M ost of the regulars at the After Dark nightclub know her as "Aunt Judy," or "that nice lady in the window." At 65, Judy Spaulding is more than twice the age of many of the customers who come to the popular nightclub every weekend.

Spaulding grew up in a town far from Monterey and even farther from the life she knows today.

Raised in Indiana, she was the youngest of the four children. Her family lived on a farm and owned the country grocery store in a town that was little more than a crossroad on a lonely stretch of highway.

"Conservative, White, and Protestant" is how Spaulding describes Banquo, a town of 30. The regional school housed 100 kids in grades 1-12. She was one of four in her graduation class.

Spaulding knew she was gay at a very early age. At 9, she knew that boys were great to play basketball with, but I knew I wasn't interested in them beyond that."

After graduation, her love of sports took her across a 6 state area of the midwest playing in a semi-pro softball league called the "Marion Queens" (Spaulding laughs and assure me that, no, she isn't joking). It was while playing in the softball league that she first met other lesbians.

The difficulties of gay life in those years seem unthinkable given the freedom gays and lesbians now enjoy. Spaulding recounts how the bar in Indianapolis had red lights inside which were turned on whenever a patrol car was in the vicinity. Police raided the club regularly and anyone caught touching was immediately arrested on sodomy charges.

To avoid the possibility of arrest, the women in the softball league found other ways to date. "I would drive the car around all night," said Spaulding. "so they could make out in the backseat."

Spaulding's days as a chauffeur eventually gave way to a 23-year relationship with a woman she met while playing softball. Despite the stability of their relationship, finding a place to settle down was far from easy. In sharp contrast to the rosy images of the 50's portrayed on television, gays were not welcome in most parts of the country.

Spaulding told of how some women who lived together and were discovered to be lesbian "lost family, friends, and jobs."

Spaulding relocated to San Diego in 1973, then moved to Hawaii for six years. She returned to the mainland in 1981 and eventually moved to Monterey care for her nephew Michael, who died of AIDS three years ago.

Spaulding's social life doesn't include searching for another partner. "I would rather have good friends than a relationship," said Spaulding. "I can live by myself and be very happy."

Having witnessed firsthand the many changes within the local gay scene, Spaulding sees the need for finding some common ground between the many factions that comprise the local gay community, including the split between younger and older gays.

Three hip replacements haven't slowed Spaulding down. She still wakes up at dawn to make it to her day job in Carmel, then comes back to Monterey to work at the After Dark on the weekends. "I appreciate the way people accept me and respect me. I think this world could get along much better if everyone acted that way." See "ACTING" pg. 4.
A few issues back I ran a column in which the writer noted that gay people seem to "vanish" from gay society after reaching a certain age, typically around 45 or 50. Perpetuating the "Menudo" syndrome of self-enforced social retirement in the gay community deprives twenty-somethings of the historical perspective that older gays and lesbian have to offer, wisdom often born of personal hardships. In the same way, older men and women begin to lose touch with the rapid social and political changes within our community by refusing to venture outside of their social circle. Failing to heed the lessons of the past and the examples set by those today due to either a lack of opportunity or lack of respect only takes us one step closer to returning to an era of oppression and fear. For this community to prosper, it must be united in its efforts.

Publisher's Note

Prepared by Wes Kashiwagi, Publisher

Letters to the Editor

On Piercing, Poking & Indio Ink

Dear Editor,

I'm dismayed by the revelation that violent "body modification" is considered self-identification within the gay community. It seems "in the gay tribe" is fallacious. This form of self-expression has been adopted by the heterosexual community, but sometimes we make mistakes. The prices for HIV testing at the Monterey County AIDS Project (MCAP) in July. If you're displeased with MCAP's services, have the good faith to make a complaint. If you or someone you know receives MCAP services, it's vital that you make your experience known so that MCAP clients receive the best possible service, call me at 655-3756 for information on how to receive an application. People who are HIV+ are especially encouraged to join.

Changes to The Paper

The Paper is dropping the HIV/AIDS page. We will, however, continue to provide topical HIV news as long as it is of a fairly general nature, i.e., home HIV testing kits. If you would like to see HIV/AIDS page continue, send in an article on a subject related to how HIV is affecting Monterey County's gays by the next deadline.

Fringe Benefits for Contributors

While The Paper can't pay you for your articles and other contributions (The Herald doesn't either so we're not too far out of step), we can offer you something sweet in return. If you know of an upcoming event you would like to cover for The Paper, we may be able to get you in for free. Our writers attended Wigstock and the International Fringe Festival in an article on a subject related to how HIV is affecting Monterey County's gays by the next deadline. Wes Kashiwagi, Publisher

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 this community to the benefit of all its members.

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Errata

The Paper strives to provide accurate information to the gay community, but sometimes we make mistakes. The prices for HIV testing at the MCAP are $25 and $40. The prices for HIV testing at the Monterey County Health Project and C.S.V.S. are $30. The Community Calendar will be the 750th page and will be starting with this edition.

Big Misunderstanding of the Month

"At least you can always do a back on your job at The Paper." - After Dark punk after learning that The Paper's publisher has been unemployed for 6 months. (The first 6 by choice).

News Briefs

Republican Rep. Outed After Supporting Anti-Gay Marriage Bill

Rep. Jim McCrery, R-LA, homosexuality was made public by gay activists after he make public his intent to vote in favor of the Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA), a congressional bill that would allow individual states to ban same-sex marriages.

Democratic senators Herb Kohl of Wisconsin, and Barbara Mikulski of Maryland were also being asked to reconsider their positions on DOMA.

Monterey's Cable Company to Offer Discounted Partner Benefits

Telecommunications, Inc. (TCI), the company that provides Monterey's cable service, announced that it will be extending medical and other benefits to the domestic partners of its employees. The change in corporate policy was seen as a surprise by TCI employees given its conservative reputation.

Saliva-based HIV Tests Arrive

The Food and Drug Administration approved SmithKline Beecham's OnSure, an test which uses saliva to test for HIV. A treated pad is placed between the lower cheek and the gum for 2 minutes. This pad is then sent to a laboratory, which measures antibodies trapped in the pad via the ELISA test, the same used in blood-based HIV tests. If necessary, a Western Blot test is also performed to confirm a positive result. The test has proven 99.97% effective.

New Job Discrimination Bill Would Protect Transfolk

House representative Brian P. Bilbray (R-CA) introduced a new a job discrimination bill that would protect transgendered persons. The Workplace Fairness Act (H.R. 3784) bypasses the usual "laundry list" of protected classes: race, religion, sex, etc. Instead, it simply states that people would be protected from workplace discrimination for any reason not affecting job performance. The bill is co-sponsored by outed gay Reps. Gunderson and Kolbe among others, and is considered by some to be groundbreaking in its simplicity. Said Dana Priesing, GenderPAC's Congressional Advocacy Coordinator: "The Workplace Fairness Act is an important first step towards outlawing all discrimination if a person is a competent and effective employee, and it's the first bill we've seen which covers transpeople and genderqueers. To let your Congressional representative know you support the Workplace Fairness Act, call 202-225-3121 and ask to speak to the representative for your district."
DOMA Passes, ENDA Fails

Boxer and Feinstein Vote Pro-Gay; Rice Tossing Protests Planned

by Wes Kashiwagi
Contributing Writer

California Senators Diane Feinstein and Barbara Boxer both voted against the anti-gay marriage Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA) in a Senate vote September 11th.

Both senators voted for the Employment Non-Discrimination Act (ENDA) later the same day, which may gay activists consider the more important bill in terms of ensuring gay civil rights protection.

DOMA, which would deny federal recognition of same-sex marriages and let states refuse to sanction such unions licensed in other states, passed 85-14 in the Senate and now moves to President Clinton to be signed into law. Clinton has promised to sign the bill once it reaches his desk.

The “Traditional Family”

Republican justification of DOMA relied heavily on arguments for maintaining the status quo. “The traditional family has stood for 5,000 years,” Gay marriage “flies in the face of the thousands of years of experience about the social stability that traditional marriage has afforded civilization,” said Sen. Robert Byrd, D-W.Va.

The bill is seen by Democrats as a blatantly political response to the approval of legal same-sex marriages in Hawaii (expected to clear the courts in 1997) since DOMA’s legality is question. “The bill violates a constitutional requirement that states must recognize legal contracts in other states,” said Sen. Carol Moseley-Braun, D-III.

Ending Rice in Protest

San Francisco gays and lesbians will have held a rally protesting the passage of DOMA by the time The Paper goes to press. A mass rice tossing will be held in Harvey Milk Plaza at the corner of Castro and Market, September 13th at 7 p.m.

“We will show the world that gay and lesbian marriage is about one thing - love.”

-Michael Petrelis
S.F. Rice Tossing Rally Organizer

Anti-Gay CA Marriage Bills Die in Session

Sacramento, CA: The 1995-1996 session of the California legislature closed without the passage of an anti-gay marriage bill despite the unrelenting efforts of conservative Republicans. Three bills attempted to block recognition of same-gender marriage in California: AB 1982 and AB 3227, both authored by Assemblymember Pete Knight (R-Palmdale) and SB 2075 by Senator Haynes (R-Riverside).

“We dodged the bullets this time,” said Laurie McBride, Executive Director of LIFE: California’s Lesbian/Gay and AIDS Lobby based in Sacramento. “Three bills and every trick in the book — it was an exhausting battle.”

Declaring victory this year doesn’t mean it’s over though, McBride warned. Next year will see a return of anti-gay marriage bills in California.

“We couldn’t have done it without the help of community leaders and the grass roots efforts of everyone who wrote, called, faxed, e-mailed and lobbied their legislators,” added Ellen McCormick, LIFE’s Legislative Advocate. “Now we have an opportunity to begin organizing for next year.”

McBride concluded with a request, “If you have one more letter in you, please write legislators who stood with us and thank them, especially Assemblymembers Kuehl and Migden, Assembly Minority Leader Richard Katz, and Senate Pro Tem Bill Lockyer.”

Analysts said that the community’s success next year against anti-gay marriage bills will be determined by the outcome of California Assembly and Senate races.

Author of CA Anti-Gay Bill Outs His Own Son

Peterson Threatens "Family Dysfunction Instead of Family Values"

Pete Knight (R-Palmdale) outed his son, David, and his own appalling lack of family values today. News of his son’s sexual orientation is reportedly being released by a weekly newsmagazine in early September, which prompted Knight’s action.

Knight revealed that David Knight came out to him over a year ago. Knight added that it wasn’t a surprise. It also came out that Pete Knight’s brother died of AIDS, and had a long-term relationship with another man. Reportedly Knight’s brother died alone, unreconciled with his brother.

“Family dysfunction instead of family values,” said Laurie McBride, Executive Director of LIFE: California’s Lesbian/Gay and AIDS Lobby, “that’s what you get with Pete Knight. Adding insult to injury, Pete Knight claims his personal inability to accept his own son, to accept his own brother, has nothing to do with legislative vendetta against gay people. Most tragically of all, he is lying to himself.”

Knight has vowed to introduce anti-gay marriage again next year.
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The Barnyard

Mary Davis and Anneka Walton's commitment to one another has spanned 13 years. Even to the casual observer, the love these two extraordinary women share quickly becomes apparent. They gently chided each other throughout the interview with The Paper, and were never short of smiles or laughter over the stories they were being asked to share about their relationship and their lives in Monterey.

Before meeting through a mutual friend, Davis, 55, and Walton, 59, lead very different lives. Davis has never been married and was active in the lesbian community from an early age ("A dyke since I was 4!"). Walton was married until leaving her husband at age 43. She has 8 children and 13 grandchildren from her marriage, of whom she and Mary are very proud.

Acceptance of the couple's relationship among Walton's children was immediate. Indeed, one of Walton's daughters named her child after Mary, Walton ~

The couple shared their recommitment ceremony with dozens of friends and relatives 4 years ago, after which they would legally marry once the laws are passed in Hawaii. They have also offered communion ("The pastor said it would be all or none; it was all."). They have also added their names to a national registry of gay couples in Washington. When asked if they would legally marry once the laws are passed in Hawaii in 1997, Walton said, "in a heartbeat."

When asked why their relationship has lasted, both women were quick to respond: "I have more than I've ever dreamed about," said Walton, turning to look at Davis, "He's just a wonderful person." Davis responded "I'm with you forever." And Walton finished the sentence, laughing, "Like it or not!"
where being gay was “unthinkable.” Despite having a father who managed movie palaces in Chicago, Nesbitt grew up with no notion of what gay people looked like or how they behaved. In a refrain familiar to many in the gay community to this day, Nesbitt said, “I thought I was the only one like me.”

Like many of his peers, Nesbitt’s life followed a predictable path. He went to military school, where he shared a dorm with “Wild, Wild West” star Robert Conrad, then to college at Harvard. After college he joined the military and was sent to the Defense Language Institute in 1957, the height of the gay witchhunts by the National Security Agency. “It was terrible what they did to those kids,” said Nesbitt, recalling how 17-18 year old Marines suspected of being gay were humiliated in front of their peers, their insignias torn off their uniforms and their luggage thrown into the street.

The genuine fear over the being discovered as gay kept Nesbitt in the closet until 1976, when he separated from his wife after 20 years of an ostensibly perfect marriage.

Nesbitt moved from Minneapolis to Chicago, where he worked as a strategic planning and marketing consultant. The fast-paced life of consulting prepared him for his next move in 1979 to Manhattan. Once in New York, Nesbitt took a leading role in the gay community, co-founding several groundbreaking organizations including the Frontrunners running group (Nesbitt ran 6-12 miles daily), an outdoor adventure group, a political action committee, a social and networking group for gay bankers, and the Human Rights Campaign Fund, one of the first gay rights organizations to emerge.

Nesbitt readily agrees that his life, like so many in the gay community, has been “ordinary but extraordinary.” To illustrate the multifaceted nature of his life, he tells the story of how a colleague’s curiosity about his dressing habits perfectly summed up his life in New York. The man turned to Nesbitt in the office elevator one day and asked, “I saw you leave the office in a tuxedo and get into a limousine last night. This morning you were in jogging suit, at noon you were in a three-piece suit, and now you’re in a police uniform. Who are you really?”

Chuck Nesbitt in full uniform at 44. Nesbitt served as a volunteer police sergeant in New York City.
Why We Have Sodomy Laws, and Bette at the Baths

By David Bianco
Contributing Writer

Why do more than 20 states still have sodomy laws?

June 30, 1996 marks the 10th anniversary of the devastating decision by the United States Supreme Court in the case of Bowers v. Hardwick, in which the Court held that sodomy laws were constitutional.

Before the Hardwick case, civil rights attorneys had spent nearly a decade looking for an ideal case with which to challenge the constitutionality of laws forbidding sodomy. In the last several decades, sodomy laws have rarely been enforced, and arrests have almost never been made without complicating factors such as coercion or sex with a minor. So when Michael Hardwick was arrested for sodomy in Georgia in 1982, gay and lesbian activists latched onto the case even though the charges were soon dropped. Hardwick's case seemed tailor-made to show how sodomy laws violate a person's privacy: a police officer intent on serving a warrant entered Hardwick's bedroom and arrested him after observing him engaged in mutual oral sex with another man.

Influenced by the right to privacy established by previous cases including Roe v. Wade, one court of appeals held that sexual activity in private between consenting adults was protected by the Constitution from governmental interference. The Attorney General of Georgia, right-wing Republican Michael Bowers, appealed the case to the Supreme Court in order to defend his state's sodomy law.

Georgia's sodomy ban applies to same-sex and opposite-sex couples, including married heterosexuals, and Hardwick's attorneys found a married Georgia couple, "John and Mary Doe," who claimed that the sodomy law invaded their privacy as a public officer who knew them well. But the Supreme Court quickly rejected their claim, and ruled on the narrower question of, in the words of the majority opinion, "whether the Federal Constitution confers a fundamental right upon homosexuals to engage in sodomy and hence invalidates the laws of the many States that still make such conduct illegal and have done so for a very long time."

Justice Byron White (succeeded in 1993 by Ruth Bader Ginsberg) penned the 5-4 majority opinion, which used sweeping, derivative language to mock the idea that gay Americans have a right to sexual privacy in their homes. Judge Harry Blackmun's dissent strongly disagreed, arguing that "depriving individuals of the right to choose for themselves how to conduct their intimate relationships poses a far greater threat to the values most deeply rooted in our Nation's history than tolerance of nonconformity could ever do."

But these two opinions don't tell the whole story of the ruling in Bowers v. Hardwick. When the case first came before the members of the Court in April, 1986, there were four justices who considered sodomy laws unconstitutional and four who thought them totally legitimate. In the middle was Lewis Powell, Jr., a moderate jurist who in several previous cases had sought compromises between extreme positions. Powell initially indicated support for overturning the sodomy laws, but was ultimately convinced by Chief Justice Warren Burger to switch his vote. In the meantime, Powell received heavy pressure from both sides among his law clerks, including a conservative Mormon and a liberal, somewhat closeted gay man.

Powell's gay clerk on several occasions considered coming out to his boss, but instead settled for an impassioned argument in favor of sexual freedom. In light of Powell's remark after the decision that he didn't know any gay or lesbian people, some activists have suggested that the clerk's coming out could have made the difference in Powell's vote. Indeed, in 1990, Powell indicated that, upon further reflection, he regretted his vote in the case.

The ruling in Bowers v. Hardwick was handed down on June 30, 1986, just one day after gay and lesbian pride celebrations took place in major cities across America. The reaction among the organized gay and lesbian community was one of outrage, and was one of the major factors, along with the government's sluggish response to the AIDS crisis, in the decision to call for a March on Washington in October 1987.

Did Bette Midler really get her start by singing in a gay bathhouse?

Indeed she did. In the early 1970s, Midler was a featured performer at the Continental Baths in New York City, where her popularity reached beyond the men who had sex in the cubicles and playrooms of the upper floors of the bathhouse. Straight and gay audience members in full evening gowns would sit in the basement dance floor/theater and watch Midler sing and camp it up, sometimes accompanied by Barry Maniłow at the piano. Particularly after the favorable comments of Rolling Stone in 1973, watching Midler at the Continental Baths came to epitomize chic decadence, and hundreds of New Yorkers would line up for the chance to watch "the Divine Miss M" perform (and to gawk at handsome young men in towels at the same time).

Her popularity at the Continental helped her land a guest spot on the Tonight Show, and Midler was soon starring in feature films, including The Rose (1979) in which she did a lesbian scene. Midler also performed at gay and lesbian pride celebrations, most notably at New York City's 1973 pride rally, in which she helped smooth over tensions between two segments of the gay and lesbian community. Some drag queens were furious at lesbian feminist Jean O'Leary's speech attacking transvestites for mocking women, and Midler's performance of "You Got to Have Friends" aimed to appease the ruffled feathers.

But Midler has had a mixed relationship with the gay and lesbian community, particularly given some of her statements reported by the media. In 1976, she denied having gay fans and told the Chicago Tribune that she wouldn't know a homosexual if [she] saw one. She also told Vanity Fair in 1987 that she felt sorry for what she considered to be her contribution to the spread of AIDS by performing at a bathhouse: "I was helping to make it seem fun."

Still, Midler has performed at a number of AIDS fund-raising events, and is widely considered a gay icon for her campy sensibility. She remains one of the most popular targets for impersonation by drag performers.

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Community Mourns Loss of Popular Entertainer

Hal Reynolds, 40, a popular local entertainer, died at home August 23rd from AIDS. Reynolds, aka Amanda Boinkwith, was born on April 7th, 1956, and is survived by his lover Kelvin Wright, aka Mindy Cireme.

Hal will be remembered as half of the drag duo The Drag-ons, who were well known to local audiences for their outrageous costumes and clever routines.

Hal grew up in Peoria, Illinois. A stint in the military brought him to California. After moving to San Francisco briefly during the height of the 70's gay freedom movement, he returned to the central coast to become, as he liked to say, "the shiksa goddess from Salinas".

Never at a loss for words, Hal often joked about life growing up in Peoria: "They wanted to have a fashion show. The didn't need models; they just opened up a Sear's catalog and pointed."

Reynolds worked as a window dresser for JC Penney's until his illness forced him into an early retirement. He spent his remaining years performing and traveling with Kelvin.

For Hal, the ability to focus on the positive and plan for the future was an important part of coping with the illness. When he was feeling ill or riding out one of life's twists and turns ("like God's own personal soap opera", as he would say), he looked to a personal philosophy that brimmed with hope.

What I'll remember most about Hal is his unwavering courage and pride in who he was. Even as his failing health made performing impossible, his refrain never changed: "I wouldn't trade my life for anybody's." We'll miss you, Hal.

AIDS Benefit Shop Opens on Lighthouse

A thrift store to help raise money for people with HIV/AIDS opened on Lighthouse Ave. in New Monterey in September. The Red Ribbon Shop at 485 Lighthouse (the site of the old Laporte's Auction House) is operated by a community-based non-profit agency. Profits from the store "will go towards uplifting the life of people suffering with HIV and AIDS" according to Michael Chastain, the store's Receiving Supervisor. "This is a chance for people to do something to make a difference in people's lives."

The Red Ribbon Shop became a reality through the dedication of Laurie Loomis, whose family owns The Granary natural foods store. Loomis and her husband have financed most of the remodeling work completed thus far.

The store will gladly accept "gently used" clothes, small appliances in good working order, and furniture. Donations are tax-deductible.

The store is open Wednesday to Sunday from 10 am to 6 pm. For more information or to make a donation, call (408) 647-7100 or FAX (408) 647-7102.

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Is Sonoma St. the Melrose Place of Seaside?
Greetings to one and all. Hope everyone had a fantastic summer. The summer has been a busy one for the Empire. Early in summer, the GCEM held the $4.98 show at Title IX. Granny and Her Walkers performed to an ecstatic audience. All the costumes were made from items such as foil, coffee filters, toilet paper, and dixie cups. Empress XVIII Shondra won as Miss $4.98 for 1996. With the help of Dawn, Snookie, and Vicki (the owners of Title IX), the community helped raise $510.10 at the show. Thanks to Express XIII Miss "L" for organizing this show.

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The Grande Cypress Empire is collecting miles from all cigarette packs. Collectively the community at large can help by saving the miles on cigarette packs to get items for auctions and raffle prizes. This is a new venture for the GCEM, so if you would like to help just mail your miles to:

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If you have any questions or suggestions, please feel free to contact the GCEM at 635-6481.

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**'Strong Women' from page 8**

Damon Runyan's tale of mobsters and motherhood gets the Frank Capra treatment in *Lady for a Day* (1932). Seventy-four-year-old May Robson is tough and touching as Apple Annie, the down-on-her-luck dowager selling apples on the street corner. Capra wisely made no attempt to promote *Depression* (1932) in New York, thus counteracting the maudlin pit-falls of the story. (He remade it in 1962 as *Pocketful of Miracles* with a cuteness that would have embarrassed Disney and a god-awful title tune. It plays interminably every Christmas season, so I kind of wish you could keep a bad movie down.) Also, don't miss supporting actress Glenda Farrell as the wise-cracking speakeasy owner Missiurri Martin singing, "I'm so hot I'm smoking... I need a man."

**Those Women**

Never before or since has such a cast of actresses been assembled - Norma Shearer, Joan Crawford, Rosalind Russell, Paulette Goddard, Joan Fontaine, Marjorie Main, Hedda Hopper, and what a show they were assembled for: Claire Booth Luce's satire on marriage and infidelity among the upper crust. *The Women* (1939) is subjectively few critics or moviegoers would agree on the funniest film of all time. Still, this gem has my vote. Capra keeps the pace moving at a relentless energy, and the wisecracks come at you like machine-gun fire. The movie is so effective that you almost don't notice it's really sort of a Catholic morality play. Modern critics like to label it "dated"; and in revival theaters, feminists will hiss at the opening line (inasmuch as it now seems - were&Shading; - "Every inch of the Garbo countenance is peerless as it now seems..."

**Dinner at Eight** (1933). The No. 1 box office attraction of 1933 was neither glamorous nor beautiful, but a dumpy, ugly-as-Catholic-sin actress in her mid-60's who specialized in lowlife drunks. Marie Dressler held a special place in the hearts of 30's audiences, and her brand of warmth and comedy defies the decades and survives in intact to the 90's. The witty screen adaptation of the Ferber/Kaufman play also stars Billie Burke, John Barrymore, and the wonderful Jean Harlow, a fine comedienne and actress who left us far too early. Harlow and Mae West were the only two screen actresses on the list whose characters openly enjoyed sex (considered rare for women then).

**Queen Christina** (1934). Another MGM costume spectacle featuring MGM's version of history, with a role tailored for the talents of its prestigious Spanish import, Greta Garbo. Garbo spends much of the film dressed as a man, in one scene kissing another young woman on the lips; but never fear, it's just a phase she's going through, and she recovers in time for the obligatory heterosexual romance with her then real-life lover, John Gilbert. Critic C. A. Lejeune wrote of her performance: "Every inch of the Garbo countenance is exposed to the scrutiny of the audience, every eyelash and pore of skin presented for our consideration. There is a bedroom scene which Garbo leaves stripped any other actress spiritually naked. But Garbo is still her own mistress at the end of it."

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**Why is it that all gay men love to see a knock down, drag out catfight?**

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Personal Perspective

Love Thy Neighbor?

by Dan Rose
Contributing Writer

I
arry and I were lucky to find a seat in the Espresso Royale coffee house one Friday night. We sat at a coveted window seat while I ordered our drinks. As it was late evening, I ordered a decaffeinated cappuccino. My lover Larry of those able to sleep after having consumed caffeine, requested a double mocha. We scarcely finished our drinks when the man sitting behind me tapped me on the shoulder.

"Excuse me," said he apologetically. "I wonder if you might have some time to talk with us about God."

Caught completely off-guard, I stammered: "Um... well..." I noticed his companion sitting behind him. The beautiful woman wearing a long, flowery dress and apparently cognizant of my hesitation, smiled peacefully at me from over the shoulder of as if to say "Come on, you can do it." "Sure..." I conceded. A contrary answer would have been rude.

He introduced his companion as his wife and began to ask me questions such as; "What is your answer to the question, 'Who is Jesus?'" "Who is Jesus?" and, "Have you ever thought about opening yourself to Christ?" My answers made it quite clear to both of them that I was no theologian.

Taking advantage of this situation and apparently aware that Larry and I were "together," he began to preach of God's goodness, and how he who opens himself to Christ and resists evil temptations such as lust and homosexuality will be saved from eternal damnation.

I went to a Catholic school and remember a thing or two about the Bible. So I asked him a question: "Why is the Christian right so quick to use the Bible to open the doors in gracious hospitality to all brothers and sister in the faith."

The portions of the Disciplinary paragraphs the bishops were responding to included a statement that the practice of homosexuality is "incompatible with Christian teaching." It also disallowed practicing gays and lesbians from serving as ministers, and that no church money may be given to any "gay caucus or group" or be used to "promote the acceptance of homosexuality."

Among the 11 active bishops signing the statement were Roy I. Sano of Los Angeles and Melvin G. Talbert of San Francisco. Of those retired bishops supporting the protest were: Leonine T.C. Kelly of San Mateo and Melvin G. Whatley Jr. of Laguna Hills.

Methodist Bishops Protest Anti-Gay Church Doctrine

Fifteen United Methodist bishops, including 4 from California, released a statement on April 18th expressing "pain... over our personal convictions that are contradicted by the proscriptions in the (Book of) Discipline against gay and lesbians within our church and within our ordained diaconal ministers."

"We believe it is time to break the silence and state where we are on this issue that is hurting and silencing countless faithful Christians," the bishops said. "We will continue our responsibility to the order and discipline of the church but urge United Methodist churches to open the doors in gracious hospitality to all brothers and sister in the faith."

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You’ve Got to Love Those Methodists!
Locals Place in Statewide Competition

Adam Miramon of Santa Cruz (pictured right) and Scott Steinman (aka Diana McGuire) of Monterey traveled to San Diego in mid-August to compete in the Mr. and Miss Gay California Pageant. The event, sponsored by the San Diego Court at Tidbits, drew competitors from across the state.

Miramon garnered the first runner-up position for Mr. Gay California, and Steinman was third runner-up for Miss Gay California.

The men were judged on poise, body composition (swimwear) and how well they answered an impromptu question. Women were judged on talent, evening gown, poise, and answering a question.

Approximately 15 men and men dressed like women competed for the title. Miramon will also be competing for Mr. Gay Monterey County in the upcoming 3M Pageant, November 16-17 to be held at the After Dark and Title IX.

Fast 8
Reviews of Cultural Elements
by John E. Brennan
Contributing Writer

Film
Trainspotting: Not to be missed because it’s hip. A neutral, graphic view of Scottish junkies.

Rent!
Fonda: An isolated, unusual young man is forced into the world of Texas. Shows that Texas can be another planet with no room for the sensitive or compassionate. Weak script but a good film.

Casino: I thought I had good reason to avoid this one, but I was wrong. Sharon Stone was great and Scorsese’s directing was incredible. Stories based on true life in Las Vegas make believable movies. The story that leads to the new Las Vegas.

Showgirls: Better than I thought. A story of a sociopath. Stupid plot, stupid characters, stupid dialog: “I like having nice tits.” Can be missed, but I’ve been thinking about it a lot.

Bar Girls: I turned it off. The script was bad. I don’t know any characters like the ones in the movie, especially not lesbians. Don’t do your duty for this one.

It’s My Party: I could never understand why people cried during Love Story or The Way We Were, and I did not see Dying Young for obvious reasons. During It’s My Party, first I cried then I sobbed. And sobbed more. May be too intense for some.

Stage!
Carnival at MPC: I walked out. Productions like these give local theatre a bad name all over the U.S.

Tartuffe at Shakespeare Santa Cruz: Moliere’s little play’s bathetic course is complimented by reasonable acting and staging.

12th Night, or What You Will at Shakespeare Santa Cruz: One of The Bard’s weaker but oft performed plays was well presented in the outdoor Festival Glen. SSC does allow homosexual implications where many productions direct against the words of the characters.

Pericles at Shakespeare Santa Cruz: A great chance to see and understand this complex drama. Best of Show award for this season.

On-Line!
http://www.amazon.com: The ultimate bookstore! If you know the books you want and hate trying to find a title (is this book in the Science Fiction or Cooking section?) in the endless stacks, this is the way to shop. Pay by credit card or check, and get the books mailed to you. A dream come true.
September

Zodiac Sign Parties at Title IX
A chance to party like your favorite the Virgo and Libras. Call for time and details. At Title IX, 281 Lighthouse Ave., Monterey.

Sunday, 15th

Lesbian Alliance Hike at Fort Ord
Contact the Lesbian Alliance phone line at 648-4338 for information.

Metropolitan Community Church Service
Every Sunday at Mariposa Hall (next to Kinko’s) at 801 Lighthouse Ave., Monterey. Call 335-0466. All are welcome!

“Feed Your Face for Charity”
Meal’s Dinner with the Waitresses from Hell. At Title IX, 281 Lighthouse Ave., Monterey. Dinner and attitude at 6:30 p.m. Donation $5.00 All you can eat.

Peace, Love & Hair Grease
A tribute to the 60s by the 3M Foundation. At the After Dark, 214 Lighthouse Ave., Monterey, 373-7628. Doors open at 8 p.m., show around 9:30 p.m. $2 donation to benefit John XXIII AIDS Ministry. Proper ID required.

Monday, 16th

Melrose Monday’s at the After Dark
Find out who’s boffing, offs or dining with the crowd at the courting section at the A.D. Starts at 6 p.m. every Monday until they run out of fresh episodes. 214 Lighthouse Ave., Monterey, 373-7828.

Monday Night Football at Title IX
Men and women with an interest in the pigskin are invited to Title IX for a three hour tour of the gridiron. Men and women with an interest in the pigskin are invited to Title IX for a three hour tour of the gridiron. At Title IX, 281 Lighthouse Ave., Monterey, 373-4488.

Tuesday, 17th

This Way Out Radio Show
Every Tuesday on KUSP, 88.9, 12:30 p.m.-1:30 p.m.

Gay Volleyball on Carmel Beach
Spin it at your gay brothers and sister. Very friendly crowd. Every Tuesday. In the courts near the packing lot. Starts at 6 p.m.

Wednesday, 18th

Peninsula Professionals Network Meeting
A demonstration of dressage (classical horsemanship) in Watsonville, an annual favorite among the locals. If you’ve thought about joining PPN, this is the meeting to attend. Call Del at 659-2446 for time, location, and membership information.

Thursday, 19th

Lesbian Alliance Business Meeting
In Marina. Contact the Lesbian Alliance phone line at 648-4338 for more information.

Pool Tournament at Title IX
Every Thursday $5 entry fee, winner takes home the kitty. A very friendly place (plus they serve snacks). At Title IX, 281 Lighthouse Ave, New Monterey, 373-4488 for more info.

Friday, 20th

Meet the MCAP Board at the After Dark
Members of the Monterey County AIDS Project board of directors will be working the outreach table at the After Dark every weekend this month. If you have questions or comments about MCAP policy or programs, now is the time to ask. Call Justin at 772-8202 for more information.

Women's Night & Spaghetti Dinner
At Franco's Norma Jean
Every Friday at Castroville’s largest and most popular gay dance club. Spaghetti with garlic bread for $4 from 8 p.m to 1 a.m. Such a deal! The Paper staff especially likes the DJ and bartenders on Friday. 10639 Merritt St, 633-2090.

Saturday, 21st

Spice Up Your Nights
The Man to Man program presents an interesting mix of sex talk and helpful hints for gay men lead by Frank Stronk of Scarlet Letter Services. 7 p.m. - 10 p.m. Call Justin at 772-8202 for location.

Tuesday, 24th

F-FLAG Meeting
At the unitarian Church at 490 Aguajito Road in Monterey (where Hwy 68 crosses of Hwy 1). Call 655-3524 for more information.

Wednesday, 25th

Toy Box Party
The Man to Man project sponsors a fun evening for gay men interested in learning about safer sex alternatives, including use toys and such, 7 p.m. - 9 p.m. Free. Call Justin at 772-8202 for the location.

Friday, 27th

Gay Teen Alliance Activity Night
A group for young women and men under 21 years old who are gay, bisexual, or questioning. Monthly activities and a chance to chat with your peers. Call Justin at 772-8202 for more info.

Sunday 27th

“Fright Night”
At Title IX, 281 Lighthouse Ave., Monterey. Doors 3 p.m., food 4 p.m., show 5 p.m. All you can eat for $5. No cover.

Monday, 28th

Ad Deadline for The Paper
Artwork due. Call Wes at 655-3756.

Tuesday, 29th

Pumpkin Carving Contest at Title IX
Get the Halloween party rolling with an orange gourd and a sharp knife.

Thursday 31st

Halloween
The possibly the biggest night of the gay calendar. At the After Dark (214 Lighthouse, 373-7628): contest starts early this year. Watch for details at the bar. Cover $3.

At Franco’s Norma Jean (10639 Merritt St, Castroville, 633-2090): Costume party and contest, doors open at 8 p.m., $5 cover. First prize is $150, second prize $50.

At Title IX (281 Lighthouse Ave., 373-4488): Costume contest. Call for details.

November

Sunday, 3rd

“Feed Your Face for Charity”
At Title IX, 281 Lighthouse Ave., Monterey Doors 3 p.m., food 4 p.m. All you can eat for $5.00. No cover.

Tuesday, 5th

Presidential and Local Elections
At Calvary Church, 281 Lighthouse Ave., Monterey. 4 p.m. - 9 p.m. Donation $5.00 for dinner. All you can eat. Come join the fun. Award for Best in Theme

October

Thursday, 3rd

Alive with Pleasure!
A statewide conference to discuss the prevention of tobacco and alcohol problems in the Lesbian Gay Bisexual and Transgender communities. At the Clarion Hotel at the San Francisco Airport. 1 registration fee, $100 for registration plus meals and reception. Write to CLASH - Alive with Pleasure, c/o Pacific Research and Training Alliance, 440 Grand Ave., Ste. 401, Oakland, CA 94610-5012. For more information call 394-4747.

Saturday, 12th

AIDS Walk Monterey Bay
Join hundreds of local residents in the fight against AIDS. Sign-up forms available at Title IX, After Dark, and locations throughout the peninsula and the Salinas Valley. For more information call 394-4747.

“After the AIDS Walk Party”
At Title IX, 281 Lighthouse Ave., Monterey. Time around 1 p.m. or so. BBQ all you can eat for $5.00. No cover charge

Sunday, 17th

1997 3M Pageant
“Back to Broadway” is the theme for the 3M’s biggest show of the year. Featuring entertainers from across the state and a few surprises. Entry forms for Mr./Miss/Ms. Gay Monterey available now. $3 donation. See Scott Steinman for details.

Quote of the Month:
“All mother’s secretly hope that their gay sons are tops...so they never have to go through what they went through.”

Religious Services

E C Monterey
A Pro-Gay & Lesbian Inter-denominational Christian Fellowship meets the 2nd and 4th Sundays at 5 p.m. for fun, sharing and study. All welcome. For more information call 646-1804.

Lavender Road Metropolitan Community Church
Services held Sunday, 10 a.m. at Mariposa Hall, 801 Lighthouse Ave, Monterey. Call Rev. Jean Hart for more information, 335-0666.

Integrity
An updated listing of local Episcopal churches that are gay-friendly is now available. Call 484-2330 for a copy.
Queers On Cable

QTV is Santa Cruz's bi-weekly community television show. Features include local gay/lesbian/bisexual/transgender news items, an on-going spoof of "Ellen", and an upcoming action/adventure extravaganza based on James Bond movies called "Pinkeye". Copies are available at the L/G/B/T Community Center in Santa Cruz. For more information contact Kwai Lom through the L/G/B/T Community Center by calling (408) 425-5422.

Attention: HIV Negative Men!

People have talked about the problems HIV negative gay men face trying to stay uninfected and cope with the AIDS epidemic. Some feel that addressing these problems is a waste of resources that could be used for those who are already dealing with HIV infection.

► We feel differently.

Addressing these differences is essential. Just like other differences in our community due to race, culture, religion, etc., there are difference in how infected and uninfected men deal with HIV prevention.

Many uninfected men need reminding that it's important to STAY NEGATIVE, that one can remain so for a lifetime, that growing older is something to look forward to, that staying negative is NOT a betrayal of our friends who are positive.

Come join us to discuss the issues that uninfected men deal with. An 8-week closed group will be starting soon.

For information or to reserve your space, call Man to Man at 772-8202.

Stay Safe, Stay Negative
Take 5

Fire Island: A Sizzling Site

by Dan Pressor
Travel Columnist

At sunset stars begin to twinkle and the party begins. Every night from Memorial Day right on through Labor Day, "During the day Fire Island bakes under a hot sun. At night it sizzles with hot men in tank tops and tight shorts," says Tony SetteDucate, a New York area columnist about life on Fire Island. "This is the place to be!"

Even though there are no cars on Fire Island, the place is packed with party people strolling from one hot spot to another.

The mecca for gay and lesbian activities center on the dual communities of Cherry Grove and The Pines. Harbor Lord John Whyte owns the Pavilion in the Pines, the exact spot where Island evenings begin and ultimately end. "Our upper deck," says Whyte, "is the watering hole for most of the gang. High Tea begins about 8 p.m."

Most of the guys hang out, discuss the day's activities, find a date and most importantly figure out where they are going to go for dinner.

"High Tea at the Pavilion is a Fire Island ritual," adds Whyte. The Pavilion also boasts three crystal chandeliers over its magnificent dance floor plus the best DJ's in the world. The Pavilion's door opens at midnight and usually close around 8 or 9 in the morning. Cover is $12. The Pines' hot spot is the Island Club. It sports a piano bar and a disco. There's no cover at the Island Club and dancing begins at eleven in the evening.

One of the Island's most exciting events is the Invasion of Cherry Grove on July 4. The community of Cherry Grove elects a fabulous homecoming beach party which starts at noon and runs till 5 a.m. Only 5,000 tickets are sold at $5 each. "Every year's a sell out," says SetteDucate. The theme for '96 was "Circus". Accommodations on Fire Island take a bit of planning.

It's best to call a realtor and rent a house for a week or more. Rentals aren't cheap: this is New York, remember? Good realtors to call are Dow Howard Island Properties and Pines Harbor Realty.

A couple of hotels are the Belvedere in Cherry Grove and the Pines Hotel and Yacht Club in The Pines. All hotels have a two night minimum, three on holiday weekends.

Getting to Fire Island is an adventure. Catch the Classic Airport Shuttle from either L.A. Guardia or Kennedy to Sayville. Classic uses 11 passenger vans and costs $75 round trip for the first person, second traveler rides free. Classic also has private cars and limousines for not much more money. You can reach Classic at 1-800-666-4949.

The Sayville ferry to Fire Island is only $10 round trip. Fire Island is only minutes away from the hustle bustle of Manhattan by seaplane. One way cost for this adventure is $175. Even though Fire Island is closing down for the season as you read this article, it's time to plan next year's summer fun where the boys are.

You can reach Dan Pressor at FourWinds Travel, 408-622-0800, 3662 The Barnard Card, CA 90277, 8731 "Where the Good Times Begin" fourwinds@redshift.com http://www.foxoneconcepts.com/latitudefourwinds.html

Personal Perspective

1996 Zimbabwe Book Show Unleashes Mugabe's Anti-Gay Sentiment

By Garth Luxton
From the Internet

The recent Zimbabwe Book Show in Harare, that nation's capital, brought out the very worst in its aging, Marxist President, Robert Mugabe, when he announced (as he did last year) that the Gay and Lesbian stand was not in the national interest. Mugabe also likened gays and gay practices to "drug addiction and bestiality" declared gays and lesbians persona non grata at the exhibition.

His Minister followed this up by saying that they could not guarantee the safety of the gays and lesbians participating in the exhibition.

A subsequent TV item showed the black Zimbabwean gay community totally isolated in a shanty town on the outskirts of that capital city, living in squalor and being unable to find employment, such is the degree of sanction against our brothers and sisters across our border.

Mugabe himself was always in the forefront of the sanctions against South Africa based on the colour issue, which succeeded with many nations.

It is now the turn of those very nations to stand up against this phobia against Gays and Lesbians in that society and I therefore encourage you to petition your Congressmen, Zimbabwean airline offices, other carriers such as Qantas who regularly fly that route, Zimbabwean trade missions and Consular and other official offices including Embassies; tourism is the only real trade in the area, and we need to place a boycott on it and show the power of the Pink Dollar and the might of the people who have it.

Following the visit of a South African gay delegation to the Book Show and the report backs from it, the harassment and the bad treatment meted out to the stall holders, the destruction of their stall and the fact that they had to be smuggled out by sympathetic security guards demands your action, now!

Sweetness

For Thomas Kristoffersen, now and always

suffocated gasps of pleasure erase the thought so censured
immortal beacon
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it is masculine
all yours
and forever
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to conquer
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creating me
your skin as mine
and night slowly corning
to darkness

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Friend or Enema?
What Every Gay Man Should Know About Douching
by Justin Larson
Contributing Writer

One of the oldest medical procedures still in use today is the enema. The usual jokes aside, what is the purpose of an enema, and when and how do gay men use them?

Purposes for Enemas
Many gay men believe that enemas are an important preparation for anal intercourse, though paying attention to the timing of bowel movements and the content of one's diet can accomplish much of the same results.

What follows is general information to help you decide if and how to administer an enema at home. Specific questions about enemas should be directed to health care professionals.

Types of Enemas
Enemas fall into two basic types: cleansing and retention.

Cleansing enemas are what most gay men are referring to when speaking of douching. In preparation for anal intercourse, cleansing enemas are used to flush fecal matter from the rectum.

Cleansing enemas often use large quantities of fluids, from 1-2 quarts. The volume clears out loose material and promotes peristalsis (muscular contractions that force material out of the rectum) and eventual evacuation. Some enemas use smaller amounts of water mixed with an irritant (e.g., soap, salts, or phosphates) to achieve similar results.

Retention enemas are used for medical purposes where the enema is to be absorbed into the body over time, such as for medication or rehydration.

Equipment
Two most common home enema syringes: the bulb syringe and the traditional fOUNTAIN enema bag.

The bulb syringe is a bulb shaped receptacle with a long rectal nozzle. The bulb syringe generally holds 4-6 ounces of enema solution. It is filled by squeezing the air out of the bulb, then drawing the solution through the nozzle as the bulb regains its shape.

Pre-filled, disposable bulb enemas are available from most drug stores (the most commonly known is produced by Fleet) for anywhere from $0.89 to $2.95.

The most popular bag enema is a combination hot water bottle and douche/enema bag. It consists of a rubber bag that may be sealed with a stopper or with a tube, clamp and nozzle attachment. It generally costs between $9 and $13 and is available at most pharmacies. Disposable bag enemas are also available.

A third, less common option is the douching hose, consisting of a flexible metal tube, ending in a smooth metal nozzle. It should be used with caution, however, as control of water flow and temperature are vital. Since this type of hose is plumbed into the water supply, it is possible to use water that is too hot (which will scald the rectal tissues) or pressure that is too high (which will tear the membranes of the rectal walls). The equipment runs from $50 - $75 and is available through some plumbing supply stores and leather/SM stores in San Jose and San Francisco.

Temperature
It's important that the enema not be so hot that it burns the inside of the rectum. Recommended water temperature is 105°F - 110°F (just warm when run across the back of the wrist).

Pressure
A cleansing enema using one or more quarts of water must be administered at a low pressure to not damage rectal tissues and to allow the body to adjust. Enemas injected too fast may cause cramping and early peristalsis.

Position
An enema shouldn't be administered in a sitting or standing position. This forces the water to flow against gravity, requiring more pressure to inject water into the colon, which can cause damage. It also doesn't allow the anus to relax as well, increasing the likelihood of cramps.

Insertion
Be cautious in how far up the rectum the tube is inserted. Though there is a belief that inserting the tube higher up the bowel is more effective, little data exists that it is any more effective than those inserted only three or four inches. High insertions, however, may puncture or otherwise damage the rectal lining.

Infections
Remember that enemas can cause minor irritation to the rectal membranes, rendering them susceptible to infection. During unprotected anal intercourse, while not recommended in any case, the receptive partner during anal intercourse is especially at risk for STDs.

Frequency
There are no hard and fast guidelines, but overuse of enemas can create a physical dependence on them for regular bowel function. They can dry the rectal membranes so that they can become easily torn or infected.

Warning:
It's important to know what you're doing when inserting any foreign object into the body. Please read all directions included with enema equipment before trying to use them. Keep your equipment clean, and NO SHARING.

Enema Recipes
Following are some additives and cautions; be sure to consult with a pharmacist or other medical professional before adding anything to an enema.

Tap Water
Though regular water alone is a satisfactory enema, it's important that the enema not be so hot that it burns the inside of the rectum. Recommended water temperature is 105°F - 110°F (just warm when run across the back of the wrist).

Saline Enema
By adding two teaspoons of common salt to a quart of warm water, a "normal saline" enema may be prepared. Though not as hard on the body's electrolyte balance or potassium supply, it does draw fluid from the body into the rectum by osmosis. It also may lead to significant sodium retention in the colon, which tends to retain sodium anyway. This is a concern in circumstances of congestive heart conditions and cirrhosis.

Soap and Water
The best soap to use is the pre-measure packages of castile soap that are meant for such purposes. If these aren't available, a bar of mild soap, such as Ivory, may be used; enough soap should be dissolved in the water to make it milky (between one and two ounces of soap to two quarts of water). Synthetic detergents, dishwashing liquids, medicated soaps, and others should not be used.

Phosphate Enema
Phosphate enemas are generally available in prepackaged disposal enemas from the pharmacy. Many of the same cautions apply here as with saline enemas.

The Monterey County AIDS Project

JOB OPENING: BILINGUAL MAN-TO-MAN OUTREACH WORKER
Reports to: Man-to-Man Outreach Coordinator
Salary: $22.06/hr., part-time/10-20 hours negotiable

Minimum Qualifications: Spanish/English fluency required; good oral and written communication skills; basic knowledge of HIV disease and prevention strategies. Candidates should have good organizational skills, be able to work independently and as part of a team, and demonstrate flexibility and a good sense of humor. They must be sensitive to culturally diverse communities (such as gay men, lesbians, drug users, Latinos, etc.) and be tolerant of life choices of members of those communities that may not match their own. Candidates must have demonstrated experience with and be able to work effectively with Latino communities. They must also be able to work with a variety of other agencies to promote HIV prevention.

Desired: Applicants from local communities of color are strongly encouraged to apply. Previous experience with the Latino gay community, social work, or HIV/AIDS service organizations helpful.

Duties and Responsibilities: Under the supervision of the Man-to-Man Outreach Coordinator, the Latino M2M Outreach Worker is responsible for:
1) Completion of at least two outreach sessions per week.
2) Collection, maintenance, and reporting of accurate statistics on outreach encounters in a timely manner as requested by funding sources.
3) Working cooperatively with the M2M Outreach Coordinator to develop culturally appropriate outreach strategies and programs.
4) Communication of accurate and timely information about work in progress to supervisory staff.
5) Participation in recruitment, training, and supervision of volunteers to assist with outreach efforts.
6) Networking with HIV-prevention agencies and other programs providing services to Latino M2M.
7) Translation of educational information.
8) Upholding agency confidentiality policy.
9) Other related duties as required.

Location: The Bilingual M2M Outreach Worker will be based out of the Monterey County AIDS Project - Salinas office, currently at 10 Sherwood Drive #4, Salinas, CA 93901. CALL (408) 772-8200 FOR APPLICATION PACKET.

APPLICATIONS ACCEPTED UNTIL 5:00 PM, FRI., SEPT. 27, 1996
The Political Climate:

The Decision is Yours

by John Laird
Political Writer

If you watched the House or Senate debate on the “Defense of Marriage Act” and wondered how some of those legislators had ever been chosen, it was — in part — by voters who stayed home because the choices weren’t good enough. For the next two years, we could be wondering how Newt Gingrich ever got another term as Speaker, or why anti-gay Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia ended up as our Chief Justice. Decisions like that will be made NOVEMBER 5 by YOU.

In the Central Coast, we have a special obligation. The races for State Senate and Assembly will determine the majority in each house for the next session. Our congressional seat appears to be targeted by Newt Gingrich as a potential pick-up. President Clinton will carry our area, but the size of his margin will be pitted against Bob Dole’s Orange County margin for California’s 54th electoral vote. Every local vote counts in a major way. Rather than review each race, I will outline my lesbian and gay political agenda — and then measure candidates against it:

1. Non-Discrimination. Every gay man and lesbian should have the right to be judged on merit, and should not be hired or fired because of their sexual orientation.

2. Family Issues. Lesbians and gay men should not be compensated differently because of their private legal status. Lesbians and gay men should also not be considered unsuitable parents because of their sexual orientation. Gay relationships should be legally recognized.

3. Participation. Lesbians and gay men should be full participants in the public realm — supported as political candidates, recognized as key players in the electoral process, and appointed to government posts based on the same standards as anyone else.

4. Women’s Rights. Women’s rights are a lesbian and gay issue. When women are held back by law and policies, it is clear discrimination against lesbian couples. The religious right links women’s issues and lesbian/gay issues together and so should we.

5. Climate. Whoever is elected President will make at least two lifetime Supreme Court appointments in the next term — who will make more decisions on lesbian and gay issues than whom we elect for four years. And the first votes legislators cast will be for the leadership of their house — thus setting up committee chairs and scenarios in which lesbians and gay men will either be seriously considered or shut out of the process.

Let’s look at how candidates stand on this agenda:

Discrimination

Bill Clinton is the first President to endorse the federal non-discrimination bill. Bob Dole was never a supporter in Congress. President Clinton ended the practice of asking and judging applicants for security clearances about their sexual orientation. He pledged in 1992 to issue an executive order on non-discrimination on gays in the military, which was bungled in the first days of his administration and resulted in the “don’t ask, don’t tell” policy. Bob Dole was Senate Minority Leader at the time. Members of his caucus pushed for an absolute ban on gays in the military, a position from which he has still not separated himself.

Representatives Sam Farr and Tom Campbell co-sponsored non-discrimination legislation. At the state level, Senate candidate Rusty Areias voted for non-discrimination while in the Assembly. His opponent, Bruce McPherson has supported a non-discrimination bill once — a bill which would have prohibited discrimination in higher education. Assembly candidate Fred Keeley has been a strong lesbian and gay advocate in the Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors. Assemblymember Peter Frusetta has not supported any non-discrimination legislation during his one term.

Family Issues

Bob Dole was principal Senate author of the Defense of Marriage Act and President Clinton has said he will sign it. Sam Farr cast a vote against the measure on the House Floor, and Tom Campbell — long considered one of the few pro-gay Republicans in Congress — made a constitutional argument for the measure and voted for it. Senator candidate Bruce McPherson “took a walk” on the state bill outlawing same sex marriages, while his opponent Rusty Areias voted for the 1994 domestic partnership legislation passed that year and vetoed by Governor Wilson. Peter Frusetta voted for the same sex marriage ban.

Women’s Rights

Bill Clinton supports a woman’s right to choose. Bob Dole does not. Bill Clinton presided over a convention that had one-half of the delegates being women. Bob Dole’s had one-third. Bill Clinton has appointed more women to cabinet and judicial posts than any previous president (not saying much, given the comparisons). But Clinton and Dole both supported the welfare reform legislation, which targets poor women. Sam Farr cast a vote against welfare reform. And in this area most candidates are pro-choice, including Republicans Tom Campbell, Bruce McPherson, and congressional candidate Jess Brown.

Climate

The switch of one U.S. Supreme Court Justice on the Hardwick case ten years ago would have thrown out all state sodomy laws. The Supreme Court will be the final arbiter on the so-called Defense of Marriage Act, as well as issues of lesbian and gay child custody and gays in the military. It is likely that Bob Dole would make right-wing hard-liner Antonin Scalia the next Chief Justice, while Bill Clinton would quite possibly appoint the first woman Chief Justice, Ruth Bader Ginsburg. The final fate of the lesbian and gay political agenda could hinge on these appointments.

And even though Tom Campbell and Jess Brown are moderate Republicans, they would vote for Newt Gingrich for speaker as their first act. Sam Farr and Democratic candidate Dick Lane would not. Senate candidate Rusty Areias would vote for current Senate Leader Bill Lockyer, while Bruce McPherson would vote for Senator Bob Hurr. Assembly candidates Fred Keeley and Lily Cervantes would vote to oust Assemblymember Curt Pringle as Speaker, while Jim Davis and Peter Frusetta would vote to continue his speakership.

This might seem like an insiders coggern, but it was Gingrich’s floor leader who called Rep. Barney Frank “Barney Fag” and insured that no pro-gay bills got out of committee. The same would be true about Pringle and Hurr. A pair of Orange County Republicans actively opposed to gay rights. Your vote for Assembly and Senate candidates decides whether that house is organized in a pro- or anti-gay manner.

There are third party candidates in many races. Russ Perot has appeared to be nowhere on gay issues. The Green Party has a good platform on lesbian and gay issues, yet Green Presidential candidate Ralph Nader referred to gay issues as “gonadal politics” last spring and has worked to disassociate himself from that comment ever since.

Now it’s up to you. Listen to the candidates, go to forums, ask questions. See who BAYMEC endorses, as they will have reviewed a long survey on lesbian and gay issues with each candidate. But above all, register and vote. Change is brought about in many ways — and voting is one. Do it intelligently on November 5.

John Laird is a regular contributor to The Paper and the former mayor of Santa Cruz.

Remember to Vote
November 5th

Voter registration forms available at the MCAP outreach table at the After Dark
Los inhibidores de la proteasa son medicamentos muy potentes, sin embargo deben ser usados cuidadosamente.

Invirase

Invirase, también conocido como saquinavir, es el primero de una nueva clase de medicamentos conocidos como inhibidores de la proteasa. Invirase fue aprobado por la FDA de Estados Unidos el 22 de noviembre de 1995.

Invirase puede costar hasta $570 al mes tras su aprobación. Invirase es la primera medicación recomendada por el Programa de Ayuda con la Terapia del VIH (Roche HIV Therapy Assistance Program) de la compañía Merck al 800.850.3430 o al 800.927.8888.

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2. We have a powerful new technology-viral load or PCR testing-which permits rapid evaluation of the effect of drug therapy on the amount of virus in the bloodstream. Health care providers and clinicians rapidly decide whether a new candidate drug is promising or not, and helps individuals and their providers make decisions on individual treatment regimens. Viral load testing is also turning out to be a significantly better predictor of the future course of one's HIV infection than T-cell counts. Viral load (in the absence of treatment, that is) is less variable over time in a person than we had thought. After only a few months of infection, an individual is now thought to reach a "steady state" of viral replication, which is regulated by a person's typical viral "setpoint." (The setpoint is analogous perhaps to one's normal or typical body weight.) Dr. John Mellors of the University of Pittsburgh presented an update of his analysis of the MACS (Multicenter AIDS Cohort Study in gay men) data showing that, on average, this setpoint predicts very well how soon or late a person will develop AIDS. This predictive ability of viral load measurement can also help guide individual treatment choices: in general, the higher it is, the more aggressive you probably will want to be in treatment.

Let me step aside for a moment to a frequently asked question: Does the fact that viral load is a better predictor of progression and drug responsiveness mean that CD4 counts are no longer useful? The answer is no. An elegant illustration was provided in a Conference plenary by Tufts University researcher Dr. John Coffin. He put up a slide of a locomotive traveling down railroad tracks toward a canyon where the tracks had been washed out and the train would surely crash. The "canyon" represents the crash or collapse of the immune system, i.e. full blown AIDS or death. Coffin said we can think of CD4 numbers as the mileposts along the track that tell us how far to the left or far our bodies are from the point of immune system crash, whereas the viral load numbers are like the speedometers reading that tell us how fast we are approaching the crash point. In theory (with a lot of evidence accumulating to support it), if we can stop viral replication entirely, then the train stops and gets no closer to immune collapse. To sketch Coffin's metaphor a bit further, the hope is that by stopping the locomotive we will give us the time necessary to learn how to rebuild the bridge over the canyon and avoid crashing at all that is, to reconstitute or at least effectively prop up the damaged immune system.

3. Development of resistance to antiviral drugs can be greatly slowed, and possibly suspended entirely, if viral load can be kept very low, preferably near zero. Several studies provided evidence for this proposition, and others provided hopeful evidence for how some combination regimens work synergistically to prevent the emergence of resistance.

4. The effectiveness of the new antiviral combinations is both more profound and more durable than anything we've seen before. Even in relatively late-stage infection and with long histories of treatment with earlier antiviral drugs, as with the Merck clinical trial of Crizanlizam which started treating individuals with CD4 count 142, the average viral load more than 40,000 copies/ml, more than 80% of the participants who could tolerate the drugs had undetectable viral load (below the lower limit of detection) and sustained rises in CD4 counts of more than 100 T-cells. In earlier stages, the results are even more impressive.

5. Scientists have even more hopeful developments in the pipeline. Newer, "designer" drugs have shown exciting results in early clinical trials. Some have more attractive characteristics like better absorption and thus greater "bioavailability" (the percentage of a drug that actually makes it into the bloodstream in usable form). Some can be taken less often or with less labor intensive and more clearly better than the best two-drug combinations like AZT/3TC or ddI/ddT.

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state of the art guidelines for when to start and change antiviral therapy and what to start with or change to. The recommendations were published in the July 12 issue of the Journal of the American Medical Association and discussed and explained at the conference. These experts recommended a much more aggressive approach to therapy, guided by both CD4 counts and viral load, than is based on the current less the "window period" before one seroconverts to being HIV+ or very early in the period after infection, the likelier one is to have intolerable side effects. We don't know enough about interactions among these and other drugs. We don't know how best to manage side effects. We don't know enough about cross-resistance among protease inhibitors. And so on.

2. Prices of the new combinations are very high and access to them is limited. Same for the cost of testing and other monitoring needed to see effectiveness. Who will pay? Who will we as a society, as a community, a medical care community and a body politic at large do about some people getting the wrong treatments and others being told, "sorry, no more life preservers: swim or swim at your own."

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### Companion/Advocates

Caring men and women who want to spend time with people with AIDS and help them come to terms with their illness. Specific duties include taking walks, going out to dinner, listening, visiting them in the hospital, helping to fill out insurance paperwork, telling stories, shopping (possibly including shopping for a new doctor), planning a birthday party, etc. Must be available for 40 hour training program held over two consecutive weekends. Ongoing support and training provided.

### Man to Man Volunteers

Man to Man is a program designed to help prevent HIV/AIDS transmission among men who have sex with men through distribution of safer sex information and materials. Bar outreach workers and special events coordinators are needed.

### Office Volunteers

Friendly men and women are needed to answer the phone and provide general office assistance at our busy Seaside and Salinas offices. Must be available to work a minimum of one 4-hour shift per week. MCAP office hours are Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Salinas office closed Wednesdays. Required training is a 2-hour general volunteer orientation and "on the job" training provided by the MCAP office manager. If you enjoy meeting and helping people, have a good sense of humor and want to be extremely appreciated, this may be the job for you.

### Helpers

Needed to assist people living with AIDS and disability HIV disease to accomplish activities of daily living. Greatest needs are providing transportation to medical appointments, housekeeping chores, meal preparation, running errands, etc.

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### Women Seeking Women

I'm Just a Gal Who Can't Say No

Well, depending, of course. Discreet, clean, sober, healthy, compassionate, lusty, worldly, wise. Intelligently, high libido & playful. Offering skilled massage trades or erotic recreational indoor sport for any lovely, horny gal who is old enough to know the difference between love and lust; young enough to still be spontaneous. Let's take each other off the planet! (#030101)

Harley-only Dyke

Wants more of same to ride, wrench, camp with. Also seeking cheap living situation; have own RV? (#030102)

### Men Seeking Men

New Face in Town

Bi-curious, successful male new to Monterey, not into bars, VGL, shy, Leo discreet. 6'1", mid-30's, French/Italian, 170#, brown/black, HIV-. Seeking LTR only. Great sense of humor seeks similar, serious only.

### Hobbies

- Video production, photography. Send letter, photo will respond the same.

### Handsome Muscular Male

45, art class life model and massage student looking for warm, gentle, loving, any-age man who really appreciates the male physique. I am open minded and uninhibited. P.O. Box 22201, Carmel, CA, 93922.

### Well-Oiled Gladiators Apply

WM, 41, amateur BB wants to make contact with pro or other amateur BBs who enjoy oiling up, admiring, massaging and maybe some more safe fun. I'm handsome, 6'1", 195#, sandy-blond, full head of hair, smooth tan face and bod and run at peak testosterone levels. It's my best muscle and never fatigues. Ever Greek wrestled the real way? Any race. (#030103)

### Me: Good Looking G/M

Wants partner into safer sex. You: Blond or brunette, tall or short as long as you know how to have a good, hot time and stay safe. Imagination is our only limit. If you are new to safer sex, I'll show you. Reply soon!!! (#02026)

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**Say it isn’t so!**

An excerpt from a 1969 sex education school book:

"Confirmed, constant and habitual homosexuality (unlike the occasional homosexual encounter) always arises from some difficulty in the formation of the learned capacity to love, or from inability to esteem one's self highly enough to think one is loveable. Psychiatrists can usually explain individual cases of confirmed homosexuality, and many cases can be treated and cured."

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From Wedded Woman to Lesbian Life
Local group for married women who are forming lesbian relationships. Support & resources for women making this complex transformation. Led by Deborah Abbot, M.A., M.F.C.C., psychotherapist and author. For info or to register: call (408) 646-2168. Confidentially assured. Individual sessions also available.

Nightclubs

After Dark
Dancing, patio, full bar, 214 Lighthouse Ave., Monterey (near the Peninsula, cross street Rosalee) 373-7828. After Dark Info Line, 373-6797.

Blue Lagoon
"Alternative" dancing in the heart of Santa Cruz. Dancing, full bar, mix of straight/gay crowd, 923 Pacific Avenue, Santa Cruz, 427-7117.

Franço's Norme Jean
Dancing, restaurant, full bar, 10639 Mitchell St., Cuesta Verde (near the Wells Fargo Bank) 633-2090.

Title IX
A women's sports bar. Pool tables, full bar, snacks. 261 Lighthouse Ave. (cross street Dickman) in New Monterey. 373-4488.

Crises Hotlines

Defenses de Mujeres Hotline
618-7250 provides bilingual crisis intervention, support, advocacy, and counseling for survivors of rape and domestic violence. They operate a confidential shelter for battered women and their children, and offer Temporary Restraining Order assistance and court accompaniment. 24 hours, every day, bilingual.

Suicide Prevention Hotline
459-3300: confidential peer counseling and emergency intervention for community members in danger of harming themselves. 24 hours, every day, bilingual.

Women's Crises Support Hotline
439-1347: crisis intervention, support, advocacy, and counseling for women who have experienced domestic violence, sexual assault, or chemical dependency; operates a confidential shelter for battered women and their children, and offers Temporary Restraining Order assistance and court accompaniment. 24 hours, every day, bilingual.

Youth Services Crisis Line
423-6751: help and counseling for teens (including runaway) with family, conflict, emotional, personal, or drug and/or alcohol problems, and neglect, abuse, and/or molestation. 24 hours, every day, bilingual.

HIV/AIDS Resources

Monterey County AIDS Project (MCAP)
Servicing those with HIV / AIDS. Volunteers always welcome. 780 Hamilton, Seaside, 394-4787, and 10 Therapeutic Dr Ste. 5, Salinas, 427-3900.

Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual/Transgender Advisory Committee of MCAP
A way for individuals from the gay community to meet and share what's on their minds. Meets the 2nd Fri. of each month, call 647-8603.

Diversity Advisory Committee of MCAP
An ad hoc committee to promote minority access to HIV/AIDS services throughout Monterey County. Meetings alternately in Salinas and Monterey. For meeting information call Deborah Aguiar-Delgado at 394-4747.

HIV-Hypothensory Workshop
Hypnosis for healing 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 Salinas for more information.

Family, Friends, & Partners Group
Meets the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month in Salinas. Call Tom Sangled for location and more info 655-4080.

John Long AIDS Ministry
Housing and other services for HIV+ folks. Michael Center, 540 Lighthouse Ave., Monterey, 655-8000.

Moms for Moms
Support group for support of moms with AIDS. Meets the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month in Monterey. Call 655-1779 or Jeanne Staubich at 694-2265.

Santa Cruz AIDS Project
Projects HIVDA Santa Cruz Bilingual services and support for Santa Cruz County 911-A Center Street, PO Box 707, Santa Cruz 95060.

Community Groups

Alcoholics Anonymous (AA)
Central Office, 373-7212 or 342-9074
American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) for Monterey County
373-4491 or 373-0822
BAYMEX
Lesbian gay political organization. Call 399-2263 for info.
Grande Cypress Empire of Monterey
A non-profit fundraising organization benefiting local gay and AIDS agencies. 899-2496
Integrity
Gay Episcopalian group. Call 484-2326.
Lesbian Alliance
A local group offering a variety of social activities. Call 648-4330 for more information.
Metropolitan Community Church
Services held Sunday, 10 am at Marlipasa Hotel, 401 Lighthouse Ave. Monterey. Call Rev. Jean Hart, 355-0466.
Monterey County Health Department
Emergency information at 394-4747.
Monterey Pride Association (MPA)
Located at 429-1478: crises intervention, support, advocacy, or drug and alcohol problems, and assistance and court accompaniment. 24 hours, every day, bilingual.

Monterey Rape Crisis Center
Rape Crisis Line, 373-6597 North County Crisis Line, 655-9900, Office, 373-5985.

Slightly Older Lesbians
Women's Bisexual Network of Santa Cruz and the Greater Monterey Bay area 427-4555

Bisexual Resources

Bisexual Support Group
Guided rap and discussion group. At the Billy DeFranca Center (see listing under "Community", 293-2429.

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Transvestite Resources

Flowering at The Blue Rose
So many who are really girls! Longing, frustration. Blue Rose offers help to those really wanting to come out. No meetings. B.K. parties at safe locations. Do you have a copyspace? Lessons on how to become a transvestite. B.K. is actively bi, gay, erotic. Ages 30-40. Non-dressers can be fun too! Call Gayle 685-2319.

Transvestite Support Group
Meets on the 2nd Tuesday evenings, 6:30-9:30 p.m. Starting at 5th, 3rd Carmel Center at 406-6255, 330-6257.

Transvestite Support Group
462-3660

Men's Resources

Men to Man
Offering a variety of sexual positive programs and events. Sponsor of Gay/Lesbian/bisexual safe spaces, gay male outreach and education. Contact Justin Leland at 373-4572.

Gay Men's Health Coalition
465-2950

OTHER AREA RESOURCES

African American Men's Group
At the Billy DeFranca (see listing under "Community"), San Jose, 295-2429

Bayside Boys
PO Box 7070, Santa Cruz, CA 95061

Equinox
Support for young gay Black questioning men.
905 Pacific Avenue, Suite 207A, Santa Cruz, CA 95060, 457-1441

Men's Night Out
Social gathering (for men under 30) 655-4967

Radical Faeries
3M Foundation
459-0607

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**Top 10 Ways to Hint to Your Parents That You’re Gay**

10. Explain exactly how you happen to know what latex tastes like.
9. Always show up for family reunions one hour late.
8. Insist that they watch “Melrose Place” with you every week.
7. Tell them your roommate’s nickname for you is “Martina”.
6. Ask them if they’ll be serving eggs benedict at the church pancake breakfast.
5. Explain why you’ve always felt like you belonged on the cast of “Bewitched.”
4. Remove the closet doors from every room in their house.
3. At Thanksgiving, tell mom the turkey was “fierce.”
2. When shopping, explain to your mother why you know what shoe size that would be if you were the one trying those pumps on.
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