Monterey County 1997
Gay Pride
June 7th & 8th
"Do Ask, Do Tell"

Join us as we celebrate Monterey's 3rd Annual Gay Pride March & Festival. It's free, it's fun, and it's the best opportunity of the year to see how the local gay community has grown this year.

Gay Pride Schedule on p. 10

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

It's remarkable to think that our gay pride celebration is in its 3rd year. While that may not seem like much, consider that we are 30 years behind the rest of America in terms of organizing our community. At least we're out of the gate. I hope that you will join the rest of the two pride events June 7th and 8th. I'm organizing the march, as I did last year, and Scott Steinman, who founded the pride celebration, is in charge of the festival. If you have questions about either, please see the information listed on page 10 of this issue.

A Status Report

Many people have commented on how much they enjoy having a newspaper of their own, as rewarding as volunteer work, especially for a cause that you truly believe in. As with all things, The Paper must evolve or die. We added a website to our list of services last year, and over 27,000 people have paid us a visit, far more than ever see the tree-based version you're reading now.

Media Mongrel

The Paper's next project is a bit more involved, and may never get off the ground. Every month as I send in a check to pay off my student loan, I feel the need to take advantage of my film school training. If TCI's revised contract with the City of Monterey includes public access, by this time next year the peninsula will have its own monthly gay television show.

Craig Wenzl, a local gay man and a friend of mine, is planning on starting his own gay radio show, modeled after the one he produced in Little Rock. With this addition, Monterey will no longer be able to consider itself a lost world off the coast of the gay mainstream. Soon coming out will just be a matter of tuning in.

Now for a self-indulgence...

My sweetie and I passed the one year mark as boyfriends on April. That's quite an achievement considering that we're almost exactly alike in stature, personality, and job description (if you know me and my temperament, you know why I find this remarkable). Of course, we've had to overcome the problems common to all relationships, but we seemed to be weathering them. This issue is dedicated to the man I love. Kisses, Alan.

Letters to the Editor

Homo

Go away! Please! Or at least keep it down!
-EPoppino <tridime@mnbay.net>
via the Internet

Response to Just Girlfriends

Dear Editor,

In the last issue of The Paper, Jessica Rae wrote an article which began by stating her belief that lesbians should not feel obligated to adopt the stereotypical dress code of a man. Eight paragraphs later, it had become one of the longest personal ads I've ever read. According to the article, if you enjoy mainstream social outings and look, dress and act like a woman then forget it. You may never get off the tree-based version you're reading last year, and over 27,000 people go "shopping" with? While the original intent of this article may have been something I would agree with, the negative categorizing and general bashing of the large number of lesbian women who don't fit Ms. Rae's idea of a good time is disturbing.

Having said all that, I want to applaud Jessica's efforts in publicly trying to establish a network of lesbians for social gatherings, albeit exclusionary. For those of us who have lived in Monterey a short time, it appears the lesbian community is so far "underground" it might as well not exist. I grew up in the south where being discrete and inconspicuous was a way of life for gays. I often dreamed of living in a place where social consciousness was more enlightened. I assumed California was such a place but never considered the possibility that homophobia would be so strong within the gay community itself. As gays and lesbians we should overcome the temptation to discriminate as we have been discriminated against all our lives. We should celebrate our diversity, not exclude others from it. Besides, you just never know who you might meet if you allow yourself to experience all the possibilities. It's a lot more than "admitting you like facials". It's about admitting you like yourself enough to be comfortable around someone else.

Carol Reeb, Carmel, CA

Hey!

I wonder if you can keep your gayness to yourself. It is quite tiring hearing of your pride. Just remember, no matter what you do, no matter what you say, we will never believe you are born this way. God didn't create you that way, you chose to be ass pirates!

Love Always, Elvis, Ziek Heil!!
-MAVERICK <topgun1@inficad.com>
Support Needed for Gay Prom '97

by John E. Brennan
Contributing Writer

Gay Teen Alliance (GTA) is going to Gay Prom '97. Lesbian and gay youth will converge on Hayward, in the East Bay, on June 14th to celebrate, well, whatever you celebrate at prom. Gay Teen Alliance will make a round trip with Monterey County gay and lesbian youth who want same sex dancing with a tropical paradise theme.

Going to the prom is hard enough, but going to a straight prom when you are lesbian or gay can be torture. This only-in-California event has had extensive national press while providing an alternative to the billions of traditional, heterosexual dances teenagers endure. Finally, a dance where you know it’s safe to ask someone cute to dance.

Two adult chaperones will try to stay out of the way while making sure that everyone makes it home safely from this alcohol-free and drug-free dance. Both singles and couples are welcome. This dance is for lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans and friends 25 and under. If you even think this might be you, come with us! Participation is strictly confidential.

Gay Prom '97 is billed with the subtitle, Under the Stars We are Free, but the event is not free. GTA is looking for financial sponsors for the cost of admission ($25 at the door). Your anonymous donation can help defray the cost of the trip and admission.

For more information, visit the Gay Prom’s web site at www.turing.org/gayprom. To go with us or to sponsor a youth, call GTA at (408) 772-8202.

Late Breaking News
The Santa Barbara City Council unanimously adopted a Domestic Partnership Registry on Tuesday, 20, 1997.

Local AIDS Housing Organization Needs Loan Assistance

David Wheeler of All American Loan Services in Monterey is seeking individuals interested in participating in a loan to the John the XXIII AIDS Ministry, a local AIDS service organization that operates two low-rent housing projects for HIV+ people.

Wheeler was able to obtain institutional financing for the 1st Trust Deed on the Casa Max property in Seaside last year. There are three other loans on this property that total $75,000 and John XXIII is looking to refinance this amount.

Wheeler is seeking those willing to loan a minimum of $7,500 or up to the full amount. The loan will be secured by a 2nd Trust Deed on the property at an interest rate of 10%. The loan will be interest only in monthly payment with a 5 year term, at the end of which the loan will be paid in full.

John XXIII has had a perfect payment record on this property since its purchase in 1993. Wheeler describes this as a classic “win-win” opportunity. All American Loan Services will receive a nominal fee for this arrangement. You can contact Wheeler at (408) 655-8114.
Update on “Just Girlfriends”

by Jessica Rae
Contributing Writer

Everything is going well. I was happy to find that there are women out there who share the same interests and also felt alienated enough to make a change.

However, in response to some negative feedback about how some people think we at “Just Girlfriends” are being exclusionary, why would anyone want to spend time with people one had nothing in common with?

Think we’re being too judgmental? I guess some people are not being judgmental when they accuse “Just Girlfriends” of being a vehicle to bedhop with our shopping companions.

Most of the women that have responded to my first article are in committed relationships. Both partners felt in some way out of sync with the local lesbian community.

Did you think my first column read like a personal ad? DUHHHH-HHHH! Of course it was tailored to attract people with shared interests. “Just Girlfriends” is meant to be a way of starting new friendships based on shared interests.

“Just Girlfriends” is meant to be a way of starting new friendships based on shared interests. And if a sexual encounter ever evolves between two consenting adults, it will be between two consenting adults with shared interests and attractions.

Think we don’t like ourselves or have an identity problem? Wrong. We know who we are and what we like. Women. Women we have things in common with. Period. We are Lesbians/Gay Women, women who have tastes just like anyone else. It’s not so difficult to understand. We’re sorry it was a bitter pill for some. That was never our intention.

In closing, if you don’t have common goals and interests with someone, why would one want to push the issue and spend time with them? Of course to have an answer for that one it would call for a multitude of therapy sessions.

On that note, thanks to all for the responses, both negative and positive. Have a great month!

Jessica Rae is a regular contributor to The Paper. For more information on “Just Girlfriends” write to Just Girlfriends c/o The Paper, 787 Laine St., Monterey, CA 93940.
Monterey Comes Out for "Ellen"

by Russ Duesenberg
Contributing Writer

Monterey's gay community watched in anticipation as Ellen DeGeneres became the first star of a network TV show to announce that she was gay both on and off screen. Approximately 80 women and men gathered at the After Dark nightclub in Monterey to watch the history making episode. Reaction from the crowd was overwhelmingly positive.

"For me, it took more than an hour to realize and accept what I was," said Carol Reeb, "more like an hour and five years."

While the comedic aspects of the show were appreciated and spurred a rise in toaster jokes, some lesbians and gay men sympathized with Ellen's character's difficulty admitting her own homosexuality, and cited it as the most realistic part of the program.

Because of the format of the sitcom, events that normally take years were compressed into a one-hour episode. "For me, it took more than an hour to realize and accept what I was," said Carol Reeb, "more like an hour and five years. Coming out to my straight friends and family was much more traumatic. Very few were as accepting as at first those on the show."

Although high ratings followed "Ellen" through the subsequent episode in which she came out to her past few shows, members of the gay community are calling for widespread support of the sponsors who have chosen to continue or begin buying airtime.

Supportive Companies

Universal Pictures
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NCBI Workshop for L/G/B/T Community

The National Coalition Building Institute will host a Building Community Workshop for lesbians, gays, bisexuals, and transgendered people from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Cal State Monterey Bay. This is the first in a series of workshops led and directed by the queer community, although the workshop is open to all. NCBI charges a sliding scale fee of $20 to $80. The rooms are 82A-115 and 82B-115. Attendees should park in parking lot 82.

The workshop is being sponsored by All in the Family, the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgendered club at CSUMB. Call Matt Friday at (408) 899-2263.

Okay, Now When Will Coffee Boy Come Out?
Past Out

What Was the Leopold and Loeb Case?

By David Bianco
Contributing Writer

Before the O.J. brouhaha, before the Manson murders, even before the Linderberg baby kidnapping, America's first "Crime of the Century" involved two amoral male lovers intent on experiencing murder. The crime, trial, and punishment of Leopold and Loeb - not to mention numerous literary and cinematic retellings of their deeds - have butted up against the negative press of the time, and later in college ran "sobbing" out of her room when another good friend who was gay asked her to "consider her sexual views," which Richardson characterized as a sexual advance. Richardson states that the stereotyping of female athletes as lesbians "has been one of the biggest hindrances to the development of women in sports" because parents don't want "insinuations" so they keep their daughters off playing fields.

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Write Women! Sports and tell them that including an anti-lesbian article in their premier issue is a cowardly way of denying lesbians a level playing field in the arena of women's athletics. Contact: Sandra Bailey, Editor, Women's Illustrated, Time & Life Building, 1271 Avenue of the Americas, New York, NY 10020, fax: 212.522.4543, letters@cis.compuserve.com.

Congressmen Sign On Against Trans-Violence

[WASHINGTON, DC : May 13, 1997] In a groundbreaking meeting today, representatives of the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender community met with members of the Gender Public Advocacy Coalition (GenderPAC) in a letter sent to Janet Reno following the bombing of the Otherside bar in Atlanta.

The meeting had been requested by members of the Gender Public Advocacy Coalition (GenderPAC) in a letter sent to Janet Reno following the bombing of the Otherside bar in Atlanta.

Although the bombing was considered a "gay and lesbian" hate crime, the Otherside was also well-known by local citizens for its bisexual and transgender clientele.

GenderPAC's Dana Priesing, Tonye Barreto-Neto and Riki Anne Wilchins were joined by the Human Rights Campaign's Kris Pratt, Bi-Net's Lorraine Hutchins, and NGLTF's Helen Gonzales. Declared Ms. Gonzales, "As far as we know, this is the first meeting of its kind, and a crucial step for all of us in helping those on the Hill - and in the administration - recognize the importance of crimes against the differently-gendered.

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Women/Sport Premiere Issue Illustrates Homophobia

In the spring 1997 issue of Women! Sport, Sports Illustrated's long-awaited woman athlete-oriented magazine, Olympic softball team member Dot Richardson describes her years of hurt and disappointment, caused by people's presumptions that as an athletic woman she must be a lesbian. As early as seventh grade, Richardson felt "crushed" when a friend called her a lesbian during an argument, "freaked" when a teammate came out to her in 10th grade, and later in college ran "sobbing" out of her room when another good friend who was gay asked her to "consider her sexual views," which Richardson characterized as a sexual advance.

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Write Women! Sport and tell them that including...
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Saturday, June 7th
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The Paper Congratulates The Lighthouse Bar & Grill on Their Wonderful Remodeling Job
What Will You Wear at Gay Pride '97?

by Marsha Olson
Contributing Writer

Wow! It's that time again! Yup! It's time for GAY PRIDE '97. This is an event that let's you celebrate your freedom, creativity, individuality and most of all who you are!

So the best way to celebrate is to dress up! That's right...the "F" word...or, uh...I mean "FASHION." There is no better time than to join in a parade to display your colors and "fashionableness" to the world. Throughout the years there has been everything from the outrageous to the naked participant. If you're planning on going out of town this year, like parading in S.F. or N.Y., expect to see lots and lots of exhibitionists: chests, breasts, bulges, rubber, freakish costumes, big wigs, platforms and the list goes on.

You'll also be doing a huge amount of walking. If you are planning on being in the sun, leave the polyester at home; whether it's a shirt, shorts or that dress you've been waiting to do drag in...Don't! You'll be sweaty, sticky and by the end of the day irritable. Your best bet will be breathable cottons and linens.

Here are a few tips whether you want to feel and look casual, glamorous or outrageous. And don't forget your feet! Most of your time will be spent on your precious feet so save them for the rest of your venturing and cruising with comfortable boots, walking shoes, or athletic ones! Have Fun!!

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Casual/Comfortable
Windbreaks • Pride wear • Walking shoes • Levi's • Tanktops • T-shirts • Halter tops • Shorts • Polos • Adidas • Fisherman's Hats • Baseball caps • Backpack • Sunglasses

Eyecatchers
Anything with a triangle/rainbow • Fur • Sequins • Bondage wear • Leather • Rubber • Vinyl • Wigs • Funky hats • Biggest platforms possible • Capes • Decorated umbrellas • Feather boas • Glitter make-up • Dog collars

"The Freak"
Garbage bags or garbage turned into apparel • Streakers • Dress you pet just like you! • Gay pride bumper sticker turned into breast plate • Goggles on and dressed as a gay space alien

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A Little Social Club Grows Up...

by Jonathan Martins
Contributing Writer

The Grande Cypress Empire of Monterey (GCEM) was first established as the local chapter of a gay social club in 1971. In the beginning the GCEM was one of a handful of chapters throughout the state; since then the International Alliance of Courts has established 62 courts around the globe. Over the years the court system has evolved into various volunteer organizations whose main purpose is to support their communities.

Court Functions
As with the other courts the GCEM has grown from a social club into a nonprofit organization. With each reign we continue to grow and evolve—we’re not just a bunch of drag queens anymore! This year the GCEM is embarking on a new era: an era of more focus on fund raising. On August 9th the GCEM will present their most ambitious event to date: Seasons of Love: An Evening of Caring and Sharing. The evening will feature a catered dinner with a proposed choice of either Filet Mignon, Filet Mignon with Jumbo Prawns, Stuffed Game Hen, or a Veggie Plate. A silent auction and a variety show will round out the evening, with the beneficiaries of the evening being the Monterey County AIDS Project, The Santa Cruz AIDS Project, and John XXIII AIDS Ministry. As a member of the Board of Directors, Artistic Director Michael Pina will produce this event, as well as other theatrical events in the coming months.

The Big Event Seasons of Love is meant to celebrate life, as well as the lives of those who have moved on. The program will share some glimpses of the lives of loved ones.

Anyone wanting to submit a picture and/or a story about a loved one can contact the GCEM at the phone numbers below. A donation is requested to help cover the cost of the program.

Tickets for the event are limited, so please purchase them in advance; prices are $100 per person, $175 per couple. You can show your caring (sharing?) side by becoming an underwriter in one of the following categories: “Executive Producer, $2500 and over; Associate Producer, $2000 -2499; Benefactor, $1500-1999; Patron, $1000-1499; or Underwriter, $500-999. Volunteers are also needed to help with graphic design, publicity, fund raising, backstage details, set design, and the silent auction.

For more information or to volunteer, please contact Michael Pina at (408) 394-6846, or Jonathan Martins, President of the Board of Directors, at (408)633-6481.

A special thank you to the sponsors, performers, and friends...

Weldon and Kevin of the After Dark • Flanders & Kim of Carmel Floral Shoppe in Carmel • Ted of the Furniture Connection • Gerald of Gerald’s Antiques of Salinas • Diana McGuire of the 3M Foundation • Mindy Zireme, Empress VIV; Electra & Jonathan, Imperial Crown Princess and Prince; Stacey Tyler of the Grande Cypress Empire • Ineeda Richman, Selena, and Arlena of Santa Cruz County • Tiger Lily, Grand Duchess of San Francisco; Dan, Mr. Gay San Francisco 1996 • David aka Raylyn Lovelace • Dennis and Javier • Deno and Steve • Jay Adeff • And the community for all of their support. Congratulations Jayar! You better work “Gig”!

Love,

Ricardo
aka Bernice La Belle
Proceeds benefit the Monterey Pride Association
Monterey County's

Gay Pride '97

June 7th & 8th

Saturday, June 7

Monterey Gay Pride March

The annual march down Lighthouse Ave. in New Monterey kicks off the 3rd Annual Gay Pride Festival in Monterey. The march forms at the city parking lot (please notice any parking signs, we don't have a waiver) at the corner of Reeside and Foam in Monterey (across from the Coast Guard bldgs.) at 5 p.m. The march begins promptly at 6 p.m.

We encourage you to bring flags, banners, noisemakers, drums, bubbles, and all of your friends and family. Both the Lighthouse Bar & Grill and the After Dark nightclub will be open after the march.

Sunday, June 8

Monterey Gay Pride Festival

The 3rd annual Gay Pride Festival kicks off at 11 a.m. Sunday morning at Monterey Bay Park (formerly Windows on the Bay Park) in Monterey. This is the same location as last year's festival. Join an estimated crowd of 1,500 for a BBQ, entertainment from around the state, speakers from local gay social clubs, and politicians.

Booth set up is from 7 a.m. to 10 a.m. The Festival and BBQ begin at 11 a.m. and end at 6 p.m. Post festival parties begin at 6:30, with the largest being at the After Dark nightclub (214 Lighthouse Ave.) starting at 4 p.m. with no cover charge.

For information on booth rental (deadline is June 1st) or anything else regarding the festival, page Scott Steinman at 685-5708 or write to the Monterey Pride Association, P.O. Box 2551, Monterey, CA 93942.

Pride Festival Booth Rentals:
- $10 Non-profit information space
- $20 Commercial information space
- $30 Non-profit merchandise booth
- $50 Commercial sales booth & all food booths

WARNING!
Do NOT park your car in the red zones on Del Monte Blvd.
Several cars at last year's festival were towed away by city police.
There is plenty of parking along Camino Aguajito, Camino El Estero, and surrounding streets.

The site of this year's Gay Pride Festival. New name, same location. Look for the rainbow flags.
May
Sun, 25th
80's Dance at the After Dark Join in the most fun Monterey has had in a long time, decades in fact. Starts at 8 p.m. $3 donation to benefit MCAP. Call 373-7828 for information. At the After Dark 2144 Lighthouse Ave. Monterey.

Tue, 27th
PFLAG Meeting At the Unitarian Universalists Church. Call 655-655 for information.

Sat, 31st
Santa Cruz Dyke March Grrls night out. Starting at the Cooper Street Cafe on the Pacific Garden Mall. Starts at 6 p.m. in Santa Cruz.

June
Sun, 1st
Santa Cruz Pride Festival The oldest Central Coast pride festival promises to be bigger and better than ever this year. Parade starts at the Cathedral on Pacific Street. Call 655-655 for more information.

Sat, 31st
Women's Golf Tournament Two-person scramble at Sunkent Gardens Golf Club $45 per person, including BBQ lunch. Registration deadline June 14. Call Rosiland at (415) 964-685-5708 for more information.

Fri, 6th
MCAP's New Salinas Office Open House 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. at the new Salinas office, 12 E. Gabilan (across from First Awakenings). Call 772-7200 or 394-1670 for more information.

Mon, 14th
Exclusive Monterey County Premiere of Stonewall Don't miss the July 14th (two showings) at the American Legion Hall, Dolores near 8th in Carmel. Acts of all varieties are encouraged to audition. To schedule an appt., call (408) 393-666-66. Auditions by video or by special arrangement can be accommodated.

July
Sat, 1st
Deadline for The Turn in your articles, short stories, letters, and calendar events now. Ad deadline is July 7th. Call 655-655 or e-mail westm@msn.com for more information.

Fri, 4th
Monterey Bear Club Meeting The Monterey Bear Club meets in Monterey on the first Friday of every month at 6 p.m. at Tex or Bruce at 66-1482 or e-mail to brucet@msn.com.

Wed, 8th
Stonewall Premiers on the Central Coast July 14th as a benefit for John XXIII AIDS Ministry. Call Katherine at 655-1737 for ticket information.

Stonewall Premiers, July 14th Submitted "A Love Story," director Nigel Finch's (The Longest Language of Cries) film Stonewall dramatizes a pivotal moment in gay history, the start of the Gay Rights Movement. Stonewall follows gay New Yorkers in the weeks leading up to the famous riot at the Stonewall bar, when drag queens decided on the anniversary of Judy Garland's death to take control of their lives when the rest of the gay community was cowering in the closet. The film, based on a novel by Martin Duberman. has been critically acclaimed for its humanistic portrayal of the Stonewall riots. The special screening at the Drama Theater is a benefit for John XXIII AIDS Ministry. See the listing for July 14th for information.
Mr. & Mr. Smith
Go to Washington

by Tracy Nyle
Contributing Writer

May is the month to visit the sparkling marble monuments of the Capitol. The city is blooming, the weather hasn't turned sticky hot, and the crowds are manageable.

My traveling companion and I stayed at the Radisson on Dupont Circle in a huge top floor room with a panoramic view of neighborhood. Dupont Circle looks like most other parts of the Washington, tidy brownstones, small restaurants and cafes, and a variety of shops. There aren't a great number of visible gay folk, although a few rainbow flags show up in the occasional shop window.

From the hotel, it's an easy walk to the Metro station. Washington's clean if stark subway system is the easiest way to travel around the city, although it stops running before the bars close, so plan accordingly.

Tourist Attractions

We started our travels with lunch at the newly restored Union Station. It's a handsome structure with an enormous coffered ceiling that has become part transportation hub, part shopping mall.

From there, we continued to our tour of the Capital Mall. The Capital is easy to find, as most of the streets radiate from the imposing structure. The wait to pass through the airport-style metal detector to enter took about 30 minutes, but it was fascinating walking the halls, seeing the House and Senate chambers, and the enormous rotunda.

I recommend a stop at the Smithsonian's Air and Space Museum, with famous aircraft (the genuine article, not replicas) hang from the glass and steel ceiling. The hands-on exhibits leave something to be desired, but the spectacle of full-size air and spacecraft is breathtaking.

My companion and I also stopped at the National Holocaust Memorial. Visitors walk through a self-guided chronologically structured journey through the Holocaust, from the Nazi uprising through to the liberation of the concentration camps. We spent some time in the research center looking for information on lesbians and gays sent to the camps. The information was there, although it's limited to a few stories of male entertainers and hustlers, and one lesbian. A pink triangle from a prisoner’s uniform is on display, as are several photos of those imprisoned.

Nightlife

Washington isn't San Francisco. In fact, it's barely Columbus. Apart from the availability of naked go-go boys—which we didn't have time or the desire to see—the club scene is on a par with San Jose. There are a handful of clubs around Dupont, each catering to a particular audience: college boys, yuppies, Latinos, leathermen and transvestites (an interesting mix at Mr. P's), and a medium-sized dance bar.

For a very gay and social dinner, there is Annie's near Dupont Circle, where meat is king. The more refined Two Quail Restaurant (320 Massachusetts Ave., (202) 543-8303) has homey food and a questionable sense of decor. Take in "Shear Madness" at the architecturally fascinating Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts [Editor's Note: "Shear Madness" is also playing in San Francisco]. It's campy and partly improvised, but the gay character is a queeny hairdresser. How daring.

Do not leave Washington without a nighttime visit to the Jefferson Memorial. Like most things in Washington, it is more inspiring than any photo could show. It's place along the Potomac, with the city lights glittering in the tidal basin makes for a romantic respite indeed.
A bright moon shone on the tree filled with shiny-eyed creatures.

Leaves shivered silver and black as long branches swayed under animal movements. A makeshift treehouse balanced there between the limbs, a gathering place where boys and girls conducted their rites of passage.

"Girls get to spin first!" Naomi, in body and spirit, was the most adult of the bunch. She seemed created for productivity: her curves full and round, her demeanor direct and efficient. The boys knew lust for Naomi, but also a particular intimidation all too familiar to their pubescence. The girls felt infatuation for the woman-child.

In a circle they sat: three boys opposite four girls. From twelve o'clock: Naomi, Daphne, a girl with braided ponytails, then the girl with wooly black hair and brown eyes. Next: John with acute acne, Tommy with mild acne, and finally, the boy with a nervous twitch in his left eye. All the boys prayed silently for a kiss from Naomi. Two girls prayed silently, let it be me! let it be me! And one girl - the girl with the brown eyes - wished that it could be her lips meeting Naomi's.

"Now who is it gonna be...?" Naomi teased, looking at the half-circle of boys, then into the brown eyes of the girl directly across from her. "You never know...!" She turned the bottle this way and that, pointing at the three boys, then at the brown-eyed girl, then spun the bottle. It turned fast and smooth for what seemed hours to the mesmerized children, then slowed, eventually wobbling with a clackety-clack until it came to rest directly facing the brown-eyed girl.

Eyes wide open, she leaned forward. Naomi put her lips on the quivering mouth before her. Barely, just barely.

To be young and gay

it was all he'd known, unafraid to make excuses to say he had a girlfriend, to pray to God that he would change but it was God who made him this way so now he loves not changing and the rainstorms of people dropping drops of hatred will burn in hell for hating it is love not hatred that scores points for heaven and there are more ways of being who's to say their way is right? meanwhile they keep on making babies unplanned for and unapologetic procreation lives of children unloved, innocence in need of salvation and the angels laugh at the jokes for they know the truth to be young and gay, it is okay, it is just another way of being.

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 Shedding Snakeskin
Excerpt from the new novel by Stephanie Baylus

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"Oh man! You gotta spin it again!" Tommy whined.
"Yeah, that doesn't count...!"
"C'mon Naomi!"
"Well... the rules are the rules..." she teased, looking into the brown eyes. "The rules are: you have to kiss whoever the bottle points to."
"Gross!"
"You're not going to kiss a girl are you?"
"Eeeew!"
"Let's get out of here!"

And the five children scrambled out of the treehouse. Long moments passed. The tree vibrated with life: sap running through trunk and limbs; moisture wicking its way to silvery leaves from roots reaching deep into the earth; and two heartbeats pulsing, beating, shaking the entire tree.

Naomi put her face near the brown-eyed girl. The girl could smell the sweetness of Naomi's hair and clothes and her belly turned inside out. Eyes wide open, she leaned forward. Naomi put her lips on the quivering mouth before her. Barely, just barely.

"Do you want to kiss me?" Naomi asked.
"Yes... I... yes..." and the two fell together in a tangle of arms and legs and lips and heartbeats. The moon rose higher and brighter against the dark sky and the leaves danced silver, black, silver, black, silver as the two discovered peak and valley, palm and voice, quiver and bow.
Women On the Russian River

by Dan Presser
Contributing Writer

The Russian River has long been a favorite gay male vacation spot, but things are different now. Women have made this resort area a lesbian haven as well. Summer seasons kicked off with Women's Weekend. Several thousand lesbians will descend on the area for three days of celebration, including parties, dances, comedy, golf and pool parties at several resorts.

New Places and New Faces

The River now boasts a couple of snazzy new bars where women gather. One is the Bull Pen, which is a sports bar and another is called River Business where Lalita's used to be. Both pubs will be hosting special welcome parties for women while Fife's Resort will be sponsoring contests galore. Among the favorites at Fife's are the "Sexiest Bikini Contest" and the "Martha Stewart Award for the Best Decorated Campsite."

Merri Cavanaugh, the handsome Harley riding former owner of the Cactus Club, is hosting the Best Bitches in Boxers and other festivities at Molly Brown's Country Club.

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Seasonal Pleasures

The Russian River resort area has been a summer destination, but many are discovering the joys of autumn, winter and spring along its banks. October is filled with events such as the Russian River Treasure Hunt, Art Trails, and the Sonoma County Harvest Fair.

In January visitors enjoy the Russian River Winter Wine Land weekend. Spring blow out is always the last weekend in September.

One of the beautiful changes at the River is the increasing prominence of women owned and operated businesses. Local female movers and shakers include both town lawyers, the president and the executive director of the Chamber of Commerce. Women now own of several excellent restaurants, such as Northwood Roadhouse and Brew Moon Cafe, which incorporates the women owned Breeze Inn Barbecue. Camille LeGrand, a pioneering feminist attorney in a previous incarnation owns the area's premiere vacation home rental business, Russian River Getaways. There are many other female owned retail businesses as well.

For More Information

For more information on lesbian activities along the Russian River, contact Russian River Getaways at 1-800-433-6673 or on the web at http://www.russianriver.com. Thanks to Camille LeGrand and Mary Ageberg for contributing to this column.

Good, Clean Homos

Pop Homo Band Erasure Doesn't Disappoint

by Waylon Katz
Contributing Writer

Pop band Erasure is not for everyone. After ten minutes at the concert, my companion leaned over to me and moaned "It's just like going to church. Zero angst." He was disappointed by the lack of a mosh pit. Expecting to see a mosh pit at an Erasure concert is like expecting to meet a husband at Blow Buddies. You simply don't go to see an Erasure concert to wallow in your problems. Erasure is about as close as a gay group can get to The Carpenters. Happiness, love, and more happiness are their only themes.

I Wanna Be A Cowboy

Erasure's concert tour coincides with the release of their new album "Cowboy." The odd thing about an Erasure concert is that there are no musicians on the Western-themed stage set; only bare-chested blond Andy Bell, a handful of back-up singers, a guitar playing cactus (the other half of Erasure Vince Clarke), and a tower of blinking computer hardware.

For More Information

For more information on Erasure and other Homo bands visit the website of Russian River Getaways at http://www.russianriver.com.
Licensed to Kill: Documentary Focuses on Murderers of Gays

by Marsha Tacks
Contributing Writer

The best documentary filmmakers know their subjects inside and out. Arthur Dong, whose new documentary Licensed to Kill won the Filmmaker's Trophy at Sundance, was himself a victim of a gay bashing in San Francisco that could easily have turned deadly. Licensed to Kill is simple in form. Interviews with with six men convicted of killing gay men are interspersed with titles of quotes and sound bites from Pat Robertson, Ralph Reed, and other right-wing leaders, and sickeningly gory crime scene photos. What's unusual about Dong's approach is that unlike his PBS counterparts he chooses not to manipulate his audience through reenactment nor film technique; they are instead left to meet these admitted murderers, some of whom are themselves gay, and by seeing beyond their recollections of their crimes decide for themselves what drove them to commit seemingly senseless these crimes.

Perhaps the most unsettling of the killers is a well-spoken, seemingly intelligent gay man who methodically recounts his motives through an uneasy smile. Jay Johnson, who killed two men in Minneapolis in two separate shootings, speaks of his internalized homophobia, of his ultra-conservative religious upbringing, and his entry into a racist gay community.

For the others, their motives range from simple robbery to a display of teenage bravado to a religious crusade. All found their victims at well-known gay cruising areas ("because they're easy to find") and the type of gay men who frequent these areas won't report a lesser crime. In most cases, the victims willingly accompanied the killers to secluded locations or their homes where they were then murdered.

The single failing of Dong's otherwise insightful and well-crafted film is his reliance on societal pressure as a motivating force for murder. In all but one case, the reason appears to be mental illness or retardation. His humanistic approach to his subjects is laudable, considering his own harrowing experiences (the man that the gang did bash was almost beaten to death). Dong allows us to meet the men who hate homosexuals and wonder if, in another context, we would be so driven by our own homophobia or foolish as to become one of their victims.

A Gay Evening Brings Queer Joy to S.C.

by Alannis Mayan
Contributing Writer

The 13th Annual Gay Evening in May, the Santa Cruz talent show for the gay community received cheers from queers May 16th & 17th at the Santa Cruz Civic Auditorium. The Saturday performance began with a catered dinner for over 250 supporters who were inexplicably forced to listen to a duo sing ABBA hits while eating. After the last refrains of "Dancing Queen" came to a thankful end, the rest of the enthusiastic audience filled the auditorium. Attendance appeared equal to that of last year's event.

Every year AGEM showcases the best in gay talent from the Central Coast. Stand-out performances included "Poverty Paradise", a dance routine performed by Dee Meredith and her extraordinary troupe of hip hop dancers. Local singing duo The Queerberries offered a lesbian-themed acoustic performance, and favorite Karen Soo Hoo's solo performance had the audience stomping the Civic's parquet floor.

Other favorites that night included The Jus Country Cloggers, Tish Denevan's sing-along "The Chapel of Love", and Sini Man's a capella performance of "This Song (Ode to John)", written in memory of his brother.

Less successful that night were a barely comprehensible camp drag routine based on Mommie Dearest, and an engaging but clumsy juggler.

A Gay Evening in May donates the proceeds from the event, generally in the neighborhood of $25,000, to several local community groups including the Santa Cruz AIDS Project, WomenCARE, and the Santa Cruz Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgendered Community Center.
An Update On Antiviral Resistance
by Mark Katz, MD
reported by Jim Stoecker

Last month, we reviewed the current thinking on when to start antiviral therapy, what antivirals to start with and when to change your antiviral regimen. Left open was the question of why antiviral regimens fail to suppress the virus. The most likely cause is the development of viruses that are resistant to the drug or drugs being used. In fact, we suspect the development of resistance whenever an antiviral regimen results in incomplete suppression of hiv.

Two Types of Resistance
Scientists talk about two types of antiviral resistance. Phenotypic resistance refers to the decreased susceptibility of hiv to the drug being used. This is the practical definition of resistance, what most of us mean when we talk about antiviral resistance. The drugs aren’t working because most likely the virus has mutated in such a way that the drug no longer is fully effective.

Genotypic resistance refers to those mutations which are associated with the emergence of phenotypic resistance. This is the actual specific genetic mutation of the virus and is of interest to scientists and researchers. Today we have sophisticated testing mechanisms that can type the particular hiv that infects an individual. This testing can determine whether genotypic resistance is present, whether specific mutations of the virus exist in the blood.

No test, however, will tell whether resistance is actually occurring. With a viral typing test, we may know that an individual is at risk for developing resistance to certain antivirals, but the actual emergence of resistance must be inferred from viral load testing and the monitoring of the individual’s overall health.

Reverse Transcriptase Inhibitors
The reverse transcriptase inhibitors have differing resistance patterns. AZT resistance emerges gradually because a combination of several viral mutations are required for high level resistance. The risk of developing AZT resistance increases with time on the drug. Time allows the virus to form the specific set of mutations required.

On the other hand, both 3TC and nevirapine have a single point mutation that confers high level resistance to the drug. This means only one viral mutation is required to highly reduce the effectiveness of these drugs. In fact, early testing of nevirapine revealed the rapid development of resistance when the drug was used alone.

Nevirapine is now used only in combination with other antivirals. Some researchers are suggesting that the use of both 3TC and nevirapine be avoided when prescribing a first-time antiviral combination. They reason that since these drugs require only one mutation to render them ineffective, their use should be confined to later combinations.

Such an approach, however, is not part of the current standard of care. The “d” drugs (ddl, ddc and d4t) all have low levels of phenotypic resistance. This means that should genotypic resistance occur, these drugs are not rendered totally ineffective. Even if the required viral mutation occurs, these drugs retain some efficacy. Because of this, certain researchers would recommend that these be the drugs for an initial antiviral regimen.

Protease Inhibitors
Early studies on protease inhibitors highlighted the importance of dosage level and regimen compliance in the development of resistance to these antivirals. For example, early studies of saquinavir showed less viral mutations when 7200 mg per day were used versus 3600 mg per day. Equally important is staying with the recommended dosing schedule, which ensures that adequate levels of drug are present in the bloodstream, thereby lessening the development of viral mutations.

With protease inhibitors, we have the additional issue of cross resistance. If you develop resistance to one protease inhibitor, are you then resistant to the others? This appears to be the case with saquinavir, indinavir and ritonavir. However, early studies of the newest protease inhibitor, Agouron’s nevirapine, suggest that if you become resistant to it, you may still be sensitive to the other currently available protease inhibitors.

Strategies for Avoiding Antiviral Resistance
We know that resistance is more likely to occur if there is incomplete suppression of the virus. In such a case, the virus continues to reproduce and mutate. The specific mutations required for resistance can begin to emerge. Thus, the best way to avoid the emergence of resistance is to go for complete suppression of the virus. (As we mentioned last month, this is in fact the goal of any antiviral regimen.) This means that you determine the most powerful combination of drugs available, that you take the highest recommended dosage, and that you follow the dosing schedule accurately and completely. If resistance should emerge, you then determine a new regimen to suppress the virus. The good news today is that we have a number of antivirals available to develop the best possible regimen for each individual.

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Positive Lesbians Deserve the Best!
Achieving Your Personal Best GYN Health
By Risa Denenberg FNP
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First, the bad news: Recognizing the symptoms of HIV infection in women's bodies was delayed for many years because research was based on the model of AIDS in men's bodies. Gynecological (gyn) manifestations of HIV such as abnormal Pap smears, irregular periods, vaginitis, and pelvic pain were ignored for the first decade of the epidemic.

Women Were Ignored
Early opportunities to study the natural history of HIV in women's bodies were lost due to this neglectful approach, and as a consequence, women's survival time from an AIDS diagnosis continues to be less than that for men. Even when women began to be recognized and counted, lesbians and women who partner with women continued to be ignored. Researchers and doctors who learned to ask about same-sex sexual behavior in men still have not learned to accept and inquire about women who have sex with women.

The exclusion of lesbian and bisexual women from HIV research, prevention, and education is particularly striking when compared to the breakthrough of sexual silence in the public health sector in regard to gay male sexuality.

While this breakthrough was compelled by the high seroprevalence in the gay male community, the increasing rate of HIV infection in women has not compelled the same attention. Until women's (straight, lesbian, and bi) sexuality becomes part of the public discussion on HIV prevention, early detection, and treatment, all women are being neglected.

Lesbians experience unique challenges in accessing the health care system. This is primarily because lesbians face invisibility, and may fear provider hostility and abuse when seeking health care services. These fears are not unwarranted. In fact, discrimination and provider hostility toward lesbians is well documented. This often serves to drive lesbians out of the health care system, or to hide our sexuality and lifestyle from medical providers.

So, What's a Girl to Do?
One important point to keep in mind is that we have already done a lot! Lesbians have been front line AIDS activists throughout the epidemic. Lesbians have taken the lead in creating programs that serve women with AIDS, and have created the vast majority of programs, literature, research, prevention efforts and curriculum that deal with lesbians and HIV/AIDS. Peer education programs, pamphlets, forums, outreach, and social activities have brought women who partner with women together to discuss how to cope with the epidemic in our community.

Pulling Together A Personal Program for GYN Health:
First, learn all that you possibly can about your female body. Go to forums, read pamphlets, ask questions. Get personal by keeping a health calendar and writing down the dates of your periods, any unusual symptoms, pain, spotting, or moods. Notice your cycles to take best advantage of your "good days." Share your calendar with other positive women, and always rake it with you to your medical appointments.

Find a good primary care provider. A primary care provider is a medical professional who understands about HIV infection and treatments, can admit you to the hospital if you become ill, and doesn't ignore your gyn care. Gyn care is primary care. You shouldn't have to go to a specialist to get routine Pap smears, medication for menstrual cramps, evaluation of menstrual changes, or treatment for a vaginal or pelvic infection.

Be concerned if your provider never asks you questions about your periods and sex life. Any negative judgments expressed about your sexuality lifestyle, or other important issues should be a cause for dismissal.

A good clinician will ask about any history of sexual abuse and treat any disclosure with due respect and concern for your safety. A Pap smear or pelvic examination does not need to be painful. If you don't often have sexual penetrations, be sure to have the provider use the smallest possible speculum.

Whenever you see a specialist, be certain to get a written report sent to your primary care provider promptly. Bring a "consult form" from your provider for this purpose, or have a provider send your provider's address. Learn about the opportunities to enter research programs.

There are currently two large studies of HIV infection in women, both of which are gathering information about gyn health: HERBS (HIV Epidemiology Research Study) and WINGS (Women's Interagency HIV Study). Read booklets that describe opportunities for entering research into new treatments four HIV and for opportunistic infections. To date, fewer than 10% of participants in HIV clinical trials have been women—far too few to know if the research results are actually valid for women.

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Women Still Missed in HIV Diagnoses
At the same time as deaths from AIDS are increasing for women as they fall for men, women's infections are often missed as the disease follows a different course, according to a new research study.

Women's HIV infection is often missed because doctors aren't recognizing that vaginal infections, yeast infections of the mouth and throat and cervical cancer are part of the disease. A recent federal report noted that while the AIDS death rate in women dropped by 15% in the first six months of 1996, deaths in women increased by 3%.

A Chicago consortium has found illness-causing cytomegalovirus active in blood and secretions well before women with HIV progress to AIDS. The research found cytomegalovirus was the root cause of vaginal infections in 41 percent of the women tested.

Also at the third National Conference on Women & HIV, a University of Southern California team announced that it had detected unusual types of breast cancer in young HIV-infected women, including rare metastatic carcinoma.

While the rate of AIDS deaths in men declined 15% in the first six months of last year, the rate for women increased 3%, according to figures at the Federal Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta.

AIDS is the third-leading killer of American women ages 25-44 and the No. 1 killer of African-American women that age. Women constitute the fastest-growing segment of the U.S. population to become HIV-infected.

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GLAADLINES

Gay Vets Meet with Pentagon as Military Explores Gay Rumors in Plane Crash

The Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Veterans of America (GLBVA) today held a first-ever meeting with Pentagon officials. On the agenda was the appointment of an independent review board to investigate abuses of “Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell, Don’t Pursue.” “No other gay veterans organization has ever done this,” said Jim Darby, national president of GLBVA. Since May 2, rumors that the pilot whose A-10 crashed recently was gay fueled further criticism of the Pentagon’s “Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell” policy. According to the Servicemembers Legal Defense Network, “We are concerned about any ongoing investigations under ‘Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell, Don’t Pursue’ against additional servicemembers at Davis-Monthan or Laughlin Air Force Bases. We extend our deepest sympathies to the Button family over their loss.” For more information contact Edward Clayton (GLBVA) at (205) 335-891 and Kirk Childress (SLDN) at (202) 328-3244.

 Corporations Continue to Affirm Domestic Partnership

As the deadline draws nearer for companies who do business with the City of San Francisco to commit to providing same-sex partner health benefits for all employees, two major corporations announced that they would comply and made statements supporting diversity in the workplace.

On April 24, Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) granted medical, dental and vision care to domestic partners of employees, which augmented previously existing benefits such as joint pension plans and bereavement leave.

Chevron Corporation announced April 30 that it will extend health, dental, bereavement and roommates care to all employees. The company also announced that it will extend health, dental, bereavement and remuneration benefits for all employees.

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