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

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ummer 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.

Both events offer participants a variety of events: comedy nights, dancing, and the opportunity to meet women from every walk of life. 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 health care 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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Gay Youth Program Expands In Salinas

A Gay Teen Alliance meeting is forming in Salinas. The starting date depends on the number of young people who respond. The Gay Teen Alliance has done a remarkable job helping gay youth in Monterey through a series of monthly meetings, events, and social gatherings. The past and present coordinators both found transportation a roadblock since most of the teens don’t yet have their driver’s license or access to a car.

Contact Craig Wenzl at 772-8202 for information. The Gay Teen Alliance is for gay, lesbian, bisexual, and questioning youth. “Youth” is defined as anyone under 25.

Popular Director of Local AIDS Housing Program Resigns

Tom Melville, Executive Director of John XXIII AIDS Ministry in Monterey, will leave that organization on July 15 to become the interim coordinator of the Coalition of Homeless Service Providers of Monterey County. Melville has been with John XXIII for two and a half years.

Who Is On Trial?

Before this year’s gay pride march, some locals expressed their disagreement 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) the drag queen in question was the only one with the vision and drive to organize Monterey’s first three pride festivals, and b) discrimination based upon appearance is never acceptable. Whenever I’m faced with these sorts of questions, I replace “drag queen” with “African-American” or “wheelchair-bound.” If I don’t find the result offensive, I give my approval.

Magic Kingdom

I recently took a trip to Disneyland (photo above), more specifically the science hall at EPCOT. The AT&T booth features free Internet access, which happens remains uncensored. Let it be known that Monterey’s gay community website is now bookmarked for all the many mouse-eared Easterners to see.

“‘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
Contribution Writer

The Free Congress Foundation which receives financial backing from the Coors Family run 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 former wife of Joseph Coors who helped found both the Heritage Foundation and Free Congress Foundation.

In 1993 the Castle Rock Foundation was spun off from the Adolph Coors Foundation with some $36,000,000 in assets. Part of those assets are 732,413 share of Class B non-voting stock of the Adolph Coors Company which is held jointly with the Adolph Coors Foundation. Today Castle Rock assets are nearing $60,000,000.

The board of the Adolph Coors Foundation and the Castle Rock Foundation is a "mirror board" composed of the same people.

Funding the Fundies

For many years the Adolph Coors Foundation, and since its inception, the Castle Rock Foundation, has generously funded the Free Congress Foundation and the 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.

Coors’ Split Personality

While the Family and the various Coors enterprises would like for the trans/lesbian community to believe they are this 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.

One 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."

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 same G/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 no one could 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 translesbian gay community declare victory when Coors comes to it with a Trojan horse and whitened 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 law suit against Jerry Falwell with the profits of the law suit 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.
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."

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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 "gay gals" 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 that the movie version of the classic lesbian novel The Well of Loneliness was insulting to lesbians.

Vice Versa was unwaveringly upbeat and cheery - a conscious strategy on Eyde's part to combat negative mainstream press accounts of gay and lesbian life.

Vice Versa was an oasis in a desert of misinformation and silence about lesbian life. One woman wrote: "May your jaunt into journalesbianism 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 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 flame who was sexy in all the wrong ways but eventually didn't bother to return your phone calls.

Other songs include more from the lounge: "Smoke Dreams", "Life is Like a Flame who was sexy in all the wrong ways" and "Smoke Rings", the last of which fairly drips with countrified sarcasm. Two unusual choices—"The Air that I Breathe" and "The Joker"—are less successful but will probably get more airplay.

For a tobacco addict like myself, these tunes are taken at face value. After digging through the trash for butts, after dragging myself to ratty convenience stores at 4 a.m. for a fresh pack, after standing in gale force winds in the freezing rain because the goddamn P.C.s won't let me smoke inside—I know that of which this woman speaks.

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 in the infield."

More Dish
In other movie news, "Variety" (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 in talks to become Hollywood's first 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 Bordeux." 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 homosexuality and homophobia. His films include Coming Out Under Fire and Outrage '69.

The Asian American International Film Festival has become a leading exhibitor of films by Asians and Asian Americans. The annual festival premieres each summer in New York, and then begins a national tour. Contact: Asian CineVision, 32 East Broadway, New York, NY 10002, tel. 212-925-8685.

queen of cups
She walks by, a breeze against my face, all long lines, sine curves, her hair like silk sliding over her body, she's Botticelli's Venus.

She's my horizon, my golden sunrise, and I'm jumbled angles, awkward corners; longing flashes neon in my eyes. She is beautiful.

She is the queen of cups on her throne, holding the mystery in her two hands, and I am the two of swords, becoming eight.

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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.
Special Thanks to
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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.” Kashiwagi added that The Paper plans on sponsoring a float for Monterey’s gay community in San Francisco’s 1998 Gay Pride parade.

For more information call 655-2045.
Community Calendar

Gay Happenings on the Central Coast

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 from 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 655-3737 for ticket information.

Gay Coffee Chat at Morgan's

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's Adobe Community Room on Adams next to Monterey Street, 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 655-2045 for more information.

Sat, 19th

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August

Fri, 1st

Monterey Bay Bears Meeting

Every Friday. Monterey Bay Bears is quickly becoming one of the most popular and active gay social organization in Monterey County. Open to all. Meet in Seaside. Call Bruce or Tex at (408) 646-1662 or 646-0906. E-mail MontereyBayBears@aol.net.

Sat, 9th

Seasons of Love: An Evening of Caring and Sharing

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Wed, 13th

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Mon, 1st

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Wed, 10th

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The Barnyard 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.

The clubkid atmosphere has died and looking like a "freak" was only a trend during the early 90s. As we head towards the year 2000, designers like Thierry Mugler and Jean Paul Gaultier have taken futuristic design to new and unusual lengths. But most of the time our mainstream/conservative half of society finds it hard to accept new and innovative designs or anything marked "different." 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) • Stiletto heels, square-toed loafers • Long beaded, brocade dresses • Smoking jackets • Satin cocktail shifts (dresses) • Capri pants • 60s Beatnik zipup boots • Sharskin 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 hosiery • 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!
News Briefs

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 outrage at McDonald's ban from a national fundraising initiative. In early June, Valuable Families was invited to participate in the "Food, Folks and Fundraising" program, in which McDonald's hosts a dinner with a community non-profit and donates 15% of the proceeds to the group. As Valuable Families made plans, local McDonald's representatives informed them that the corporate headquarters had rejected the organization, calling it "too controversial." This comes on the heels of 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 restaurants," 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 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 appeals court, same-sex co-parents of children have the right to seek visitation rights. The 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 granted regardless of gender. 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 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 its intentions."

For more information contact Sydney Levy (IGLHRC) at (212) 807-4714 ext. 18 or via e-mail at javier@glaad.org.

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 Bono. "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
Contributing Writer

McCo queers in the know are spending this summer's Tuesdays 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," 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."

Players generally range in age from early 20's to late 30's; skill levels vary from beginner to advanced, the latter often assuming the role of team captain, gently coaching new recruits on the finer points of keeping the ball in the air, and hopefully in bounds.

Another newcomer, Pacific Grove resident Joe Aguiar, showed up for his first all-gay volleyball experience recently. "The location was spectacular. They're very gay and friendly. They can be a little catty, but it was all in good spirits," he says. "I'll be back."

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"Hey!" he called out to him. "Wanna play?" "Sure!" the kid replied, as he ran over and dropped his pack by the side of the court. His name was Biff, or something.

Gay Games V (http://www.gaygames.nl), continued scheduled for August 1-8, 1998 in Amsterdam, where 300 volleyball teams from around the world are expected to participate at 10 different levels (five for men and five for women).

Unfortunately for gay Monterey volleyball enthusiasts, medal-winning teams will reportedly be judged not on the basis of their acerbic wits, but on their prowess at volleying balls.

Terry Beswick is a local writer, actor, and small-business owner. He is currently nursing his bruises, physical and emotional, from playing gay volleyball.
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.

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Fifth, we must organize politically toward this goal—at the local and state level. Previous organizing has gotten local public employers—Monterey and Santa Cruz City and County, the Transit District, Cabrillo, Hartnell and Monterey Peninsula College—to offer benefits. Those successes have influenced this debate.

The Have

The state Public Employees Retirement Board (PERS) has taken action, as has the California legislature, to recognize domestic partners in benefits and other arenas. In each case, final approval was blocked by Gov. Pete Wilson. He will be leaving office in 1998, and we should back only candidates who would take the actions that Wilson has not.

San Francisco has developed a novel approach. Any entity receiving city money in a contract must offer domestic partners benefits to its employees to continue receiving City money—bringing the 49ers, United Airlines, and the Bank of America into the fold.

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 Special to The Paper

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 over stressed 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, federal and general government, and even the federal bill the foot who bills 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 one-size-fits-all cookbook. The document recognizes that experts continue to disagree on key points, as evidenced when in the course of infection to start therapy. In cases of disagreement, the panel presents its best consensus or dominant opinion and evidence for each viewpoint.

The consensus on what therapy is best, whenever it is started, is quite clear: a three drug regimen containing a potent protease inhibitor (meaning Crixivan, Viracept or saquinavir) and one of the nuke combinations in the recommended list above.

Changing Therapy

Once again recognizing that there are no hard and fast rules for everyone, the panel suggested the following criteria as reasons to consider changing combination therapy: less than a 10-fold (1.0 log) drop in viral load over 5 weeks after starting therapy, failure to suppress viral load to undetectable levels by 4-6 months after starting therapy, and undetectable viral load levels 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 combination 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 (by persisting at >30,000 on a Chiron hiv-1 test) or more than 20,000 (Roche PCR test). The strength of this "offered" recommendation was advised to be calibrated by looking at the tables from the MACS data which shows the predicted time to full-blown AIDS for different baseline levels of CD4 cells taken together with viral loads. [Note: This is the best characterized and longest-followed group of infected people, but is male and virtually all white, so any gender or racial/ethnic differences would not be taken into account. If asymptomatic and without any symptoms (asymptomatic in medicaledicine) should be offered treatment if the CD4 T-cell count is under 200 or if viral load is more than 10,000 (on the Chiron hiv-1 test) or more than 10,000 (Roche PCR test). The strength of this offered" recommendation was advised to be calibrated by looking at the tables from the MACS data which shows the predicted time to full-blown AIDS for different baseline levels of CD4 cells taken together with viral loads. [Note: This is the best characterized and longest-followed group of infected people, but is male and virtually all white, so any gender or racial/ethnic differences would not be taken into account. If asymptomatic and without any symptoms (asymptomatic in medicaledicine) should be offered treatment if the CD4 T-cell count is under 200 or if viral load is more than 10,000 (on the Chiron hiv-1 test) or more than 10,000 (Roche PCR test). The strength of this offered" recommendation was advised to be calibrated by looking at the tables from the MACS data which shows the predicted time to full-blown AIDS for different baseline levels of CD4 cells taken together with viral loads. [Note: This is the best characterized and longest-followed group of infected people, but is male and virtually all white, so any gender or racial/ethnic differences would not be taken into account. If asymptomatic and without any symptoms (asymptomatic in medicaledicine) should be offered treatment if the CD4 T-cell count is under 200 or if viral load is more than 10,000 (on the Chiron hiv-1 test) or more than 10,000 (Roche PCR test).]

When To Start Treatment

The panel agreed that anyone with symptomatic HIV infection should be treated, including any Aids-defining illness, thrush or unexplained fever. They agreed that anyone who is without any symptoms (asymptomatic in medical records) should be offered treatment if the CD4 T-cell count is under 500 or if the viral load is more than 10,000 (on the Chiron hiv-1 test) or more than 20,000 (Roche PCR test). The strength of this "offered" recommendation was advised to be calibrated by looking at the tables from the MACS data which shows the predicted time to full-blown AIDS for different baseline levels of CD4 cells taken together with viral loads. [Note: This is the best characterized and longest-followed group of infected people, but is male and virtually all white, so any gender or racial/ethnic differences would not be taken into account. If asymptomatic and without any symptoms (asymptomatic in medical records) should be offered treatment if the CD4 T-cell count is under 200 or if viral load is more than 10,000 (on the Chiron hiv-1 test) or more than 10,000 (Roche PCR test).]

Diabetes Risk

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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: Weds., July 2
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Wed., Sept. 3
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Thurs., Aug. 21
Thurs., Sept. 18

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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 front line AIDS researchers," the service features a state-by-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.
Welcome to the Monterey Museum of 'Straight-acting' Gay Men. On your left is Exhibit I, as you will see if you can suck me, thank you, type of gay.

Exhibit II holds the 'Carmel Gay'. This is the, 'Oh my parents are so rich, I inherited a lot of money. I try not to be so faggy because I wear the latest preppy fashions, and you want to sleep with me, don't you rough and tumble ironworker', type of gay guy who knows everyone at the bar, gets hugged a lot by various passing beautiful men who have had him or are just as snotty as they can be.

Exhibit III holds the 'Monterey Gay'. This is the guy who continuously worries about appearing 'gay' in public. He is always looking at straight men's fashions and emulates to a tee (backward baseball caps anyone?, extreme tight-ass jeans, emulates to a tee, black-and-white dressing,1950's thing). He wants his men to be rough but not let anyone know, he is usually a 'top' (what the flick has sex with anyone?, extreme tight-ass jeans, tells you aloud in public that he is the one who needs to change not you.

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Community Resource

Alcoholics Anonymous (AA)
Central Office, 373-3723 or 424-9774

ACLU for Monterey County
373-4875 or 373-8023

BAYMEC
Lesbian & gay political organization. Call 899-2363.

Gay Teen Alliance
For gay, lesbian, bisexual, and questioning youth under age 25. Call Craigg 773-2020 for info.

Grande Cypress Empire
A non-profit fundraising organization benefiting local gay and AIDS agencies. 394-8266.

Integrity
Gay Episcopalian group. Call 464-2526.

Lesbian Alliance
A local group offering a variety of social activities. Call 648-4358 for more information.

Metropolitan Commun Community
Church Worship: 10 am, Sundays, Mariposa Ave. Monterey. (408) 499-8442. lmc@geocities.com

Monterey Bay Bears
Social group open to all in Monterey-Salinas area. P.O. Box 2324, Monterey, CA 93940. (408) 392-1862 or (408) 898-1684. MontereyBayRenee@usa.net. Meet 2nd Wed of each month. Call 373-4491 or 373-0823

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HIV testing and other services. 755-4512

Monterey PFLAG
Parent's and friends of Lesbians and Gays. Meet the 4th Tuesday of every month in Carmel. Call (408) 658-9435 for info on meetings and speakers. Santa Cruz Monthly. 331-1070.

Transvestite Resources
Safe Cross Dressing in Carmel At least 7% of the heterosexual male population has the need to express their feminine persona.

Lesbian & gay political organization. Call 899-2363.

Moms for Moms
Support group for moms of people with AIDS. Meets the 2nd and 4th Weds. of every month in Monterey. Call 655-1375 or Janne Shekibeh at 475-7283.

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Salud Para La Gente
Comprensive health services and education in Spanish and English for the Pajaro Valley. Call 763-5133 (voicemail).

Santa Cruz Community Center
1234 Cowboy Way, Santa Cruz. 95062. A great resource for all of your queer needs and a nice way to meet some new faces. Publisher of "The Manhattan", monthly newspaper. Call 765-2844.

HIV/AIDS Resources

Montgomery County AIDS Project
Services for those with HIV/AIDS. Volunteers always welcome. 788 Hamilton, Salinas, 794-3127, and 12 E. Gabilan St., Salinas, 772-8520. For volunteer information call 394-3472.

John XXIII AIDS Ministry
Housing and other services for HIV's AIDS. Michael Center, 541 Lighthouse Ave., Monterey, 605-1772

Red Ribbon Benefit Shop
Proceeds go to benefit locals with HIV/AIDS. 485 Lighthouse Ave. Monterey. To donate or for more information, call 394-3472.

Salinas HIV + Support Group
Group meets twice a month in Salinas. Call the Montgomery County AIDS Project's Salinas office for more information. 771-5720.

Family, Friends, & Partners
Meets the 1st & 3rd Sun, of the month in Salinas at 7 p.m. Tom Tang Sanguinetti for location and more info. 650-8080.

Moms for Moms
Support group for moms of people with AIDS. Meets the 2nd and 4th Weds. of every month in Monterey. Call 655-1375 or Janne Shekibeh at 475-7283.

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