Local Gays Play Santa for MoCo Kids

Community Effort Rescues Christmas for HIV+ Kids

by Michael Rawave
Contributing Writer

The gay community gave Santa a helping hand filling local children’s stockings this Christmas. The Grande Cypress Empire of Monterey County, the 3 M Foundation of Monterey County, the Peninsula Professionals Network and individuals within the gay community donated over $1700 in cash and gifts for girls and boys affected by and infected with HIV.

Jonathan Martins and Brent Krider, who recently stepped down as the dual emperors of the Grande Cypress Empire (GCEMC), were the driving force behind the effort. GCEMC’s Toy Soldier Ball on Dec. 2 raised over $150 in donations, but Martins and Krider then found out that the sponsor for the Monterey County AIDS Project’s (MCAP) Christmas toy drive had pulled out unexpectedly.

Martins and Krider called on the members of PPN and the gay community to help make up the difference. One local man donated a 10-pound box of watercolor supplies, which the children had included on their list for Santa.

In nine days, the GCEMC raised an additional $450 in cash and collected over 110 toys and gifts. “They were up until 3 a.m. wrapping,” said Martins, speaking of the friends and supporters of GCEMC who contributed their giftwrapping skills so that the presents would be ready for MCAP’s Christmas party for those affected and infected by HIV.

“We were just the catalysts,” said Martins, “All the thanks should go to the community and PPN.”

The men and women involved in spearheading this holiday project are modest about acknowledging their good deed. “We were just the catalyst,” said Martins, “All the thanks should go to the community and PPN.”

“Don’t Ask, Do Tell?”

Final Ruling on Military Policy Approaches

by Wes Kashiwagi
Managing Editor

The U.S. government’s “Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell” policy may soon be ruled unconstitutional on the basis that it restricts free speech.

A recent article in Air Force Times reported that Eugene Nickerson, a federal judge in Brooklyn NY, ruled in March of this year in a case involving six gay service members. Nickerson felt that the “Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell” policy, as it is currently being interpreted by the military, restricts the service people’s freedom of speech.

The government currently argues that “Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell” lets the military discharge “out” gays and lesbian women, while allowing closeted individuals to remain in the service.

A third, concurrent hearing in the U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals may have affected the continuation of the policy as it relates to former Navy Lt. Paul Thomasson, who was discharged for revealing his sexual preference to his superiors. In a surprising move, the court said that neither gay activists nor the government are interpreting “Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell” correctly.

According to the Air Force Times article, the Supreme Court may soon hear the Able and Thomason cases if the lower courts come up with conflicting verdicts or both decide that the current policy is unconstitutional. In 1995, 597 service members were discharged for being gay or lesbian.
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**Feast for AIDS 1995 a Sellout**

The Monterey County AIDS Project's annual Feast for AIDS was held December 10th
at the Doubletree Hotel in downtown Monterey. The sold out event is one of
the biggest charity events benefiting MCAP.

Co-chairpersons David Beckwith and Artie Early greeted the hundreds
of men and women who came to support the event. Attendees enjoyed an
eight-course dinner prepared by top
local chefs, featuring exotic dishes paired with wines from the Penfolds,
Lindemans and Seaview Australian
wineries. The Doubletree generously-
donated use of the banquet facilities
for the event.

Entertainment included strolling
carolers, a pianist, a two singing duos.
For more information on next
year's feast call Bill Lutz at 394-4747.

**Our Apologies**

We would like to apologize to Terri Austin, PhD. for failing to run
her ad in the Oct/Nov issue. We
would also like to thank our readers
for their patience regarding the
delayed release of this issue. We
have solved the problem. Barring any disasters, natural or do-it-
yourself, our next issue will be out
the first week in March.

We love to hear from you. Send
us a note. -WK
**A Call to Gay Doodlers**

**M2M Seeks Entries from Community, Program Logo**

by Justin Larson  
Man-to-Man Coordinator

Break out your sketch pads and 92 pens! This is not a test — it’s a chance to win big using your inborn talents. Man-to-Man is seeking designs for a new program logo. Winning artists will receive great prizes from local merchants and resorts.

After feedback from the local community, Man-to-Man program volunteers decided to keep the current name and to heavily promote it with an aggressive marketing campaign. Having a program logo is just the first step in making Man-to-Man a name that everyone knows and understands.

**Program Philosophy**

Our emphasis is sex-positive and encouraging. Man-to-Man (M2M) is designed to educate and support men who have sex with men in their quest to protect themselves from disease. M2M will provide events and workshops that are fun and social, such as Hot & Healthy, as well as give materials, instructions, and condoms. Our philosophy is that by providing environments where men can meet other men and support each other, they are likely to make better decisions about sex.

**Prizes!**

In addition to the grand prize, several prizes will be given for creativity, presentation, or other factors. Judges will be selected from the various gay organizations in the county.

Judging will take place at a special reception where the public can see the entries (displayed anonymously) and participate in some of the judging. The grand prize winner will receive a room for two for one night at the Inn at Spanish Bay (ranked best resort in the world) and dinner for two at Roy’s at Pebble Beach. Other prizes will be announced at the judging event.

**Logo Contest Entry Criteria & Deadline**

Anyone can submit an entry for the contest. All entries must follow the guidelines below.

1. All entries will be submitted as clean, final versions (not a draft) on white paper. Entry must be no larger than 8x11 inches and no smaller than 5x5 inches.

2. Entries must be fairly simple so as to be legible when reduced. Logos may be reduced to as small as 3/4” square for such things as business cards and advertising.

3. Entries must not use more than one or two colors. Additional colors cost more to reproduce.

4. Entries must not contain sexually explicit graphics or references. Entries must also avoid text or references to AIDS or HIV disease.

5. Entries must contain no names or identifiers. Submissions will be assigned a number upon receipt and will be judged without reference to the artist.

6. Entries must be accompanied by a cover letter indicating the following: Name of the artist, contact address, phone number. Any information about the logo that you would like expressed may be contained in the letter. The letter will be assigned the same number as the entry and will be kept separate until after the judging.

7. All entries become property of the Man-to-Man Outreach program. Submission of the entry serves as transfer of ownership to Man-to-Man. Logos may be reproduced or modified as desired by program leaders without further permission of the artist.

8. Entries must be appropriate for the media where they will be seen. The winning logo will be used on letterhead, envelopes, business cards, announcements, flyers, posters, T-shirts, hats, stickers, underwear, condom cases, and anywhere else we can think of.

9. Artists may submit more than one entry. Each entry must be submitted separately following the above guidelines.

10. Entries are due no later than 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 6, 1996. Submissions may be dropped off on weekdays (10-5) at either MCAP office (780 Hamilton Ave. - Seaside, 10 Sherwood Drive #4 - Salinas) or be mailed to: Logo Contest, Man-to-Man Program, PO Box 2081, Monterey, CA 93942-2081.
GLAAD Demands CBS Act on Wright-LPGA Incident

New York, NY — The Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD) commends Sports Illustrated (December 4th issue) for its article "Living with a Lie" that re-examines the incident last May in which CBS' golf announces Ben Wright made sexist and homophbic remarks about lesbians "hurting women's golf" and claimed that women's breasts were a handicap.

The incident occurred when Valerie Helmreek, a newspaper reporter from The Wilmington (Delaware) News Journal, wrote an article about Wright's remarks. The Wright-LPGA incident immediately sparked national attention. At that time, CBS Sports president David Kenin defended Wright on the basis of his claims that he had been misquoted and did nothing to reprimand Wright for his actions.

Although Jenkins thought Wright might have been joking, Ken Doig, a CBS employee since 1977, told Michael Bamberg, a reporter for Sports Illustrated, that he clearly heard Wright tell Helmreek that "lesbians in the sport hurt women's golf...It's not reticent, it's paraded. There's a defiance in them in the last decade."

GLAAD strongly urges people to call CBS Sports president David Kenin and Executive Producer for Golf at CBS Frank Chirkinian. The main number for CBS Sports is (212) 975-4521.

The Imperial Court of Fire & Magic

by Amber Dee-Ole
Empress XVIII of the Grande Cypress Empire of Monterey County

Greetings to one and all. I am the newly elected Empress of Monterey and Santa Cruz Counties, Empress XVIII Amber Dee-Ole. Thanks to those of you who attended Coronation 95 to see the dual Emperors XVII, Brent and Jonathan, step down. Congratulations to both the dual Emperors and the G.C.E.M. on a fabulous year.

We are now beginning the 18th Reign and anticipating a very exciting year. During the upcoming year, I plan on using the various community ties in the area and helping those in need. One of the ways that we will achieve this is by organizing more socialized types of events such as The Spaghetti Feed. We will also be having various shows with different themes and activities.

I would like to thank the community at large for their past support and look forward to working with you in the future. One of the ways to help accomplish helping the less fortunate is by donating auction items, money, volunteer time, old clothing or costumes, raffle prizes such as stuffed animals, etc. Any item that can be used to raise one more dollar for our community is one more dollar that can help our community.

For more information about The Grande Cypress Empire of Monterey Bay, or to join the organization, please call Empress XVIII Amber Dee-Ole at (408) 633-6481. Hope to see you in the near future.

With understanding comes love,
Empress XVIII Amber Dee-Ole

...And, A Special Thank You

The 17th Reign is finally over for The Grande Cypress Empire of Monterey County, Inc. The dual Emperors Brent and Jonathan are no longer the reigning monarchs of Monterey and Santa Cruz Counties. Are we sad? Heck no!

Both of us are happy to hand over the reigns to someone else. We did our time reigning and appreciate others who have and will take on our reigns. Brent and Jonathan have met many people both in our own community and other communities.

We both would like to thank all who attended Coronation at the Monterey County Fairgrounds. We would also like to thank our community for supporting The Grande Cypress Empire and ourselves. Without your support, we would be nothing and we would not be able to help others in need.

The Grande Cypress Empire has worked hard during the 17th Reign. People may not have seen as much of us as we would have liked. We apologize for not doing more in Monterey Bay more often, but we worked hard to find different entertainers and live singers for upcoming shows. Granny and Her Walkers, our own local talent, will be making appearances at different shows throughout the 18th Reign.

The 17th Reign has raised and helped disburse over $64,600.00. $14,600.00 was through fundraising events and the rest was through an in-kind donation the G.C.E.M. helped disburse. The books of the G.C.E.M. will be published in the next issue of The Paper. We are waiting for some final bills to come in and then the books will be closed on the 17th Reign.

With heart-felt gratitude, we would like to thank each and every one involved with The Grande Cypress Empire. To all who donated time or auction items, and most of all, to all who attended and supported The Grande Cypress Empire and ourselves, we give our deepest appreciation.

With love comes unity and without unity we have nothing.

Special thanks from The Dual Emperors Brent and Jonathan

Christian Pro-Gay Article Hotly Debated in The Herald

Monterey County's largest daily newspaper has become a forum for debate over Christianity and homosexuality. Rev. Carl Hansen's pro-gay stance in his Dec. 2 column has angered locals who object to his interpretations. Rev. Hansen, an Episcopal minister in Carmel, asked that Christians accept gays and lesbian women and cited Bible passages to illustrate his point.

While the ensuing debate on the op-ed page of The Herald has been generally well-mannered, a dissenting letter on Dec. 21 labeled Hansen as a contributor to society's "moral decay" and compared homosexuality to pedophilia. Some within the gay community are upset that The Herald would print something so potentially damaging. "I wonder if they [The Herald] would have printed a letter that called a Black person [a racial slur].", asked a P.G. resident who phoned The Herald, "Somehow I doubt it."

Supporters of Rev. Hansen's position have responded to the attacks. A letter from a Monterey man, also in the Dec. 21 issue, asked those citing 1 Corinthians 6:9-10 (a passage often used to condemn homosexual acts) if they were willing to heed the surrounding passages, one of which clearly states that widowed or abandoned women may never remarry.

Send letters to the editors of The Herald by writing to Letter Box, The Herald, P.O. Box 271, Monterey, CA 93942, e-mail: herald@ix.netcom.com and include "Letter to the Editor" in the subject line. Fax number is (408) 372-8401.
Washington, D.C., Dec. 19, 1995...New developments in the case and jail house statements by the confessed killer of two lesbian activists in Oregon have raised the level of concern about the cause of the murders, which have been reported in the press as a "botched robbery."

In a letter to U.S. Attorney Janet Reno today, National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF) executive director Melinda Paras cited recent statements made by Robert James Acremant, who has been apprehended and has confessed to killing Roxanne Ellis and Michelle Abdill of Medford, Oregon. "Mr. Acremant’s reported comments about the motives behind the murders, said Paras.

The Oregonian (12/17 and 12/18) and the San Francisco Examiner (12/17) have both reported lesbian-phobic statements made by Acremant while in custody. In press interviews, Acremant said the sexual orientation of victims had nothing to do with the murders, but then goes on to say that the fact they were lesbians "made it easier [to kill them] because I don't like them." The Examiner story made Acremant's disdain for lesbians even more explicit: "I don't care for lesbians. Bisexual women don’t bother me a bit. I couldn’t help but think that she's [Ellis] 54 years old and had been dating that woman for 12 years; isn't that sick? That's someone's grandma for God's sake. Could you imagine my grandma a lesbian with another women? I couldn't believe that. It crossed my mind a couple of times -- lesbo grandma, what a thing, huh?"

The Oregonian (12/18) went on to report that Acremant said he asked Roxanne Ellis "out of curiosity" if she and Abdill were lesbians, a fact the article points out he may actually have already suspected. Apparently, the article says, Acremant had spent time looking over county records and had noted that the victims, who he knew lived together, were listed as co-owners of the property management firm. Ellis told Acremant they were a lesbian couple and that they were open about it. He is quoted as saying, "[it] kind of made me sick to my stomach that she was someone's grandma," after which he burst into laughter.

The two women had received threats in the past, according to local police, based presumably on the visibility both women had as open lesbians active in ongoing fights in Oregon to counter antigay ballot measures. Medford is one of the local communities where a city-wide antigay initiative was passed. The previous threats have not been connected to Acremant.

Newspaper articles also reported that the suspect's family said that Acremant was desperate for money and had intended to rob, not kill, the victims, and that the murders took place after the robbery went wrong. But it has also been reported that money and credit cards were left behind at the murder scene, raising serious questions about the suspect’s claim that robbery was the initial motive. Since then the killer has also stated he plans to sell his story of the murders to the "highest bidder."

Company Blocks Internet Gay Resources from News Release

Massachusetts-based Microsystems Software Inc. has created software that blocks gay and lesbian resource Web pages. The blocking is done by a software program, "Cyber Patrol." As more legislation aimed at controlling the Internet comes into place, software companies have been creating software to keep children away from sexually explicit Web sites.

Web resources being blocked include the San Jose gay and lesbian paper OutNOW!, gay and lesbian community center sites in San Jose and New York; resource guides from gay student groups at UC Berkeley and Stanford; a performing arts center in San Francisco, a weekly guide to broadcast programs with gay themes or characters; lesbian and gay employee groups; as well as the site for the 1998 Gay Games.

To voice your concern, write Microsystems Software, Inc. 600 Worcester Road, Framington, Massachusetts 01701, cyberin@microsys.com or call (508) 879-9000. The Cyber Patrol web page is located at http://www.cyberpatrol.com.

First Lesbian Credit Union Chartered from News Release

Triangle Interests Federal Credit Union, a credit union for lesbian women, received a charter from the National Credit Union Administration and will begin operations in January. The credit union is a not-for-profit financial cooperative which will be owned by its members. The function of the credit union will be to serve the lesbian community by providing member based savings and loan programs. All deposits are federally insured by the federal government up to $100,000. TIFCU programs will be used to strengthen the economic resources of the lesbian community, with particular emphasis placed on education, retirement planning and loans for lesbian owned businesses.

The credit union is one of a number of projects of Triangle Interests, a Philadelphia based national nonprofit lesbian membership association which sponsors educational programs, networking opportunities, and the facilitation of economic programs to strengthen the quality of life of the lesbian community.

For more information call (215) 487-3736, or write P.O. Box 35148, Philadelphia, PA 19128 or e-mail triint@aol.com

The Paper Can We Talk?

The Paper continues its search for a new managing editor. The perfect person will have some newspaper production and editorial experience, and a fair understanding of layout and printing. A connection with the gay community is essential, as is patience and a sense of humor. Call Wes at 655-3756 for more information.

Questions by C.H.

I want to ask - if you don't mind my asking - How you like to take your coffee? Do you like it straight? Perhaps a little sugar? Would you take some cream if I offered? I want to ask - if it's not too much trouble - Would you rub my back? Massage my neck? Tickle my feet and kiss my toes? I apologize if my notions are too bold. I want to ask - but only if you're willing - Would you take the back gate to my garden? Where only the most forbidden fruits harbor? If I plant the seed, will you let it grow? I wonder if you'll ever know Just how sweet ambrosia can be

For these pleasures never did she taste Aphrodite.

I need to know - but only if you let me beg - Can I be your lamb, and you my shepherd? Let me confess my desires in a whisper. I want to know your fantasies and frustration, but only if you answer my deepest questions.
CA Youth Lobby Day in Sac’to Jan 3rd

by Christopher Kryzan

LIFE: California’s lesbian, gay and AIDS Lobby and Institute has, since its inception in 1986, been concerned with the lack of representation of the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgendersed community in California’s State Legislature.

Recently, a LIFE sponsored bill: AB 1001 (Dignity for ALL Students Act), a measure which would have provided statewide protection against discrimination based on sexual orientation in California’s public schools, failed in the Assembly Education Committee.

Fight from the Right

LIFE Lobby is now increasingly concerned with the lack of representation for LGBTQ youth in Sacramento. As the religious right and other conservative forces in Sacramento (and beyond) view our adult community as a menace, they view our youth and their issues as nonexistent. Unfortunately, statistics prove this myth to be false.

"Non-existent" gay and lesbian youth comprise 30% of all youth suicides annually. At LIFE, we are horrified by this statistic, we have made a commitment to educate, empower, care for, and cultivate leadership, our youth.

On January 3, 1996, we invite all LGBTQ and concerned straight youth to come to Sacramento. We will teach our youth about the legislative process and civil rights. We will also spend the day lobbying with these new participants.

Together, we will show your region, or make a donation to sponsor a youth to attend.

For more information or to volunteer please contact us! Ellen McCormick, Assistant Legislative Advocate Rene Hodge, Administrative Coordinator 926 J Street, Suite 522 Sacramento, CA 95814 ph: (916) 444-0424 fax: (916) 444-3059.

Agenda (locations TBA)
8:30 - 9:30 a.m. Check In
9:30 - 11:00 a.m. Legislative Briefing
11:00 - 11:30 a.m. Assembly Visit
11:45 - 12:30 p.m. Rally
12:30 - 1:30 p.m. Lunch
1:30 - 4:30 p.m. Legislative Visits
4:30 - 6:30 p.m. Reception

Pro-Life Gays Support Partial Abortion Ban

from News Release

The Pro-Life Alliance of Gays and Lesbians (PLAGAL) extends its solid support to the ban on partial birth abortions now pending before the United States Senate. The goal of this legislation is to prevent a monstrous practice which even the most zealous advocates of abortion rights are loathe even to describe publicly to the American people — is to make everyone painfully aware of the humanity of all the victims of abortion.

Our support of all preborn children is informed by our own life experiences. As lesbians and gays, we have felt the damage wrought by those who say we are people without human rights. This same offense is inflicted on the unborn, with lethal consequences: 4400 deaths each day.

Saving Unborn Gays & Lesbians

We expect and trust that after children are saved from these gruesome late term abortions, Americans will extend protection to other unborn lives at risk, such as the handicapped and women (who are frequently aborted in East Asia). Preborn gays and lesbians, whose homosexuality will soon be genetically indicated, will be among the most vulnerable.

We are resolved that lesbians and gays must not be added to the ranks of abortion victims. As with all others, they must be protected.

PLAGAL Information

The Pro-Life Alliance of Gays and Lesbians was organized in 1990 to advance the pro-life cause among lesbians and gays. Philip Arcidi, of Concord, Massachusetts, is the current President.

Contact the Pro-Life Alliance of Gays & Lesbians at P.O. Box 33292, Washington, D.C. 20033, (202) 223-6697. Internet: plagal@iol.com. For further information: Philip Arcidi, 747 Main Street, Concord, MA 01742, (508) 369-0700.

Have an Oh-Mary-Get-Over-It Christmas
Travel & Leisure

Slip Away to Greece

by Dan Presser
Contributing Writer

This writer has just returned from Greece, the playground of the gods—as well as boys and girls. Ah, Greece, the cradle of western civilization, the place where gods mingled with mortals and mortals mingled with men. Any holiday to Greece should start with a sightseeing tour of Athens. Musts are the Acropolis and the National Archaeological Museum of Greece where you can admire the beauty of the human body crafted by sculptors thousands of years ago. In the evening sip a glass of ouzo or retsina at any of Athens’ many tavernas. Stroll through the Plaka, a marvelous bazaar full of interesting shops, tasty restaurants, lively music and extremely sensuous dancing. Take your time, save the moment, have dinner, because Athens doesn’t wake up until after midnight! Alexander’s in the Kolonaki area is the place to cruise in Athens.

A trip to Greece is not complete without a cruise to the wonderful Greek Islands. The dry winds of the Aegean cool off sizzling Hellenic summer days. These constant breezes are a welcomed contrast to sweaty sightseeing on the mainland.

Each island in the Cyclades group looks like the other: white washed houses, crystal clear seas, wonderful beaches. Just as they are alike, they are also dissimilar. Each island has its own personality, feeling and way of life.

The majority of people who visit the islands aboard a cruise ship get to see a couple of islands, although most of them stay in port a half day or so. Galileo Cruises visit seven islands, allowing you plenty of time to explore the beauty of each. One day discover your own private bay in Naxos and enjoy the blue Aegean. In the evening have a romantic dinner at a cozy little taverna in Tinos, or enjoy a perfect martini watching a breathtaking young man march by as the sun majestically sets in Paros or go club hopping all night in Mykonos. Galileo Cruises offers several exclusively gay cruises. They can be reached at 1-800-447-5667 or through your local IGTA travel agent.

One of the best beaches on any of the islands is Super Paradise Beach on Mykonos. There are two ways to get there: by far the easiest way is by boat. The other is over land. I rented a motorcycle and found the going very tough. The roads are not well marked and often you run out of them. If you love to dirt bike then this route is for you. The most dangerous part of biking to Super Paradise Beach is descending the steep hills above the beach. Your bike can run away from you. Another exciting beach on Mykonos is Elia...if the rocks on that beach could talk.

Two bars are worth checking out: Portes and Pierre’s. Portes is a fun place with lots of doors. It’s a great place to escape out one door and come in another.

Of all the fun things I did in Greece, finding the cave in which Zeus, according to Greek mythology, was born. The birthplace of Zeus is in a cave in a mountain just outside the hamlet of Pahi on the island of Crete.

We rented a car and passed every turn we were supposed to make. Greek road signs are not easy to read at 50 kph. It took us four hours to find the place and only 1-1/2 hours to get back! Everybody stops at the ruins of the Palace of Knossos on Crete. Forget it! Sir Arthur Evans stole everything from the 3,000 year old site about a century ago. There’s more of Knossos in London then there is on Crete. I give Knossos two thumbs down! The rest of Crete is double thumbs up.

If you’re looking for excitement, adventure and fun, Greece is the place to go.

You can reach the worldy Dan Presser at FourWinds Travel in Carmel. e-mail: fourwinds@redshift.com. Point your browser to http://www.traveldiscounts.com/FourWinds/

Gay Pittsburgh: Icy but Inviting

The sissy cloak has been swept away from this Rust Belt jewel. Sitting at the confluence of the , Pittsburgh is nestled between rolling hills much of which is open parkland. It’s very much an East Coast town in scope, although since there is no gay ghetto, you’ll do some driving. Luckily this helps the diverse attractions available to travelers make up for it. There are two theater companies offering original gay-themed plays, an annual gay film festival, and a dozen social organizations. The Andy Warhol Museum (pictured top) houses 7 stories of Campbell’s Soup cans, films, & memorabilia.

Pittsburgh is a meat and potatoes town when it comes to dining, and the emphasis seems to be on grilled meats and generous portions rather than the usual yuppified, arugula-infested cuisine, which was a welcome change.

There are more than 16 bars & clubs sprinkled throughout the metropolitan area. Yuppies (241 E. Main St.) in Mt. Pleasant (left) is a double-wide trailer cum gay bar measuring perhaps 30’ square, but the men are friendly and drinks are $1.50.

The Paper recommends The Pittsburgh Eagle(1740 Eckert St.) a two-story converted bank building and Jazi’s (1241 Western Ave.) a converted Victorian mansion near the river. -WK

For general info on the Web http://www.city-net.com/-gayboy/pgghgb/

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February

Sat, 10th
Red and White Ball
"Queen of Hearts"
The Peninsula Professional Network's biggest annual event. Entertainment provided by the Grande Cypress Empire. At the American Legion Hall, 8th & Dolores in Carmel. Doors open at 7 p.m., show at 8 p.m. Call 659-2446 for more info.

Sun, 11th
"Hearts on Fire"
3M Foundation puts on a love tinged show. Doors open at 8 p.m., show at 8:30. $2 donation. Call Justin at 772-8200 for info.

June

Fri, 16th
S.F. Int'l Bear Rendezvous '96
in S.F. February 16 thru 19, 1996. See page 9 for details.

Man-to-Man Toy Box Party
Naughty or nice, gay men can learn what's new in sex toys for safer fun. Call Justin at 772-8200 for info.

Man-to-Man Logo Contest Judging
At The After Dark. Final judging and public viewing. See story on page 3 for information on how to enter. 772-8200 for info.

Fri, 16th
Valentine's Day
Local Bear Club Forms!

Bears of Monterey County

Local, informal, regular joe get togethers/activities for bears, cubs, and the men who appreciate bear ethos/eros/attitude/aptitude. Don't hibernate this winter - come play in our den! Please contact Jim: 394.6118/fax: 394.6296/e-mail MccOBear2@aol.com.

More Bear News

Bears of San Francisco (BOSF) Presents International Bear Rendezvous '96 in S.F. February 16 thru 19, 1996.

Cost: $69 ($59 for BOSF members) if postmarked by December 31, 1995. $89 thereafter. Price includes a commemorative Rendezvous '96 T-shirt and pin. For information, e-mail http://www.q.com/bosf/ or send regular mail to Bears of San Francisco, 2215 Market Street #266, San Francisco, CA. 94114

The host hotel is the Ramada San Francisco Hotel, 1231 Market Street (Market & 8th Streets), San Francisco, CA. Special room rates for Rendezvous are: $62 for Single and $72 for 2-4 people (plus tax). Call 1-800-227-4747 for hotel information and reservations. You must mention "BEAR RENDEZVOUS" to get the special rates, which are guaranteed until Feb. 2, 1996.

Pete's Tours is the official travel representative for Bear Rendezvous '96. They will be offering convention rate discounts from around the country. Call (415) 621-2915 or 1 (800) 585-PETE; or write: Pete's Tours, 4408 18th Street, San Francisco, CA 94114.

Bearish Worldwide Web Sites

Point your browsers to the following sites for more info on things bear. Woof!

Bears of San Francisco
http://www.q.com/bosf/
Hosts for Bear Rendezvous '96. Some nice links to other bear sites.

Lone Star Saloon
http://www.slip.net/~lonestar/
A cool site with plenty of links, including one to the KPIX video camera atop the Fairmont Hotel for real-time San Francisco weather updates. Info on most bear events in The City.

Bear Club Information
http://www.skepsis.com:80/gb/o/bears/CLUBS/
A comprehensive guide to bear clubs around country and the globe.

The Hairway to Steven
http://web.idirect.com/~daboy/kelso.html
A digital shrine to Colt's most popular calendar man, Steve Kelso. (nudity)

The Hairy Chest Page
http://www.creative.net/~hcp/
New and improved. Also includes the Moustache Page, and fur-ther links. (nudity)

Valley Bears, Sacramento
http://www.sna.com/ValleyBears/
New page with info on what's up in the Central Valley.

Pet Psych
Companion Animal Counseling & Educational Services
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Happy 10th Anniversary to Miss Freddie, Miss Gay Monterey 1985
"ASK A NURSE" Debuts!

This is a new section dedicated to addressing the ongoing health care needs of the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgendered communities in the Monterey Bay area.

- Did you think that AIDS was the only health concern that our community has to deal with?
- Have you ever had a question about some aspect of your health care, that you thought was too dumb, or too embarrassing to ask your health care provider?
- Have you been reluctant to divulge to your health care provider your sexual orientation? What difference does it make if they know, or not?

Now is your opportunity to "ASK A NURSE"!

Tom Sanguineto R.N., is a Nurse in our community who is ready to answer questions about health care issues affecting the Monterey Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual & Transgendered communities.

Future topics:
- Artificial Insemination: professional vs. the turkey baster
- The "forgotten" sexually transmitted diseases, and what they mean to you.
- And much more!
- And most importantly, answers to readers questions about your health care concerns, or issues.

Please send your anonymous inquiries to: "ASK A NURSE"
c/o Tom Sanguineto R.N.
PO. Box 215
Seaside, CA 93955

Rough Sex, Big Penises, & Rectal Bleeding

DISCLAIMER—This article is not intended to be a substitute for consulting with a Physician. It is merely intended to educate and inform interested parties about health care concerns that affect the Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual/Transgendered community.

Always consult your physician or health care provider for illness.

Nurse Tom was asked the following:

I had anal sex with my boyfriend with the bottom, and it got pretty rough. He has a pretty big penis, and I think something tore. Since then I started to notice blood mixed in with my stools.

Should I be concerned?

Thank you for your question, and I will attempt to address a couple of issues that came to mind when I read it.

Anal sex is one of the riskiest of all sexual practices, either with homosexual, or heterosexual couples, with regard to transmission of HIV.

In order to decrease the risk of anal sex, it is highly recommended that the active partner wear a condom to decrease the risk of transmission of HIV, and other sexually transmitted diseases to the passive partner.

Jifty Lube

It is also recommended that COPIOUS amounts of a WATER-BASED lubricant, (such as K-Y, WET, and other commercially available products) be used with latex condoms, as this decreases the amount of friction exerted on the condom, which in turn decreases the risk of "condom failure", or in plain English, a ripped condom. (I hesitate to reiterate, but will any way, don't ever mix latex condoms, and petroleum-based lubricants, such as vaseline, certain types of hand lotions, or even motor oil, as they will melt latex, and/or cause some pretty messy accidents)

Another suggestion, is that if you are intent on using small amounts of lubes, it is highly suggested that you have your partner "double condom", so that if the outer condom breaks, there will still be some protection from the inner condom... Unfortunately, the decrease in sensation your partner will experience wearing two condoms will probably go over like a proverbial lead balloon!

If you are involved in a prolonged bout of vigorous anal sex, take a break, once, twice, or perhaps even thrice

by L.H.

Carnal, combustible, complete

Surgical Suite of Subversion, Sacrifice, Sublime

Of your sweet sensual sirens

That glues us together for a nirvana in time.

The sweat on our bodies is a paste

I am in awe of the composition I hear

An avalanche set off by the crescendo

Memories; I feel my body aching

In anticipation of a crescendo

You're talking, but I can't hear what you're saying

Stroking, plucking, playing

Only the sweetest harmonies

My tongue is the drum stick and your nipples are the drums

Percussion is in order

Your luscious body is my instrument

Vibrating, resonating, a crescendo

You'll Never See That Headline in The Herald!
The Best Roast Potatoes
A Tribute to Helen
by Jane Wynn
Contributing Writer

As I begin to write this, my friend Helen is at Hospice. She has been there for about a month, although it could be shorter or longer, as I have lost track of the days. By the time this is printed, my friend Helen will be gone.

I met Helen about 9 or 10 years ago at a PPN meeting. Back then, there were not many women at the meetings, so I assume Fran, for female camaraderie. Helen from the Bronx and Jane Wynn in San Francisco for many years and that is where she met her partner, Fran, for female camaraderie. I was soon to discover that Helen was from the Bronx with one hell of a sense of humor. We were drawn toward each other by my friend Helen will be gone. I gravitated toward Helen and her partner, PPN meeting. Back then, there were not many women at the meetings, so I assume Fran, for female camaraderie. Bridge. Helen from the Bronx and Jane Wynn in San Francisco for many years and that is where she met her partner, Fran, for female camaraderie. I was soon to discover that Helen was from the Bronx with one hell of a sense of humor. We were drawn toward each other by the rigors of it all, I separated from many friends. Helen was not one of them. I was depressed a lot and lonely. I would go to her home many, many times on cold, dark weekend evenings for a Helen meal and a video. Could Helen cook? Let me tell you, Helen could cook. I had it down pat finally, when I would call her house about 4:00 p.m. on a bleak winter Sunday afternoon and hear that a pot roast was about to come out of the oven and why didn’t I come over. “So, do you have enough?” I would ask. “So, of course, come over!” And I would sit and do most of the talking, usually about a broken heart or about giving up with school. Always, Helen was there with a hug, a meal to mend the broken heart, and that New York determination of sticking to it no matter what. She always wanted to know what was going on in my life. You see I was “out” and Helen was not. I think she was curious with my sexual identity openness and she was fascinated with all of my escapades.

In the spring of 1994 I got to spend part of a weekend with Helen. We drove to L.A. together and saw Glenn Close in “Sunset Blvd.” I introduced Helen to my former boss, Blanche, also a former New Yorker. With Blanche’s daughter, Ellen, the four of us went to a Jewish restaurant for dinner on Pico Blvd. We were all in our glory. All of us loud and boisterous and so alive. Neither Helen nor I are Jewish. But we could have been.

Last New Year’s Eve I went to Helen and Fran’s for dinner. It was an elegant night. Helen made pork roast and Zoe brought dessert and I made salad. It was a loving and lovely evening. But the best part was Helen’s first attempt at roast potatoes. Know the kind? Small little spuds cooked in the meat. As I put one in my mouth, I looked up from my plate and at that New York face across from me and announced: “So, these are your first attempt? I can’t believe it!”

“So, they’re my first.”
“Not your first? Can’t be your first!”
“So, you like?”
“Why, they’re my first already!”
“Not your first?”
“So, what do you want me to do, lie? They’re my first.”
“I can’t believe it. You’re first.”
I went on and on about those potatoes for two months.

And the countless times I called her up in tears. Always having a hard time sharing my pain, I knew that Helen would never judge and before the end of the conversation she would have me laughing. I never knew of Helen’s pain. She only shared her laughter with me.

In August of 1995 Helen told me that she was just told she had cancer. She was 58. The words were strangely foreign to me. I realized quite quickly that HIV and AIDS were familiar, but cancer had not touched me recently. We were out in her patio, it was a Sunday afternoon. With that Bronx determination, she announced she was going to fight and beat it. I could see the pain in her face. That was only a little over two months ago.

My friendship has not changed with Helen. I visit her at Hospice and her Bronx accent still shines and her eyes get really big when she sees me. She still wants to know what is going on with me. The only thing that is different is now she kisses me on the lips. There is an intimacy in death that exists nowhere else.

If Helen knew I was writing about her, she would be shy and shocked. But I wanted to share Helen. I love her and I will miss her terribly. She was a gift to my life. Thank you, Helen.
by Jim Wheeler
Contributing Writer

I am a 34-year old HIV+ gay man. And the latest mudmungs about the lives of men like men within the Monterey County AIDS world (trouble is, you see, there is no one to talk to about our perspective on unsafe sex, about being negative. We feel we should stay quiet about being HIV+, that it bothers HIV+ people. Yes, a negative person is responsible for himself; that is everyone’s first and foremost responsibility. But we all have a responsibility to one another. Sometimes I want to yell, “Positive people have a responsibility, too!” I think positive people have to take responsibility and not assume that a negative person will demand a condom is used.

The reluctance to address the duties of those who are positive is the fear of stigmatizing HIV+ people, of making them feel that they are “vectors of disease.” Singling out HIV- people is also seen as divisive. To think that it’s not already separated is crazy and, even if it is divisive to an extent, it must happen if we are to save lives. It’s unconscionable that, at the expense of being divisive, we let people die. It’s the kind of thing that would help HIV- meet with being negative.

We’re in denial. I. We’re in denial about our sexual practices, unsure about safer sex. We’re demoralized. We feel shit about a million things. About our bodies, about homophobia in general, about the fact that our friends are dying, and that we can’t talk to anybody about it who understands it from our perspective. Or we’re feeling immune to HIV. For whatever reasons, we’re in denial. It’s easy to have unsafe sex, easy to fall into the trap that old-fashioned sex is more intimate, more real, better. All these things play into it.

Thus, the direct challenge for gay men in Monterey County is our own seroconversion. Stop and think for a minute: Doctors and scientists tell us there will be no cure for AIDS in our lifetimes, REGARDLESS of our status; the nation’s moved to the Right and budget cuts threaten existing services; groups like ACT UP break up; fractured responses aggravate the tension between negative and positive gay men; gay political and social culture is becoming the AIDS culture. Why wouldn’t we think AIDS is inevitable? And if we’re going to die by the time we’re 40, why not become a raging steroid muscle hunk on crystal, the best fuck in town? Why live in fear of the inevitable instead of enjoying the time we do have?

It’s time to understand us. We seronegatives are, after all, the others who seroconvert.

A Little History

Our ideas about being HIV- were formed at the start of the epidemic. Armed with negative test results, we were in opposition to, and the expense of, gay men testing positive. We were known as HIV- men, defined through our dying friends.

To eliminate discrimination and reactionary policies towards AIDS and HIV+ men, we left the test results private. To reveal our HIV status was insensitive and politically suspect. It’s also been complicit in maintaining the split between negatives and positives.

HIV- and negative gay men combined in the 1980’s to fight the policies and practices that were killing us. A side effect has been that gay men are seen as innately diseased. This “Spectacle of AIDS,” which equates all gay men with AIDS, was the focus of all our energies: the circulation of these stories is everyone’s first and foremost responsibility.

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The support systems of, by, and for HIV+ gay men have become the urban gay culture. The Folsom Street Fair might more accurately be called the Folsom Street AIDS Fair.
**Potent HIV Drug Approved**

**Roche’s Protease Inhibitor Saquinavir Available to the Public**

Tom Sanguino R.N.

Contribution Writer

It was announced December 7, 1995, that one of the newest drugs in the anti-HIV drug arena has been approved for sale to the public.

The drug, Saquinavir, is in a new class of antiretroviral drugs, referred to as protease inhibitors, which has been shown to be a promising class of drugs to slow the progression of HIV disease.

Saquinavir, which is produced by the drug giant Hoffmann-LaRoche (Roche), had previously only been available for use by HIV infected people through drug studies, and most recently by a "lottery" system, whereby HIV infected individuals could have their physician submit their "patient number" to Roche if they fit the study criteria, and then wait for their number to be "drawn from a hat".

Saquinavir is one of many protease inhibitors which are currently being developed by drug companies, and have shown much promise in slowing down the progression of HIV disease, particularly when combined with other anti-HIV drugs, such as AZT, 3TC, and others.

**How They Work**

Protease inhibitors are a class of drug which blocks the action of an enzyme, referred to as protease, which breaks up large proteins produced by viral RNA, which then prevents viral replication.

Protease Inhibitors differ from the nucleoside analog drug family; these drugs (AZT, ddI, ddC, 3TC) interfere with the life cycle of the AIDS virus at a different point in the replication cycle.

The recommended dosage for Saquinavir has been placed at 600 milligrams three times daily, taken with food. It is further recommended that it be taken in combination with 1 or 2 other antiretrovirals from the nucleoside analog family.

**Drug Interactions**

There are at least 3 drugs which shouldn’t be taken with Saquinavir:

1. Ketoconazole (Nizoral), which is classified as an antifungal agent. When taken with Saquinavir, it increases the blood levels of Saquinavir, which might seem to be a desirable effect, but when blood levels of Saquinavir are too high, the side effect profile tends to also rise.

2. Rifampin, (Rifadin, Rimactane), which is classified as an antitubercular, and as a broad spectrum antibacterial. When taken with Saquinavir, it appears to inhibit absorption of the Saquinavir, which means that you will not be getting the entire benefit of the drug.

3. Rifabutin, which is a drug utilized to prophylax against mycobacterium (MAC) infection. When this drug is mixed, it too appears to inhibit absorption of the Saquinavir.

**Steep Pricing**

Now for the bad news... Roche has announced that the average wholesale price for Saquinavir will be approximately $570.00 per month, or close to $7000.00 per year for this new drug.

Roche has established a drug reimbursement hotline, and claims that anyone who needs the drug will not be denied. They also claim that they will be attempting to assist individuals to seek funding through both public, and private means.

(Editor’s Note: Contact your doctor regarding any interesting medications mentioned in The Paper.)

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**Sid Hirose**

Sid Hirose, 51, died of AIDS this November.

Sid was my good friend, confidante and advisor, the adopted gay uncle who was as comfortable in leather bars as Little Tokyo noodle houses.

Sid was a well-respected educator for the State of California, specializing in helping dropout mothers return to school. We met at an HIV+ support group in Silverlake, just a stone’s throw from his home in Echo Park. Sid and I spent my late August sojourns to L.A. together, smoking Camels and munching gorditas while wading through the muscles and moustaches at Sunset Junction.

Sid was a tall man with a boxer’s build and a quiet demeanor. His family was from the Hiroshima province, but his skin was dark from a childhood idyll in Hawaii. We might have passed for father and son, except, as Sid would remind everyone, I was the one with the Joan Crawford saunter.

It’s difficult to watch the death of a friend from afar or pay tribute when the phone call comes. Crying seems hopelessly inadequate somehow, and Sid and I had six years to prepare. For your sake, Sid, I’ll leave the rest for later and carry on with just the happiness. -Wes Kashwagi

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**Most Recent Monterey Co. AIDS Statistics**

**Racial/Ethnic**

White/Caucasian 52
Black/African American 6
Latino/Hispanic 14
Asian/Pacific Islander 2
American Indian <1
Other <1

**Geographic**

North County 9
Monterey Peninsula 42
South County 13
Salinas/Prunedale 36

**Gender**

Male 52
Female 48

**Age**

Under 20 1
20s 16
30s 24
40s 27
50s & over 11

**Risk Factors**

Gay/Bi Men 60
Gay/Bi Injection Drug Users 8
Injection Drug Users 18
Hemophiliac 2
Blood Recipient 3
Heterosexual 6
Perinatal 4
Unknown/Other 3

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**P W A s / H I V + s Encouraged to Run for Office**

by Wes Kashwagi

Managing Editor

AIDS activists are running for office in this year’s election to bring attention to the epidemic and push President Clinton to fulfill past election promises, this according to news releases from the National Gay Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF).

PWAs and HIV+ men and women are being urged by the NGLTF to run for public office in their local communities as a way of publicizing AIDS issues and need for continued vigilance.

In New York, AIDS Cure Campaign has started a petition to get HIV+ activist Steve Michael from ACT UP in Washington, DC on the ballot. Michael will challenge President Clinton for the Democratic nomination for President, campaigning on the same AIDS platform that helped Clinton win the White House in 1992.

AIDS Cure Campaign leader Wayne Turner noted that candidates for federal office are entitled to greatly discounted ad rates for television commercials that, under FCC regulations, cannot be censored.

Turner’s organization will also secure twenty minutes at prime time for nominating and seconding speeches at the upcoming Democratic National Convention in Chicago.

No local openly PWA/HIV+ candidates have announced their intention to run for government office in Monterey County elections.

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source/NGLTF AOL forum
Gay Boy Guidance

A Dollop of Gay Truisms for a Newly Out Friend

by Gus Bid
Special to The Paper

friend of mine came out to me a few weeks ago. It was surprising news and a bit disappointing since my “gaydar” had failed me.

Gaydar—the innate ability to sense or locate other gay people—is but one of the cultural gems I’ve explained over the last several weeks.

Even though he has been having sex with men for some time, I thought his gay nature was worth sharing.

Q: How do I meet men if I don’t want to go to a bar?
A: You can take your chances at dirty bookstores, the men’s department of Macy’s or choral performances, but I prefer the bars. Men who go to gay bars are comfortable enough with their gayness to be seen walking in off of the street, and being comfortable with your sexuality is key to leading a healthy, happy life.

Q: I don’t like one-night stands. Do you think I’ll find a relationship at a bar?
A: As in all things, you get what you deserve. I have friends who will always be single, and I have friends whose “relationships” are no more intimate than what I share with my mailman. Be sure to define your terms before slipping a ring on his finger.

Many gay men mistakenly assume that moving in with the first like-minded booh will ensure intimacy and love. It can happen, but I subscribe to the “natural selection theory of relationships,” i.e., you will only find a relationship when you’re ready to be in a relationship. If you’re single it’s probably god’s way of protecting the rest of us.

Q: Why do all gay relationships fail?
A: Not especially. I always wanted a relationship theory of relationships,” i.e., you will always be single, and I have friends who believe in you based upon how you present yourself, but unless you’re willing to maintain that facade indefinitely, stick with the real you. It’s difficult explaining why you would rather inhale a gallon of Ben & Jerry’s than pump iron the next morning.

Q: Where do old gay men go? Do they turn into butterflies or something?
A: Since our culture is based upon sex and thus sexual attractiveness, men over 40 often find themselves pariahs in the dance bars. Since this is the cultural climate they invented in the 70’s, I have a hard time finding pity for them. Being old doesn’t count for much, unless all that you have to offer them in return is just being young.

Most of the 40+ crowd I know are in relationships or married to their houses; most of their socializing is done at dinner parties or piano bars.

Q: How do I know if a gay is HIV+?
A: Ask, and don’t be cute about it. If he says yes, you’ll need to use a rubber if you fuck him or vice versa, but you’ll know that he told you the truth at least once.

If he says no, you’ll have to consider what you’ve learned about him and how much of it you believe, i.e., if you don’t know much beyond his first name and the color of his jeans, you’ve probably been sizing something up other than his veracity.

Most men will stretch the truth a bit (this is how I learned what “man inches” are). As with any negotiation, you will either bargain wisely or allow yourself to be deceived for the sake of convenience. It’s your life; you can gamble all you want. I will tell you that of the 27 men I’ve slept with, 12 of whom were HIV+ , not one has told me his status without my asking first.

Q: Do I need to use a rubber if he’s HIV+?
A: Dump him.

Q: Are you happy being gay?
A: Not especially. I always wanted a child of my own. But then I’m not happy being straight either. Since there’s not much I can do about either, I make the most of it.

The most important thing to remember is that by becoming a part of the gay community and enjoying the freedoms that it now affords, you have a responsibility to keep it alive and growing. Now let’s go dance.

Gus Bid is a gay man living in New Monterey. He welcomes your comments.
HIV/AIDS Resources

Monterey County AIDS Project (MCAP)
780 Hamilton, Seaside, 394-4747; and
10 Sherwood Dr. Ste. 5, Salinas, 772-8200.

Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual/Transgender Advisory Committee of MCAP
Meets the 2nd Fri. of each month, call 647-8033.

Diversity Committee of MCAP
An ad hoc committee to promote minority access to HIV/AIDS services throughout Monterey County. For meeting info call Deborah at 393-1808.

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. Call MCAP at 394-4747.

Family, Friends, & Partners Group
Meets the 1st & 3rd Sun. of the month in Salinas at 7 p.m. Call MCAP for location and more info 394-4747.

John XXIII AIDS Ministry
Housing and other services. Michael Center, 540 Lighthouse Ave., Monterey, 653-1737

Moms for Moms
Support group for moms of people with AIDS. Meets the 2nd & 4th Weds. of every month in Monterey. Call 655-1737 or Jeanne Steinbach at 484-2258.

Community Resources

Alcoholics Anonymous (AA)
Central Office, 373-3713 or 424-9874

American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) for Monterey County
373-4991 or 373-0823

BAYME
Lesbian & gay political organization. Call 899-2263 for info.

Gay Men’s Health Coalition
649-2555

Grande Cypress Empire of Monterey
A non-profit fundraising organization benefiting local gay and AIDS agencies. 899-2048

Integrity
Gay Episcopalian group. Call 484-2326.

Lesbian Alliance
A local group offering a variety of social activities. Call 648-4338 for more information.

Metropolitan Community Church
Services held Sunday evenings at Mariposa Hall, 801 Lighthouse Ave. Monterey. Call 335-0146 or 372-2182.

Monterey County Health Department
HIV testing and other services. 755-4512

Monterey Pride Association (MPA)
Responsible for planning and organizing Monterey’s annual gay pride festival and tradition. Leave a message for Scott with Flanders at the Carmel Floral Company.

The Paper
Monterey County’s only gay newspaper. Write to P.O. Box 2081, Monterey, 93942-2081 or stickyrice@aol.com.

Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG)
A social group for professional men & women from the Central Coast. Meetings are held the 2nd Wednesday of every month. 659-2446.

Peninsula Professionals Network (PPN)
A social group for professional men and women involved in the gay community. Meetings are held the 1st Tuesday of every month in Carmel. Call 655-FLAG for info on meetings and speakers.

Santa Cruz Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual & Transgendered Community Center
1328 Commerce Lane in Santa Cruz. A great resource for all of your queer needs. Call 425-5462 for more information.

Salud Para La Gente
Comprehensive health services and education in Spanish and English for the Pajaro Valley. Call 763-5413 (voicemail).

Santa Cruz, Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual & Transgendered Community Center
1328 Commerce Lane in Santa Cruz. A great resource for all of your queer needs. Call 425-5462 for more information.

3M Foundation
The Magic, Music & Memory Foundation of Monterey County is a non-profit 501C4 public benefit corporation dedicated to promoting a fun and inexpensive environment through entertainment while raising funds for worthy causes. Call 373-7828 for show information.

Women’s Bisexual Network
427-4556

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SEND IN YOUR RESOURCES LISTINGS TO THE PAPER BEFORE FEBRUARY 17TH. WE’LL PUT THEM IN FOR FREE.

Next Deadline is Monday, July 17th
National Condom Week Approaches

by Justin Larson
Man-to-Man Coordinator

The nationally recognized Safer Sex Campaign known as National Condom Week will soon be visible in Monterey County, highlighted by a variety of activities. In addition to the regular outreach activities at the After Dark and Franco's, Man-to-Man will co-sponsor a variety of fun and entertaining events.

Promoted by the Condom Resource Center in Berkeley, National Condom Week has been successfully implemented in communities, both large and small, throughout the country. Though the word condom is in the name, the purpose of the week is to promote responsible decision-making in a safe and enjoyable way.

Some communities have their mayors make an official declaration, others host workshops and conferences, others promote contests on college campuses. Smaller towns have run poster campaigns and passed out free condoms to target groups, especially young people. Churches talk about responsibility in relationships, politicians talk about social responsibility, and media personalities remind people to take care of themselves and each other. But rather than dwelling on the heavy topics of the current health issues, National Condom Week strives to promote its message in a positive and exciting way.

As Man-to-Man volunteers take on the first official National Condom Week for Monterey County, there have been lots of ideas about what to do. Because of limited resources this year, M2M is gearing up for a workshop, it's full of discoveries and a social atmosphere reigns. Come see where your fantasies lead. Write ads to find that Mr. Right or Mr. Right Now! Flyers with times & locations will be available at the outreach table or call 772-8202.

TUESDAY, FEB. 13 - Man-to-Man Logo Contest Judging
As a result of our search for a logo to identify the outreach program, Man-to-Man has sponsored a logo contest. [See story page 3 for details. The prizes are first rate!]

FRIDAY, FEB. 16 - Hot and Healthy. Here it is again!
A new program added as a spin-off to our successful Hot & Healthy workshops. We call it a workshop, it's full of discoveries and a social atmosphere reigns. Come see what's out there for you and your partner(s). Working in cooperation with Good Vibrations of San Francisco, this promises to be a gay man's ultimate Tupperware party! Space will be limited for this first event, but as hosts and dates become available, so will opportunities for all of you to come do some shopping - or just browsing. Call Man-to-Man at 772-8202 to reserve a space and get details.

TUESDAY, FEB. 19 - National Condom Week Booth
Set at the Monterey Farmer's Market, this outreach booth will provide information, ideas, support, and condoms to shoppers. Here's a chance to haul your friends down to get both bargains and some good ideas and information. Farmer's Market runs from 4:00 until 7:00 on Alvarado Street.

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Top 10 Worst Things for a Gay Man to See in a Porno Tape

1. A woman
2. Actors preparing to speak
3. Santa, again
4. Toe taps
5. Jeff Stryker, again
6. Lassie
7. Chocolate sauce, no sundae
8. Callouses in unusual places
9. Public mascara runs
10. Your ex

SATURDAY, FEB. 10 - Red and White Ball
Hosted by Grande Cypress Empire and Peninsula Professional Network members, Man-to-Man will kick off National Condom Week this Saturday! Take part in what promises to be a successful annual event, and find out a bit of what Man-to-Man has in store for the rest of the week!

SUNDAY, FEB. 11 - Toy Box
A new program added as a spin-off to our successful Hot & Healthy workshops. Toys and accessories for fun times will be shown in a private home setting, so you can see what's out there for you and your partner(s). Working in cooperation with Good Vibrations of San Francisco, this promises to be a gay man's ultimate Tupperware party! Space will be limited for this first event, but as hosts and dates become available, so will opportunities for all of you to come do some shopping - or just browsing. Call Man-to-Man at 772-8202 to reserve a space and get details.

TUESDAY, FEB. 13 - National Condom Week Booth
Set at the Monterey Farmer's Market, this outreach booth will provide information, ideas, support, and condoms to shoppers. Here's a chance to haul your friends down to get both bargains and some good ideas and information. Farmer's Market runs from 4:00 until 7:00 on Alvarado Street.

TUESDAY, FEB. 13 - Man-to-Man Logo Contest Judging
As a result of our search for a logo to identify the outreach program, Man-to-Man has sponsored a logo contest. [See story page 3 for details. The prizes are first rate!]

FRIDAY, FEB. 16 - Hot and Healthy. Here it is again!
A new program added as a spin-off to our successful Hot & Healthy workshops. We call it a workshop, it's full of discoveries and a social atmosphere reigns. Come see where your fantasies lead. Write ads to find that Mr. Right or Mr. Right Now! Flyers with times & locations will be available at the outreach table or call 772-8202.

If you want to be a part of a growing and fun outreach movement? Time commitment is easy and training is available. Come to a Man-to-Man volunteer meeting and find out more! Meetings are the first Tuesday of the month at the Seaside MCAP office, or the third Tuesday of the month at the Salinas office, from 7:00 until about 8:30.

Call Man-to-Man at 772-8202 with any questions you have about meeting places, events, volunteering, or safer sex questions! We're here to serve!