The Gay Tribe

A thin silver loop. A Sanskrit poem. Thick steel rods attached to looping chains. Gay men & lesbians are adorning their bodies with all of these things, and the trend is growing. Why the interest in body modification? Some say that we are in the midst of a natural evolutionary step towards increased self-identification within our community, our tribe. We meet with two local artists for their thoughts on piercing and tattooing as it enters the mainstream.

Steve Hoskins (pictured below) is a 26 year old Prunedale man who knows what it's like to both give and receive a tattoo. His arms, torso and legs are laced with symbols and designs, most of which he applied himself.

Hoskins received his first tattoo, a Mayan snake along the side of his arm, at age 17. "My good friend Christy bought it for me. I don't see her very often now," explained Hoskins, "but the snake is always with me and I'll always remember her and our friendship."

The intimate link between getting a tattoo and memories of the tattooing itself or events which led to the tattoo are almost universal. Hoskins likened them to a photo album: "Like a photo album, they're there all the time, but you only remember when you choose to look at them. They become like the hair on your arm; you forget that they're there."

"People used to ask 'what do they mean?' said Hoskins, who is used to being barraged with fatuous questions about his many tattoos. "They thought they were satanic; people had never seen it before, the tribal stuff. It's more commonplace now so the most common question is 'does it hurt?'"

Hoskins is special in that most of the tattoos on his body were self-administered. He occasionally tattoos others, but only if he feels he knows them. When asked why he choose skin as the canvas on which to create his artwork Hoskins explained that, for him, tattooing is a much more personal and inherently intimate choice.

Gregory Larouxe (left) can promote acceptance of his sexuality and sense of aesthetics without uttering a word. Larouxe's face glints of stainless steel barbells and thick gauge wire.

When asked how he got started in piercing, Larouxe explained how he saw a shirtless man ("A really hot looking guy") who had his nipples pierced with gold jewelry. "I didn't know any better so I took a safety pin and..." Larouxe grins at the memory, then jokes, "Not the recommended method."

Now Larouxe is a piercer by trade. He runs a small shop in the loft above the Outer Edge salon in downtown Monterey. Larouxe has 40 piercings thus far, 20 of which he maintains with jewelry. Among them are a double (once a triple) Prince Albert: a ring or barbell that enters through the urethra and exits below and behind the head of the penis. Bellybuttons are the most common piercing in Monterey, according to Larouxe. For facial and nipple piercings, a 20 gauge needle is used, for Prince Alberts a 10 gauge is more common.

When asked about piercing seemingly overnight leap in popularity Larouxe said, "Piercing is popular now because it's more easily removed, less expensive, and generally less of a commitment than a tattoo."

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We're Here, We're Queer, and We Know How to Make Headlines
Publisher's Note

Congrats, Monterey!

There are moments, albeit fleeting, when the travails of community organizing give way to the revelry in seeing it all come together. When I marched down the sidewalk of Lighthouse Ave., with 200 of my queer peers in Monterey County’s first gay pride march, it was the finest moment of my life here in Monterey.

The gay pride festival the following day drew 800 from near and far, and was no less inspiring. Both events drew attention to the existence and untapped strength of our community, and thanks to expanded news coverage both on TV and in print, the message was spread far and wide.

Planning for next year’s event begins on Tuesday, August 13th. Call Scott at 655-9568 if you’re interested in helping. The Paper would like to recognize once again the extraordinary contributions of Scott Steinman to the peninsula’s gay community. It is one thing to talk about community activism, another to actually do it.

Tribal Instincts

At some point in your life, you may have heard a line that goes something like this: "If every gay person in this city suddenly turned purple for one day, everyone, including other gay people, could finally see how many of us there are."

Too often, we fail to recognize members of our own community, family, tribe or whatever term is you’ve chosen as your own. This issue of The Paper deals with how lesbian and gay people are using body modification to identify themselves as different, and how it provides them with a permanent reminder of their place in society.

The Paper Wants You

The editorial staff has finally gotten far enough ahead to start recruiting writers again! After a long break, The Paper will hold its editorial meeting on Friday, July 19th. The Sept/Oct issue will focus on older lesbians and gays: what their lives were like before the start of gay liberation and what their lives are like now.

As always, news stories on local events are always welcome, although I will give priority to those submissions that are in keeping with our theme.

Latency

The editorial and layout staff would also like to apologize for being a week late with this issue. The advertising department could not round up enough ads to pay for this issue, so we decided to postpone printing to make some phone calls.

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 that community to the benefit of all its members.

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Openly Gay Candidate Runs for S.C. City Council

A gay candidate will be walking the entire of city of Santa Cruz in hopes of swaying voters to support him during the upcoming elections for Santa Cruz city council. David Silva, a longtime political activist, will run in November on a platform that supports gay issues, ecologically sound solutions for local problems, union rights, and will promote his office as a “beachhead” for HIV/AIDS activism.

A Fresh Look at S.C. Politics

“The council responds to issues defensively,” said Silva when asked to describe the current political climate. According to Silva, the city council is often at loggerheads with the city manager’s office.

Silva also hopes to institute “proportional representation”, which puts all 7 seats on the council up for reelection at once. Voters choose their top three candidates. Anyone with 1/7 of the vote is elected, with the remainder chosen in order of popularity. The council’s infamous marathon meetings, which can last for over 12 hours, are indicative of how much needs to change, explained Silva.

Kickoff Party

There will be a gathering at the Medical Marijuana office at 207 Maple St. in downtown Santa Cruz on July 15th to kick-off Silva’s campaign. Call 429-5284 or e-mail him at dsilva@cruzio.com.

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All in the Family: From left: Matthew Friday, Devena Wilson, Trish Charles, Autumn Unck. The CSUMB group is becoming a visible part of student life on campus.

CSUMB Gay Club Out & Wired

Visit their website at http://Infotech.monterey.edu/~unk/proj4.html

by George I. Goddett
Contributing Writer

A fledgling gay association on the California State University Monterey Bay (CSUMB) is well on its way towards making a name for itself both on and off campus.

"All in the Family" became an official campus student organization during this, CSUMB’s inaugural academic year.

“We wanted to be able to say that were here from the beginning,” said club President, Autumn Unck, a marine biology major who transferred into CSUMB from Colorado State. Unck has managed to juggle writing the bylaws of the group and other duties with a full class load.

Out on Campus

As an official campus organization, All in the Family will be listed among all of the other clubs in the campus brochures and bulletins. The group also set up a table at the recent student orientation days.

The group met 10 times over the course of the past semester and has 7 student members. Four faculty members serve as advisors.

CSUMB’s reliance on the Internet and computer technology has proven invaluable to the group. They use it to post meeting announcements, correspond with members, and inform the rest of the student body about gay issues, even during school breaks when many students move back home.

All in the Family plans on organizing events on campus to help publicize their group with students and the community. The first event will most likely be an evening of comedy and theater from FatLips, a lesbian theatrical troupe.

Devena Wilson, the group’s treasurer, and Matthew Friday, their community liaison, organized a panel on gay, lesbian, and bisexual issues earlier this year, before All in the Family was organized. The event drew the largest crowd for any workshop yet held on the CSUMB campus.

First Impressions

Unck’s first impression of Monterey’s gay community was that it was hidden, inaccessible and closed, which is something she would like to see change. “The biggest wall is that I was new to the community and didn’t know where to go,” said Unck, who has heard that students were calling the campus police department and student center out of desperation when looking for local gay groups.

Wilson’s approach will be to promote being gay or lesbian as a culture, and plans to hold cultural workshops to help others better understand the gay community.

The group has received support from the local community. A woman approached Trish Charles, one of the group’s advisors, at Santa Cruz’s pride festival and made an unsolicited offer to silkscreen the group’s T-shirts at cost. Matthew Friday and other locals have offered to help publicize the group at Peninsula Professional Network and other local social gatherings.

Unck summed up the group’s attitude in a rallying cry: “Closets are for clothes; come on out!”

You can contact All in the Family by calling Autumn Unck at 372-3002 or e-mail autumn_unck@otter.monterey.edu.
**Transpeople Left Behind on Hate Crimes Again**

from Press Release

Washington, DC - President Clinton has signed the Church Arson Prevention Act of 1996 passed by Congress on June 26, which reauthorizes the Hate Crimes Statistics Act. The HCSA, originally enacted in 1990, mandates FBI collection of data on hate crimes based on "race, religion, sexual orientation or ethnicity."

Despite the fact that the HCSA does not cover transgendered persons, GenderPAC helped a broad coalition of civil rights organizations urge Congress to reauthorize the HCSA after its original mandate expired in 1995.

**Limited Coverage**

In effect, HCSA will cover genderqueers if, and only if, they can demonstrate the assault on them occurs as a result of their being "perceived" as gay or lesbian. The difficulty of this can be even be gauged by the recent brutal slayings of transpeople like Brandon Teena or Deborah Forte. Even in such horrific cases, local officials have been notoriously reluctant to label them "hate crimes," while correspondingly eager to blame the victim's alleged gender "deception" as the cause.

**GenderPAC's Response**

Said Riki Anne Wilchins, GenderPAC's Executive Director, "In the face of the terrible incidence of trans murders in the past few years, including Brandon Teena (NE), Christian Paige (IL), Deborah Forte (MA), Chanel Picket (MA), Janice Ricks (OH), Harold Draper (NJ), Cameron Tanner (CA), Marsha Johnson (NY), Jessy Santiago (NY) and her sister Peggy Santiago (NY), it is simply unconscionable that people still haven't gotten the message that hate crimes against gender people must be tracked."

Dana Priesing, GenderPAC's Congressional Advocacy Coordinator who had worked hard for trans-inclusion: "This is a bittersweet event for transgendered people. We're glad to see the Hate Crimes Statistics Act reauthorized and for our gay, lesbian and bisexual brothers and sisters who are once again covered by the Act. And we're pleased to have contributed to the reauthorization process."

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**Gay & Straight Together in NCBI**

by Sue Parris
Chapter Director, NCBI Monterey Co.

We know that everyone has suffered from the barriers of prejudice and the pain of oppression. The mistreatment can come from being a child in an adult world, a woman in a man's world, a person of color in a white society, or a gay man or a lesbian in a heterosexual world. Through workshops and other interventions, the National Coalition Building Institute (NCBI) provides an opportunity for individuals to take leadership to effectively change institutionalized discrimination.

The National Coalition Building Institute (NCBI) is a non-profit leadership development organization dedicated to ending discrimination and intolerance of every kind: against race, gender, sexual orientation, class, religion, age, physical difference or life circumstance. NCBI trains individuals from diverse backgrounds to become leaders in the communities in which they live. NCBI International, based in Washington DC, has been training individuals and organizations in prejudice reduction and coalition building for nearly 20 years in the United States, Canada, Europe, Africa and the Middle East.

NCBI's motto is "All for One; One for All." We believe that no group can be free of oppression unless every group is valued, respected and fought for. Gay men, lesbians, and bisexuals work alongside heterosexuals with the knowledge that together we can accomplish more than any one group could hope to achieve alone.

Saidly, when any group of people is systematically targeted for mistreatment, the members of that group will often turn that external mistreatment against themselves, and other members of their group. Our work around sexual orientation includes opportunities for healing from "internalized" oppression, as well as from oppression that comes from the outside.

Sometimes our greatest learnings have come out of our relationships with each other. As gay men, lesbians and bisexuals, we have had to look at the ways in which internalized oppression gets in our way as leaders, and how we can fully welcome heterosexuals as allies. Heterosexuals have had to face our homophobia, and learn what it means to be powerful allies for our homosexual sisters and brothers. It has been important for us to examine the links between homophobia and sexism.

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Do Chip and Dale Qualify for Spousal Benefits? Are They Southern Baptists?
What was the “Lavender Menace”? What was the first gay TV movie?

By David Bianco
Contributing Writer

What was the “Lavender Menace”?
In the late 1960s and early 1970s, some straight feminists, most notably National Organization for Women founder Betty Friedan, worried that feminism’s public image would be marred by a too-visible lesbian presence in the movement. In Friedan’s choice phrase, lesbians represented a “lavender menace” to American feminism. It was a loaded slogan. From the perspective of the mid-1990s, it is easy to forget the mindset of the Cold War, and the hysteria linked to such phrases as the “red menace.” Although Friedan later backed off and said the lesbian issue was just a “lavender herring” to divert attention from the real issues facing women, lesbians understandably felt stung by both phrases.

Complicating Friedan’s statements was evidence of actual discrimination within NOW, where lesbians in positions of leadership were being silenced or forced out of office. A group of women from the Gay Liberation Front felt that the feminist movement needed some consciousness-raising, and planned an incident that would mark a turning point in the relationship between lesbians and the women’s movement. It would also be one of the most creative direct actions in the early history of what was then called the “gay liberation movement.”

On Friday night, May 1, 1970, the lights went out on the hundreds of women gathered for the second annual Congress to Unite Women. When they came back on, twenty women in purple T-shirts which proclaimed “Lavender Menace” stood in front of the auditorium, and there were signs along the walls which read, “Take a Lesbian to Lunch” and “Is the Statue of Liberty a Lesbian?” The “Menace” demanded the microphone from the stage and accused the women’s movement of internalized sexism, and of discriminating against lesbians.

The rest of the scheduled speakers were canceled, and the assembled women spent the rest of the evening listening to the concerns of lesbians. Although the event had its angry and emotional movements (such as when some lesbians came out publicly for the first time), for the most part the “Lavender Menace” kept a sense of humor about what they were doing, which helped relax many women present who had never been exposed to open discussions of lesbianism.

When the lesbians who had prepared remarks finished speaking, an open microphone was declared, and one of the women who chose to come forward and talk about her struggles with her own sexuality provoked the usual protests from the National Gay Task Force—too-visible lesbians were being silenced or forced out of office. She was the well-known professor and author Kate Millett, who herself would later become a lavender menace to debates over sexuality in the women’s movement.

During the rest of the weekend, the Lavender Menace put together well-attended discussions and workshops on issues related to sexual orientation and feminism. On Sunday, the congress even passed a tongue-in-cheek Menace resolution declaring, “Be it resolved that Women’s Liberation is a Lesbian plot.”

The Lavender Menace action was a landmark in an ongoing struggle within the lesbian movement. Lesbians in the early 1970s were feeling increasingly like tokens or showpieces in male-dominated groups...

As for the Lavender Menace themselves, they did not disappear after their highly public debut. They marched in that summer’s first-ever New York City Christopher Street Liberation Day Parade, and (under the name Radicalesbians) published an influential essay, “The Woman-identified Woman.”

What was the first gay-themed TV movie?
“That Certain Summer,” which aired November 1, 1972 on ABC. The movie stars Hal Holbrook, whose 14-year-old son comes to spend the summer with him and discovers that Dad is in love with Martin Sheen. It appeared at a time when television was beginning to explore controversial topics—such as the man who wrote the New York Times to complain that Holbrook’s character’s “tear” at the end of the film was a “repudiation of the life he had chosen for himself.”

“Lavender Menace” also provoked the usual protests from offended religious conservatives. But it was probably more important for alerting gays and lesbians to the power of television to shape straight perceptions of gays and lesbians. Two years later, the Gay Activists Alliance and the National Gay Task Force were protesting a homophobic episode of “Marcus Welby” before it even aired—and the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation continues such activities today.

David Bianco, M.A., teaches gay and lesbian history at the Institute of Gay and Lesbian Education in West Hollywood. If there’s anything about the history of gays and/or lesbians you’ve always wondered about, contact him care of this newspaper or through E-mail at Aribianco@aol.com.
Montery's gay community leapt into the spotlight during Monterey's Gay Pride March and Festival this past June 8th & 9th. The two events drew over 1,000 locals and visitors in this, the first public gay pride festival in Monterey County.

The theme of this year's event was "Conquering Invisibility". The pride march lead the local TV newscasts on KCCN-TV and KSBW-TV, who also provided live coverage of the event. The Monterey County Herald ran its coverage on the front page of their Sunday edition, as did the Monterey Times. "Pre-event publicity was the key," said Wes Kashiwagi, march coordinator. "We had listings in the Coast Weekly and announcements on several radio stations, and on all three local TV stations."

Two hundred lesbians, gays and gay-friendly supporters walked down the sidewalk of Lighthouse Ave. from Reeside to David and back. Flags in the colors of the gay flag shone brightly in the late afternoon sun.

"I was very surprised at how many people decided to come out for the march," said Kashiwagi. "The only thing I regret is that there are still people who couldn't be there with us because they fear for their jobs or are in the military." Supporters honked their car horns and cheered the two-block long procession as it made the 1/2 mile circuit.

The gay pride festival and BBQ the following day at Window on the Bay park in Monterey was equally successful at bringing people out. A crowd estimated at 800 enjoyed music, dancing, information booths from local organizations, and a community awards program. A BBQ helped defray the cost of the event, the funding for which came out of the pockets of MPA co-founders Scott Steinman and Wes Kashiwagi.

Local businesses and individuals donated their time and goods to help make the festival a success. Tom Crudo and Danny Azevedo spent much of Saturday and all of Sunday preparing the tri-tip BBQ. Griffin Works owner Meg Brooks helped store and move the festival stage. David Beckwith of Il Fornaio restaurant in Carmel donated breads, and After Dark owner Weldon Webb donated all of the drinks.

The Monterey Pride Association will meet on August 13th to start planning for next year's march and festival. Call Scott Steinman at 655-9568 for time and location.
Continued from page 1

Many who have considered a piercing are put off by memories of Richard Harris hanging from elk antlers in A Man Called Horse or simply find the idea too frightening. "The most painful part of the piercing is actually the clamping [Larouxe uses hemostats to hold the skin in place] and not the piercing itself," said Larouxe.

Ecstasy, No Agony

Sometimes the pain gives way to a special bonding between piercer and piercee. On his seventeenth piercing, the one through the bridge of his nose, Larouxe found that special bond for the first time. "It used to be a painful experience I endured because I wanted the end result; at long last I discovered what an endorphin was," laughed Larouxe. "For me it's more than just taking a needle and poking a hole; it was a rite of passage, a turning point. Now some people want a shortcut to what I have; they want battle scars to show off."

Some first-time piercers experience the same sensation. One woman came in for a piercing and began to writhe, almost as if in a sexual or drug-induced state of ecstasy. The piercing was in her eyebrow.

As with all body modifications, Larouxe strongly recommends finding someone qualified to perform the procedures. After the piercing, cleanliness and careful handling are of the utmost importance to stave off the risk of infection or rejection.

You can contact Gregory Larouxe at the Outer Edge salon in Monterey 372-6806.

Empty Bed

Slumber lies a long way off
As Sarah sings to me lovingly
In the sweetest tones of blue sincerity.

And yet she only reminds me
Of how alone I truly am.
My bed is empty.
My heart if only full
Of memories could tell
All the tales of an empty bed.

Longing solely for gentle warmth
To simply remind me my love has a name.
For it seems the space has forgotten
The one who so long held it fast
In soft, warm slumber.

The summer has forgotten her regrets
And fall looms not far off
And all I seek is you to
Find your place at my side
Before crackling warmth ablate.

Still slumber waits a million years away
And Sarah sings her sweet melody
In sweet blue sincerity and fading
Whispers of remembrance
Of an empty bed.

- e.boddy

A Tattoo in Progress

After the tattoo artist and the person getting the tattoo decide upon the design, the design is transferred to carbon paper and rubbed onto the area to be tattooed (top left photo). The design is then outlined (middle left) then filled in. The total time for this tattoo was approximately six hours from start to finish, which included several long breaks. The actual tattooing took approximately 1-1/2 hours.

A multi-colored tattoo of this size and intricacy would cost about $350, a third of which is for filling in the design.

The completed tattoo (bottom right) is slightly puffy and the surrounding skin in this case is a bit inflamed. The streaks you see aren't blood, but excess ink. Bleeding was limited to a few small drops.

The man being tattooed in these photos described the sensation after the outlining had begun thusly: "I just hit a level of 'comfortable' pain. I like the feeling; I even like the sound of it. The pain and sound have fused." The tattoo machine sounds like a a slot car motor, a device sometimes used to power homemade tattoo machines. "It's not at all what I expected. The body begins to welcome it after awhile. It's not numb."

Tattoos placed on areas of the body where the skin is thin, such as the ankle or the rib, can be more painful.
A presentation explaining the basics of S/M was presented by the Man-to-Man program in Seaside June 21st as part of the Hot and Healthy series of safer sex workshops. Frank Strona of Scarlet Letter Services, an S/M education, outreach and exploration group out of San Francisco, lead the 3 hour demonstration and discussion on toys, terms, and the culture that has grown up around sexual fetishes. "There's nothing more boring than watching someone else's fetish," said Strona, remarking on how many are disappointed when they begin exploring S/M. "When it comes to sensation and erotic pleasure, we are all more developed; they're either born that way or learn to be that way."

A New Sensation
The fascination with new sensations is a normal part of everyone's childhood explained Strona. As a sex professional, S/M is present in the Man-to-Man program in Seaside June 21st as part of the Hot and Healthy series of safer sex workshops. Scarlet Letter Services, an S/M education, outreach and exploration group out of San Francisco, lead the 3 hour demonstration and discussion on toys, terms, and the culture that has grown up around sexual fetishes.

Denystification
Hollywood depictions of S/M tend to be either tongue-in-cheek (Eating Raoul) or open to misinterpretation (Cruising). Strona's goal is to present S/M in such a way as to de-mystify it. Part of the workshop involved Strona explaining how simple objects you might find at a hardware store can be used in S/M play without a large investment: a pot scrubber becomes a skin sensitizer, a length of Saran Wrap is a skin enhancer, a garage sale garage sale garlic bread for $4 from 8 p.m. - 1 a.m. No cover. 10639 Merritt St. 633-2090.

Friday, 12th

Lesbian Night & Spaghetti Dinner at Franco's
Every Friday at Castroville's finest gay bar. Spaghetti with garlic bread for $4 from 8 p.m. - 1 a.m. No cover. 10639 Merritt St. 633-2090.

Saturday, 13th

Monterey Bay Pride Flag & Rifle Rainbow Guard
Wanna twirl? First meeting of a joint Santa Cruz/Monterey marching flag and rifle squad. Come join on 8 p.m. at Title IX 281 Lighthouse Ave., Monterey. For info contact Scott, 655-9568.

Sunday, 14th

Lavender Road Metropolitan Community Church
10 a.m. at Mariposa ball, 801 Lighthouse Ave., Monterey. For information call 335-0466.

Dancing at the After Dark
Sunday dancing is back. Starts at 8 p.m. in the front bar. 214 Lighthouse Ave. Monterey, 373-7628.

Monday, July 15

National Coalition Building Institute Workshop
A community workshop, co-sponsored by the YWCA of the Monterey Peninsula. 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., at the Elks Lodge in Monterey. Call (408) 373-4606 for information.

Tuesday, 16th

Blind Doubles Pool Tournament at Title IX
Pool your billiards skills with a stranger. Every Tuesday night. $5 entry fee, winner takes home the kitty. At Title IX, 281 Lighthouse Ave., Monterey. 373-4488.

Thursday, 18th

California Roden Salinas
Through the 21st. Crowns, cowpats, and horses, horses, horses. At the Salinas Roden grounds. Tickets available through RACE ticket outlet. Phone orders: (650) 771-8807 or (408) 757-2951.

Lesbian Alliance Business Meeting
In Mariposa at 7 p.m. Call the Lesbian Alliance voicemail line at 648-4328 for more information.
August

Saturday, 3rd

Members Night at the Monterey Aquarium
Time for a crowd-free evening for a card-carrying Aquarium members. 641-4880 for more information.

Sunday, 11th

"All That Glamour"
A 3M Foundation show where anything goes musically. At the After Dark, 214 Lighthouse Ave., Monterey. 373-7828. Call Scott for more information 655-9568.

Monday, 12th

Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser
Meat and vegetarian sauces, garlic bread and salad (The Paper especially likes the spicy meat sauce). Sponsored by the Grande Cypress Empire. At Title IX, 281 Lighthouse Ave., Monterey. 373-4488. Call the Empire at 633-6481 for more information.

Tuesday, 13th

Gay Volleyball on Carmel Beach
In the courts near the parking lot. Starts at 6 p.m. Call Scott for more information 655-9568.

Wednesday, 13th

Peninsula Professionals Network Meeting
Call 659-2446 for more information.

Saturday, 17th

Monterey Pride Association Meeting
The first meeting to plan 1997's march and festival. Call Scott for time and meeting place 655-9568.

Sunday, 21st

3M's Pink Party
Pink underwear, pink hats, pink shirts, pants, anything pink. $5 donation or $1 in pink attire. At the After Dark, 214 Lighthouse Ave., Monterey. 373-7828. Call Scott for more information 655-9568.

Friday, 23rd

Deadline for The Paper
Articles are due. The focus of the Sept/Oct issue is older lesbians and gays: their coming out process, how their lives have changed, and how they are treated or perceived within the gay community now. Mail or e-mail your articles to Wes Kashiwagi, 787 Laine St. #5, Monterey, CA 93940, or wes@mbay.net.

Sunday, 25th

People's Choice Awards
Food and fun and drag by the Grande Cypress Empire. At the American Legion Hall on Delores between 8th & 9th in Carmel. $10 in advance, $12 at the door. Doors open at 7 p.m., show starts at 8 p.m. Call 633-6487 for more information.

Dancing at the After Dark
Sunday dancing is back. Starts at 8 p.m. in the front bar. 214 Lighthouse Ave., Monterey. 373-7828.

Submit your events to The Paper by Aug. 27th to be included in the Sept/Oct issue.

Wigstock Wows

by Those Two
The Paper's Traveling Correspondents

A n appreciative San Francisco crowd filled the Fort Mason Pavilion for the first Wigstock West event May 25th. The Lady Bunny, known from her role in Wigstock the movie, presided over the evening's mix of camp, spectacle, and really big hair. The event, which benefited the STOP AIDS Project and the Tenderloin AIDS Resource Center of San Francisco, was a condensed version of the annual Wigstock festival in New York City, which runs for several days.

Highlights from this year's event included a remarkable acrobatic drag act, with two performers in Esther Williams one-pieces hanging high above the crowd from side-by-side trapezes. Equally entertaining were acts famous from the movie, including the Dueling Bankheads, Candice Kane, and an eerie Joni Mitchell tribute.

Those still hungry for more gaiety left for an aftershow dance party at Club Universe. The Paper's roving newsteam decided to bail after being sweated upon repeatedly by half-naked muscleboys on the dancefloor. You can visit the Wigstock website at http://www.at-beam.com/Wigstock/.

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Regularly Scheduled Meetings

Gay Teen Alliance
Meets second and fourth Friday of each month in Monterey. 7:00 pm. Call Justin for location or more info 772-8202.

MCAP HIV+ Support Group
Meets the 1st Tues of the month at the Seaside office, 781 Hamilton. Call MCAP at 394-4747 for more information.

Man-to-Man
Meets the 1st Tues of the month at the Seaside office AND the third Tuesday of each month in the Salinas office. 7:00 - 9:00 pm. Call Justin-Larson at 772-8202.

Monterey Pride Association
First meeting to start organizing the 1997 Pride Festival is on Tuesday, August 13. Call Scott at 655-9568 for location and time.

"friends and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG)
Meets the 4th Tues of the month. Lesbians, gays, and their friends and family are all invited. Call Marion Pech at 655-FLAG.

Peninsula Professionals Network (PPN)
A social group for lesbians and gay men in Monterey and Santa Cruz counties. Meets the 2nd Weds. of every month. Call Del at 659-2446 for info and location.

Monterey/Santa Cruz Pride Flag & Rifle Rainbow Guard
A rifle and flag drill team for the Monterey & Santa Cruz Co. G/L/B/T community that will be marching in Pride and community parades. In Monterey, call Scott at 655-9568 or Wes at 655-3756. In Santa Cruz, call Mark at 561-3176.

To have your group's meetings listed here, contact Wes at The Paper, 655-3756.

El Slangwatch

Jota
Queen, as in "be in such a..."

Basa
Trish, trump, trollip, slut, yuck

Hottee
Sexy, desirable, de-able

To list your events in the community calendar, call Wes at 655-3756. It's easy and it's free.
Western Stage Has Ambitious 1996 Season

"Yankee Dawg You Die" & "Pippin" Open '96 Season

The Western Stage's 1996 season of repertory theater opens July 11 with the contemporary comedy "Yankee Dawg You Die" by Phillip Gotanda, one of America's leading playwrights.

"Yankee Dawg You Die" is an inspired look at the plight of Asian-American actors in contemporary Hollywood. The play centers around two Japanese-American characters. "One is representative of the young guard, who have trained and worked all their lives in Asian-American theater," said Gotanda. "There are certain roles he will never play — the Ching Chong Chinaman houseboy, the evil Japanese WWII general, the Fu Manchu villain from outer space." The other character is from the old guard, continued Gotanda, "... who will never play any role because they were actors and they were going to survive."

Music Magic

On July 19th, Bob Fosse's well-known Tony award-winning musical "Pippin" fills the main stage. The show, with a score from "Godspell" composer and lyricist Stephen Schwartz, will play for 11 performances through August 31.

Other Offerings

Also on this season's schedule are "Evita", the blockbuster Andrew Lloyd Weber musical; the "Pajama Game", a perennial favorite; "Quilters", a musical featuring stories of mothers and daughters; "Crossing Delancey", the Susan Sandler play about matchmakers and love; "Tonight at 8:30", a sophisticated comedy from the pen of gay icon Noel Coward; and "Arcadia", a Tom Stoppard comedy and sexual passion and the second law of thermodynamics.

For Tickets

Individual tickets for the 1996 season are already for sale. The Western Stage Box Office is located in the Hartnell College Performing Arts Center, 156 Homestead Ave. in Salinas. For tickets and info, call (408) 755-6816.

Meanwhile, Back at the Video Store...

Looking for a good mystery to curl up with? Check these out.

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David O. Selznick, still basking in his Gone with the Wind success, set his sights on another trashy bestseller, Daphne DuMaurier's Rebecca (1940). As in GWTW, solid production values and fine performances triumphed over purplish-tinged and earned Selznick Studios their second consecutive Oscar for Best Picture. Selznick imported British director Alfred Hitchcock, and the master's meticulous craftsmanship is evident throughout. You can feel Hitch chuckling in satisfaction every time you wince or shudder.

Dame Judith Anderson's hypnotic performance is one of those treasures of the cinema, and rightly so. As the sinister housekeeper, she's guaranteed to make your flesh crawl. Don't miss the great shot of her (seen in The Celluloid Closet) pawing through her dead mistress's cracks and bringing his young bride into his creepy museum of a house. (Olivier's prominence as a classic actor obscures the fact that he could be as sexy as he.) Joan Fontaine is fine as the young bride who needs assertiveness training. Scary, creepy, romantic — this film is everything a great Gothic mystery should be.

From PBS's Myster... to the mega-star extravaganzas, adaptations of Agatha Christie's work like their original, with their part clue and bloodless deaths, tend to be as plodding as a formal afternoon tea. Not so Witness for the Prosecution (1957). Billy Wilder brings Dame Agatha to the screen with biting wit and disturbing suspense. B'Way's Charles Laughton gives another superb performance as the wily defense attorney. The Dietrich mystique is in full force, as the Magic Marlene gives one of her best performances and even gets to sing. (This is one of the several films Laughton made with wife Elsa Lanchester, and his scenes with her are a delight. One senses that, whatever carnal their marriage may have lacked (Laughton was notoriously homosexual), they had an ardent enjoyment of one another's company.)

Those of you who love Joan Crawford (don't we all) can't miss Joan's Oscar-winning performance as Mildred Pierce (1945). Crawford is at her wide-eyed best in this saga of housewife turned waitress turned self-made millionaires in two easy reels, only to find money can't buy happiness! The movie opens with a shot of Crawford — splayed shoulders, graceful, coiffed like the movie legend she always will be — in a form-fitting apron, baking in her kitchen, as the husky Crawford voice narrates, "I felt as though I'd been born in a kitchen and lived there all my life."

Movies just don't get any better, you say to yourself. Oh, but this one does. Watch as Ann Blyth, the Teenager from Hell, hisses, "My own mother — awaitress!" Eve Arden, that Ever-Ardent stealer of scenes, yanks the rug out from the other players with lines like, "Alligators have the right idea; they eat their young." (Truly, this movie has more quotable lines than anything Shakespeare ever wrote.) Let your pissy friends in Carmel rent Grandi or read Proust. Grab your Coors, hit the on-button to the swamp cooler on your single-wide trailer, sit back and find out how good a bad movie can be.

Can a middle-aged actor with duty, average looks and a speech impediment rise to superstardom in the third remake of a low-budget B film? Can he if he's Humphrey Bogart and the movie is The Maltese Falcon? Bogie's the epitome of the hardboiled gumshoe: tough-talking, canny, intrepid. (He had those qualities onscreen and off; Bogart was one of the few big-name stars with the guts to denounce McCarthyism.) San Franciscophiles will get historic glimpses of the city they love best, through the nerve-wracking climax, there's not a dull moment. Toxin-tongued Webb all but tạies the lead in this film, the feat of a cast that includes lovely Gene Tierney and the ever-electrifying Judith Anderson. For films buffs, see a young and foppish Vincent Price before he'd found his niche in the horror market.

The Lady Vanishes (1938). Patient film buffs will adore this early Hitchcock. Dame May Whitty has been kidnapped from the train, only Margaret Lockwood knows it, and only Michael Redgrave believes her story. Redgrave is ravingly good looking, talented, classy, and bisexual, truly a fantasy man for those of us who love handsome men with British accents. And check out Catherine Lacy as that creepy nun in high heels.


For the men, Ray Milland plots to kill wealthy wife Grace Kelly in Dial M for Murder (1954). It's a fine if slightly soporific Hitchcock; the master's emphasis on a single set gives the film a stage-bound quality that betrays its theatrical origins. [The Editors note that a possible reason for this is that a 3D version was also filmed.]

A number of mystery series from the 30's and 40's have made it to video, including Charlie Chan, Sherlock Holmes, and the Thin Man. My own favorite series detective is Hildegard Wethers, spinster schoolteacher turned sleuth, played by the formidable and funny Edna Mae Oliver. Also, these films are available only in illegal pirated editions, but few things are more worth breaking the law for.

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Take Five: Aussie Tours Fun, Exotic & Affordable

Love Sydney

by Dan Presser
Travel Columnist

In 1994 this reporter attended his first International Gay Travel Association Meeting. It was held in Washington, DC where the IGTA was wined and dined by the Australian Ambassador with an unforgettable party at his Embassy. As we entered the Embassy on a quiet spring evening we were treated to an honor guard of handsome, rugged Aussie lifeguards clad in thin brightly colored swimsuits with long, flagpoles extending from the center of their slim swim jims. That quiet Australian enclave rocked all night long. The object of the Aussie’s attention was to get us to vote to hold our 1996 Convention in Sydney. They succeeded.

Some of us began our Australian experience with an Aboriginal Dreamtime tour. We were taken to the top of a mountain filled with ancient Aboriginal carvings in the exposed rock not far from Sydney. There, in this exquisite national forest, a young Aborigines man played the Yidaki, the real name for the didgeridoo. It was a fantastic, moving experience. If you’re ever fortunate enough to make it to Australia, be sure to include an Aboriginal experience.

Another spot we visited that is a must stop is Koala Park. There you can actually pet soft, cuddly koalas. They have the disposition of a docile cat. At the park you can rub your paw on kangaroos, dingoes and wombats. Australian “Biology 101” comes alive at Koala Park.

If you like to picnic or merely breathe in a magnificent view, then without a doubt the best hotel for location during Mardi Gras (which comes in our winter, their summer) is the Oxford Koala Hotel with a brochure that is not as expensive as you’d think. The next time you’re in Hawaii or the Caribbean, consider Australia as a wonderful alternative.

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Orient-Express Hotels. It’s located on a hill overlooking The Rocks, Walsh Bay, and Circular Quay. For location The Observatory earns 3-1/2 stars, but this is Sydney’s chic, quaint hotel experience.

After a full day of sightseeing and hotel site inspections, we were treated to a wonderful cocktail party and tasty dinner at the Waterfront Restaurant on The Rocks, a lovely tourist spot at the water’s edge. The highlight of the evening was a splendid fireworks display in Sydney Harbor the finale of which said in fiery, blazing colors “Sydney Welcomes the IGTA.” A spectacular evening.

One of the keynote speakers was an Australian member of Parliament. A bill had come up before the house for the purpose of any based on sexual orientation, but he was pressured by his church to defeat the bill.

“A Christian,” they told him “you must not support this bill. If you support this bill we will make sure you will never get elected again to Parliament.” He told them, “I shall support this legislation because I consider myself a good Christian.” He did vote for the bill and saw it passed into law. As an aside he told us his support has grown, not dwindled.

The last official business was to travel to Newton, Australia, a suburb of Sydney. There we saw the Priscilla Show at the Imperial Hotel, the location where Priscilla, Queen of the Desert was shot.

A curious item to keep in mind when in Australia is that many pubs have the name “hotel.” At one time the only way to get a liquor license was to own a hotel with a minimum of six rooms and have a bar attached to it. It was very confusing at first, but when you’re thirsty you find the nearest watering hole be it a bar, pub or hotel. Many of these "hotels" now use their sleeping rooms for storage.

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Metropolitan Community Church

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See you on the trails!

Gay & Lesbian Sierrans Camp It Up

by John Brennan
Contributing Writer

G ay & Lesbian Sierrans, part of the Sierra Club, held its 5th Annual Toulumme Meadows Campout on the Fourth of July weekend. We had a blast! One hundred and twenty gay men and women from the San Francisco Bay Chapter and the Loma Prieta Chapter converged at the high meadows in Yosemite National Park.

We put up our tents and let down our hair. On July 4th, those who got to camp by 3 p.m. shared an easy hike to the top of Lambert Dome. During the day on Friday and Saturday we had a choice of 5 hikes each day, covering the range of difficulty. Friday night was one huge gay potluck with a big roaring fire and too many mosquitoes. Saturday night was The Follies. I was, needless to say, skeptical about The Follies. Exhaustion from the hike to Mono Pass allowed me to influence my new friends to attend. I laughed and grimaced. I also got to see a rare and unique show: ABBA (male drag), background powered with a cigarette lighter, WITH NO MAKEUP! Lanterns lit the dirt "stage" and the sequined outfits. They sang that tired “Waterloo” song to death. Members of the SF Gay Men's Chorus performed silly singing sketches, while at the next group campsite, a troop of grade school girls with too much Pocahontas luggage sang Queen & Madonna songs, really loud.

The real star of the weekend was the combination of the setting and the weather. The day hikes were well led, well attended, and well described. Hot weather allowed for dipping into cold lakes.

For more information on GLS Loma Prieta, call Meg, Membership Chair, at (415) 326-8174, or call their InfoLine at (408) 450-0402. There are also chapters in SF Bay Area, LA, Sacramento & San Diego.
See you on the trails!

Wes Kashiwagi
The Political Climate:

Same Sex Marriage

Bill Clinton, Bob Dole, and Us

by John Laird, Political Writer

President Clinton's position on same sex marriage has rocked my political world. As someone who strongly supports both domestic partnerships and Bill Clinton — and who will be a Clinton delegate to the Democratic National Convention as well as an active member of the lesbian and gay community there — I've been struggling with the question of how to react, as have progressive gay men and lesbians across the country.

On the civil rights front, a major long term goal is equal rights for lesbian and gay couples. I have watched with curiosity where the partner of a dying gay man has been excluded from medical decisions by a family that had estranged from that dying man for years. Or watched as a house jointly purchased and willed to the surviving partner is contested by family members who were not around as that man was dying. Or seen someone struggle to pay medical insurance for his partner while all his co-workers have their partners' insurance picked up by the company.

Yet whenever an emotional issue like this hits the public stage, the political dimensions move to the fore — and day to day reality takes a back seat. When the gays in the military issue was being debated, the question of militarism was shunted aside because the equal rights principle was of more importance. And the issue of fairness was set aside in the interest of political gain.

The same is true in the current debate. I don’t think the legal consequences of community property have been explored. The equal rights side of it has pushed that issue into the background, and yet once again the potential political gain is edging out any real debate over equal rights.

The Hawaii Supreme Court will rule on the issue sometime in the next two years. It is most likely legally recognizing same sex marriage. Even though that ruling will come long after this November’s election, conservative politicians across the country are scrambling to gain political benefit.

Ten states have already enacted laws to nullify recognition of same sex marriages legally made in another state, even though no such law has yet been approved. Similar legislation is pending in seven other states, including California, where such a bill passed the Republican state assembly but halted in the Democratic state senate.

At the federal level, the “Defense of Marriage Act” has been introduced in the House and Senate — and, if enacted, would prohibit same sex marriage. The chief sponsors of this bill in the House and Senate, Senator Bob Dole and a first-term House Republican, have five marriages between them — probably the reason they believe so strongly in defending marriage.

They do it quite regularly. It is likely that this legislation will be declared unconstitutional, yet the point won’t be tested until long after this November’s presidential election — in which Dole will be the Republican candidate for President.

Openly gay Democratic Representative Barney Frank indicated that he was not willing to let President Clinton sacrifice his Presidency, which has been so important to gay men and lesbians, on the altar of same sex marriage.

A generation ago, homosexuals were put to death. A generation ago, they were locked in prison. Gradually, grudgingly, society came to tolerate the notion of consenting gay adults living together as committed partners without marriage. A generation from now, gay marriage probably will be common and hardly noticed.

So don’t let Bob Dole’s vote-avoiding get you to cast an indirect vote for him this November, and allow him to appoint a Supreme Court justice before this issue is decided.

Bill Clinton has the potential to make a major change in the climate. He has appointed the first gay man to a federal judge, as well as 100 other openly gay, lesbian, and bi people to positions in the Executive branch; recognized gay and lesbian couples, without marriage. A generation from now, gay marriage probably will be common and hardly noticed.

ACLU-NC Calls for Letters Protesting Defense of Marriage Act

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2. It would allow one state to not recognize a same-sex marriage performed in another state; this would be a blatant violation of the Constitution’s Full Faith and Credit clause (Article IV, Section 1).

3. It violates the equal protection guarantee of the Due Process clause and discriminates on the basis of sex; one’s ability to marry would be dependent on one’s gender.

Write Bill Clinton letting him know you think he’s really blown it this time, but you’re counting on him the next. And isn’t it about time you came out to that neighbor, co-worker, or family member who may not know you’re gay or lesbian? You may help someone come out of the closet.
New Antiviral in the Pipeline
by Jules Levin
National AIDS Treatment Advocacy Project

Glaxo-Wellcome is currently developing a new and promising antiviral AIDS drug called 1592U89 (1992, for short). This drug is a nucleoside reverse transcriptase inhibitor (as are AZT, ddI, ddC, d4T and 3TC). Early but limited human trials of the drug suggest that it may come to play an important role in HIV management.

Current Trials
The small human trial currently underway is studying four different dosages of the drug, ranging from 200 mg three times per day to 600 mg three times per day. There are some promising early results from the low-dose regimen. After four weeks of monotherapy with 1592, the drug produced an average increase in CD4 cells of 98, and viral load reductions were significant. Subsequently, participants were randomized to add AZT or AZT-placebo to 1592 and CD4 increases and viral load reductions were well sustained at twelve weeks.

The high-dose study (600 mg three times per day) may still be recruiting, since the available slots have not yet been filled [as of July 1]. For further information about participation, contact Dr. Bill Lang, VIRX, San Francisco.

Informal Poll of Protease Inhibitor Side Effects

Saquinavir (Invirase):
Most respondents taking saquinavir reported no side effects at all. One person quit the drug after five days due to “extreme nausea” and a burning sensation while having bowel movements. Another reported “depression.”

Indinavir (Crixivan):
There was no clear pattern of side effects reported by those taking indinavir. About 20% reported no side effects whatever. No respondent quit the drug.

The other side effects reported: “dry mouth”; achiness in the large muscle groups (quads, biceps, shoulders) “as if I’d spent too much time at the gym the day before”; insomnia; nausea; tender abdomen shortly after taking the drug; taste alteration (a somewhat metallic taste in the mouth); headaches.

No one felt these reactions to be debilitating, and most people reported that these side effects decreased significantly or subsided altogether within two weeks. One person reported “flu-like symptoms” and high spiking fevers resulting in hospitalization, but a drug interaction (with rifabutin) is probably responsible here. (This person was also diagnosed with MAC during this time, so his experience of indinavir is complicated by other issues.)

Ritonavir (Norvir):
Everyone responding to our survey who had experience with ritonavir reported significant side effects. (It is important to note that one person who had experienced significant and serious side effects but who stayed on the drug reported the disappearance of 95% of the symptoms after three months and several beneficial results. After four months on the drug, his “problem with wasting” had been reversed; he’d gained over 10 pounds, and had stopped having fevers and getting oral ulcers. “I have energy again,” he wrote.)

Certain reactions were shared by all ritonavir respondents: a “tingling” or “burning and numbness” of the lips and in the mouth, which was sometimes accompanied by a burning or sensation of “rawness” in the throat. (This reaction tended to lessen but not disappear over time.) One person reported “brittle and heightened sensitivity to changes of height, “hands real hot,” “skin felt sunburned all over,” “burning skin like I had a fever but I did not,” “otherwise unexplained blister on my lip, odd scaling on my knees and elbows, as if they’d been burned, unaccompanied by any pain or irritation.” Other reactions were: bloating; gas and nausea; malaise; fatigue; joint pain; vomiting; headaches. Most people who stayed on the drug reported the lessening of these symptoms over time.

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Monterey Bay Gays Discuss Gay Issues with Rep. Farr

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even representatives from Monterey and Santa Cruz met July 2nd with Rep. Sam Farr (pictured above with the director of Medical Marijuana) at his offices in Santa Cruz to discuss gay issues and Farr’s opinions on how best to reach local and national politicians.

Farr described his support gay issues as “unlimited” and used his voting record in Congress to backup his gay-positive stance:

Two of the most far-reaching issues facing the current Congress are the Republican-sponsored Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA) and a non-discrimination bill that has been stalled in Congress for several years. DOMA is an anti-gay marriage act that could damage the chances for the legalization of gay unions on the state level should it pass.

Farr repeatedly advised those in attendance to continue their work at a grassroots level, stating that congressional representatives are more easily swayed by those within their district.
Community Groups

Alcoholics Anonymous (AA)  
Central Office, 373-3713 or 644-9074
American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) for Monterey County  
373-4419 or 648-6283
BAYMEC  
Lesbian & gay political organization. Call 699-2863 for Info.
Grand Cypress Empire of Monterey  
A non-profit fundraising organization benefitting local gay and AIDS agencies. 699-2048
Integrity  
Gay Ecumenical group. Call 484-2236
Lesbian Alliance  
Local group offering a variety of social activities. Call 648-4318 or 373-4419 for information.
Metropolitan Community Church  
Services held Sunday, 10 a.m. in Marina Hall, 801 Lighthouse Ave., Monterey. Call Rev. Jean Horse, 335-0646.
Monterey County Health Department  
STD testing and other services. 699-7512.
Monterey Pride Association (MPA)  
Responsible for planning and organizing Monterey’s annual gay pride festival and parade. P.O. Box 205, Monterey 93942; Call Scott at 655-9698 or Wes at 655-3756. E-mail wes@mbay.net.
PASEO & Friends of Lesbians & Gays (PFLAG)  
Monterey, 655-FLAG. Meets the 4th Tuesday of every month in Carmel. Call 655-4387 for info on meetings and speakers. Other local chapters: San Jose, Gilroy & Morgan Hill. 720-8152; Merced Park and San Mateo. (408) 857-1056. Santa Cruz (888) 662-4780.
Peninsula Professionals Network (PPN)  
A social group for professional men & women from the central coast. Meetings are held the second Wednesday of every month. 699-2466.
Solid Para La Gente  
Comprehensive health services and education in Spanish and English for the Pajaro Valley. Call 765-3412 (voicemail).
Santa Cruz L/G/B Community Center  
1230 Commerce Lane in Santa Cruz. A great resource for all of your queer needs. Call 425-4444 for info on programs & activities.
Stanford Foundation  
The Magic, Music & Memory Foundation of Monterey County is a local non-profit organization with public benefit corporation dedicated to promoting a fun and inspirational environment through entertainment while raising funds for worthy causes.
P.O. Box 205, Monterey, 93942. Call Scott or Diane at 655-9698.
- OTHER AREA RESOURCES-  
Billy DeFrank Lesbian/Gay Community Center  
173 Stockton Avenue, San Jose, CA 95112, 375-2439, Gay & Lesbian Legal Action Center, 495-8955, Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual Resource Center Merritt College, 886-7220.
Guy Over (and Under) Forty Potluck  
A friendly gathering for area residents. Call 423-3622 for more information.
High Tech Guys  
At the Billy DeFrank Center (see listing under “Community”), 239-2439.
San Jose Pride  
239-6034
Santa Cruz County In-Queery  
The LGBTQ’S monthly newsletter. P.O. Box 8230, Santa Cruz, CA 95060. 375-2439.
Santa Cruz Pride  
A bi-monthly parade and celebration. P.O. Box 8201, Santa Cruz, CA 95061. Attn: Pride, 425-LGRC.
SouthBay Leather and Uniform Group (SQUAG)  
699-9662.
SAGE  
Senior health and social service program for seniors. Call 423-3622
Send your community resource information to The Paper.

HIV/AIDS Resources

Monterey County AIDS Project (MCAP)  
Services for those with HIV/AIDS. Volunteers available always. 780 Hamilton, Seaside, 394-4747. PO Box 7070, Monterey, CA 93940. Call 382-9039 for more information.
Diversity Advisory Committee of MCAP  
An ad hoc committee to promote minority access to HIV/AIDS services throughout Monterey County. Meetings alternating between Salinas and Monterey. For meeting information call Deborah Agan or Delgado at 394-1878.
HIV Help/Information Workshops  
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  
Spunoff of the Monterey County AIDS Project (MCAP). Group meets every 2nd and 4th Thursday at 7 p.m. at MCAP in Seaside. Call MCAP for more information at 384-4747.
Family, Friends, & Partners Group  
Meets the 1st & 3rd Sun, of the month in Salinas at 7:00 p.m. Call Tom Sengstock for location and meet info at 655-4805.
John XXIII AIDS Ministry  
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 Joanne Weinsteil at 484-2266.
Santa Cruz AIDS Project  
Project STDx of Santa Cruz. Bilingual services and support for Santa Cruz County. 911A Center Street, P.O. Box 197, Santa Cruz 95061, 427-9380.

Women’s Resources

WomenCare  
Women’s cancer advocacy, resources and education. 425-2439
Lesbian Therapy Group  
For lesbians coming out, becoming empowered, wanting healthy relationships with self and others. Weekly fee charged. Call 648-4855.
Bettered Lesbians Support Therapy  
For lesbians involved in emotionally or physically abusive relationships. Meets weekly (there is a fee). Call 649-2383.
Monterey Rape Crisis Center  
Slightly Older Lesbians  
Women’s Bisexual Network of Santa Cruz and the Greater Monterey Bay area 427-4556.
Bisexural Resources  
Bisexural Support Group  
Guided rap and discussion group. At the Billy De Frank Center (see listing under “Community”). 239-2439.
Women’s Bisexual Network of Santa Cruz and the Greater Monterey Bay Area 427-4556.
Transvestite Resources  
Flawing at The Blue Rose  
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