

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Top 10 Clues a Gay Man May Be a Bottom

10. Jacket epaulets turn out to be stirrups
9. Smells summer’s eve fresh
8. Won’t order the broccoli quiche before a big date
7. Rhoids the size of Texas
6. Can tell the viscosity and brand of motor oil from the smell alone
5. Impossible to smother with a pillow
4. Refers to Lighthouse Ave. tunnel as “sister”
3. Not impressed by ping-pong ball scene in Priscilla
2. Wears his rollerblade kneepads on a movie date
1. First question out of his mouth: “So, what are you into?”

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373-7828
Dancing
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