The Women of Summer

Labor Day weekend is Lesbian Weekend in Monterey. Can two extravagant events for women sway Monterey towards becoming synonymous with Provincetown and Dinah Shore?

Summer is here and so are the women. For the first time in many years, Monterey is playing host to two huge gay events by two of the largest promoters on the West Coast.

The Second Annual "Labor Day In Monterey Women's Weekend" and the first ever "Women's Beach Fest" will bring thousands of women from across the country to the Peninsula for three days over Labor Day weekend, August 29-31.

Hot Spots
Both late August events offer participants a variety of events: comedy nights, dancing, and the opportunity to meet women from every walk of life.

Club Skirt's events will be at the Hyatt Regency in Monterey.

"Last year, I created a 'women only' environment at The Hyatt," said Mariah Hanson of Club Skirts. "The secret to eight years of huge Dinah Shore Weekend parties has been exclusivity. The Hyatt Hotel is designed so that, if we choose, we will not see another guest on property all weekend except a thousand other beautiful lesbian women!"

The Women's Beach Fest at the Doubletree offers visitors and locals alike more opportunities to take in the scenery that Monterey is famous for.

A gala Tropical Paradise Ball kicks off the celebration in the DeAnza Ballroom of the Doubletree. A catered beach party and late-night luau round out Saturday, followed the next day with Country-Western Tea Dance with dance lessons.

Robin Tyler, whose credits as an event organizer include the three Marches on Washington and the first gay comedy festival, has woven a wide range of activities into the schedule, including concerts, yoga classes, a facilitated relationship workshop, and a singles group.

There are alcohol-free events for those under 21 as well, and gay youth are invited to attend.

No Competition
Tyler, who talked about her coming out as a gay comic in the early 80s in the USA Today recently, was positive that Monterey's two women's weekends could easily turn into women's weeks, such as those now held annually in Palm Springs during the Dinah Shore golf tournament and in Provincetown.

"There will be something for people with different interests, people of different ages. I want to provide activities for people with a variety of interests," said Tyler.

2,500 to 3,000 women are expected at this year's events.

Get In On the Act
Space is still available at both events as The Paper goes to press. For information on Club Skirts "Labor Day In Monterey Women's Weekend", call (415) 337-4962 or on the Web at www.girlspot.com. For information on Robin Tyler's "Women's Beach Fest", call (818) 893-4075.

No "Morning After" Pill for HIV Infection
Misunderstanding of New Treatment Could Lead to Increased Gay Casualties

A new treatment approved by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control is being misconstrued by some gay men as a "magic bullet" for avoiding HIV infection after having unprotected sex.

The Post Exposure Prophylaxis ("PEP") therapy for healthcare workers exposed to HIV during the course of their work consists of a month-long regimen of a protease inhibitor plus two other antiviral drugs.

Some gay men falsely believe that the PEP treatment will "cure" them if they're exposed to HIV during sex. This misunderstanding could lure some gay men into feeling more comfortable having risky sex with deadly consequences.

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Publisher's Note

If there is a lesson to be learned now that the hoopla of the pride festivities has faded, it's that we will never have a community until we recognize that we are not our own worst enemies.

If you're looking for a real cause, read John Laird's political column in this issue on domestic partnerships. If a community as closeted as Santa Cruz can have it, why not Monterey?

As you may have noticed, a new group has taken over organizing the pride festival. This is what needed to happen, and I have great faith in the organizers. You should look forward to seeing great things in '98.

Who Is On Trial?

Before this year's gay pride march, some locals expressed their disapproval of a drag queen leading this year's pride march. While I understand their reluctance to be associated with someone they don't think represents the entire community, I reminded them that a drag queen in question was the only one with the vision and drive to organize Monterey's first three pride festivals.

Media Alert

by Al Kielwasser

Sex Offenders on CD-ROM

Unfair for Gays?

Described as "one of the most aggressive attempts yet to keep people informed of sex offenders in their midst," a new CD-ROM provides the names, addresses or photographs of "64,000 people in California who have committed a broad range of sex crimes since 1944." The database is available for browsing by local police departments and other government offices.

According to critics, the CD-ROM is ripe for misuse. "It's much too broad," says Michael McGlenn, an attorney for two men included in the new registry. One of McGlenn's clients is a 63-year-old man arrested in the 1950s for having oral sex with another sailor in a parked car.

California Attorney General Dan Lungren has "acknowledged that the CD-ROM contains outdated or incomplete information on thousands of the sex offenders. Lungren did not propose any remedies, however.

The application process for the new executive director closed Friday, July 11.

Gay Pride Under New Management

The Monterey County Gay Pride March and Festival will be managed by a new organization in 1997, the first meeting for which is Thursday, July 17th in Monterey.

"Accountability is our watchword!" proclaims the new organization's flyer in response to poor accounting practices at this year's festival.

The new group plans on filing with the state as a 501(c)3 non-profit organization, which will require them to form a board of directors. For meeting time and location, see the story on page 9 of this issue. For further information, call (408) 655-2045.

Change in Advertising Policy

NOTE: Because of staffing shortages, The Paper will no longer provide free layout services for ads under 1/4 page.

"No 'Morning After' Pill" Continued from page 1

The Monterey County AIDS Project (MCAP) is taking measures locally to dispel myths surrounding the treatment. MCAP's Education Director, Kirsten Matsumoto, distributed a press release to stave off the possibility of the media misinterpreting or reporting the treatment as a "cure.

"I don't want to see people a few months down the road testing positive just because of something they heard in the news," said Craig Wenzl, the Man-to-Man HIV outreach worker for MCAP. "It's a big mistake for someone to take a 1-in-5 chance for a treatment that won't completely eradicate HIV from your body."

Facts on the Treatment

The treatment, which requires the patient to take three doses of three different drugs every 8 hours without fail, doesn't work in approximately 20% of patients. The drug regimen, which holds great promise for those chronically infected with HIV, has not been shown to completely rid the body of the virus.

The treatment, informally known as the "cocktail," is designed to be administered 72-hours after exposure and must be followed for an entire month. The cost of the medicine involved is $500-800 and it is not covered by insurance.

Some strains of HIV are resistant to the combination and failure on the regimen due to missing doses, which can cause untreatable mutations of the virus, is common. "The myth of a 'morning after' pill for HIV prevention is tempting but dangerous," said Joy Rubey, Executive Director for the MCAP. "This isn't the magic bullet everyone was hoping for."

For information on HIV/AIDS issues, contact Craig Wenzl at MCAP's Salinas office, (408) 772-8202. -WK
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Schizophrenia Thy Name is Coors

by Jerry Sloan
Contributing Writer

The Free Congress Foundation which receives financial backing from the Coors Family runs Castle Rock Foundation has filed a friend of the Court Brief in the Hawaii same-sex marriage case. On May 7, 1997, the Free Congress Foundation was joined in a brief filed by the National Legal Foundation along with sixteen of the nation's leading anti-gay organizations, such as the Traditional Values Coalition, Concerned Women for America, Coral Ridge Ministries, the American Family Association and Colorado for Family Values.

Gay Marriage Repugnant

A theme which appears throughout the brief states same-sex marriage is "repugnant to "nature's law and nature's God." It further declares, "the approval of same sex marriage will have a detrimental effect on our society, the gravity of which cannot be overstated."

Jeffery Coors is the Chairman of the Board of the Free Congress Foundation.

While Jeffery Coors has no official capacity with Adolph Coors Company or Coors Brewing Company he serves as joint president along with his brother Joseph, Jr. of ACX Technologies, a Coors spinoff, which sells over a $100 million a year of starch and paper packaging to the brewing company.

Jeffery Coors is also a member of the board of the Castle Rock Foundation.

The board of directors of the Adolph Coors Company, Adolph Coors Foundation, the Castle Rock Foundation and ACX Technologies are all chaired by William K. Coors.

Peter Coors is the Vice President of the Adolph Coors Company, the Chief Executive Officer of the Coors Brewing Company, a subsidiary of the Adolph Coors Company, and a director of the Castle Rock Foundation and the Adolph Coors Foundation. Other Castle Rock Foundation board members are a Rev. Robert Windsor and Holly Coors, who is the mother of Jeffery and the other personality is busy promoting the idea of a gay friendly Coors, while the other personality is funding some of the most virulent anti-gay organizations in the country who file legal writs claiming we are "repugnant."

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Funding the Fundies

While the Family and the various Coors enterprises would like for the trans/lesbi/bi/gay community to believe they are an outstanding progressive company fighting for gay equality, the truth is they continue to be a major funder and agitator of anti-gay causes.

Indeed, the family and company actions are like those of a person with multiple personality disorder who is unaware of the presence of another personality. The Coors Brewing Company and its representatives refuse to acknowledge any connection between the brewing company and the foundations or the actions of the leaders (executive officers) the Adolph Coors Company in funding anti-gay causes opposed to company policy.

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Short Term Memory Loss

Conversely, the lesbian and gay community seems to be suffering from the same malady. Many of our institutions, i.e., our Pride celebrations, community centers, print media, and various cultural organizations, blinded by the prospect of grants or ads, appear to swallow without question the Coors Company line.

On the other hand these gay/L organizations fret and fume at the work of anti-gay organizations like the Free Congress Foundation but again appear to deny or overlook Coors is a source of funding.

An ancient and wise rabbi once said "one could not serve God and Mammon at the same time and that many people don't let their right hand know what their left hand is doing."

In that same vein one cannot be "gay friendly" and continue to fund anti-gay causes nor can the translesbi-gay community declare victory when Coors comes to it with a Trojan horse and whittled olive branch.

Jerry Sloan has been researching Coors political contributions in California since 1980. He is the president of Project Tocsin, a Sacramento-based grassroots organization which monitors the political activities of the Theocratic Right in California. He also successfully pursued a lawsuit against Jerry Falwell with the profits of the lawsuit used to found the Lambda Community Center. A Tocsin (talk - sin) is a bell used for sounding an alarm or the sound made by it.

Heritage to the tune of hundreds of thousands of grant dollars each year.

Given the fact that some of this grant money comes from the dividends of the Class B stock, and that those dividends are a result of the profits which comes from the sale of Coors Beer and other Coors' products such as Zima, it is therefore a fact that every time a gay/lesbian person purchases any Coors product some portion of that purchase will ultimately be used to fund anti-gay causes and organizations.
80's Party at the A.D. a Huge Success
The two guests pictured above play it like Siouxie at the second “decade” party by Sound Spin'n Productions in Monterey. The May 25th event was a resounding success, raising over $250 in donations to help the Monterey County AIDS Project.
Over 200 women and men attended the flashy event at the After Dark nightclub in Monterey. DJ John J and DJ Dino spun the best of the 80’s, from ABBA to Parliament Funkadelic.

Pansy In the Midst
Patrick Goodwin (above, left), the new guitarist many credit with turning around the gay rock group Pansy Division, visited Monterey during our Gay Pride Festival. Pansy Division is beginning a new cross-country tour this month in Ohio and will feature fewer "dick songs."

Local Religious Services
E C Monterey
A Free-Gay & Lesbian inter-denominational Christian Fellowship meets the 2nd and 4th Sundays at 9 p.m. for fun, sharing and study, All welcome. For more information call 646-3804.

Lavender Road Metropolitan Community Church
Services held Sunday, 10 am at Mariposa Hall, 9th Lighthouse Ave, Monterey. Call Rev. Jean Hart for more information, 333-0466.

Integrity
An updated listing of local Episcopal churches that are gay-friendly is now available. Call 484-2326 for a copy.

St. Matthias' Episcopal Church
Sundays, Holy Eucharist at 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. "A house of prayer for all people." 1022 Noche Buena at Kehl, Seaside, CA 93955. Call Rev. Aren Quinlan, Vicar, at 394-1744.

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Past Out
When Did the American Gay & Lesbian Press Begin?

By David Bianco

Fifty years ago this summer, the first hand-typed copies of the first lesbian publication in America began to be circulated among lesbians in Los Angeles. Vice Versa was a far cry from today's professional gay and lesbian publications, but it served much the same purpose—albeit on a smaller scale.

Vice Versa was created by Edyth Eyde, a 26-year old California woman who had only been part of the lesbian "scene" for about a year. (Eyde never used a byline in her publication, but later went under the pseudonym "Lisa Ben," an anagram for lesbian). Somewhat lonely, and eager to expand her circle of friends beyond the "gays" who hung out at Los Angeles' If Club, Eyde decided to start a magazine for lesbians. She called it Vice Versa, because its readers had been accused of "vice," but she felt their lives were really just "versa" that of the rest of the population.

As an underworked secretary for an executive at RKO Studios, Eyde was given explicit instructions to "look busy" at all times, even when there was no work to be done. She therefore had both the time and the equipment to type issues of her new magazine. Eyde would use RKO's heavy-duty typewriter to type an original copy of Vice Versa plus five carbons, and then she would repeat the process—meaning each issue had a circulation of exactly twelve. She would then distribute those copies through friends and at lesbian bars (she stopped mailing copies when a friend warned her she was risking jail time) and urged the women who read it to pass the copy along to other women. Many did, and Eyde once estimated that each copy was read by several dozen women.

A typical issue of the free publication—which at its thickest contained 20 pages—consisted of fiction, poetry, essays, book and film reviews, and letters to the editor. Most of the content was written by Eyde, but after the first few issues she had several other contributors—though none was ever given a byline. Many of the issues addressed in (subtitled "America's Gayest Magazine") are still commonly discussed in the lesbian and gay press a half-century later. The magazine published a short story about a lesbian wedding, a poem by Eyde which frowned upon butch hair and clothing styles among her fellow lesbians, and a movie review objecting to the movie version of the classic lesbian novel The Well of Loneliness as insulting to lesbians.

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bars, for example, for fear that they would be raided or shut down. And several years would pass before American gays and lesbians would explicitly portray themselves as a social group with a political agenda. Although Vice Versa as not expressly political, the very act of representing women-loving women's lives in the late 1940s was bold and risky. By creating a conduit by which lesbians could communicate with one another—and perhaps more importantly, by helping lesbians think about themselves as part of a community—Vice Versa nurtured the seed which would grow in the next decade into America's first lesbians ocal and political organizations.

The reader response was overwhelming. Without access to a printer, Eyde was forced to deny repeated requests from lesbians for more copies of the publication. The letters to the editor expressed a sense that Vice Versa served as an oasis in a desert of misinformation and silence about lesbian life. One woman wrote: "May your jaunt into journalismism prove to have the angels' support."

Eyde produced a total of nine issues of Vice Versa over nine months, until her job assignment was changed in early 1948. She no longer had access to a typewriter or the time to devote to the magazine. Nonetheless, her personal life had been enriched by all the women she met while producing Vice Versa, and she predicted that the gay and lesbian press had a bright future even without her in it. In an editorial, she wrote: "Perhaps even Vice Versa might be the forerunner of better magazines dedicated to the third sex, which in some future time might take their rightful place on the newsstands beside other publications, to be available openly and without restriction to those who wish to read them."

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Music Review

Puff Puff

by Waylon Katz
Music Editor

The remarkable thing about k.d. lang’s latest release isn’t the novelty of its approach. Smoking has always been love’s metaphor because of its tactile and addictive aspects. Rather, “Drag” succeeds because of lang’s consistency of tone—the slightly strained melancholy familiar to country listeners but new to lang’s pop to folk audience.

This is perhaps best exemplified in her cover of the schmaltzy theme from “The Valley of the Dolls” which is rich with sentimentality like a weathered photo of an ex lover. For a tobacco addict like myself, these tunes are taken at face value. After digging through the trash for butts, after dragging scotch, light up a couple of Winstons, and I’m the queen of cups

I Breathe” and “The Joker”—are less successful but will probably get more airplay.

Other songs include more from the lounge: “Smoke Dreams”, “Life is Like a Valley of the Dolls” which is rich with sentimentality like a weathered photo of an ex lover.

The verdict: buy it, pour yourself a neat scotch, light up a couple of Winstons, and play it for someone you love to hate to love.

Entertainment News

Sliding into First

According to “Variety” (June 19), “The Dreyfus Affair”—Peter Lefcourt’s 1992 novel about a gay love affair between the shortstop and second baseman of a Major League Baseball team—has been optioned by Fox for Betty Thomas to direct in a deal worth in the mid-six figures.

If all goes well, Thomas could begin work on the film “sometime next year.” Disney had originally optioned the long-anticipated project, but (amidst some controversy) opted not to make the film. As “Variety” reports: “While the studio was moving ahead on a sequel to ‘Angels in the Outfield,’” it nixed gays.

More Dish

In other movie news, “Variety’s” (June 26) “Dish” columnist, Michael Fleming, reports that: “Rupert Everett, the dashing British actor who is a scene-stealer as Julia Roberts’ gay best friend in TriStar’s My Best Friend’s Wedding,” is indeed a gay secret agent.”

According to Fleming, “sources said TriStar’s near a deal to develop a vehicle for Everett to play a gay British intelligence officer. The openly gay actor pitched it to the studio and will co-write the action thriller with writing partner Mel Bordenos.” The film’s working title is P.S. I Love You.

Asian Film Fest Recognizes Gays

This year’s Asian American International Film Festival, which begins its 20th season on July 18, will honor Arthur Dong with the “1997 Asian American Media Award.”

Dong’s latest documentary—Licensed to Kill—is the third in a series on homophobia. His films include Coming Out Under Fire and Outrage ’89.

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Monterey's 3rd Annual Pride Festival Draws 1,200

Monterey's 3rd Gay Pride Festival and 2nd Gay Pride March drew over 1,200 locals and visitors June 7th & 8th, up significantly from last year's events.

Monterey Pride March

While turnout was lighter than expected due to overcast skies, the march down Lighthouse Blvd. in New Monterey drew over 200 local celebrants in a colorful and enthusiastic show of local gay pride.

March organizer Wes Kashiwagi was pleased with the show of support, especially the large number of young men and women under 21. "Monterey can finally have a pride celebration that is making a difference in our community" said Kashiwagi.

"We had coverage in every paper and on every TV station. It's become the best opportunity for gay men and women to show their peers that they aren't alone in this city, and perhaps more importantly to show the diversity of our community."

Monterey Pride Festival

An estimated 1,000 women and men gathered at Monterey Bay Park along the bay on Sunday for an afternoon of fun, although the celebration was cut short by unexpectedly high winds. Over 20 vendors and social and service organizations gave festival-goers a chance to see how the local gay community has grown over the past year.

Pride founder Scott Steinman presided over the event, and accepted the proclamation by the Monterey County Supervisors contested earlier in the week by Christian fundamentalists.

Local politico Dave Potter gave an impassioned speech voicing his support of the right of lesbians and gays to share in the same rights our straight counterparts enjoy without question. Matt Friday and Bruce Carlson collected proclamations and letters from the California State Assembly and Senate, as well as from the White House and the U.S. Congress. Pacific Grove, Marina, Carmel, Seaside, and Monterey all supported the weekend of events by issuing proclamations.

The events raised approximately $550 in donations for next year's events.

1997 Community Pride Award Winners

Gay Person of the Year
Ernie Sanchez, owner of Franco's
Norma Jean in Castroville

Most Out
Kevin Logan, Autumn Unck

Most Political
Bill Twyford

Service Award
Bruce & Tex of the Monterey Bay Bears

Community Building Award
Bruce & Tex of the Monterey Bay Bears

Organization of the Year
Gay Teen Alliance

1997 Community Pride Festival

Photos by Alan Stephenson and Wes Kashiwagi
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‘98 Pride Planning Begins July 17th

A new organization will meet Thursday, July 17th at 7:30 in Monterey to start organizing next year’s gay pride march and festival. Pride of Monterey County will be a state registered 501(c)3 non-profit organization run by community members.

Accountability is the Difference
Monterey resident Brad Harlan has stepped forward to coordinate the effort. Flyers have been distributed to bring new members into the organization.

At the first meeting, members will vote on the groups Board of Directors and ask for volunteers to head committees. Harlan has identified fundraising for next year’s festival as the group’s top priority.

What They’re About
The group’s statement of purpose reads as follows: “Pride of Monterey County is a non-profit organization dedicated to the celebration of the lives of gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered people. To accomplish this end, Pride of Monterey County will create and/or sponsor activities and events which will raise awareness of the gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered community in Monterey County, and of how the people of this community are integrated into Monterey County as a whole.”

‘I think this is where Monterey’s Gay Pride celebration needs to go,” said Pride co-founder Wes Kashiwagi. “Now that we have support from the community at large, we can concentrate more on growing the festival rather than maxing out our VISA cards. It’s a great opportunity to have your say in what happens next year.”

For more information call 655-2045.
**July**

**Mon, 14th**

Exclusive Monterey County Premiere of Stonewall
Don't miss the July 14th (two showings, 6:45 p.m. and 9:30 p.m.) at the Dream Theatre in Monterey (across streets Prescott and Lighthouse). Stonewall will not be shown anywhere else in Monterey County. One night only! Tickets $25, Visa or MasterCard, gratefully accepted. Call Katherine at 655-5372 for ticket information.

Gay Coffee Chat at Morgan's Coffee
Every Monday. An informal gathering of local lesbians and gays at Morgan's Coffee and Tea, 498 Washington in Monterey. A very friendly group to get together outside of a bar atmosphere. Starts around 7 p.m.

**Thurs, 17th**

Pride Celebration '98 Planning Meeting
7:30 p.m. at the First National Bank of Adobe Community Room on Alvarado next to Monterey Travel. Elections for the board of directors and volunteer sign-up for committees. Top priority is fundraising. The meeting will end no later than 9 p.m. Call 655-2040 for more information.

**Sat, 19th**

Dancing at Franco's
Join the fun at the only gay bar between Monterey and San Jose. Full bar, drag show at midnight. Friendly crowd. Every Saturday at Franco's, 1809 Merritt St., in Castroville. $5 cover.

Eddie's Goes Lesbian
Upholds the hottest dance mix at Monterey County's only lesbian night. A great bar with a growing reputation for its fun and friendly clientele. (And that Eddie serves a mean BBQ!) Every Saturday at Eddie's.

**Sun, 20th**

Beer Bust at the Lighthouse Bar & Grill
The most fun you can have on a Sunday afternoon in Monterey. Great mixed crowd and cheap drinks. What could be better? Every Sunday from 2 p.m. at the Lighthouse Bar & Grill (formerly Title IX) 281 Lighthouse Ave., Monterey, 373-4488.

**August**

**Aug 1st**

Monterey Bay Bears Meeting
The first Friday of every month. Quickly becoming one of the most popular and active gay social organization in Monterey County. Open to all. Meet in Meet in Seaside. Call Bruce or Tex at (408) 646-1462 or 646-0466. E-mail MontereyBayBear@aol.net.

**Sat, 9th**

Seasons of Love: An Evening of Caring and Sharing
The Grande Garden Emperor of Monterey County presents their most lavish event of the year at the Monterey Conference Center. Catered dinner by the Monterey Marriott offers every-fing from stuffed game hen to a vegetarian plate. Show featuring a select group of local entertainers. Silent auction benefits the Monterey County AIDS Project, Santa Cruz AIDS Project, and John XXIII AIDS Ministry. Tickets are $100 per person, $175 per couple in advance. Group and individual sponsors are being sought. Call Michael Pina at (408) 394-6846 for more information.

**Wed, 13th**

PPN Meeting
Join the largest gay organization on the Central Coast for informative speakers and refreshments at the homes of other members. Call Del or Donn at 659-2446 for time and location.

**Wed, 27th**

Fodor's Gay Guide Author Booksigning at Border's
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**September**

**Mon, 1st**

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**Wed, 10th**

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**FAST 11**

Reviews of Cultural Elements
by John E. Brennan Contributing Writer

**Film!**

Speed 2: Cruise Control - Why bother? Lost World had a more exciting pier-stopping-boat scene. Not up to Speed.

Love, Valour, Compassion - A must for the gay male crowd. Enjoyable. See it before it leaves. Whoops.

Face Off - John Travolta and Nick Cage. Hopefully you thought five years ago they'd be working, let alone making good films? Enjoy great acting. Woo delivers fucking incredible action once again. Nice to see Gina Gershon.

Cinderella - You might think it's gay because it sound like a movie about hair dryers, but it's not. Does have a convict/drag queen who manages to find a good fitting dress in a graveyard for dead jeds. Oh, there's lots of explosions too, Nick Cage gets nomination for funniest snip in a drama.

Batman and Robin - Way too complicated. Best when it's a live-action comic. When are we going to see a kiss between the bat and the bird? Uma Thurman proves that a good actor can pull off the worst lines.

**Rent!**

Bilby Budd (1962): Black & white sex drama. A self-loathing Master-at-Arms prone to flogging his crew on a British war ship in 1797 gets in it for Terrance Stamp who got an Oscar nod. Years later, Master-at-Arms becomes a self-loathing song about Bilby Budd, i.e., Flirting with Disaster (1991): I didn't laugh much, but many have. Ben Stiller's cute. A range of bad performances.


**CD**

Factory Showroom/They Might Be Giants (1996): It's been a while and the ever-versatile tile band is back with a listenable and uneven recording. Head to www.wmb.com for melody, fidelity and quantity rating over an open fire.

Good God's Ure/Porno for Pyros (1996): It keeps hoping they will be as good as Jane's Addiction, but alas... www.wbr.com/psmofopys/index.html

All the Nations Airports/Arches of Loaf (1996): It took me a while to get to this one. Wish I'd waited. Not good at all.
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Bears Pride Beer Bust

The Monterey Bay Bears first fundraiser raised $128 for the Monterey County AIDS Project. (Above left) An attendee buys an inseam's worth of raffle tickets. Local gay owned businesses and individuals contributed prizes. The group, which now has almost 50 members, plans to have more local fundraisers and events throughout the year.

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Think Chic, Not Freak

by Marsha K. Olson
Contributing Writer

Whatever happened to the days when men and women spent time on their wardrobes? Men tipped their hats to greet, while women decked themselves from head to toe in streamlined suits, sharp overcoats and glamorous looks that would stop a freight train. Times change and well...so does fashion. Real (chic) glamour—truly had its roots during the silver screen era, stars like Humphrey Bogart and Lauren Bacall radiated with ultimate taste and style, while other such as Clark Gable, Carol Lombard, Laurence Olivier, Vivien Leigh, and Cary Grant with Rita Haywood continued to flood the movie theaters on screen with exquisite fashion. Comparing today's celebrities' styles with those of the past is not only pathetic, but a farce! Stars like Laura Dern, Bruce Willis, and others display poor attempts and the average person is usually seen in torn jeans, T-shirts, and baseball caps, which shows laziness and fashion cluelessness! What's going on? It seems that everything old is new again. And why? Well, designers are running out of ideas and are looking to the past to renew looks that would normally end up in a Goodwill box or a pricey piece in a vintage boutique. This explains the whole recycling of styles from the 30s/40s swing crowd, 50s lounge mode, 60s mod (think Austin Powers), 70s funk, 80s punk and new wave, and today's mixed bag of 90s grunge, hip hop, rave, and street themes. Young generation Xers brought forth outlandish outfits fit for clubbing over the last few years. These "clubutantes" conjured up styles out of fun fur, plastic, sesame street themes, toys, cartoon characters, etc. etc. Improving on your personal style and appearance is always a head turning event. Looking slick and glamorous is not only a self-esteem booster, but a confidence builder too! Looking like a million bucks doesn't have to cost you a million. Thrift stores, vintage and recycled clothing stores are abundant in cities like Santa Cruz and San Francisco. It just takes a lot of know how and good fashion sense. Happy shopping!

Chic (tasteful)

- Fur-trimmed coats
- Slouch suits, pinstriped suits
- Ethnic styling
- Leather suits (black)
- Stillette heels, square-toed loafers
- Long beaded, brocade dresses
- Smoking jackets
- Satin cocktail shifts
- Capri pants
- 60s Beatnik zipup boots
- Sharkskin suits
- Long maxi skirts
- Metallic pants, jackets
- Cashmere
- Posing with cigarette, cocktail or martini in hand. Great attitude, great clothes, great conversation, great hair, nails, eyebrows, makeup and manners.

Freak (tacky)

- Bad wigs (especially pink ones!)
- Ankle socks with white pumps
- Using same purse with every outfit
- Worn out Adidas bowling bags
- "Vegas" wannabe style
- White Pee-Wee-Herman loafers
- Members Only jackets
- Tank tops, faded worn out T-shirts
- Torn, thrashed, soiled Levis
- Rubber thongs
- Wearing shoes, pumps without hosey
- 70s revival tuxedo powder blue/peach
- Being seen in the same pair of PVC vinyl pants
- 70s cut polyester jackets, shirts
- Pestering people, no manners or etiquette, asking stupid questions, bothering the doorman, bad hair, nails, clothes, face, attitude, acting like an airheaded torn-up bitch!
McDonald's Doesn't Value Valuable Families

On July 10 at 4 p.m. Valuable Families, a Northampton, Massachusetts organization for lesbian and gay parents and their children, will hold a press conference to express their outrage at McDonald's ban on same-sex co-parents. As the Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD) joins civil liberties and free speech organizations in applauding the Supreme Court's decision that found the vaguely-worded Communications Decency Act (CDA) unconstitutional, Internet filtering software and rating systems are now posing a greater challenge for the gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender community.

In an effort to regulate the Internet, filtering software has become a standard feature on technology platforms. As new companies form to meet the need of regulation, anti-gay filtering is starting to crop up. Recently, GLAAD found that the new Sega Saturn game console uses an anti-gay content filter through its PlanetWeb browser. At the same time, Internet rating systems are also being created in an effort for consistent regulation.

"GLAAD is here to work with companies to educate on the importance of keeping gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender educational and support resources open and available," said Loren Javier, Interactive Media Director for GLAAD. For more information contact Loren Javier at (213)658-6775 ext. 18 or via e-mail at javier@glaad.org.

Groups Face Long Hawaii Marriage Road Ahead

While Hawaii's high court reconsiders the constitutionality of forbidding same-sex marriage, a proposed constitutional amendment giving the legislature the right to define marriage as solely between a man and a woman may win popular approval in the November 1998 statewide vote.

National groups, including Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund (LLDEF), the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU), the Human Rights Campaign (HRC) and the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF) have already begun strategizing with local grassroots activists on a public education campaign to turn public opinion against the amendment and in favor of equal rights for same-sex couples.

For more information contact Peg Byron (LLDEF Director of Public Education) at (212) 809-8585.

Lesbian Asylum Victory: "Persecution Remains Persecution"

In the first asylum case regarding persecution based on sexual orientation to reach the federal court level, the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals ruled June 24 in favor of Russian lesbian Alla Pitcherskaia. The ruling came after appealing a previous ruling deeming that threats of forced psychiatric institutionalization, including shock treatment, did not constitute persecution because the Russian government had "good intentions." The unanimous decision overturning that ruling stated, "Human rights laws cannot be sidestepped by simply couching actions that torture mentally or physically in benevolent terms such as 'curing' the victims...Persecution by any other name remains persecution." According to Sydney Levy, Program Director of the International Gay and Lesbian Human Rights Commission (IGLHRC), "The ruling brings a measure of sanity to this case. It is just common sense that persecution is persecution, no matter what your intentions.

For more information contact Sydney Levy (IGLHRC) at (415) 255-8680.

The Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD) is the nation's lesbian & gay news bureau and the only national lesbian & gay multimedia watchdog organization.

News Briefs

McDonald's support for Disney's workplace inclusion policy. "By rejecting our children's participation in an event of this kind, McDonald's has made it clear that our families are not welcome in their restaurant," said Valuable Families Board Chair Jeannie Dewey. GLAAD Associate Communications Director Liz Tracey added, "This is the second time in several months that McDonald's has publicly embraced diversity while shunning gay people and their kids behind closed doors. It is time for them to take a meaningful stance for inclusion."

In April, GLAAD uncovered an internal advertising report stating that McDonald's had "traditionally avoided" advertising on television programming with gay-inclusive content. For more information contact Jeannie Dewey (Valuable Families) at (413) 367-9432 or Liz Tracey (GLAAD) at (212) 807-1700 or pgr. (800) 946-4646 pin# 1423527.

Texas Lesbian Co-parent Can Seek Visitation Rights

According to a June 3 decision by a Texas appeal court, same-sex co-parents of children have the right to seek visitation rights. The Third Court of Appeals found that Lisa Ann Fowler had the right to seek visitation of her son, regardless of her biological status with the child, based on a state law saying visitation can be legally sought by a person "who has had actual care, control and possession of the child for not less than six months preceding the filing of the petition." From our perspective, it's nationally significant that a Texas appellate court would not get caught up in the issue of sexual orientation but in fact would look at the reality of the relationship between Lisa Fowler and her son," said Kate Kendall, executive director of the National Center for Lesbian Rights (NCLR). "The most important fact is that she, with her partner, raised a child. The child viewed both of them equally as parents." For more information contact Kate Kendall (NCLR) at (415) 392-6257.

GLAAD Commends Black Film Awards

During the first annual Black Film Awards, 1997 GLAAD Media Award nominee Set It Off garnered three awards. Queen Latifah won Best Actress for her performance as a bank robbing lesbian, while F. Gary Gray won Best Director. The film also received the Best Soundtrack award. "It is wonderful to see such a lesbian-inclusive film being recognized by the Black Film Awards," said GLAAD Entertainment Media Director Chastity Bennett. "GLAAD congratulates Queen Latifah and F. Gary Gray on receiving this recognition for this significant, engaging and provocative movie." For info contact Liz Tracey at (212) 807-1700.
Gays & Lesbians Volley Balls and Barbs In Carmel

by Terry Beswick
Contribution Writer

MoCo queers in the know are spending this summer's Tuesday and Thursday evenings spiking, lobbing and basically volleying balls (and barbs) at each other on the beautiful white sands of Carmel Beach. Many of the 20-40 gay men and lesbians who show up regularly do not mess around - they are serious about winning - even if it is just pick-up volleyball.

Others, however, seem inclined to expend most of their energies hurling rather catty remarks ("Don't break a nail, you bastards!" or "Ooo, she almost lost her wig on that one!"") over the net. Occasionally, these bouncing, rapid-fire witticisms even manage to rise to the level of high camp.

"I come for the jokes, the bitching and laughing," says Nique, who began playing last summer.

"Actually, I enjoy playing the game, but we also banter with one another. It's a great way to socialize in a relaxed setting."

"Russian River Bears" Continued from p. 13

After your soaked to the gills it's time to move over to the River Business Bar for a Beer/Soda bust from 8-11. The Bunk House Cabin in the Woods at Fife's then welcomes all bears from 11 till 2 am.

Sunday begins with a Big Bear Brunch at Fife's from 10 till noon. It moves from the dining room to the pool and finally the active Lazy Bear weekend ends with a closing out party at the Rainbow Cattle Company from 8 pm till...

Fun in the hot sun all day often leads to sizzling nights along the River. After sunset is when the real animals come out. Their dens include the Rainbow Cattle Company, MCT's Bullpen, River Business Bar and Fife's. Mc T's boasts 24 different kinds of draft beer. Domestic pints of beer are only $1 on Mondays and pool is free all day Tuesdays. Fife's is the only spot along the River with a real wood dance floor.

When you're worn out there are great places to rest your weary head. There's the Triple R with it's rooms, bar and restaurant. Fife's has camping, cabins and dancing. Willows Lodge boasts camping, lodging and an indoor/outdoor kitchen. The Highlands offers camping and cabins. Both the Willows and the Highlands serve continental breakfast.

For more information on the Lazy Bear Weekend or on the Russian River, you can call Fife's 707-889-0656 or your local IGLTA travel agent.

Dan Presser operates FourWinds Travel, 408-622-6800 in The Barnyard, Carmel. fourwinds@realshift.com

"Monterey Gay Volleyball League" has become so popular this summer that a second evening - Thursdays - has been added to the weekly line-up (which incidentally barely allows the older participants to recover from their bruises it's time to go back for more!).

And now, for the real gluttons, there's even talk of starting a Sunday tournament.

festivities. On one recent Tuesday, four of the 25 attendees sat on the sidelines throughout, simply enjoying the hospitality of a local bartender who was serving complementary "Volleyball Surprise Punch." (Usually, it's just water or BYO).

In any case, the informally-dubbed "Monterey Gay Volleyball League" has become an important part of the weekly line-up (which incidentally barely allows the older participants to recover from their bruises it's time to go back for more!).

But only a few hardy souls are really able to both play and cut up well, and at the same time, which seems to be the real challenge of this local sporting event - not getting hit in the head by a ball because you're laughing too hard or trying to think of a good comeback.

And then there are those few who don't even play at all - they like to watch, preferring merely to take in the views of all the handsome, young, scantly-clad men and women, as well as the fabulous sunsets that often signal an end to each evening's
The Political Climate:

Thank You, Southern Baptists!

by John Laird
Contributing Writer

As my own response to the anti-gay, anti-Disney actions of the Southern Baptists, I'll probably be buying my niece and nephew's holiday gifts this year at the local Disney Store. But while the newspapers have been featuring the rhetoric of twelve thousand angry Southern Baptists as they passed the Boycott Disney resolution, the story was really shaped by the actions of others well before the convention. The story's ending isn't written yet, and the question is whether we or the Southern Baptists will be the ones who will do it.

Domestic Partners Benefit

The Southern Baptists were responding to the momentum for domestic partners insurance coverage. A growing number of big companies and small governments across the country offer domestic partner benefits, changing the nature of the debate. It's hard to believe that it's been ten years since the City of Santa Cruz first offered domestic partners coverage to its employees—the third city in the state (and country) to do so. A few years later, San Francisco voters barely passed a domestic partners ballot measure (Yes, it barely passed in San Francisco).

The attitude of the general public has changed markedly. In February, a pollster asked over one thousand California adults whether they supported granting "financial dependence status to domestic partners to receive benefits such as pensions, health and dental care coverage, family leave, and death benefits?" Fifty-nine percent said yes, and thirty-five percent said no.

In the same poll, voters opposed same-sex marriage by a similar margin. In part it is the marriage debate that has made domestic partners benefits acceptable to the mainstream. It is now the moderate position.

It has been reported that over 13% of employees nationally have signed on. In Northern California that includes Apple, IBM, Genetech, Microsoft, Borland, MCA, Bank of America and the San Francisco 49ers. This has made benefits a matter of competition. Disney and other companies are reported to believe that they cannot afford to lose good employees to other businesses with better benefits packages. Who would have foreseen that the struggle for domestic partner coverage would have been advanced to employees differently based on their employee's private legal status?

Second, with opinions shifting, it is likely that there is no public relations price to be paid for offering domestic partners benefits, as the Southern Baptists are in the process of helping us prove. We must make sure by supporting those who are support us.

Third, we must make the point that domestic partners benefits are good business. Any business that is not offering domestic partners benefits is not being competitive, and risks losing some of its best employees to other concerns.

Fourth, we have to remind employers that many myths about domestic partners benefits are just that. There is not a disproportionate cost in covering the partners of employees.

Fears Unfounded

The same story also reported that many fears about domestic partners benefits were unfounded. A recent study has shown that providing health benefits to domestic partners of employees costs about the same as to legally-recognized dependents. This is not a new trend. The City of West Hollywood conducted a similar review about five years ago with the same result:

How can we write the rest of this story the way we would like to see it go?

First, we have to keep the debate going our way by making the point over and over—companies that do not offer domestic partners benefits are compensating their employees differently based on their employee's private legal status.

A similar policy should be a political goal for Monterey and Santa Cruz City and County government, but we are not there yet. It will take a year or two of hard political organizing—backing winning candidates that support this, gathering endorsements in the community, and building a local dialogue—to be able to enact such a policy and maintain it once passed.

In the ideal world we would be organizing a local "Domestic Partner Project", with the goal of having all businesses in Monterey and Santa Cruz County offer domestic partners benefits ten years from now. We would develop "how to" kits to show personnel departments how to do the nuts and bolts work.

We would organize among employees of large businesses to lobby their bosses. We would gather endorsements from a coalition of community groups. We would write letters and present studies of local companies that successfully offer domestic partner benefits. We would build the political base for local governments to take the next steps.

Because we haven't done that yet, you have to be the "Monterey and Santa Cruz Domestic Partner Project" for now. Let your employer know you want to be compensated equally with other employees. Point them to companies from whom they can model programs. Get other employees to ask for benefits as well. Tell your elected representative that you think this is a good idea. Tell everyone the Southern Baptists have sent you.

And above all, be out as you do it. Waiting for someone else didn't get us the attention of the Southern Baptists. And by taking action we show we won't concede any ground to their resolution. It's up to us to write the rest of this story.
**New Federal Guidelines For HIV Treatment Released**

by Walt Senterfitt

The U.S. Public Health Service on June 20 released a draft of new guidelines for treatment of HIV infection in adults, accompanied by a statement of principles that should help explain the guidelines, and also help clinicians adapt the guidelines as new drugs come on line. Each of these forty-page documents was prepared by a panel of experts and community representatives. There is now a 30-day period for public comment on the guidelines, before they are revised (if necessary) and printed as a special supplement to the Centers for Disease Control's weekly newsletter, MMWR (Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Reports).

Many of us will want to comment critically on one or another particular in these guidelines, but most community observers think they will be very helpful overall in ensuring more widespread access to the best treatments for HIV+ people. There are few surprises for those who get care from HIV specialists in an urban epicenter of the epidemic like Los Angeles. But for the tens of thousands in smaller cities and rural areas, in HMOs and overpressed public health systems, in prisons and shelters, the guidelines provide advocates strong ammunition with which to fight for state-of-the-art care as a basic right. They will also help all of us in making sure that so-called “third-party payers” (insurance companies) and local governmental agencies (whatever they call it, but who foot the bill for medicines and medical monitoring) pay for all the drugs that are needed as well as viral load monitoring tests.

**What’s In Them**

An attractive aspect of these guidelines is that they offer flexibility for individual assessment and patient and physician choice, rather than a one-size-fits-all cookbook. The document recognizes that experts continue to disagree on many key points, as is evident when in the course of infection to start therapy. In cases of disagreement, the panel presents its best consensus or dominant opinion when in the course of infection to start therapy. Even so, experts would delay treatment and observe viral load tests in patients with asymptomatic infection and whose infection is not explained by another non-HIV cause.

**Changing Therapy**

Once again recognizing that there are no hard and fast rules for everyone, the panel suggested the following criteria as reasons to change therapy, providing as much flexibility for the individual or individual therapy as possible. If viral load is less than 10,000 copies/ml, drug levels fall to undetectable levels by 4-6 weeks after starting therapy; failure to suppress viral load to undetectable levels by 4-6 weeks after starting therapy (unless levels were extremely high, like over a million, to start with); detectable viral load at least twice in a row after having once been undetectable on this comorbid pattern suggests development of resistance; any significant increase, confirmed by repeating the test, defined as 3-fold (0.5 log) or greater, from the lowest viral load achieved by the combo one is on, and which is not explained by another infection, vaccination or change in type of viral load test; lab persists in reporting a T-cell count that is clinically significant; such as new OI, appearance or reappearance of wasting, etc. When changing therapies, the panel underscored that, if all three or less than two of the changes should be made at the same time.

**When To Start Treatment**

The panels agreed that anyone with symptomatic HIV infection should be treated, including any AIDS-defining illness, thirst, or unexplained fever. They agreed that anyone who is without any symptoms (asymptomatic in medicalese) should be offered treatment if the CD4 T-cell count is under 500 or if viral load exceeds 10,000 (on the Chiron PCR test) or more than 20,000 (on the Roche PCR test). The strength of this “offered” recommendation was advised to be calibrated by looking at the tables in the MACS data which shows the predicted time to full-blown AIDS for different baseline levels of T-cells taken together with viral loads. (Notice: This is the best characterized and longest-followed group of infected people, but is all male and virtually all white, so any gender or racial/ethnic differences would not be taken into account if asymptomatic and without symptoms.)

**HIV Info On the Net**

The University of California at San Francisco (UCSF) has launched "HIV InSite." (http://hivinsite.ucsf.edu) Billed as "the only website in existence that contains research written, edited and maintained by frontline AIDS researchers," the service features a state­by-state directory of information and resources — encompassing medical, prevention, and social issues. Since its recent debut, "HIV InSite" has already metered over 200,000 hits.

**HIV Test**

**FREE HIV TEST**

This card entitles the bearer to one (1) free HIV test through any of the agencies listed on this card.

Courtey of the Man-to-Man Project

Montgomery County Health Department

**MCAP To Choose New Exec. Dir.**

The Board of Directors of the Monterey County AIDS Project (MCAP) will choose the agency’s new Executive Director at its next board meeting. Call MCAP at 772-8200 or 394-4747 for time and location.

**MCAP’s Volunteer Training Schedule**

**MCAP Salinas:**

- Tues., July 2
- Weds., Aug. 6
- Weds., Sept. 3

**MCAP Seaside:**

- Thurs., July 17
- Thurs., Aug. 21
- Thurs., Sept. 18

**Protease Linked to Diabetes Risk**

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration has warned that thousands of people with HIV/AIDS taking protease inhibitors should be closely watched for an unexpected side effect: diabetes. The FDA stressed that the estimated 150,000 Americans taking protease inhibitors should not stop, because the diabetes risk appears to be low.

But the FDA, investigating after complaints from pioneering AIDS researcher Dr. Michael Gottlieb and from Japan’s drug regulators, discovered 83 patients who contracted diabetes or high blood sugar or had those diseases suddenly worsen after they began taking protease inhibitors. Six cases were life-threatening, and 21 other patients needed hospitalization.

The FDA urged patients to immediately report to a doctor such symptoms as increased thirst, unexplained weight loss, increased urination, fatigue and dry, itchy skin. As many as 1 in 1,000 patients who take protease inhibitors may be at risk, said FDA medical officer Dr. Jeff Murray.
Commentary

Straight-acting My Ass

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Welcome to the Monterey Museum of 'Straight-acting' Gay Men. On your left is Exhibit I, as you will see and from here, this is the 'Jock-Gay', he is the guy who uses sports as a way to get into bed with men who are 'rough'. This is a good way to get laid due to the fact that most of these men are closeted, or 'Macho Straight'. He needs to be more proud of his homosexuality instead of about what other people may think since no one should live their life based on the opinions of others. DUMP THE BASTARD ( and tell him to call you when he's really OUT and PROUD).

And finally, Exhibit IV holds the 'Gym Gay' who gives new meaning to the word 'spotting'. The gym gay will cruise you to death in the gym especially if you have a body that other 'straight-acting' homosexuals will kill for. The Gym Gay worries about his abs becoming flabby but is usually a slut who eats a lot of crap, and I don't mean food, honey. To those I just have one thing to say, 'A body is nothing without a mind'—GO BACK TO COLLEGE—GET A LIBRARY CARD Okay, I said it, I feel fine now.

Now we approach the beginning of the Monterey Museum of Out and Proud gay men. These are the men who are not afraid to be who they are: whether butch, femme, screaming queens, dancing divas, daddies boys, or fashion connoissees. These are the Proud young and old gay men who detest 'homophobic straight-acting men' for being such cowards. They equate 'straight-acting' with oppression similar to the labels, 'white-acting', 'I only date blacks', 'Sorry, but I'm not into men'. These are the majority, to prevent them from attaining your goals, you must work hard and strive for a goal. So put pen to paper and write. Words excite you? Age/race not important. What is important, is your determination and willingness to strive for a goal. So put pen to paper and write. Respond to #030100.

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2. Of the last five guys tonight, you were the best.
3. You should talk to my therapist...he's three stalls down.
4. You can kiss me on the lips, too.
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6. You should talk to my therapist...he's three stalls down.
7. Every time I rinse my mouth with hydrogen peroxide, I can hear at a sex club.
8. You're not meant for a sex club, you're meant for a bed.
9. You should talk to my therapist...he's three stalls down.
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