Local Story

Gay Teen Group Grows Up and Out

The Gay Teen Alliance Offers Gays Under 25 Support During the "Wander Years"

Most young gay women and men find coming out of the closet a lonely experience. Too old to ignore their sexuality and too young or afraid to find mentors at the bars, they previously had to sit on the sidelines until their turned 21. For many, the wait often proved too long; suicide rates for gay teens remains high, as do the number of young gay men whose first sexual encounters end with their being infected with HIV.

The Gay Teen Alliance (GTA) of Monterey County hopes to reach these men and women. GTA's only requirement for membership is that participants be under the age of 25. "It's basically here to provide a safe supportive environment for gay youth since there aren't other outlets in the area," said GTA coordinator Craig Wenzl, who himself is 28 years old.

The group has expanded considerably in the last several years, and now has 25 members. A Salinas meeting will begin shortly, since previously all meetings had been held on the peninsula. Group activities include a movie night, pizza parties, and special events, among them a dance celebrating National Coming Out Day on October 11th.

Wenzl said that GTA focuses on issues of most interest to gay teenagers and young adults: dating, coming out ("A very popular thing to talk about," said Wenzl), AIDS, and safer sex. The latter isn't surprising since the group is sponsored by the Monterey County AIDS Project (MCAP) as part of their gay outreach program called Man-to-Man.

Gay mentors from the local community are always needed. A nine-point screening process which includes a personal reference and criminal records check, several interviews with MCAP staff members, and a thorough training program helps to guarantee that facilitators and adult volunteers can be trusted. GTA currently has ten adult facilitators and anyone over the age of 25 is encouraged to apply.

The GTA hopes to let more teens know about its programs by contacting Monterey County schools. The group will send letters to school counselors as a resource, and will do as much as possible to have a presence at both high schools and colleges.
Letters to the Editor

WNBA Coverage Not Happening in Herald

As a great supporter and fan of the WNBA (Women’s National Basketball Association), I was appalled and disgusted at the response I received from the Sports Editor of the Herald regarding lack of coverage in our local newspaper. The following is a copy of the letter I sent to the Editor of the Herald on August 9. So far, my letter has NOT been printed. What do you think?

"Dear Editor of THE HERALD,...

When is the WNBA (Women’s National Basketball Association) ever mentioned in the Herald pages? The answer is never.

I spoke to Dave Haerle, the Sports Editor on the phone today. He says he won’t put any news coverage of the WNBA in the paper because this area doesn’t have a local team. What?

Mr. Haerle, give us women a chance. Give the girls who are playing now on basketball teams in this area the same coverage that the boys have the opportunity to read about, just as the boys have the opportunity to learn about everycyone in the Herald.

And, for those of you who would like to see some articles on the WNBA, Mr. Haerle informed me that he will wait until he hears from 99 more people who would like to see any WNBA coverage.

You can contact Mr. Haerle at 866-4333 after 2 P.M., email him at Herald@scripps.com or FAX 372-0401. He is challenging all fans, so we are waiting for...

-Bonnie Schmidt"

Beyond Vicious

There is a common held belief in the gay community that in order for one to be gay/homosexual one has to be vicious. Well, this is not the case. These are now the days when most of us will not tolerate vicious queens’ in the name of high camp. There is fun in humoring those parts of gay life that we don’t agree with but when others ‘denigrate’ segments of the community or others in the name of camp’ then one must wonder whether these individuals have any semblance of self-esteem. You don’t need to ‘put down’ gay men not in ‘your clique’ just to bolster your ego and score points. You score more points by being yourself, by not pretending that you own the whole world, and by not expecting everyone to adore you the minute you walk through the door. Get over it already.

Dress as you want, be what you want, but its way to stop being vicious to people we don’t like or regular Joes who love a good time. Those are days when most of us will not tolerate being ‘gay’. Those days of constant cat-fights are over. Get over it! Get a life!! We are more than our caddy double-entendres.

We don’t need to become ‘straight-looking’ or ‘straight-acting’ in order to get respect. We can still be queers, or regular Joes, who love good time and not John Laird’s.

-Gay on Gay Crime

The Paper strives to provide the most accurate new coverage, but sometimes we make mistakes—big ones.

In John Laird’s column on domestic partnership (pg. 16) I mistakenly inserted that Monterey County City, and County, Hartnell College, and Monterey Peninsula College offered domestic partnership benefits. Unfortunately, this is not true. I’d like to make it clear that this error was The Paper’s and not John Laird’s.
Lesbianism Isn’t Free Choice

A University of Oregon researcher concludes that becoming a lesbian is not a simple matter of culture vs. genes. The study is outlined in a new book by UO sociologist Arlene Stein, “Sex and Sensibility: Stories of a Lesbian Generation”, published this year by the University of California Press.

“Lesbians are not a monolithic group,” Stein argues. Stein says her study indicates, instead, that a variety of factors are involved in an individual becoming a lesbian. There is no credible evidence, she insists, that either homosexuality or heterosexuality is biologically determined, but neither is it freely chosen.

“To reduce sexuality to a matter of choice or biology is a simplification,” Stein observes. The book is based on in-depth interviews with more than 40 women and focuses upon the experiences of baby boomer lesbians. Stein says she focused on baby boomers because they came of age, just as lesbianism was itself “coming out of the closet.”

“This group of women came of age at a politically volatile and exciting time,” Stein says. “They felt that opportunities to recreate themselves were opening up. Feminism served as an impetus for that notion of recreation and self-creation.” Stein contends that many boomers took that message to heart and said “This is who I want to be.”

Among the most controversial chapters in the book is a discussion of “ex-lesbians,” women who lived as lesbians for a number of years, who have now decided that they prefer primary relationships with men. The book details the stories of 10 of these women and of the troubling questions this raises about who is a “real lesbian.”
What Happened When

August 15
At approximately 1:30 a.m. a gay man is attacked and brutally beaten on the 200 block of Lighthouse Ave. in New Monterey by two assailants who escape on foot. According to the victim, the assailants asked before attacking him whether he was a "fucking queer."

Victim discovered here

August 15
Suspects caught by the police at approximately 4 p.m. and charged with two felony counts including a hate crime, and released on bail at approx. 9:30 p.m. The Paper posts bulletin informing patrons of Lighthouse bars.

August 16
First reports of the gay bashing appear in the local media. It is the lead story in the Monterey County Herald and all local television stations. Reports travel as far north as San Francisco and San Jose.

August 19
Representatives from local minority and civil rights groups called together by local gay activists Matt Friday (pictured below) and Bruce Carlson meet in Del Rey Oaks to plan response.

August 20
Community groups hold a press conference at the scene of the crime. Monterey mayor Dan Albert, Councilwoman Ruth Vreeland, and County Supervisor Dave Potter (pictured below) attend in support

Who are the Alleged Gay Bashers?

Jason Bryan Soboleski
20, 6'1", 220#
Monterey resident, star high school football player

Johnathon Earl Maxon
20, 5'11", 180#
Monterey resident

Latest Word on the Bashing Victim

The only unknown player remaining in the gay bashing case is the victim himself. When The Paper spoke to the victim the night before this issue went to press, his ribs were still sore from where he was kicked. No bones were broken in the attack, but even after six weeks his lip and nose are also still slightly swollen and tender.

Life Changed Forever

The victim, who has chosen to remain anonymous thus far, was subpoenaed by the district attorney to appear at the preliminary hearing October 2nd. The district attorney informed the victim that he will indeed be pressing the hate crime charges.

For the man who was attacked, the legal process isn’t the only thing he has had to contend with. The victim is not fully out of the closet, and making his identity known will mean having to reveal his sexuality to his employer.

However, the victim also told The Paper that he is resolute about seeing this go to trial. “I’m not going to be pushed back into the closet for being beaten just for who I am,” he said. “It’s difficult...there’s no going back.”

Taking Care of Our Own

“I’ve been just overwhelmed with the response from the gay community,” said the victim. “And the response from the straight community...the outrage they’ve expressed. It’s great. I’d have never expected it.”

The victim said that after the beating what was running through his mind was that the police wouldn’t be able to catch the two men that beat him. His fears were allayed when the Monterey Police Department, lead by Detective Figeroa and Detective Olson, arrested and charged two Monterey men with the crime that same day.

“It’s more than I expected from the police,” said the victim. “It’s changed my view of the law enforcement people here. We have to give credit to them. They did a great job in this case.”

Many within the gay community have expressed similar change in how they view the local police.

The preliminary hearing is scheduled to be held Oct. 2nd at the Monterey County Courthouse. The victim has one year to file civil charges if he so chooses.

The Arraignment

The arraignment of the alleged gay bashers drew 15-20 members of the gay community and its supporters to the Monterey County Courthouse in Monterey. The protestors stood in front of the courthouse with signs saying “Drunkeness is not a defense” and “Being gay is not a crime, beating gays is a crime.” There were not confrontations as Jason Soboleski, one of the two defendants (pictured right) entered the courthouse with his family.

“We don’t want this to happen in our community. We have the right to live and feel safe. There is nothing but complete disgust from the community at large over this incident.”

Weber

Monterey Mayor Dan Albert
Death Threats Follow Local Man After Bashing

A local man has received death threats following the gay bashing, possibly because of his involvement in publicizing the event.

Nick Kaleel, who worked as a bartender at one of the gay bars in the neighborhood where the attack occurred, received his first death threat one week before the bashing, but didn’t think much of it.

After the attack and his appearance on a local television news show, the number of calls increased dramatically. Callers asked for Kaleel by name, then threatened him by saying “This is only the beginning” and “We’re watching you.”

The worst threat according to Kaleel was the letter he received. The letter was postmarked in San Jose, but mentioned Kaleel by name.

Kaleel contacted the Monterey City Police Department. An officer took a copy of the written death threat and offered to provide Kaleel with a police escort. Kaleel’s shift at the bar weekended ended at 2 a.m. when there is little traffic on Lighthouse Ave.

Kaleel was quick to say that other Monterey residents have been supportive following his appearance on the news. “People at the grocery store have stopped me and asked ‘How is the man that was attacked?’” said Kaleel. -WK

First Person

The publisher of The Paper was one of the first people to arrive at the scene of the attack. Here is his account of the events that evening:

I'd just walked out of the After Dark with two friends. It was around 1:30 a.m., but there was still traffic on Lighthouse. I started walking to my car, which was parked in front of the bookstore next to the bar.

I first suspected that there was something wrong when Errol Boddy, the doorman from the After Dark, and a woman that I'd noticed earlier that evening had started down the street. One of my friends had gone ahead to see what was happening, so I decided to join him. When I got there, I saw a man sitting on the sidewalk holding his nose. The street was fairly well lit, but I didn’t recognize him; I assumed he was a tourist who wasn’t feeling well.

The woman who had summoned the doorman from the After Dark started explaining what had happened: that she and her friends had been in her car when the man sitting on the curb was being attacked. She stepped out of her car to stop the attack when the assailants started pounding the man’s head into the back of her Cherokee. The woman said that she confronted the two assailants and demanded that they stop the attack or she would call the police, whereupon the two men fled the scene on foot.

After looking more closely, I realized that the man sitting on the curb was an acquaintance of mine, and that the only reason I hadn’t recognized him was that his face was swollen and disfigured. The pool of liquid in front of him, which I thought was a spilled glass of cranberry juice, was the blood dripping from his nose.

A patrol car arrived about ten minutes after. My friend James Mearns ran to the Lighthouse Bar & Grill for a towel and some ice to stop the swelling and mop up some of the blood. The hands of the woman who had gone for help were still covered in blood so I got some wet napkins from the A.D. and let one of the owners know what had happened. A fire engine and an ambulance showed up after another 10 minutes. The victim seems agitated at the brusque manner of the paramedics. They loaded the victim onto a gurney and drove him to Community Hospital in the ambulance. A fireman washed away most of the blood on the sidewalk.

One of the passengers in the Cherokee went with the patrolmen to see if he can identify two men cornered on the bike trail that fit the description given by the victim. They returned later; the man was unable to give a positive identification.

My friends and I drove to the hospital to check on the victim, but the night nurse has no information. My friend James calls the victim later that evening to check on him. -WK

Court Players

Monterey District Attorney in charge of the gay bashing case

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APA Passes Resolves on “Us”
by Anita Hilton
Contributing Writer

On August 14, a resolution was passed by the American Psychological Association, reaffirming “psychology’s opposition to homophobia and clients’ rights to unbiased treatment.” The APA asked mental-health professionals to “take the lead in removing the stigma of mental illness that has long been associated with homosexual orientation.”

This resolution embodies four principles:

• Homosexuality is not a mental disorder, and the APA opposes all portrayals of lesbian, gay and bisexual people as mentally ill and in need of treatment due to their sexual orientation.

• Psychologists do not knowingly participate in or condone discriminatory practices with lesbian, gay or bisexual clients.

• Psychologists respect the rights of individuals, including lesbian, gay and bisexual clients, to privacy, confidentiality, self-determination and autonomy.

• Psychologist obtain appropriate informed consent to therapy in their work with lesbian, gay and bisexual clients.

Ellen Brings Home an Emmy

Ellen DeGeneres and her writing team were honored with an Emmy for outstanding comedy writing. The Academy of Television Arts and Sciences honored the Ellen team for the “Puppy Episode,” last year’s historic coming out episode.

On stage and to a crowded room of reporters backstage, DeGeneres made special note of gay youth, struggling for acceptance. “I accept this on behalf of all the people, especially the teens out there, who think something is wrong with them because they are gay,” she told millions of Emmy viewers worldwide. “There’s nothing wrong with you, and don’t let anybody make you think there is.”

Ellen was nominated for six awards. In addition, The Simpsons episode, “Homer’s Phobia,” which dealt with prejudice against a gay man (whose voice was provided by John Waters), and Tracy Takes On..., which has explored gay themes, won for Best Animated Cartoon and Best Variety, Music or Comedy Series respectively.

Growth and Good Ratings

“The Academy saw much of what American’s saw, a incredibly brave person allowing her audience to grow with her and her television character,” said Chastity Bono, GLAAD’s Entertainment Media Director. “Ellen DeGeneres, and the whole Ellen team made history last April, and Emmy voters recognized and valued that incredible work. Television continues to make great strides at accurate portrayals of lesbian and gay mens’ lives thanks in large part to Ellen and people like her who have the courage to simply be themselves.”

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Focus on Gay Youth

A Coming Out Story

by Corinne Coccia, 18 Contributing Writer

I was one of those lucky people who got to have two first loves. One male and one female. In junior high I had my first boyfriend and I went to school dances and wrote notes to boys and played "Girl Talk" at slumber parties with my friends. So when I turned 15 I thought that I was getting the hang of the whole "dating guys" thing. However that fall semester I became infatuated with a girl in my math class. I don't remember deciding at any one point that I wasn't attracted to guys anymore. I just remember thinking about her and wanting to be around her more than any other girl I knew. Then I recognized that what I was feeling was actually a crush and it scared the hell out of me! Looked at the small image I had of my self. I thought of the words 'I'm gay', was "oh, great...this is perfect. The tomboy girl that everyone called a boy anyway is now a lesbian." I could practically hear the "I told you so's" coming at me. I remember feeling like my whole world had stopped—that I had absolutely no control over who I was or who I would ever be. It gave me a wonderful perspective of how little control people really have over life. I looked at the small image I had of my future and was overwhelmed by the thought of how hard my life was going to be now and of all the people that I should meet who would never understand me. Because of this anxiety, I didn't choose to except the challenge of self-acceptance for about a year. Then something changed in my head during my senior year of high school. I was living in Orange County and I felt trapped inside of myself. But, very slowly, as I was looking for that "something", then I had to be "out there" too. That summer, my mother and I went to SAN FRANCISCO and it was the first time I had been there. I think that that city called me. It was the "something" that I needed. I chose that time to tell my her because I was so emotionally overwhelmed by the accepting vibes of the city. She was surprised but happy for me! I have always been close to my mom and didn't think she would disown me but I still felt an immense sense of relief because I no longer had to make up stories about what my pride ring necklace meant (I used to say they were mood rings...Ha!).

When I told my friends about my sexuality they were accepting as well. I don't have a horror story, at least not yet. The worst discrimination towards homosexuals at my high school was when the principal (who has now been removed) denied the existence of and prohibited a gay/straight support club that a few students had formed. I was not yet caught up in the whirlwind of activism but if I could go back to that moment in my present state of mind, I would have raised hell!

Coming to college gave me that state of mind. I'm now a Sophomore at California State University Monterey Bay and the Vice President of an LGBA called "All in the Family." The hardest part about coming out in Orange County was not having anywhere to go or anyone to relate with. I mean there was NOBODY! My friends were great but they did not have the same feelings so they could not relate. All in the Family was small and developing when I came into it but it was still like a dream come true. Suddenly I had a community! The loneliness that I felt for years developed into PRIDE. I posted a version of my coming out story to my school on Oct.11th of last year and it was accepted campus wide. The confidence that I received from that is a foundation that I will use for the rest of my life, whether I'm dealing with my sexuality or any other conflict that may obstruct my path.

As I continue to grow up and evolve more into the person I want to become, I will always have a sense of pride.

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P.G. Museum Offers Nijinsky Exhibit

The Stowitts Museum in downtown Pacific Grove is showing original paintings and photographs from The Stars of the Golden Age of Ballet, featuring near life-sized paintings of Nijinsky, Pavlova, Karsavina, Bolm, Fokine and Lopokova in their most famous roles. An exhibition catalog is available of Nijinsky Dancing. The Museum is located at 591 Lighthouse Avenue, Pacific Grove, above the Bay Cafe. Hours are Wednesday through Saturday, 1 to 5 p.m. and by appointment. Admission is free. For more information telephone the Museum at 655-4488.

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Fodor's Gay Guide Author Visits Sand City Bookstore

When someone else writes about you, it usually means you're newsworthy. Monterey has finally become a gay destination worth talking about. Fodor, one of the most respected names in travel books, has launched a series of gay travel guides. The author, Andrew Collins, recently spoke at a book signing at the Sand City Borders.

Collins was formerly on the editorial staff of Fodors. He pitched the idea of a gay guide to the company, and was given an advance against royalties to fund his research. The gamble paid off. Fodors new gay series is already in its second printing, and the series will soon be expanded to include 20-25 more American cities as well as a guide to Amsterdam.

Digging Below the Surface

The Fodors guides, unlike the more well-known Damron and Ferrari guides, also has regional editions with detailed information about selected cities. A chapter on Monterey's gay community is a part of the guide on the San Francisco bay area.

Collins travels with his boyfriend and finds it particularly nice that many straight establishments treat them as a couple. Mentioning the straight community of a given city is important to Collins, who feels that many gays "don't want to travel around in a pink cocoon."

The Fodor's gay guides are available at local bookstores, including Borders in Sand City.

**September**

**Sat, 20th**
Gay Teen Alliance in Salinas  
The local group for youth from ages 14-25 (Under 21) will hold its first Salinas meeting. Don't miss the pizza party at Salinas MCAP office from 7-9 p.m. for youth 14-25 years old. Call GTA 393-3657 or 772-8202. Point to www.gatamc.org. At the MCAP Salinas office, 12 E. Gabilan St.

**Sun, 21st**
Gay Pride Talent Show  
The Pride of Monterey County group holds its first fundraiser at the After Dark nightclub, 214 Lighthouse Ave., Monterey, 373-4488.

**Mon, 22nd**
Gay Coffee Chat at Morgan's  
Every Monday. An informal gathering of local lesbians and gay men at Morgan's Coffee & Tea, 498 Washington in Monterey. A very friendly group gets together outside of a bar atmosphere. Starts around 7 p.m.

Monday Night Football at LB&G  
Watch the game on a big screen TV with dozens of other non-stereotypical homosexuals. A very friendly group to get together outside of a bar atmosphere. Starts around 7 p.m.

**Fri, 26th**
GTA Activity Night  
Every Sunday from 5 p.m. to 2 a.m. at the Lighthouse Bar & Grill, 214 Lighthouse Ave., Monterey, 373-4488.

**Sun, 28th**
MCAP Volunteer Picnic  
At the Seymour area of Two Park off of Hwy 68. Noon to 5 p.m. Music by Jon Jon and the Washoobers. Free, but park admission is $5/car or $3/car if completed are suggested. All-you-can-eat BBQ, volleyball, pistol, and more. Call 772-8202 for information.

**October**

**Tue, 2nd**
Preliminary Hearing of Gay Bashing Suspects  
Time and date are subject to change. Call Nick at 394-2589 for details.

**Sun, 5th**
Art Show Benefit at the After Dark  
Well-known artist Jamie Kissel will hold an art showing at the After Dark nightclub from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Proceeds from a raffle for a drawing worth $400 and 10% of all sales will be given to John XXIII AIDS Ministry. Wine and cheese will be served.

**November**

**Wed, 1st**
Deadline for The Paper  
Turn in your articles, letters, poems, rants and raves, calendar events, etc. Ad placement deadline now coincides with the article deadline with ad materials due the following week serious this time, so send them in on time. Call 655-3756 or e-mail wes@mbay.net. If you need story ideas, the theme for the November/December issue will be, of course, "The Holidays." We'll feature recipes, lesbian-themed new articles, anything involving community activities, and the ever-popular hard news section. Submit now.

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Gay Marriage Book Reviews

by Kassi Ydris
Contributing Writer

For those of you out there who are ready to settle down and make a permanent commitment to your "chosen one", I recommend that both of you buy the book, Same-Sex Marriage: Pro and Con written by Andrew Sullivan who also penned that other wonderful book in favor of gay equality entitled, Virtually Normal! This book covers both sides of the arguments without taking sides. Whether you want to have a legal union or just a "commitment ceremony", this book brings into clear focus the fact that we are practically nonexistent since we have no rights. The majority wants to prevent us from legal marriage because it is convenient for them to see us as promiscuous bunnies...

The majority wants to prevent us from legal marriage because it is convenient for them to see us as promiscuous bunnies... For those who are just out, new to the scene, or who want to meet decent men in the hope of a long term relationship, then I highly recommend the book, Finding True Love In A Man-Eat-Man World: The Intelligent Guide To Gay Dating, Romance, And Eternal Love. If you only read one book this year, then this should be the one, for the author has read all of the dating guides out there and has compiled all the information here for you in one excellent guide. You will learn about how to pick up men, how to keep a relationship together, and other things that all of us should know.

And if you are looking for a good story, then get the book Tales Out of School by Benjamin Taylor, which is not your typical coming of age story of a young boy growing up in Galveston Island. The writer’s elegiac prose and lyrical narrative make this a wonderful book to read during a lazy Sunday afternoon.

New Music

If you are looking for new music to get, then check out the album "Extra Virgin" by Olive. You have heard them before, but not due to their U.K. chart-topping single, "You are not alone". The whole album, propelled by Ruth-Ann Boyle’s alluring voice and electronic bleeps of enchantment—transport you to states of utter joy and inner calm. Then there are those tracks which strike a nerve such as "Miracle" and "I don’t think so." Check this out next time you are at Tower Records.

Hawaii Marriage Update

The Fluid Reciprocal Beneficiary Status So Far

172 Couples Tie the Somewhat Fuzzy Knot

As of August 13, 172 Hawaii couples have tied the "reciprocal beneficiary knot". Governor Ben Cayetano let Hawaii’s Reciprocal Beneficiary Law take effect without his signature, as of July 1, 1997. Just what the law means is not entirely clear—it is 92 pages long with numerous references to other parts of Hawaii’s law code. The references are often just to section numbers. So, understanding many of the references requires the study of many more pages of laws.

In late July Hawaii’s Bar Association had Dan Foley, the attorney who has worked with the same-gender marriage case since 1991, brief themselves on what the RB Law includes. Especially for the United States it is an advanced "domestic partnership" status, including at least 50 benefits of marriage (such things as hospital visitation rights, the right to inherit property from one another, etc.). It’s a good first step in the direction of full equality (to see how far we have to go, there are at least 1,049 references to marital status in federal law!).

As with all law in the U.S., it may not be clear what a law means until the courts have had years to interpret it. Today, for technical reasons of exact references, Hawaii’s Attorney General opined that a key benefit (access to health insurance through employers who already give health insurance to spouses) can be denied. In Hawaii, companies do not have to offer health insurance to employee spouses and children but they must offer it to employees. The RB Law was intended to say that if an employer offers health insurance to spouses, the employer must also offer it to reciprocal beneficiaries.

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Back to School Already!
How to look like a million bucks, even if you’re a starving student (or teacher)

by Marsha K. Olson
Fashion Columnist

Well... Well... Well... Summer has practically gone and disappeared and we’re finally approaching the fall season. This is a favorite time of year for most people because of all the holidays like Thanksgiving and Christmas that are just around the corner. Fall is also a good time to pull out those wool trousers, sweaters and jackets that have been stashed in the back of the closet! And don’t forget! It’s time to go back to SCHOOL!!!!!!

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- Thick soft wool
- Tweed
- Canvas
- Cords, corduroy
- Ribbed cottons
- Textured lace
- Crushed velvet
- Velour
- Suede, ultra-suede
- Leather
- Cable knits
- Rayon, polyester blends
- Patent leather

Styles
- Pea coats, two-tone parkas (silver, blue, etc.), plain
- vinyls, V-neck cashmere, wool sweaters, sweater vests, dusters, Turtle necks, animal prints, mock turtle necks, plain front khakis, black pinstripe suits, berets (Kangol brand). Sporty duffle bags, trench coats in new innovative styles and fabrics, double breasted vinyl jackets, uniform wear, work coats, work pants, work shirts. Long black evening dresses with a slit worn with stiletto heels.
- Knee length to ankle length boots with platform heel to moderate height.
- Long maxi skirts, 70's suede skirts, minis.

Back to School Already!
How to look like a million bucks, even if you’re a starving student (or teacher)

If you’re on a definite budget, may I suggest hitting up all those thrift stores? Why? You can put together a decent outfit of several of them that won’t leave you with an empty wallet.

Most stores like Goodwill or the Salvation Army sell pants at around $5-6, jackets at $6-8, shirts from $2-3. The advantage? You’ll have a one of a kind outfit and wardrobe that nobody else will have.

So you’re not interested in shopping for great finds at a thrift store but at the same time you want to look hip and stylish, then you’re best bet are vintage clothing stores. It’s convenient and easy because most of the garments are arranged in sections by styles and types you’re looking for. Prices are usually reasonable, unless you stumble upon rare and unique items that are sought by fanatic collectors!

You don’t want used, pre-worn garments? then you’ll want to go to places like Marshall’s, Ross, GAP, outlets, etc., because you’ll be able to find simple/casual clothing at affordable prices. Clearance racks are a plus! You may find that the last ugly jacket that nobody wants, may just look fabulous on you!!!!!

On occasion, cool stuff pops up so keep a look out! Believe it or not Target also carries vinyl jackets for the young crowd, Orchard Supply Hardware carries all-American workwear like Dickies and Ben Davis which are tough, canvas-like garments rugged enough for everyday an schooling.

Don’t care about cost, money, price? Then enjoy yourself and shop! Keep in mind that style and class are important...so don’t be a cheeseball!

Back to School Already!
How to look like a million bucks, even if you’re a starving student (or teacher)

For: Amelia

Like a barrel down a Waterfall uncertain of its fate
the possibilities of our destruction are endless. Shattered dreams and false hopes May bell us
Can we be certain that we will maintain our dignity, our Sanity?
Can we build a trust and never observe each other
Mere hearing the Voices gazing at the photographs, reading tie words, dreaming about each other?
On frst Sight, Will we be disappointed or our love confirmed and Stronger?
I wear a blindfold and hand you my heart...and my soul
Two precious gifts from me to you
My trust is implicit and
My love Constant
And no matter if we are separated by time, distance
No Wails are too high
No Chains too thick
My love Will come to you always and forever

SLANGWATCH
The Latest From The Lips of Local Homosexuals

trade couple a couple in a relationship that work as a team to procure sex partners for themselves. Synonym: tag team lovers.
closet bottom a gay man who acts and speaks to promote himself as "top" but actually prefers to be sexually passive.

Most graphic pickup line heard at the beach: "Do you like me, or do you have gonorrhea?"
Autumn in New York

Village. Christopher St. is packed with everything for everyone, from leather harnesses to Chi Chi furnishings. Contrary to what you might think, the people are friendly and cosmopolitan, the taxi drivers are honest, and the streets feel relatively safe for a big city.

Start your tour of the Village with a stop along the bike path that runs down the west side of Manhattan (pictured left). It's a pretty spot to enjoy the weather, which hovers around 75 degrees day and night this time of year with just enough of a breeze to take your mind off of the mild humidity.

Since I still think that the bars are the easiest way to learn about a city, I went barhopping. Tony, a local man, volunteered to be my tour guide and led me around Christopher St. We started at a great bar called Ty's, which like most NYC bars is tiny, about the size of Monster, a Village landmark. The Monster is perhaps the strangest gay bar I've ever been in; the top is a slightly funereal piano bar, the basement is a small but busy disco. We ended the evening at Splash, a disco in the Chelsea district (50 W. 17th St.) with a pool theme. As you can guess the go-go boys—alternately on stage showering or covering their semi-soft "diving boards with tiny towels—and the cheery bartenders extend the theme. Nice dancefloor, decent music, elegant lower bar.

When I'm bored, I hit the leather bars. I might mention that bars serve until 4 a.m., which means no one actually shows up until midnight. The Lure (409 W. 13th St.) was cavernous and an equally huge disappoint-

pointment—more of an Easter parade than anything else, although the uniforms were impressive. The Spike (120 11th Ave. on the Westside Hwy.) was at the opposite end of the "friendly" spectrum, although I would only recommend venturing into the leather curtained biker lounge in the rear if you feel like a grope. The Eagle (42 11th Ave.) just down the street is more relaxed and convivial, much like its S.F. counterpart.

My plane fare roundtrip from Monterey to Kennedy airport was $344. Cab fare between JFK and midtown Manhattan runs $35-42 and takes about 50 minutes. For more information, contact your local travel agent, or visit www.hx.com for the latest club info. —WK

World-Class Diving in Hawaii

Eco-Adventures offers a variety of options for gay travelers

Eco-Adventures, winner of the 1997 Reader's Choice Award from Rodale's Scuba Diving magazine, offers world-class diving experiences for experts and novices alike.

Located on the Kona Coast of the Big Island of Hawaii, Eco-Adventures takes advantage of the naturally clear waters surrounding Hawaii, which attract a variety of wildlife. One tour leads divers to a nighttime encounter with manta rays, another introduces them to the humpback whales that winter in the warm waters off of the island starting in October.

While not exclusively gay, Eco-Adventures makes a special effort to welcome gay men and women. Many of its regular customers come from the Bay Area and Central Coast.

For those who aren't yet certified, Eco-Adventures offers a 3-4 day open water certification course, which includes books, taxes, all gear, and a photo of your efforts. Private courses focusing on specific skills are also available, and more advanced lessons for rescue divers, medics, and dive-masters.

Eco-Adventures offers a variety of activities in addition to water sports, including hiking, biking, golfing, and horseback riding. Six-to-seven day packages are priced from $275 to $760 per person, depending on the number of activities included and hotel accommodations.

Eco-Adventures is also taking reservations for its "World Trips" vacations to Papua New Guinea (spring, 1998) and East Africa (fall, 1998). Both trips include two-day free diving packages in Hawaii.

For more information on Eco-Adventures, contact your local travel agent or call 800/329-7116, e-mail ecodive@ilhawaii.net.
Resisting Resistance

by Walt Senterfitt
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The following is an update from the International Workshop on HIV Drug Resistance, Treatment Strategies and Eradication held in St. Petersburg, Florida on June 25-29, 1997. This workshop brought together 200 leading HIV researchers in an intimate workshop setting, but thereby excluded many others and most PWA/HIVs, advocates and community journalists. However, excellent reports were prepared by several attendees and posted on the Internet (see reference for further information at the end of this article).

Introduction

Viral resistance to anti-HIV drugs is a topic which few of us understand very well, even as we are vaguely aware that it is of central importance to our daily lives and future prospects. This conference provided the best summary of our emerging knowledge in this area likely to be available in 1997, and also highlighted the critical need to take the burden of caring for HIV patients as a whole.

To help me, and I hope you, understand the topic better, I will start with a few definitions of key terms and concepts.

Viral resistance refers to the ability of a particular HIV type to continue to reproduce and infect new immune system cells even in the presence of antiviral drugs in the body. The opposite of resistance is sensitivity. If a virus type is sensitive to a drug, it means the drug or regimen stops that virus's reproduction and infection of new cells.

'Drug Failure' refers to when an antiviral drug or combination regimen does not work, at all or any longer, for the person taking them.

It is important to remember that not all failure is due to resistance. Some people may have trouble absorbing enough of the drug from the stomach to reach the bloodstream. Others may metabolize the antiviral drug more rapidly or completely than average, and thus not maintain a high enough concentrations in the bloodstream to control HIV replication. This enhanced metabolism is sometimes due to drug-drug interactions where one drug is metabolized by the pathway used by the other. Finally, since we all know that taking and tolerating these combinations is difficult, adherence or compliance problems can cause too little of the drugs or cocktails being in the bloodstream to keep HIV down.

The Big News from the Conference

The bad news first: evidence is piling up that many people develop generalized resistance to protease inhibitors as a class. Specific mutations associated with one protease inhibitor seem to easily develop in the presence of treatment to another, different protease inhibitor. Furthermore, some mutations develop that are more generally associated with the protease inhibitors than with 3TC and/or AZT. This may be a partial exception, though there was not enough experience and therefore not enough data from resistance studies with this newest class of drug to be sure. The good news is that, for the majority of people, a protease-containing combination is still working to prevent further immune system deterioration and illness.

18 Months and Holding

The standard for longevity is still being set by the combination of Crixivan (indinavir) plus 3TC plus AZT. These may well not be the best drugs, either individually or in combination, but this regimen has the best data, thanks to Merck's continuing study number 035, and thus is still the standard to which all other combinations are compared. More than 90% of the people originally enrolled on this three-drug therapy still had 'undetectable' viral loads (less than 500 copies/ml) after 70 weeks of treatment. These were people with fairly advanced infection (less than 200 CD4 cells) and considerable previous AZT experience, many showing genotypic evidence of resistance to AZT, but who had not previously taken any protease inhibitors.

This combination's potential was also reinforced by ACTG 320, which compared AZT/3TC/Crixivan to AZT/3TC/placebo. This group was more advanced, and had more previously viral experience (more than 1 year) than the group in Merck 035. The baseline average CD4 count in this group was 90, and viral load averaged over 100,000. At 40 weeks, the group getting Crixivan had an average increase in their CD4 count of 120, and 40% of them had an undetectable viral load. The study was stopped at that point in general use (Roche's HIV RNA-PCR test and Chiron's SDNA test) had detectable viral loads on more sensitive tests. That is, the majority of people on combination therapy in these studies had viral loads between 20 (the lowest level of HIV copies/ml any current test can measure) and 400-500 (the low limit of detection for the available assays).

In this category are many people who are doing very well, maintaining stable viral load measurements and steady increases in CD4 cells. But this category also contains a majority who may be in trouble, or who also the majority for whom this failure is due to viral drug resistance. Resistance develops more slowly in this range, understandably enough, but it does continue to develop.

Even in the most suppressed individuals, those with viral loads less than 20 copies/ml (a perhaps small) proportion of them were shown to have developed some resistant virus. "Drug Failure" refers to when an antiviral drug or combination regimen does not work, at all or any longer, for the person taking them. Many PWAs and their doctor have begun to use the tests for genotypic resistance available, at a high price, from some specialized commercial laboratories. For now, this appears to be a waste of money, and perhaps leads to misleading "high" or "false positive" tests. These findings mean everyone should be followed with the more sensitive tests as soon as practicable. It matters if your HIV replication is not 'highly suppressed' (under 400-500) or is "fully suppressed" (under 20), so the target for treatment should be the latter.

Resistance Assays: Not Ready For Prime Time

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What's the Best Information Source in the Meantime?

The good news is that the combination of CD4 count and pre-treatment or pre-change-in-treatment viral load, is the previous history of taking drugs known to be close in their resistance and, presumably, their long-term success of treatment. The combination of both is better than either used separately. Furthermore, the best additional data, especially for those who start with low CD4 and/or high viral load, is the previous history of taking antiviral drugs: which ones, how long, how effective and what problems occurred. For instance, one had a regimen that was considered impossible with all new drugs, and again, if possible, to change from one combination to a new one. Finally, if you are taking a drug regimen that is considered impossible with all new drugs, and again, if possible, to change from one combination to a new one. Finally, if you are taking a drug regimen that is considered impossible with all new drugs, and again, if possible, to change from one combination to a new one.

"Undetectable" Does Not Equal No Virus or No Resistance Developing

Several studies presented reinforced this point. The majority of people whose viral load is undetectable by the first generation viral load assays because of a clear survival advantage for the protease-containing regimen: only 6% of the Crixivan group had died in the first 40 weeks, compared to 11% in the AZT group. More surprisingly, the participants who did not do as well were those who, in general, started with lower CD4 counts and higher viral loads and/or had previous treatments previously prescribed for treatment. That is, the majority of people, a protease-containing combination is still working to prevent further immune system deterioration and illness.

Genotype & Phenotype Explained

With respect to resistance, different types of HIV are identified in two ways, known as genotype and phenotype. Genotype refers to the genetic makeup of the viral strain under discussion. Mutations from "wild type" or "pre-treatment" virus (what was in your body before you started treatment) can be described by the specific changes in the composition of the virus's genes. Certain mutations are associated with resistance to certain drugs.

Phenotype can be determined by doing sophisticated laboratory tests which determine the genetic makeup of the specific viral type. The easier and cheaper tests look just for the specific mutations previously identified which are thought to be associated with resistance. Phenotype refers to the behavior of the particular type of virus in the presence of a particular drug. Can it kill it? Can it mutate? Can it overcome the drug? This is really the bottom line, but is much harder to measure, requiring the culturing of the virus in the laboratory and testing the cultures with different concentrations of the antiviral drug. It was hoped that the genotype would accurately predict the phenotype, but this has turned out not to be the case. So, phenotypic resistance is an increased ability of HIV to replicate in the presence of a drug.

Jury Still Out On Possibility of Eradication

New data presented moved back the most optimistic time clock for the potential of eradicating HIV from the bodies of those who begin optimal treatment (whatever exactly that turns out to be) at the ideal time (very early in infection, probably). The reason stems from a finding mentioned by Drs. Ho and Markowitz in their updates at the 4th Retrospective Conference in Los Angeles in January: even when nearly all evidence of HIV has been eliminated, it seems to persist awhile in a smaller number of quiet or resting T-cells, in the form of "proviral DNA," or HIV's genetic material inserted into the nucleus of the infected cell. Just such cells are a tiny proportion of the total T-cell population (well under 1%) and are not making any new HIV. The two disquieting new facts are: 1) these last to not eliminate by natural attrition and cell death than previously believed, and 2) as long as they are there, they can at least under some circumstances rise up and start producing HIV, thus starting the whole damn business over again. Net result: the current countdown to the end of a new disease begins when treatment to eradication is fewer than 5 years.

For more information, see reports by Dr. Steven Deeks and Dr. William O'Brien on the Internet at http://hivinsite.ucsf.edu and http://www.healthhg.org. Edited reprint from the Being Alive Newsletter. Being Alive is an organization of 0F and F4P people living with HIV. For a subscription, call Tel - 213.667.3262, TDD - 213.661.7837; FAX - 213.667.3735. Website: www.mhn.com/~beingal/ They're really a great non-profit with the highest standards of HIV/AIDS reporting.
Commentary

The Dorothy Complex

Thoughts On Why So Many Gay Men Try So Hard To Be 14-year Old Girls

They are always late, they’re always broke, and when they’re not dishing someone outside of their clique they’re obsessed with what their friends think of them. They can’t muster an original thought so they rely on movies and magazines to tell them what to think, drink, eat, drive, wear, live, love, and do. They’re obsessed with their hair, with their figures, and with falling in love.

The fact that I can describe pubescent girls and many of the gay men I know with the same adjectives troubles me, as it should trouble our community.

Killing the Witch

I’m neither a sociologist or a social psychologist, but I do pay attention to what is going on around me. I realize that pointing these things out is fruitless, since no one changes once they are comfortable. This is meant to make you wince a little.

After waiting an hour or more for a dinner date to show, only to have him explain that he had trouble with his hair, felt asleep, or got a phone call and had to “chat with someone” he likes, I care more about my job than exhibiting similar behavior at a business dinner, or got a phone call and had to “chat with someone” he likes, I don’t use my being gay as an explanation; that is simple vanity. I’m neither a sociologist or a social psychologist, but I do pay attention to what is going on around me. I realize that pointing these things out is fruitless, since no one changes once they are comfortable. This is meant to make you wince a little.

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The easiest way to end this vicious cycle is to end your tolerance for this behavior. If someone is habitually late without calling to say they’ve been delayed, they should be left behind or not invited in the first place. Bitter queens should be ignored, or better yet left to face the prejudice of the youth culture they created and fed off of until their butts started to sag.

I suppose this sort of angry rhetoric is pointless, but of the hundreds of gay men I’ve dealt with, there are a few dozen that I would consider adults. I find this sad. There is a difference between playfulness and childishness. The perpetuation of childish (irresponsible) behavior needs to end with the current generation, and to some degree I think that is happening.

The gay men in the generation after mine seem to have already lived through their adolescence and not saved it up for their 30s. If anyone is to change the meaning of what it is to be “gay,” I’ll place my bets on the 20-somethings to create real change in this world. The generations of gay men who have lived in Monterey County thus far have done nothing. If we have to rely on drag queens to get things done in this town, I’ll support the drag queens.

Back to Kansas

As the gay community leaves its shell and begins to stand among other minority groups as an equal, we need to learn to act on the grand “vision” for gay equality bandied about so thoughtlessly. Before asking for “rights,” ask yourself what you have done to help someone other than yourself.

If nothing changes, we will lose—and rightly so—the respect of those many brave people who struggled, sacrificed and sometimes died for the rights we now so self-righteously flout.

-Men For Men

Moustaches and Wranglers

GWGM, 39, 5’10”, 158#, moustache, seeks CM, 30-45, light smoker, light drinker, and good kisser. Have a moustache and Wranglers, too, and you’re mine. I’m looking for a relationship, but enjoy dating. Prefer someone in Salinas or South County. (Respond to #040301)

Seeking soulmate in Santa Cruz

Cute guy, seeking WM, versatile, interested in exploring toys, fantasies. Physically, spiritually fit. Love, open-minded who also loves movies, music, and quiet nights together. Send letter and photo to George, 232 Darwin St., Santa Cruz, CA 95062. No Games.

23 y/o. Athletic, Fit Bisexual medical grad student moving to Monterey in late August. Seeking safe, secure, gay/bi male with similar interests and age to room with. Can help with rent. Serious replies only. (Respond to #040205)

Boys, Boys, Boys

Attractive GWM, 6’, 150#, loves to worship your young, slim, sleek form. Let my experience show you new pleasures in life, sexual and more. Send letter w/your desires and fantasies. Needing fulfilled, picture if possible. 18 and over. (Respond to #040304)

Women For Women

Sexy 39 y/o Woman Lesbian. Physical therapist would like to meet androgynous lesbian. The qualities and desire are kindness and integrity. Please be financially secure. My interests include cultural events walking, dancing, golfing. I would like to explore the Monterey area. (Respond to #040303)

New Arrival to Monterey Area

GWGF (young 40’s) hoping to meet that special lesbian who is somewhat fit, professional, fun-loving to enjoy conversations, dinners, tennis, long talks and walks, or just quiet evenings together getting to know each other or whatever you would like. If you are caring, honest, sensitive, and into living your life with your heart and head instead of by crystals, chaos, and hocus-pocus, please write to me. I’m a little shy (we all have our charms, don’t you know), but very caring, friendly, easy-going and a good listener. Sue would like to meet another woman interested in building a life together, through happy times and hard times, not into hopping around. If you’re this kind of woman, I’d love to hear from you! (Respond to #040302)

Looking for a GWF 50-65

Adventure, fun, laughs, travel, antique hunts to Native American pueblos. NS/ND. Love cats and parrots. (Respond to #040301)

ISO Coming Out Partner

Healthy, physically fit, Caucasian cross-dressing male, seeks dominant caucasian woman for friendship, companionship, support, and continued feminization including clothing selection, make-up, wigs. I am sincere and committed. (Respond to #040303)

Mail your responses to:
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Monterey, CA 93940

NEED A PLACE

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Monterey

GWF, 45 seeks housemate. Must be employed, mature, responsible, quiet, considerate and love animals. No drugs, smoke. Lovely area, view inc: w/D, fireplace, utilities except phone: $460/395-2907.

Del Rey Oaks

Room available for rent in three-bedroom Del Rey Oaks house. Quiet neighborhood, easy access to Highway 68 and 1, plenty of parking. Currently occupied by two GWM, 26 and 31. Rent is $400/month plus 1/3 utilities. For more information call 393-2578.

New Monterey

Room in great 3bdrm house. $450 a month, 1/3 utilities and deposit. Excellent deck & view. Must be reliable and responsible. Call Jorge or Michael, 648-0125.
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Eddie's

Tuesday's are women's pool tournament nights, Saturday's are transgender nights. Large dance floor with D.J.'s. Pool tables, games, friendly crowd. 2200 North Fremont, Monterey, 375-6116.

Franco's Noma Jean

Dancing, restaurant, full bar. Open Sat. 10:30 Monterey St., Castroville (near the Wells Fargo Bank), 633-2980.

Lighthouse Bar and Grill

Newly remodeled, pool table, hot snacks, beer boot on Sundays from 2 p.m. 281 Lighthouse Ave. in Monterey. 373-4330. Open daily from 5 to 2.

Men's Resources

Man to Man

Offering a venue for sex positive programs and events. Sponsor of Hot & Healthy safer sex parties, gay male outreach and education. Contact Craig Wendt at 772-4020.

Gay Men's Health Coalition

Providing information on local HIV issues, referrences. 649-2059.

Community Groups

Alcoholics Anonymous (AA)

Central Office, 373-5731 or 426-3874

ACLU for Monterey County

373-203 or 373-2003

BAYMEC

Lesbian & gay political organization. Call 999-2963.

Gay Teen Alliance

For teens. Call, e-mail, and questioning youth under age 25. 393-3547 in Monterey; 772-8200 in Salinas. Or visit our website.

Grand Cypress Empire

A non-profit fundraising organization benefiting local gay and AIDS agencies. 394-6966.

Integrity

Gay episcopal group. Call 483-3292.

Lesbian Alliance

A local group offering a variety of social activities. Call 393-3547 for updates on meetings.

Metropolitan Community Church

Worship: 10 a.m., Sundays, Marijana Hall with Jacqui Burns at the pulpit. Monterey at 408) 394-4442. mclean@geocities.com

Monteay Bay Bears

Social group open to all in Monterey/Salinas areas. PO Box 326, Monterey, CA 93942. (408) 392-1842 or (408) 646-5220. MontereyBay@freeserve.net

Miry. County Health Department

HIV testing and other services. 754-6112.

Monterey PFLAG

Parent's and friends of Lesbians and Gays. Meets the 4th Thursday of every month at Carmel. Call (408) 655-203 for info on meetings and speakers. Santa Cruz Chapel Church 411-6112.

The Paper

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HIV/AIDS Resources

Montgomery County AIDS Project

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John XXIII AIDS Ministry

Housing and other services for HIV+ folks. Michael Hall, 540 Lighthouse Ave., Monterey, 899-4257.

Red Ribbon Benefit Shop

Proceeds go to benefit those with HIV/AIDS. 485 Lighthouse Ave. Monterey. To donate or for more information: 646-7581.

Peninsula HIV+ Support Group

For men and women. Group meets every 2nd and 4th Tuesday at 7 p.m. at the Monterey County AIDS Project office in Seaside, 780 Hamilton, Call MACAP for more information at 394-4747.

Salinas HIV+ Support Group

Group meets twice a month in Salinas. Call the Monterey County AIDS Project office for more information at 772-4200.

Family, Friends, & Partners

Meet the 1st & 3rd Sun. of the month in Salinas at 7 p.m. Call Tom Seguino for location and more info 655-4290.

Moms for Moms

Support group for mothers of people with AIDS. Meets the 2nd & 4th Wed. of every month in Salinas at 7 p.m. Call 655-7377 or Joanne Henschel at 474-2226.

Pet Support Program

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At least 75% of the heterosexual male populace has the need to express their feminine personality. Thanks to bold people like Ed Wood, 'Sontec', Dennis Rodman, and many others, it is becoming more socially acceptable. For support, friendship, love, and cordial, crossdressing, in the Carmel area call Society for the Second Sex 626-6328

Flowering at the Blue Rose

For so many who are really gland, fingering, fingering, Blue Rose offers help to those really wanting to come out. No meetings, R.R. parties at safe location. Do you have a colony home? Lessons on how to become a transvestite. R.R. is actively bi, gay, erotic. Ages 30-60. Non-dressers can be fun too! Call Gayle 685-2309.

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