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Kicking the Tires of Gay Dating
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California Senate Committee Rejects Statewide DP Law

SACRAMENTO—A bill headed for the California Assembly that would have required state-contracted businesses to provide identical benefits to employees with domestic partners and those with married spouses was killed by a Senate Committee, the Associated Press reports. The bill was similar to San Francisco's benefits ordinance. 1270 San Francisco contractors now offer the benefits to their employees. Since the ordinance requires that companies comply in all of its locations throughout the U.S., approximately 642,757 employees now receive equal benefits.

Gay Marriage Case Appealed to Vermont Supreme Court

Reuters reports three gay couples filed an appeal with Vermont's Supreme Court after their applications for licenses to marry were rejected. The lawsuit puts the state of Vermont in the forefront of the national debate over lesbian and gay marriage.

High Court Issues Decision on 'Full Faith' Dispute

The Supreme Court issued a unanimous ruling on Tuesday resolving a dispute between a Michigan court and a Missouri court in a product liability suit closely watched by gay and lesbian marriage rights advocates.

First Lesbian Couple Weds in Amsterdam

Reuters reports Irma van Praag and Anna Kreuger became the Netherlands' first lesbian couple to wed under the country's new marriage law which went into effect on January 1.

Community Alert

Alleged Hate Crime Trial Set for Jan. 28th

The trial of alleged gay bashers Jason Soboleski and Johnathan Maxon will be held January 28th in Superior Court, Part 1 (240 Church St.) in Salinas at 8 a.m. The two stand charged with a misdemeanor and two felony counts, one of which is a hate crime. Judge John Phillips will preside over the trial and make a ruling on the case. The defendants have opted for a non-jury trial.

Soboleski and Maxon were charged with allegedly attacking a gay man in Monterey August 15th on Lighthouse Ave. between two of Monterey's gay bars.

A full report on the outcome of the trial will be posted at the gay bars in Monterey and on Monterey's Gay Website (www.mbay.net/~wes/monterey).
There are those for whom it is effortless, after all. Those who struggle, who give up and marry their homes (or choose dog ownership). The gay dating ritual is bane to some, boon for others.

In this issue, we try to make sense of the local dating scene. We offer a sampling of what local singles are looking for. Ships bring more to those who choose to have them now that the community needs to exercise that option. How can we continue to protest for equality when we refuse to take advantage of such numbers as to ensure greater friendly fire? We can only engage in sexual discrimination in this manner to achieve our goals, both long-term and short-term.

The Other Side of the Mountain

Nothing makes me appreciate the charms of Monterey life more than a trip to California's central valley. I often characterize San Jose as the quintessential Valley. As well-provoking as it is, the commute to and from the city is at times overwhelming. However, this year, I did a weekend trip to check out the gay scene in King City, hometown of Bob Eubanks' Single Scoop. The Paper was a former sponsor to the club, and I was impressed by the energy and enthusiasm of the local singles. The Paper plans to continue to support the gay community in this way.

The Asian Thing

I recently traveled to Club Asia in San Francisco to spend an afternoon with the gay Asian community. As in the straight world, gay Asians often find themselves as a minority among minorities. They begin to identify and blend with whatever the dominant culture is. Witness their assimilation into the gay community, which has divided the gay Asian community for many years. The work of groups such as Gay Asian Pacific Alliance (GAPA) which will celebrate its 10th anniversary in February endorses the idea of a true diversification of our culture and promotes a gay Asian community that is free from discrimination and prejudice.

Letters

Assemblyman Keeley Reviews the Gay Year in State Politics

Dear Wes Kashigaw,

As a resident of the Monterey Bay area, I know that issues such as discrimination and equal rights for gays, lesbians, and bisexuals are quite important to you. For this reason, I thought you would be interested in hearing of the results of a bill related to the gay, lesbian, and bisexual community that was debated this past year in the state California State Assembly.

There were many more members elected to the legislature that are truly concerned about sexual orientation discrimination. This year, many of these members introduced bills that would protect gays, lesbians, and bisexuals from discrimination in school, at work, and in housing.

One such bill was a measure which I authored, Assembly Bill 492. This bill would have allowed persons alleging discrimination based on sexual orientation to have access to the same protection afforded to them under the Fair Employment and Housing Act (FEHA). Currently, the statute of limitations for sexual orientation discrimination is only 30 days. This bill was defeated on the Assembly floor on a vote of 36 to 60.

Two other bills dealing with sexual orientation discrimination were also defeated this year. The first Assembly Bill 151, authored by Assembly Member Sheila Kuehl, would prohibit sexual orientation discrimination in employment. The bill was defeated on the Assembly floor also on a vote of 36 to 60. The other bill, Assembly Bill 257, authored by Assembly Member Antonio Villaraigosa, would have made it safer for gay people to come out in the workplace and pointed out that sexual orientation discrimination is the same level of legal standing as all other forms of discrimination.

For one, we were able to defeat a state version of the Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA), authored by Assembly Member Dovis and Assembly Bill 800, which would have allowed California to only recognize marriages that occur outside the state if they are between heterosexual couples. This year, in its final Senate committee, the Judiciary Committee, of which I am a member.

The other piece of good news is that Assembly Bill 151 was defeated. This is a measure authored by Assembly Member Cale Mondere. It is a two-year bill, thus, it will have to have a chance to make it through the process next year. This bill would require that a health care service plan offer the same benefits to a domestic partner that it would offer to other dependents.

I hope that this information has been helpful to your input and advice is very important to me. Please feel free to contact me to state your opinions or comments.

Sincerely,

REP. FRED KEELLEY
72nd Assembly District
http://www.assembly.ca.gov/demotech/members/a27/}

Domestic Partner Benefits

Editor,

Thank you for the article on domestic partner benefits in MoCo. Many local public agencies now do not offer an employee benefit to any employees of any gender or sexual orientation because they have been requested. At the same time, these agencies do not prohibit discrimination based on sexual orientation in their hiring and firing policies. Because of the cultural and institutional resistance to "non-heteronormativity," many lesbians, gay, bisexual and transgender employees are not included in the protections. This makes it difficult to feel safe requesting benefits. Explaining that there are no benefits because no one asked is like saying there might be no soup for the poor because no one asked to look for it at the gate of a minefield.

Many public agencies in Monterey County can and should change all applicable policies to explicitly prohibit all discrimination based on sexual orientation. Domestic partner benefits may carry some social fiscal consideration, but modifying policies is free, easy, and a good example, a strong next step toward equality.

I'm also happy to report that my employer has recently announced that sustainable initiatives to reduce emissions and innovation policy and addition of domestic partner benefits nationwide as of January 1, 1998. The company employs well over a hundred people in Monterey County and over 100,000 worldwide. They made these changes to stay competitive and maintain their employees. Local government and agencies should do the same.

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Errata List

While The Paper always attempts to provide accurate and timely reporting of the news, sometimes we make mistakes. The following errors were made in the Nov/Dec 1997 issue.

The write-up on the Gay Men's Chorus performance included a photo caption which misidentified the president of John XXIII's Board of Directors. Her name is Jeri Ann Shapiro, and she is a truly remarkable woman.

A sentence in someone's article on Disneyland, he reported that the "Alien Encounters" thrill show had not yet opened at Disneyland. The attraction opened in October, 1997.

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Events Raise Funds for '98 Monterey Gay Pride Festival

The Pride of Monterey County (PriMoCo) organization, which just received its non-profit status, will hold its second fundraiser for 1998's gay pride festival on Sunday, February 22nd at the After Dark nightclub.

PriMoCo held its first fundraiser in December. The well-attended drag show was emceed by Brad Harlan, president of the organization, and Bernice LaBelle aka Ricardo Bernie, who also performed. The event raised several hundred dollars which will go towards this year's pride festival, which is scheduled for June 20th at the Senior Center on Lighthouse Ave. in New Monterey. The pride march will also have a new route.

At the performance, Miss LaBelle joked that, as promised, the event started on time—which she explained must be a first in drag history. Four performers collected tips from the audience that were then donated to PriMoCo.

For more information on this year's pride events or how to get involved in the planning process, call Brad Harlan at 655-2045.

CSUMB Gay Group Commemorates World AIDS Day Cemetery

A ceremony in recognition of World AIDS Day was held on the California State University Monterey Bay campus December 1. All in the Family, CSUMB's gay student and faculty organization, produced the event.

Students held a die-in on the CSUMB campus quad. Tombstones marked with the names of those who have died of AIDS were erected over the quad's lawn.

UC Santa Cruz Names New Gay Resources Director

Local author and therapist Deborah Abbott has been named the director of UC Santa Cruz's Gay Resources Center, Abbott.

Abbott is the well-known author of the book "From Wedded Wife to Lesbian Life" and has been active in Santa Cruz gay activities for several years.

Grande Cypress Spreads Joy and Checks

In keeping with the holiday spirit, the Grande Cypress Empire of Monterey County threw a fundraiser to help local non-profit agencies. The "Just a Christmas Party: the 3rd Annual Toy Soldier Ball" raised $619 to help buy Christmas presents for children affected and infected with HIV.

Over $3,500 was distributed to non-profit organizations at the event. Recipients include the Monterey County AIDS Project, John XXIII AIDS Ministry, Santa Cruz AIDS Project, Special Olympics of Monterey County, Special Olympics of Stanislaus County, Pride of Monterey County, and the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual & Transgendered Community Center of Santa Cruz. The Manifesto, the Santa Cruz gay newspaper received a grant earlier this year.

NCBI Holds Queer Workshop Feb. 22

The National Coalition Building Institute is sponsoring a Building Community Workshop for Lesbians, Gays, Bisexuals and Transgenders on Sunday, February 1, from 9:00am to 4:00pm ($30 registration) at Robert Down Elementary School, 485 Pine Avenue, in Pacific Grove. Bagels and refreshments will be provided.

Suggested donation is on a sliding scale from $15 to $50, based on ability to pay. Please pre-register, if possible, by Wednesday, January 28. Checks can be made out to NCBI Monterey, and sent to NCBI, 177 Webster Street, #A370, Monterey, CA 93940. Questions? Please contact Kate at 394-0462 or Matt at 899-2263.

Gay Men’s Chorus Performs at Super Bowl

Gay men and football have been closely linked this past season, and now the San Diego Gay Men’s Chorus will become the first out gay performing group to perform for the Super Bowl re-show.
AOL Profile Used By Navy to Oust Sailor

A sailor aboard a nuclear submarine has had to defend his right to privacy under the "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy after America Online (AOL) provided Navy investigators with his identity.

According to reports from GLAAD, The New York Times, and other sources, Senior Chief petty Officer Timothy R. McVeigh, 35, of Pearl Harbor listed "gay" under marital status in his AOL member profile. After Navy officials learned McVeigh's identity from AOL, the Chief of Naval Personnel approved discharge within 10 days, and the case (as of the time we go to press) is in appeal in U.S. District Court.

AOL admitted its wrongdoing in February 6-8 on the UC Santa Cruz campus. The conference aims to critically address issues facing students, staff and faculty at all levels of the UC campuses, hospitals and labs. Further, the conference theme addresses the very personal concerns of coming out, exposure of our inner-selves to build intimate relationships, and exposure of our "hidden communities", i.e., racially diverse populations, transgender persons and multiple religious groups.

Gay educators have traditionally been afraid to come out of the closet because of fear of backlash from their employers. GLSEN (pronounced "glisten") is a national, non-profit organization that hopes to change that.

The Lesbian Alliance

"The Newsletter is a forum for a visible lesbian community which is social, supportive and empowering, encouraging action, freedom of expression and connection for Monterey County."

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UC Santa Cruz Hosts Queer Conference

Exposed!, the 9th Annual University of California Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender Association Conference and General Assembly will be held February 6-8 on the UC Santa Cruz campus.

The conference aims to critically address Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgendered issues facing students, staff and faculty at all levels of the UC campuses, hospitals and labs. Further, the conference theme addresses the very personal concerns of coming out, exposure of our inner-selves to build intimate relationships, and exposure of our "hidden communities", i.e., racially diverse populations, transgender persons and multiple religious groups.

Speakers and performers include Annie Sprinkle; Elizabeth Birch, Executive Director, Human Rights Campaign; Kerry Lobel, Executive Director, National Gay and Lesbian Task Force; comediene Marga Gomez; and Tomás Almagaer, Professor, American Culture and Sociology, University of Michigan.

A "Safer Sextravaganza!" dance will be held February 8 evening presented with UCSC's HIV Prevention/Education.

Visit http://www.porter.ucsc.edu/Exposed! for a complete schedule, registration information, and a complete list of events and speakers.
Who was Sal Mineo?
by David Blanco

Who was Sal Mineo? On the evening of February 12, 1976, a resident of a West Hollywood apartment building heard someone in the street crying out for help. Hurrying downstairs, the man found actor Sal Mineo bleeding to death from stab wounds, the victim of a bungled robbery attempt. In a sad twist of fate, Mineo's life ended just as he was beginning to reconcile his homosexuality with his career.

Background
The child of Sicilian immigrants, Mineo was born in the Bronx in 1939. He was a tough kid from parochial school for being a troublemaker. He subsequently joined a street gang and by the age of 10 was taking part in robberies. Trying to keep him off the street, his mother enrolled him in dance and acting classes, where Mineo immediately shone. In acting school, an agent spotted the 11-year-old's potential and cast him in the Broadway run of Tennessee Williams' play, "The Rose Tattoo."

Mineo appeared in Williams' play for over a year, then took the role of the young prince in Tennessee Williams's play, "The King and I," opposite Yul Brynner and Gertrude Lawrence. With those impressive performances, he was set up for ethnic typecasting. In Hollywood, his dark Italian features immediately shone, where Mineo immediately shone. In acting school, an agent spotted the 11-year-old's potential and cast him in the Broadway run of Tennessee Williams' play, "The Rose Tattoo."

In subsequent films during the 1950s, like "Rebel Without a Cause," the character played by Natalie Wood. When at 20 he launched a brief career as a rock 'n' roll singer, Mineo's first song, "Start Movin,'" stayed in the Top 40 for 13 weeks and eventually went gold.

After The Face Faded
Mineo got a chance at a few meatier film roles as he entered his twenties. In 1959, his performance as jazz drummer Gene Krupa was a critical success. The following year, Mineo's portrayal of a young Auschwitz survivor in Exodus with Paul Newman and Eva Marie Saint garnered him a second Oscar nomination.

Coming Out
Several factors worked against Mineo in Hollywood. His dark Italian features immediately set him up for ethnic typecasting. In addition, Mineo talked openly about his homosexuality. Commenting on the death of his Rebel Without a Cause co-star, James Dean, in a car crash, Mineo was quoted as saying, "We never became lovers, but we could have—like that." He also admitted, "I like them all—men, I mean," though he added, "and a few chicks now and then."

When his film career waned, Mineo took sporadic television roles but found greater success back on the stage. He directed the Los Angeles and New York productions of "Fortune and Men's Eyes," the John Hubert play about homosexuality behind prison bars. Mineo also appeared in a San Francisco production of "F.S. Your Cat Is Dead" as a bisexual cat burglar. He was set to reprise that role in Los Angeles, but it was on his way home from rehearsal that he was fatally stabbed.

Mystery Becomes History
Rumors flew about Mineo's murder, all of them suggesting that to live as a gay man was too court danger. The most widespread story was that he was killed by a hustler he had brought home for sadomasochistic games, but in fact, he was murdered by a stranger who was attempting to rob him. Mineo's assailant was arrested, convicted, and sentenced to life imprisonment in 1979. The teen idol and two-time Oscar nominee left an estate of only $8,500.

But with his teen years and baby-face looks behind him, the good roles began to dry up for Mineo. In the mid-1960s, Mineo observed that he was "on the industry's weirdo list," offered roles mostly as psychotics in forgettable films like "Who Killed Teddy Bear?" In 1971, he played his last movie role in "Escape from the Planet of the Apes" as an ape.

There are tips on physical and mental health, coming out, not coming out, religion, marriage and relationships, and more sex advice than you can shake a stick at. The Paper highly recommends it for even the most self-assured homosexual man.

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Standard Equipment vs. Accessories:
The Paper asked local singles what were five things a significant other MUST have ("standard equipment") and what five things would the LIKE to have ("accessories").

Sini Man, 32, Pacific Grove
Standard Equipment
• Self-esteem
• Independence
• In-your-face honesty
• A job
• Good sense of humor
• Likes sex
• Older than 26

Accessories
• Eyes you can't stop looking at
• Someone who is going to love me for me
• Someone who is not self-centered
• Someone who pushes the limits, not necessarily sexually
• Someone who doesn't use too much teeth

Sue De Graw, 37, Monterey
Standard Equipment
• Mental stability
• A job
• Good sense of humor
• Likes sex
• Older than 26

Accessories
• Likes to sail
• Computer literate and likes to read
• Willing to give & receive massages
• Likes to play video games or pinball
• Dark hair

Tim Laizure, 32, Seaside
Standard Equipment
• Sense of humor
• Outgoing
• Emotionally stable
• Adventurous; open to new experiences

Accessories
• Financially stable
• Likes my style
• Spontaneous
• Within 5+ years of my age
• Likes cats

Morris Neer, 29
Standard Equipment
• Physical attraction
• Enjoys being happy; takes advantage of what he has no matter what it is
• Shared interests
• Spontaneity
• Cuddling ability

Accessories
• Someone who understands my jokes
• Someone I can have fun with even on a rainy day
• Eyes you can't stop looking at
• Someone who pushes the limits, not necessarily sexually
• Someone who doesn't use too much teeth

Chris Conley, 21, Salinas
Standard Equipment
• Honesty
• Sense of humor
• Sense of style
• A car
• Outgoing attitude

Accessories
• Kindness and compassion
• Decency
• Responsible
• Someone who is not self-centered
• Someone who is going to love me for me


Restaurant Reviews
That first date over coffee went well, and you want to take Ms. or Mr. Right out for dinner. Here are some options from The Paper's restaurant critic (who has a habit of measuring everything by the quality of the duck).

$ = Easy on the pocketbook
$$ = Stop at the ATM first
$$$ = Bring a credit card

Monterey

Bullring ($) English pub and burger joint. The former Peacock Cafe expands its menu across the Atlantic. Great late night specials by far the best burgers in town. Order the bangers if you must. Impressive beer selection. No duck.


Chong's ($) "Chinese". Bleed.

Ferranti's ($$$) Italian. The view sells the food; the food sells the drinks. Surprisingly bad considering the generally good fare from the Marriott catering kitchen. Appetizers looked microwaved. We didn't even look for duck.


Great Wall ($-$-$) Chinese. An excellent selection of most Cantonese items with few weaknesses. Conveniently located. Okay piking duck (Beijing is in the wheat belt). Are we just ordering wrong or doesn't anyone serve steamed buns?*

Ichiban ($) Japanese. Monkey selection. Probably the closest you can get to eating dinner with a whorish pal's family. Decent sushi bar. No duck.

The Loose Noodle ($) Italian. Full dinners are the best bang in town for casual dining in a charming space. Awesome minestrone, and any restaurant that uses pimientos on a house salad gets our vote. Excellent spot for a weekday dinner with service from the most fabulous waitress in town. No duck.

Montreux ($$$) California Grill. Definitely excellent food, outstanding wine list, top-notch service. Try to get a table towards the front of the restaurant since noise level can be high. Reservations recommended. Excellent duck.

Patty's Cafe ($) Mexican. The only restaurant sharing the block with two of Monterey's gay bars, so The Paper stiffs fuel there often. New owners have kept most of the standard Mexican menu, including a selection of seafood. Decent chile verde. Very friendly waitstaff. Excellent for takeout and it's open until 10! No duck.


Siamese Bay ($) Thai. A favorite among locals. Friendly waitstaff. Lunch buffet, although I recommend a la carte. Angel wings and chicken dishes are superior. No duck.


Tarpy's Roadhouse ($$$) California Grill. Fabulous surroundings and excellent grilled means. Nice selection of specials, which will be explained at great length by the attentive waitstaff. If you want to impress a date, take them here. Patio is the place for lunch on sunny days, although low-flying airplanes do not sound pleasant noises. Good duck confit at lunch, excellent roast duck at dinner.

Trattoria Paradiso ($) Italian seafood. Our vote for the best Italian AND seafood in town. Fabulous fish specials and consistently excellent pasta dishes. Ask for a window if dining before dusk.


Tropical Cafe ($) The coolest spot for a late breakfast or lunch. It's a warm and windless day, ask to sit our back "on the beach" in the giant sandbox. Interesting breakfast/lunch menu. No duck.

Whaling Station ($$$) Steaks and seafood. Remodel last year was worth it. Fresh appetizers give way to excellent and size queen-worthy steaks; seafood is inconsistent. No duck.

Pacific Grove


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Fandango ($$-$$$) Excellent continental fare with an extensive wine selection. Tiny dining room so reservations strongly recommended. Request a window seat if you plan on dining before sunset. Excellent duck.

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or many gay women and men, going out on a date can seem like an alien encounter (including the Sigourney Weaver variety). • Since most gay people over 30 generally weren’t out in high school, they either learned the rituals of courtship by faking their way through dates with the opposite sex or through the media, neither of which applies well to the real world. • Dating has always played an important role in gay life. It’s the time to see if the person you were dazzled by at a party, on a dancefloor, or across a crowded checkout line is really the person with whom you want to share your life. • We’ve fashioned our look at dating after car shopping, since we’ve noted that many singles will invest more time researching and test driving their next Toyota than their next lover (see sidebar “Buy or Lease?”). The difference may be, as an observer wryly noted, that until gay marriages are legalized an auto may be, as an observer wryly noted, that until gay marriages are legalized an auto

**Thai Bistro II ($-$$) Thai. Great food and friendly waitstaff. Patio is a good choice for lunch on a sunny, windless day. Very nice mustard sauce. No duck.

**Goodies ($) Deli. By far the best lunch counter on the Peninsula. Wide range of salads and sandwiches, hot and cold. Outside deck. No duck.

**Seaside

Cavanaugh’s ($$) Steakhouse. Great grilled meats in a no-frills atmosphere. A family-oriented place, so expect to share the dining room with kids (not that it’s a bad thing). No duck.

**Fishville ($-$$) Restaurant and counter. Interesting selection of grilled and fried seafood (they love champagne and salad). Busy at lunchtime. No duck.

**Nancy’s Cafe ($) American Diner. Occasional hangout for KSBW newsies. Decent shepherd’s pie, impressive beer selection. No duck.

**Highlands Inn ($$$) California. The view, the food, the presentation, although appetizers can be daring in all the wrong ways. Okay duck.

**Acting Luso Swiss Bistro ($$$)$ Swiss. A treasure hidden in the no-frills style of the Bay Area. The sausages are surprisingly deli- ciate and the spatzli is, well, spatzli. Skip the fondue or raclette unless you’re sure your date shares your love of kitsch in the back; it’s Siberia. No duck.

**King City

Keefers ($-$$) Seafood and American. Surprisingly good food and products from Brazil if you visit. No duck.

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First Awakenings ($) Breakfast. The Salinas version of the popular breakfast entree. Nice selection of omelettes and crepes, served with your own pot o’ joe. Can be crowded weekends. No duck.

**The Penny Farthing Pub ($) Stranger for Salinas but charming interior, often filled with unsuspecting butch eye candy or KSW newsies. Decent shepherd’s pie, impressive beer selection. No duck.

**Seabrook House ($) Menu changes daily. Historic space and outside. Excellent fish specials, attentive and motherly waitstaff. Try the pink bean soup for a taste of local produce.

**Susan Frawley, 34, Monterey

Standard Equipment • House • Sense of humor • Intelligent • Good-looking

**Kameran Rouselle, 33, Pacific Grove

Standard Equipment • Honesty • Loyalty and fidelity • Sense of adventure • Well-rounded in their interests

**Paula Martinez, 31, Monterey

Standard Equipment • Intelligence • Good sense of humor • Someone who is very patient • Independent • Good sense of themselves

**Accessories • Attractive • Financial independent • Active in the community • A professional • Someone not too much taller than me

**Accessories • Looks • Cars • Open mind • Sense of humor • Quirky and rugged (someone who IS the Eddie Bauer man)

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A Name We Call Ourselves

As Mrs. Olson might have said, "When gay people can't put down a book about gay life, it must good to the last drop." Mrs. Olson isn't mentioned in When Drag is not a Car Race (Simon & Schuster, $8.95) by Jeff Fessler and Karen Rauch, but I've seen drag queens who do her honor, honey.

Sailing the Argot

The many ways we say things by not saying things are covered by Fessler and Rauch from A-Z, a difficult task considering gay people love to coin new terms for the people and things in their lives. Relationship terms, fashion terms, cruising terms, bar terms, and drag terms all receive their own chapters.

Two gender specific sections round out the small volume. Fessler created illustrations which alternately lampoon and clarify terms like "B&D dyke" (that's "B&D" as in "Black & Decker").

This charming little paperback contains enough gayspeak to surprise even the biggest consumers of gay pop culture. Examples that the editors at The Paper have never heard before include the following: "broom in a cave," "prefers stuffing instead of potatoes," "lesberado," and the provocative "change purse."

Define Me, Confine Me

Omissions include my favorite definition for "flaming" which is simply "anyone more effeminate than you." Also mysteriously missing are "fuck buddy," "drama queen," or any mention of persistent racist terms for ethnic minorities unfortunately still in common use.

The gay community's Daniel Webster has yet to rise. Say "lover" and you'll get as many definitions as respondents. Perhaps Fessler and Rauch's next book will bring the same wry commentary to standard usage.
January

Sun, 17
James Bond Collection Reception
A reception to open the exhibit of James Bond memorabilia, the largest collection west of the Mississippi. 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Cannery Row Antiques Mall, 471 Wave St. in Monterey, 2nd floor at the rear of the Hgk. The exhibit is free to the public and will run until Feb. 18. For hours, 408/655-0264.

Dancing at Franco's Norma Jean
The only gay danceclub between Monterey and Santa Cruz. Join your gay sisters and brothers from North County on one of the hottest dancefloors on the Central Coast. Cover $5. 10639 Merritt St., Castroville (near the Wells Fargo ATM). BMWCA P.O. Box 1482. E-mail MontereyBayBears@usa.net.

Mon, 19
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.

Sun, 25
Beer Bust at the LB&G
Every Sunday. The best place in Monterey to relax on a Sunday afternoon. Pool tables and a huge TV for everything from football to “Ellen.” From 2 p.m. to closing. At the Lighthouse Bar & Grill, 281 Lighthouse Ave., Monterey, 373-4488.

Tues, 27
Monterey PFLAG Monthly Meeting
Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays. Meet the 4th Tuesday of every month in Carmel. Call (408) 655-655-FLAG for info on meetings and speakers. Santa Cruz Chapter 662-4780.

Wed, 28
Hate Crime Trial
The Superior Court hearing for the alleged Monterey gay bashing last August. Superior Court, Part 1 (240 Church St) in Salinas at 8 a.m. Presiding Judge John Phillips.

Fri, 30
Free Pool Night at the LB&G
Free pool every Friday at the Lighthouse Bar & Grill, 281 Lighthouse Ave., Monterey, 373-4488.

February

Sun, 1
Beer Bust at the LB&G
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NCBL Workshop
The National Coalition Building Institute holds a workshop on lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender issues. 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Suggested donation $50-$150. Enroll by Jan. 28th. Info: Kate at 394-0462 or Matt 899-2263.

Gay Coffee Chat at Morgan's
A very informal gay gathering spot for those who want a break from the bars. Very popular with local men and women, and an excellent way to meet people you normally don't see out. At Morgan's Coffee and Tea, 498 Washington in Monterey. Starts around 7 p.m.

Ally McNeal at the After Dark
Watch America's Gen-X sweetheart with your favorite local homosexuals. At the After Dark Backlot (around back behind the main bar), 214 Lighthouse Ave Monterey, 373-7828.

March

Thur, 5
MCAP Companion/Client Service Volunteer Mtg.
At the Monterey County AIDS Project's Soderno office. 790 Hamilton & Fremont. Information on the meeting or becoming a volunteer call John Hamilton 772-8022.

Fri, 6
Monterey Bay Bear Meeting
One of the most active gay social organizations in Monterey County and growing every month. Open to all. Potluck meetings are in Seaside. Call Bruce or Tex at (408) 392-1452. E-mail MontereyBayBear@aol.com.

Mon, 9
PPN Meeting
Join the largest gay organization on the Central Coast for informative speakers and refreshments at the homes of other members. Call Del or Donn at 659-2446 for time and location.

Wed, 11
TV Nite at the LB&G
Watch “’till Rock from the Sun”, “Dharma & Greg”, and “Ellen.” Starts at 8 p.m. At the Lighthouse Bar & Grill, 281 Lighthouse Ave., Monterey, 373-4488.

Thur, 12
“Is There a Comic in the House?”

Fri, 13
Free Pool Night at the LB&G
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Sat, 14
Valentine's Day
The day to remember why you're with the one you love. Franco's Valentine's Day Party Dining room open. Call for reservations. 408/373-4488.

Eddie's Sweetheart Party
A night for the women and one heck of a rib special.

AOL Night in Monterey
If you would like your events publicized, please send them to The Paper by March 2nd, 1998.

April

Fri, 18
AOL Night in Monterey
If their profile is as good as theirs, I'm sure they would be "a guy" of interest. For info on the community and beyond. KUSP 88.9 FM

Sun, 1
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Mon, 2
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. Call 655-3756 or e-mail wes@mbay.net. If you need help or ideas, the theme for the next issue hasn't been decided. We are still particularly interested in lesbian-themed new articles, anything involving community activities, and the ever-popular news section.

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Community Calendar
Gay Happenings on the Central Coast

Queer Radio
Radio Q/Talk of the Bay
Monday, 6-8 p.m. Interview and news for the gay community and beyond. KUSP 88.9 FM

This Way Out
Tuesday, 12:30 p.m. International gay and lesbian news. KUSP 88.9 FM

Religious Services

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

Lavender Road Metropolitan Community Church
Services held Sunday, 10 a.m. at Mariposa Hall, 801 Lighthouse Ave in Monterey. In Santa Cruz, Grace United Methodist Church, 1024 Sequoia Ave. at 5 p.m. Call Rev. Jean Hart at 408/459-8442. PO Box 1764, Santa Cruz, CA 95060. lrmecc@gosites.com

Integrity (Gay Episcopalians)
An updated listing of local Episcopalian churches that are gay-friendly is now available. Call 408-2326 for a copy.

St. Matthias Episcopal Church
A "house of prayer for all people," Gay-friendly congregation. Sundays Holy Eucharist at 10 a.m. 1092 Noche Buena at Kimball, Seaside. 408/394-7174.

Sunday's BEER BUST
Domestic TAP BEER
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LIGHTHOUSE Bar & Grill
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Mon-Fri 5 p.m. to 2 a.m.
Sat-Sun 2 p.m. to 2 a.m.
Marsha Olson

By Marsha Olson

It seems these days communication between friends, boyfriends, girlfriends, family and co-workers is disappearing. By not communicating how we feel, we become distanced or get other feelings confused and in the end create animosities among ourselves and those we deal with and truly care about. It is especially difficult for those individuals who are very close to their friends. It's always hard to express how we feel when you care about someone because you love the, in turn making you angry. Sometimes simple explanations will solve a fight, dispute or misunderstanding and in the end you'll feel more comfortable and there won't be any "bad vibes."

Most of the time we detract from saying what's on our minds because we want to ignore the fact that something is wrong and we want to pretend that everything is okay when it really isn't, but there are solutions. If you work with someone and find you can't stand him or her, let that person know what you don't like, whether it's their actions, attitude or treatment.

Tell the other person how you feel and in turn that person may have the same feelings and can possibly work things out. If there is no resolving the problem, just move on and do what you need to do for yourself because it's a New Year and this is your year for resolution which will lead you to peace and happiness in your life. As for your real close friends, you boyfriend, girlfriend, and family, just talk—if you avoid a problem or situation it will eat you up inside until one day you'll explode!

Remember, if you don't communicate, you will never know what's really going on, and you may lose important people in your life. Nobody can make you a better person but yourself, and if you invested a lot of your time and life to another don't waste it. Life is unpredictable... you could be here one day and gone the next. A lot of times, we don't take time out to say thank you.

When you're dealing with family and those you are close to, simple hugs, hellos, phone calls, and I love you can make all the difference. If situations become too difficult to solve or you find you can't cope or things get worse, there are local community groups and counseling available and there are people who can help.

Have a Happy New Year!

S.F. DANCE REPORT  •  CLUB ASIA GETS STICKY

Asia Major

by Bruce D. Oshiri
Contribution Writer

Gay Asian men in San Francisco have traded in their cultural reserve, slipped on day-glo go-go boots, and started a dance club of their own. Club Asia (174 King St. between 2nd & 3rd) isn't no rice bar.

The Feel of It

It's always startling to walk into a club and not be the only Asian in the place. What you'll find at Asia are 300-400 slim, young, short, and mostly sober men (this was one of the few times I've been out in The City where half the dance floor wasn't strung out). As with most dance clubs, the age range is from 20s to mid-30s with a few 40s and 50s sprinkled in. What few non-Asians there were fall into the same age range, with only a few miso queens.

The crowd is friendly, although we don't take out to singing anything other than another Asian. More information on these clubs in future issues.
MUSIC REVIEW

The House of “L”

One of the most frequent questions asked of DJs has always been “Hey, that was a great song. What’s it called?” This is usually asked while the DJ is spinning or after the club has closed (with the person humming the tune for the DJ to decipher). Since finding most House records you hear in clubs is a difficult task in this area, don’t hesitate to ask. However, please respect your friendly neighborhood DJ by not interrupting his groove in the middle of the mix. Here’s a list of my 10 favorite cuts of the last year or so. These are songs that still have the children twirling in San Francisco clubs like Anthem, The Endup, Universe, the Box and Pleasuredome. You can also hear them at Monterey’s own After Dark Thursdays through Sundays, 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. (no cover charge on Sundays, $3 Thursday to Saturday). Enjoy and keep on dancing!

Larry’s Top 10 Favorite Trax

1. To Be In Love - MAW
2. Together Again (Tony Humphrise Dub) - Janet
3. C-Line Woman - The People Movers
4. Turn Me Out (Turn to Sugar) - Praxis/Kathy Brown
5. Sing a Song - Byron Stingily
6. Free (Mood to Swing Mix) - Ultra
7. Butterfly (Fly Away Dave Morales Mix) - Mariah Carey
8. What A Sensation - Keniou 3
9. Stand Up (Narcotic Mix) - Lovetribe
10. Run To You - Joi Cardwell

MCAP Monterey County AIDS Project

Employment Opportunities

The Monterey County AIDS Project (MCAP), a non-profit/community-based organization providing education and support services to the diverse populations of Monterey County, is seeking qualified applicants for the following full-time positions with benefits:

- Finance Director
- Program Director
- Client Services Director
- HIV Counselor, Bilingual Spanish required
- Bilingual Farm Worker Outreach Worker

Send your resume ASAP to MCAP, Admin. Dept., P.O. Box 2081, Monterey, CA 93942. Equal Opportunity Employer. Positions open until filled.
Gay Life In the Town George Lucas Made Famous

by Kevin N. Tammy
Contributing Writer

There weren't any gay characters in George Lucas' American Graffiti, but there should have been. Modesto has never been much of a gay destination. Often lumped together with its larger cousins to the north and south, Modesto is just another blur to motorists on I-599, but for a taste of what Sacramento was like in the early 70s you can do no better.

The (gay) Community

Like Salinas, Modesto has no pride festival, no openly gay organizations, and not much of an "out" gay presence. It is a quintessential California river town, with wide boulevards lined with oaks and liquid ambers, a somewhat dissolute downtown on the verge of a renaissance, and a phalanx of shopping malls.

This isn't necessarily a bad thing. Living in Modesto, so if you see two drag queens hustling towards each other, step out of the way.

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The Brave Bull (413 N. Seventh St.) is the place. The turkey dinner is to die for, but is beaten out by the lamb chop with rosemary sauce and the mashed potatoes with an ice cream scoop.

Kitsch Kitchens

Noah's Hof Brau (1311 J. St., 527-1090) is the quintessential Modesto landmark. The menu and the waitresses may be vintage, but if you're into retro lounge, this is the place. The turkey dinner is to die for, but is beaten out by the lamb chop with rosemary special. And, yes, they serve the mashed potatoes with an ice cream scoop.

Tressett's offers a taste of big city sophistication at half the price. While not on a par with Monterey's best restaurants, the chef prepares an interesting mix of California fare with several noteworthy specials. The decor is starkly modern for no good reason, but the bar is comfy and a local hangout (1 could have eaten the beefy bartender for dessert, but I was told he wasn't on our team).

Harvest Moon is another small restaurant serving a fairly diverse but well-prepared California fare. They have a nice selection of wines from both local (Modesto is still home to Gallo, which has started producing wines that don't come in a box) and Napa vineyards, and the waitstaff is cordial.

Sightseeing

Skip it.

Music Reviews

This Time It's Personal

Something For The People

(Warner Bros.)

It's no surprise that Something For The People's single "My Love Is The Shhh!" vaulted to the top of the Top 40 playlists, but it's not the only song from their album to show their versatility.

The catchy chorus of "My Love Is The Shhh!" which features Trina and Tamara has been on the playlist of most Top 40 stations. The rest of the album deserves equally thorough inspection.

The L.A.-based R&B trio's style ranges from the straight ahead "Days Like This" to an edgy rap reworking of Suzanne Vega's "Tom's Diner". What sets SFP apart from other groups in the genre is their masterful guest instrumentalists and vocalists such as DJ Kool and Eric Benet.

Vocals and lyrics range from the pedestrian love song ("Take It Or Leave It") to the confident and clever ("Days Like This")

The group's 1995 self-titled debut album built the foundation with the hits "You Want This Party Started" and "With You".

Sauce and Fuzzy, originally from Oakland, honed their musical skills at church before moving to L.A. to write music together. Cat Daddy began as a saxophonist and drummer, then turned to keyboards after giving up an athletic career.

SFP's work includes songs produced or written for Brandy, En Vogue, Adina Howard, and Will Smith.
2. "Don't Just Add Or Change One!"

It's hard to believe that just one year ago, if you were on a double nucleoside regimen (usually AZT/3TC or d4T/3TC) with a formerly unde­etectable viral load which had now risen to detectable and significant levels, the general course was to sim­ply add a protease inhibitor. Not anymore!

We came to realize early this year that adding a sin­gle drug to a failing regimen might be akin to giving monotherapy (i.e., you might already be resistant to both drugs already being taken hence the rise in viral load) and this is sure to fail. So, we now try to change as many components of a failing regimen as possible, especially when adding a protease inhibitor. Dr. Steven Deeks of San Francisco presented data at September’s ICAAC Conference that you are 15 times more likely to fail a new protease-containing regimen (singly and in combination) to ascertain which one gives the best viral suppression.

4. The Eradication Balloon Puckers

No, it isn’t burst, but 1996’s elation over the “E" word was met with some tempering this year, as the identity of Dr. David Ho’s “third compartment" became clearer: While current therapies can suppress most HIV activity/replication, there appears to be a reservoir of infected lymphocytes (so-called CD45RO memory cells), perhaps only 0.1% of the total, which still harbor the virus after prolonged administration of HAART (highly active antiretroviral therapy).

We also know more definitively that when therapy is stopped, an undetectable viral load will rather quickly rebound (as early as several days, most likely within a couple of weeks) to pre-therapy levels in some patients. The take-home message here: If HIV is an organism that is continuously active and potent, so must be the therapeutic approaches thereto! Also, towards year’s end, Dr. Douglas Richman of San Diego indicated that patients with viral loads which were undetectable with the usual tests (which have sensitivity levels of 500 copies/ml but still detectable with tests with read down to 50 copies/ml which will become more widespread in 1998)showed microscopic evidence that viral mutations were occurring, albeit very slowly. (Whether a viral load suppressed from 499 to 49 will result in any significant change in a person’s clinical course with HIV remains to be seen for the time being, an “unde­ectable” viral load, even with a test sensitivity of 500 copies/ml, is considered adequate if not opti­mal!)
I'm not much into TV these days. Radio is more my style. In fact, I've occasionally glanced the airwaves as a guest on KPFT's After Hours. However, episodes of two currently-trendy series have caught my eye. I am woman, hear me rant.

The Drew Carey Show - Wednesday, Nov. 19, 1997.

Drew's brother uttered, but by Drew's boss in the episode. The brother was portrayed as 100% human. Drew did react with a bit of shock, but, most importantly, he didn't abandon the brother. In fact, he did whatever he could for the brother - even get an education before being abandoned by all of the people in their lives. Unfortunately, that's not what FOX decided to do. The show offered no explanation for why the kid went out hooking even after landing the job at Ally's law firm. I can only assume that the thought of having a recurring character who might be a positive role model for transgenders was too much for the show's producers - or perhaps Rupert Murdoch himself so they took the quick and easy way out.

I forgot to look - was Jerry Springer the writer? Okay now - what did these two shows have in common? Well, yes, transgendered characters, but something else as well. In another storyline on Ally McBeal, another attorney made a legal misstatement similar to the one that Drew did - that sexual orientation is a "suspect class." I could never spend countless pages detailing the nuances of what that means, but in short, when a law draws a classification based on a suspect classification (generally, race or ethnicity), courts strictly scrutinize the constitutionality of the law. As yet, courts do not give such scrutiny to laws drawing lines based on sexual orientation (or gender identity for that matter.) When Candace Gingrich spoke at the Lesbians in Business meeting here in Houston a few weeks ago she mentioned a disturbing phenomenon. She noticed that many people who feel that non-straight orientation is a "suspect right" feel that way because they are under a genuine misconception that we already have "equal rights." I hope that I don't actually need to tell anyone reading this that we haven't gotten there yet.

Okay, that's the problem. The solution? Well, to paraphrase one of the more unlikely friends of the queer community, Barry Goldwater, vigilance is not a vice. In fact, if you listen to even a benign remark that is likely to cause as much, or even more, damage than, say, a homophobic song from a popular Black gospel group.

For free. Send them to The Paper, 787 Laine St. #5, Monterey, CA 93940.

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Roommate Listings

Monterey

CWF, 49 seeks housemate. Must be employed, mature, responsible, quiet, considerate and love animals. No drugs, smoke. Lovely area, view incl/W/D, fireplace, utilities except phone. $460/mo. 408-373-5393.

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 408/693-1578.

New Monterey

Room in great 3brm house, $450 a month, 1/3 utilities and deposit. Excellent desk & view. Must be reliable and responsible. Call Jorge or Michael. 408/695-0125.
Local Resources

Gays and Lesbians!

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Events

Golf Tournaments/Trips


Nightclubs & Bars

After Dark

Dancing Thurs thru Sun, patio, bar. Open 5:30 to 2, Sun-Sat. 2-214 Lighthouse Ave., Monterey. (near the Presidio, cross street Reeside) 373-7828. After Dark Info Line, Tuesdays are women's pool tournament nights, 12:55-1:55 P.M. at 201 Lighthouse Ave., in Monterey. 373-8218.

Blue Lagoon

Dancing in the heart of Santa Cruz. Dancing on two floors, full bar, pool table, mixed straight/gay crowd. 923 Pacific Avenue, Santa Cruz, 423-7117.

Eddie's

Tuesdays are women's pool tournament nights. Saturdays are lesbian nights. Large dance floor with DJ on Sun. Pool table, games, very friendly crowd. 2200 North Fremont (near Long's) in Monterey. 373-6136.

Franco's Norma Jean

Dancing, restaurant, full bar. Open Sun. 10:00 a.m., Mon-Fri till 1:00 A.M., Sat-Sun till 2:00 a.m. 601 Seymour St., Carmel (near the Wally Fong Bank). 633-1200.

Lighthouse Bar and Grill

Neatly remodeled, pool table, hot sauce, beer on tap from Sundays on 2 p.m. 281 Lighthouse Ave., in Monterey. 373-4855. Open Mon-Tue from 5 to 2, Wed-Sat from 2 to 2.

Community Groups

Alcoholics Anonymous (AA)

Control Office, 322-7113 or 424-9074

ACLU for Monterey County

373-4491 or 373-0823

All In the Family

Cal State University Monterey Bay's gay and lesbian association. www.mcbay.edu/students/coci/continua/soew/dlab.html

BAYMEC

Lesbian & gay political organization. 899-2263.

Gays and Lesbians

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Resources

Services

Lesbian Therapy Group

For Lesbians coming out, becoming organized, enjoying healthy relationships with self and others. Weekly, fee charged. Call 655-4405.

Monterey Rape Crisis Center

Rape Crisis Line, 375-4377, North County Crisis line, 633-9000, Office, 373-3955.

Biskey Resources

Biskey Support Group

Guided rap and discussion group. 408-655-2820. For more information call 408-655-4477.

Women's Bisexual Network

Of Santa Cruz and the Greater Monterey Bay Area 427-4556.

Men's Resources

Man to Man

 Offering a variety of sex positive programs and events. Sponsors of Hot & Healthy safer sex parties, gay male outreach and education. Contact Craig Word at 722-8202.

Gay Men's Health Coalition

Providing information on local HIV issues, references. 649-2555.

HIV/AIDS Resources

Monterey County AIDS Project

Services for those with HIV/AIDS. Volunteer always welcome. 780 Hamilton, San Jose, 394-4737, and 12 E. Calabasas St., Salinas, 772-4000. For volunteer information call 394-4747.

John XXIII AIDS Ministry

Housing and other services for HIV- folks. Michael Center, 5877 Lighthouse Ave., Monterey, 655-1737.

Monterey County Health Department

HIV testing and other services. 755-4512.

Red Ribbon Benefit Shop

Provides a portion of benefit to AIDS patients. 485 Lighthouse Ave., Monterey. To donate or for more information, 647-7100.

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's office in Salinas, 780 Hamilton. 394-4747.

SALINAS HIV+ Support Group

Group meets twice a month in Salinas. Call the Monterey County AIDS Project's Salinas office for information and location. 408-655-4725.

Family, Friends, & Partners

Meet the 1st & 3rd Sun's of the month in Salinas and Monterey at 7 p.m. Tom Sanguino for location and more info 655-8300.

Moms for Moms

Support group for moms of people with AIDS. Meets the 2nd & 4th Weds. of every month in Monterey. 655-1757 or Jeanne Steinhach at 408-2205.

Pet Support Program

MCAF pet-loss grief counseling and animal-assisted therapy for MCAF clients and their companion animals. Call Terri Austin at 659-6203.

Transgender Resources

Transgender Support Group

462-3663

Transvestite Resources

Safe Cross Dressing In Carmel

At least 3% of the heterosexual male population has the need to express their feminine persona. Thanks to bold people like Ed Wood, "Tootsie," Dennis Feldman, and many others, it is becoming more socially acceptable. For support, friendship and advice, contact the group at 832-2600.

Other Local Resources

Coalition of Homeless Services Providers

Interagency coordinator assisting homeless clients become more productive members of society. 392-1228.

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Classifieds/Personals Form

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