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.

Gay Relationships Still on Trial

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.
Letters

Assemblyman Keeley Reviews the Gay Year in State Politics

Dear Wes Kashwagi:

As a resident of the Monterey Bay area, I know that there are many gay and lesbian organizations and groups that are working very hard to make this a great place to live. I am writing to express my appreciation for your continued coverage of these organizations in your newspaper. Your articles help keep us informed about the issues that affect our community. Thank you for providing a voice for our community.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Assemblyman Keeley

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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 organizations. 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 (8:30 registration) at Robert Down Elementary School, 455 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 pre-show.

First Call for Monterey Gay Visitor's Guide

We're compiling a list of tourist services that describe themselves as gay-owned or gay-friendly. If you work for a business or know one that would like to be included, please let us know. This list will be published in every issue of The Paper, on The Paper's website and on GayScene's multi-city gay travel guide website.

Categories will include the following:
- Nightclubs & Bars
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S.F. Pianist Plays Sand City
Locals with a bent for books were treated to two concerts by Bay Area solo pianist William Watson in December. Borders bookstore hosted Watson for two concerts, where he played selections from his critically acclaimed release "Fields".

Influenced by George Winston, Watson's fluid melodies and complex arrangements are introspective yet spirited. Cotic Bill Bindleman described Watson's playing as having a "sense of nostalgia without a trace of melodrama."

Williams CD entitled "Fields" is available at Borders, via Valley Records Distributors (916/661-6600), or from his Internet website (http://members.aol.com/burnhamwds/).

Watson completed his tour of the Bay Area in December. The Paper will list any upcoming local concerts by this talented pianist.

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 Transgender 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 "hidden communities," and our experiences. The conference runs from Feb 6-8.

AOL Profile Used By Navy to Oust Sailor
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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 the case, but commented that the Navy investigators improperly sought the information. Under the Electronic Privacy Communications Act, the government cannot obtain private information without a warrant.

Gay rights activists have been working through the Internet to provide support for McVeigh. McVeigh has created a website with information about the case (www.geocities.com/Pentagon/9241/). More than 21,000 people have visited the site since December 1, 1997.

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For information on meeting times, topics, and locations, contact John Lindner at 408/779-9440 or send e-mail to (GLSENStCla@aol.com, members.aol.com/glseanst)

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Who was Sal Mineo?

by David Bianco

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 growing up, much like the characters he later played on screen. At age eight, he was expelled 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's play, "The Rose Tattoo."

Mineo appeared in Williams's play for over a year, then took the role of the young prince in "The King and I," opposite Yul Brynner and Gertrude Lawrence. With those impressive stage credits behind him, Mineo went to Hollywood in 1955, where he made his first movie, "S. S. Bridge to China," launching his career as a celluloid juvenile delinquent. But it was his second film that same year, "Rebel Without a Cause," that made a star of the teenager. For his compelling portrayal of the anguished Plato, Mineo received an Academy Award nomination for Best Supporting Actor.

The character of Plato is significant in gay filmography because he was the first gay teenager in Hollywood history, a sensitive kid with his best friend, Jim, played by James Dean. Like many gay characters in films of that era, Plato died a violent death at the movie's end, while Jim went on to a heterosexual future with Paul Newman and Eva Marie Saint. Their suggestion that to live as a gay man was a court danger. The most widespread story was that he was killed by a stranger who 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.

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 sexuality. 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 "P.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 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.

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Love’s Test Drive
Kicking the Tires of Monterey’s Gay Dating Scene

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-you-face honesty
• An open mind
• Fun

Accessories
• Romantic
• Masculine (mentally)
• Feet (a plus but not necessary)
• Aggressive in life and in bed
• Compassion for others

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


Chung’s (“Chinese”, Bleech)

Ferrante’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.

Fresh Cream ($$$) Continental menu is limited and expensive for no apparent reason. Smaller dining rooms reminiscent of dentist offices. Proficient service. Empty weeknights. Luckily it was a Sunday.

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

Ichiban ($$$) Japanese. Honesty selection. Probably the closest you can get to eating dinner with a thonpin pal’s family. Decent sushi but no duck.

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

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

Pamy’s Cafe ($ Mexican). The only restaurant sharing the block with two of Monterey’s gay bars, so The Paper stuff eats 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.


Simaese 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 disconnect novices. 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.

The Paper’s Ducky
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

Pacific Grove

Joe Rhombi ($$) Updated Italian. Simple and homey preparation matches friendly service in this nifty space. Busy on weekends, reservations recommended. No duck.

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

Pemble ($$) California-tied Mexican. Fish tacos are to die for. Great for lunch. Full bar. Often crowded, reservations recommended. No duck.
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 genuinely 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 contact is one of the few legally binding documents gay people are allowed to sign.

**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

**Susan Frawley, 34, Monterey**

**Standard Equipment**
- Honesty
- Sense of humor
- Intelligent
- Responsible
- Outgoing

**Accessories**
- Big brown eyes
- Pretty
- Out
- Good dancer
- Likes to travel

**Kameron Rouselle, 33, Pacific Grove**

**Standard Equipment**
- Loyalty and fidelity
- Sense of adventure
- Well-rounded in their interests
- Someone who values home and family

**Accessories**
- Looks
-Brains
- Open mind
- Sense of humor
- Outspoken and rugged (someone who IS the Eddie Bauer man)

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Thai Bistro II ($-$$) Thai. Great food and friendly waitstaff. Patio is a good choice for lunch on a sunny, windless day. Very nice manicured grass. 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.

Fishwive ($-$$) Restaurant and counter. Interesting selection of grilled and fried seafood (they love chutneys and salads). Busy at lunchtime. No duck.


Steinbeck House ($) Menus change daily. Historic space (John wrote in the attic). Prix fixe menu, dessert extra. Seating at set times, so call before dropping in, especially for large parties. Volunteer waitstaff is a hybrid of docent and other special jobs. Excellent menu and service. No duck.

Toro Cafe ($) Diner. Awesome burgers. Sunny patio highly recommended on sunny days. The Paper’s favorite dive, but none. No duck.

**Carmel / Carmel Valley**

Bricks ($) American. Fabulous steaks. The only gay restaurant on the peninsula and one worth keeping. Reservations recommended (request one of the groovy curtained booths). No duck.

Flatiron ($) Meat. Huge steaks and sweat on the floor. Local landmark, although we’re still scared to venture into the bar. No duck.

Highline Inn ($) California. The view, the food, the wine—all-top-notch. Reserve a window seat at dusk for the perfect evening, then lounge at the piano bar after. This is the place to go to after they accept your proposal. Excellent waitstaff. Free valet parking. Reservations a must. Nice duck.

Kincade’s Bistro ($$$) Continental. What your parents think of when you say “French food.” Pleasant food and nice presentation, although appetizers can be daunting in all the wrong ways. Okay duck.

Piatto ($) Italian. Former favorite, but seemingly in decline at least for lunch. Veal with lemon is heavenly on a good night. Warm and friendly atmosphere. Reservations recommended. No duck.

Lugano Swiss Bistro ($) Swiss. A treasure hidden in the lower level of the Barnyard. The sausages are surprisingly delicate and the spinach is, well, spinach. Skip the fondue or raclette unless you’re sure your date shares your love of kirsch and kirsch. Recommended. No duck.


**Thai Bistro ($ $) See review for Thai Bistro II.**

**Castroviejo**

Francis Norma Jean ($) American, burgers and steaks are the specialties. The only gay-friendly restaurant between Monterey and Santa Cruz. Open Fridays and Saturdays, 5-9. No duck.

**Santa Cruz**

Brasil Cafe ($) Brazilian. Fabulous breakfast steaks and a nice lunch selection. Funky atmosphere filled with everything from UC-types to Blue Lagoon regulars. Selection of foods and products from Brazil, if the farofa turns you on. No duck.

Chaminade ($) Mixed buffet. I’ve never understood the local’s fascination with this place, although the view is impressive during the day. Food is decent, but not special except for the all-you-can-eat salad bar. Atmosphere reminiscent of an upscale college cafeteria. Sit by a window, or be lost amidst family reunions and birthday parties. No duck.

Costa Brava ($) South American. We’re not sure how to classify this food, but it’s all good. Chicken dishes especially recommended. Dependable if slightly pricey for the neighborhood. Don’t let them seat you back in the bakery. Siphon. No duck.

Saturn Cafe ($) Saloon. If you want to avoid meat and keep the fatty, this is your place. We especially like the large tamales and cheese tamales. No duck.
**BOOK REVIEW**

**A Name We Call Ourselves**

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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 respondants. Perhaps Fessler and Rauch's next book will bring the same wry commentary to standard usage.

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**Radio Sini**

Fast becoming one of Monterey's most popular night-time DJs, Sini Man is an example of how hard-work, dedication, and fabulous taste in music can pay off.

Sini, who grew up in Salinas, has been on the air at CD93 since August. His 6 p.m. to midnight show airs seven nights a week.

Saturday's "Retroactive" show, which Sini produces himself, has become a big hit, a claim backed by his latest ratings.

CD93 is fast becoming the choice for local listeners including web surfers. CD93's techno-wonder website (www.CD93.com) shows what band is on the air at the moment. In addition to showing a photo of the band, it provides song lyrics and hyperlinks to more information about the artists. Sini's e-mail link is also available from the website.

Sini is very well known in Santa Cruz's gay community. He is an accomplished singer and has produced his first CD. He also served as emcee and performer at Santa Cruz's biggest gay event, *A Gay Evening In May*.

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**Movie Reviews**

**Titanic**

It's larger than life and definitely worth the tariff, but it strikes as a drama. Excellent performance from the lead actress, but the real star here is the digital ocean liner itself which never disappoints. A standard Cameron offering: a paper-thin melodrama superimposed over really cool action sequences with a silly ending. Flawless technical credits. B

**Tomorrow is Forever**

Action-adventure with the usual Bondian amenities: cool gadgets, fabulous chase sequences, and zero subtext. Bronnauer as Bond is by far the best actor in the role (if not the best chest) and co-star Teri Hatcher makes a comfortable if brief transition to the big screen. Michelle Yeoh, as a Chinese agent, serves as little more than an action figure with really cool platform shoes. Technical credits are excellent. B

**As Good As It Gets**

When love of a dog is the catalyst for a major personality shift, you start to wonder why they didn't make it talk. Albert Brooks' latest offering is too safe and too predictable. It's also strangely disjointed, given the director's habit of shooting his movies in script order. Jack Nicholson's latest attempt at not parroting himself is partly successful. Helen Hunt is unconvincing in her role as a poor waitress, and Greg Kinnear can't decide whether to base his gay character on Liberace or Susan Hayward. Cinematography is some of the worst I've seen in a big-budget film. C+
January

Sat, 17
James Bond Collection Reception
A reception to open the exhibit of Alan Stevenson's collection of James Bond memorabilia, the largest collection west of the Mississippi. 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Cannery Row Antique Mall, 471 Wave St., Monterey, 2nd floor at the rear of the HRG. The exhibit is free to the public and will run until Feb. For hours, 408/653-2204.

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 Bank). 633-2090.

Mon, 19
Gay Coffee Chat at Morgan's
Every Monday. An informal gathering of local lesbians and gay men's Morgan's Coffee and Tea, 498 Washington St., Monterey. 626-9607. 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.

Mon, 27
Monterey PFLAG Monthly Meeting
Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays. Meet the 4th Tuesday of every month in Carmel. Call (408) 655-4418 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 this past 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
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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.

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/$50. Periscope by Jan. 20th. Info: Kate at 394-0462 or Matt 399-2263.

Mon, 2
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 St., 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.

Thur, 5
MCAP Companion/Client Service Volunteer Mtg.
At the Monterey County AIDS Project, Seaside 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) 392-1462. E-mail MontereyBayBear@aol.com.

Wed, 11
PNN 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.

Fri, 13
Free Pool Night at the LB&G
Free pool every Friday at the Lighthouse Bar & Grill, 281 Lighthouse Ave., Monterey, 373-4488.

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. At Franco's Norma Jean, 10639 Merritt St., Castroville (near the Wells Fargo Bank). 633-2090.

Eddie's Sweetheart Party
A night for the women and one heck of a party. From 2 p.m. to closing. At the Lighthouse Bar & Grill, 281 Lighthouse Ave., Monterey, 373-4488.

March

Sun, 1
Beer Bust at the LB&G
The nicest place in Monterey to relax on a Sunday afternoon. Newly remodeled. Pool tables and a huge TV for everything from football to the "X Files." From 2 p.m. to closing. At the Lighthouse Bar & Grill, 281 Lighthouse Ave., Monterey, 373-4488.

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 montereybay@sbcglobal.net. If you need story ideas, the theme for the next issue isn'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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If you would like your events publicized, please send them to The Paper by March 2nd, 1998.
Marsha On Fashion

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 detach 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've 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 like 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
Contributing Writer

Gay Asian men in San Francisco have traded in their cultural reserve, slipped on day-glo go-go boots, and started a danceclub of their own. Club Asia (174 King St. between 2nd & 3rd) ain'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 language—especially when yelling over the music to a non-native speaker—can prove an obstacle.

Trappings

Housed in a large, windowless warehouse near the bay, Club Asia has a large, wood-surfaced central dance floor and a wrap-around balcony. Coat check is near the door, and there are two bars, one on each level. The sound system can't match that of Pleasuredome or Sound Factory, but music from DJ. Matthew Consola and Jamie J. is a danceable house. Decoration is Chinese restaurant minimalism, and the overall effect is 1015 Folsom with more lights turned on. The club does have a problem with keeping up with spills on the dance floor (my boots became completely adhered at one point), but otherwise the place is tidy.

Specs

Club Asia is held the second and fourth Fridays of every month from around 10 p.m. to sometime after 2 a.m. The night we visited, the doors didn't open until 11. Bring a heavy jacket and pick up some coffee from the donut shop around the corner.

For Asians keeping count, the crowd was 90% Asian, and from what I could tell about 80% first-generation to American-born. The night we attended there were plenty of southeastern Chinese, Thai, Vietnamese, and Filipinos, but only a handful of Japanese, inland Chinese, or Pacific Islanders.

Expanding Universe

Club Jaded, another recent San Francisco invention for gay Asian men, and the ever crowded N'Touch dance club on Polk St. also offer a predominantly Asian clientele, each with its own attitude towards "stickiness", i.e., dating anything other than another Asian. More information on these clubs in future issues.

After Dark

214 Lighthouse Ave. in Monterey • 373-7828

Sunday, February 15th

Burnin' Down the House II

80s Retro Dance
Benefiting the Monterey County AIDS Project
8 p.m.—closing
Door Prizes • Costume Contest
$5 donation at the door
Presented by Sound Spin'N Productions

Sunday, February 22nd

Bernice's Brothel
(The Best Lil' Whorehouse in Monterey)
Talent Show and more
Benefiting the Pride of Monterey County
Doors at 8 p.m. • Show at 9 p.m.
$3 donation at the door

Open Monday to Friday 4:30 p.m. to 2 a.m. • Saturday and Sunday 8:30 p.m. to 2 a.m. • Dancing Thursday thru Sunday
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 I/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 - Kenliou 3
9. Stand Up (Narcotic Mix) - Lovetribe
10. Run To You - Joi Cardwell

MCAP
Monterey County AIDS Project

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-99, 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 dissolve downtown on the verge of a renaissance, and a phalanx of shopping malls. This isn't necessarily a bad thing. Living space is cheap, including hotels, and there isn't much in the way of traffic or big city attitude. Much of the socializing is done via the dinner party circuit.

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Bars and Nightclubs

The Brave Bull (413 N. Seventh St.) is sort of what I imagine rural Texas to be like. With a cavernous, florescent-lit room split in two by a smallish bar, the place is anything but fabulous, yet the night we visited there was a man with real talent playing standards on a small upright piano in the corner. It was magical.

The Mustang hosts all of the local drag events, which explains the need for a stage with silvery curtains. There were five people when we visited one Friday night, so I can't say what the crowd is like. If you want to hide, however, this is probably the best bet.

The Owl Empire of Stanislaus County, Inc (OESCI) puts out an excellent newsletter, which is available free at both bars. The Owl Empire is one of two feuding courts in Modesto, so if you see two drag queens bustling towards each other, step out of the way.

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 be beaten out by the lamb chop with rosemary sauce. The locals tend to fall into close-knit cliques which is decorated in Madonna Inn chic. There's plenty of seating, a couple of video games, and the drinks are cheap.

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

Skippity! Of course, Modesto is the Brave Bull! The largest club in Modesto offers dancing, two pool tables, and a lively mix of locals. The locals tend to fall into close-knit cliques which is decorated in Madonna Inn chic. There's plenty of seating, a couple of video games, and the drinks are cheap.

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 Tiana 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 arrangements and a remarkable line-up of 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").

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Sauce and Fuzzy, originally from Oakland, honed their musical skills at church before moving to L.A. to write music together. The group's 1995 self-titled debut album built the foundation with the hits "You Want This Party Started" and "With You".

Daddy began as a saxophonist and drummer, 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.
1. AIDS: Is It Over, Or Isn’t It?
This year saw the release (and promulgation by the mass media) of reports of marked reductions in new AIDS cases as well as deaths. The missing piece in so many of the reports was a simple one: If few people are dying from AIDS then more persons are living with HIV/AIDS. Alleged evidence of an increasing incidence of unsafe sex particularly in the gay male community fueled a major debate sparked by writers and spokespersons such as Larry Kramer, Gabriel Rotello and Michelangelo Signorile.

Although the epidemic remains very much with us as in its 17th year, important hospitalizations plummeted in 1997. Opportunistic infections once common place are now rarities; when was the last time you saw a case of cryptococcal meningitis or cryptosporidial diarrhea? This summer, when I asked a Los Angeles primary care provider with hundreds of HIV patients in his practice, "When was the last time an AIDS patient you were following died?" he told me, "I can’t remember."

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 undetectable viral load which had now risen to detectable and significant levels, the common 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 adding a monitoring procedure (i.e., you might already be resistant to both drugs already being taken hence the rise in viral load!) 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 ICAC Conference that you are 15 times more likely to fail a new protease-containing regimen if the accompanying two reverse transcriptase inhibitors are not changed as well. (Since many HIV-infected persons had been taking AZT/3TC, 1997 thus saw an increased popularity of the alternative d4T/ddI combination.)

3. Resistance, Resistance, Resistance
This concept received considerable attention at medical conferences and in publications throughout the year. While virologic resistance is a, perhaps the, major reason why anti-HIV drug regimens fail, it’s important not to forget that other factors might be playing a role as well, e.g., is the drug being appropriately taken and absorbed? Is the intracellular metabolism normal, or somehow flawed?

Nevertheless, most intermediate and advanced stages of HIV now know that the codon 184 mutation is associated with high-grade 3TC resistance, or that there is significant overlap of resistance patterns (so-called “cross-resistance”) between indinavir and amprenavir. Another new and formidable hurdle. Genotypic testing in which a virus’ mutations are displayed thanks to computer technology, is increasingly used but not anywhere near approval by the FDA. It may yield some helpful information on whether to add or change protease inhibitors, but experts seem to be clearer that the future lies with phenotype testing which is more expensive and even less well-developed. With this technique, the person’s virus is tested directly against different therapeutic regimens (singly and in combination) to ascertain which one gives the best viral suppression.

4. The Eradication Balloon Puckers
No, it’s not a balloon. But, 1996’s election over the “E word was met with some tempering this year, as the identity of Dr. David Ho’s “third compartment” become 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 rapidly 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 it 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 which read down to 50 copies/ml which will become more widespread in 1998) showed virologic 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 “undetectable” viral load, even with a test sensitivity of 50 copies/ml, is considered adequate if not optimal!)

5. Life in the HAART Lane
While HAART has demonstrated clinical and ultimate survival advantages, this year we saw the announcement of new cases of diabetes in several AIDS clinics monitored by us. Likewise, abnormalities in lipid levels (such as marked triglyceride elevations) may occur, and this past year, a syndrome known as “buffalo hump” also thought to be due to an as-yet-undefined metabolic alteration, was described in certain persons with HIV. (The latter syndrome was at first thought to be due to protease inhibitors, but has been seen as well in persons with HIV who have never taken a P1 inhibitor Methods to increase patient adherence are receiving much attention, and the two most commonly prescribed protease inhibitors indinavir (Crixivan) and nelfinavir (Viracept) are, at year’s end, both being studied at simplified dosing regimens twice daily instead of the present three times per day. Other anti-HIV medications besides protease inhibitors are also being studied. It has been suggested that PIs allow for greater patient compliance: 1998 may see more ddl (Videx) dispensed at 300-400 mg once daily, and nevirapine (Viramune) at 400 mg once daily. In 1997, two new formulations of existing medications were approved: Combivir (which contains AZT plus 3TC) and the more bioavailable form of saquinavir, Fortovase.

6. FDA Approval of Viracept
March saw the FDA approval of the fourth protease inhibitor, nelfinavir, developed and marketed by Agouron Pharmaceuticals. There was strong anticipation that Viracept would quickly rise to the top of the protease pile due to its purported favorable resistance pattern (claimed to be significantly different from that of the 3 already approved PIs), minimal side effects (only diarrhea was seen in 1% of patients), and favorable dosing (could be taken with food). In reality, while it has registered a strong showing in the antiviral market in the 10 months since its approval, patients who have failed on it have not necessarily been able to succeed in suppressing viral load with other PI-containing regimens, and the incidence of diarrhea is generally accepted to be significantly higher than originally stated. (This latter phenomenon is often seen after drugs are FDA-approved and may have to do with the fact that patients who use a pharmaceutical after approval are on the average more ill than those who used it during clinical trials.) The only other antiviral approved in 1997 was delavirdine (Rescriptor), approved in April and bringing the total number available to 11five nucleoside reverse transcriptase inhibitors (RTIs), two non-nucleoside RTIs (NNRTIs), and four PIs. In November the FDA did approve two anti-HIV medications on the U.S. market the other seven were to be approved over the ensuing 18 months.

7. The Pipeline Lengthens
While the period from mid-1997 to early 1998 may see no additional anti-HIV drugs attain FDA approval, several medications are likely to become available shortly thereafter. Already available via expanded access programs are abacavir (GlaxoWellcome’s new RT inhibitor), efavirenz (Serono’s NNRTI); and the first representative of a new subdivision of reverse transcriptase inhibitors known as the nucleotide analogs Giloen’s adefovir (Pevsron). Further down the road-in-development are new protease inhibitors by Glaxo Wellcome (amprenavir, formerly 141W94) and Abbott (ABT-378) and another nucleotide analog known currently as PMPa. New target sites for anti-HIV activity are also being sought out with HIV binding inhibitors (e.g., TP-20) and the ongoing development of integrase inhibitors (e.g., tizivir).

8. Guidelines Posted on Internet
The standardization of anti-HIV guidelines to a federal level, a formidable task in itself, was no doubt made easier by 1990’s computer technology. June saw the issue of a document entitled Report of the NIH Panel to Define Principles of HIV Infection and a companion document, Guidelines for the Use of Antiretroviral Agents in HIV-infected Adults and Adolescents. The latter released by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, was significant for several reasons: It demonstrated an attempt towards a national standard of care for HIV care. It also released not through publication in a journal or letter, but on the World Wide Web.

The expert panel which formulated the guidelines included HIV-infected persons sitting alongside well-known HIV physicians such as Dr. Aaron Hill, Dr. Daniel Sperling. A revised version of the guidelines was subsequently released in November, now including combination ritonavir-saquinavir (the most widely studied and commonly used protease combination to date) as one of the options for the protease-containing portion of a first-line antiretroviral regimen. (These guidelines can be viewed at http://www.hivatis.org)

9. Support Widens For Nutrition-Based Therapies
Nineteen-ninety-seven saw the publication of at least three studies in well-regarded, peer-reviewed scientific journals, each of which involved a potential or actual therapy which would be considered “alternative” or “holistic.” Tang et al. published (Journal of Nutrition, January) their study of more than 120 HIV-infected persons whose vitamin B1 levels were measured. Those with levels lower than a defined cut-off point progressed to AIDS in half the time as those whose levels were above this point. Herzenberg et al. published (Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, March) their results of the first controlled trial of NAC (N-acetylcysteine) therapy for HIV.

This medication, FDA-approved for other purposes, restores depleted glutathione levels, and was associated with improved survival in this cohort. Lastly, Bausell et al. studied (Journal of AIDS, August) 125 seropositive drug users and found that deficiency of the trace mineral selenium was associated with shortened survival. The ultimate clinical and therapeutic implications of these three correlations remain to be completely understood, but the elevated consciousness of the role they may play is an important development of this year.

10. Post-Exposure Prophylaxis
An editorial in an April issue of The New England Journal of Medicine (Katzno and Geberding) raised an important issue: Should persons who sustain a potential or actual exposure to HIV via unprotected sex or needle-sharing be treated with the same triple antiretroviral regimen now offered to health care workers who sustain a potential exposure? The question brings up many more which are still being debated, e.g., Who will pay? Should partners be treated as well? What if patients continue to relapse, i.e., continue to have unprotected sex and seek for subsequent month-long antiviral treatment? Already PEP is being used increasingly for victims of sexual assault and for persons in emergency departments and clinic settings who ask for it.

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Top 10 Unreleased Children's Books

10. Bi-curious George
9. Green Eggs and Hamsters
8. The Cat in the Hat and the Pumps
7. Little Wimmin
6. The Little Prince Albert
5. Puff the Magic Drag Queen
4. Winnie the Poo
3. The Hardly Boys
2. Where the Wild Miss Things Are
1. Dick and Dick, Jane and Jane

I'm not much into TV these days. Radio is more my style. In fact, I've occasionally glanced at 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. That was the basic plot - and it was handled quite well. Some transphobic remarks were uttered, but by Drew's - who was definitely the bad guy in the episode. The brother was portrayed as 107% human. Drew did react with a bit of shock, but, most importantly, he did not abandon the brother. In fact, he did what he could to help.

Unfortunately, while discussing the issue with the brother, Drew made a rather inaccurate statement about gay rights. Oh ... and if you're keeping score - the brother was not gay. 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 - stating that sexual orientation is a "suspect class." I could 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 has noticed that many people who feel that non-straights are seeking "special rights" 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 Goldberg, vigilance is not a vice. Be vigilant. Point out to those intransitives anytime you can to anyone who'll listen. If you'll cause a ruckus, even a modest one. If you cause a ruckus, even a modest one, you can make a homophobe or transphobic remark, you ought to be willing to do the same sort of benign remark that is likely to cause as much, or even more, damage than, say, a homophobic song from a popular Black gospel group.

A homophobe remark may annoy someone enough to fight homophobia. Statements that the war is over will cause people to stop fighting the fight.

Which is worse? You figure it out. Silence still equals death, folks.


"He's obviously not a crossdresser. That was the basic plot - and it was handled quite well. Some transphobic remarks were uttered, but by Drew's - who was definitely the bad guy in the episode. The brother was portrayed as 107% human. Drew did react with a bit of shock, but, most importantly, he did not abandon the brother. In fact, he did what he could to help.

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Local Resources

Gay Men's Health Coalition

Monterey's annual gay pride festival and parade.

10 a.m. at Mariposa Hall, 8442. P.O. Box 3264, Monterey, CA 93942. 392-1228.

Monterey County AIDS Project

Services for those with HIV/AIDS. Volunteer always welcome. 780 Hamilton, Salinas, 392-4747.

For volunteer information call 392-4747.

John XXIII AIDS Ministry

Housing and other services for HIV+ folks.

Michael Center, 484 Lighthouse Ave., Monterey, 653-1737.

Monterey County Health Department

HIV testing and other services. 755-4512.

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.

Salsinas HIV+ Support Group

Group meets twice a month in Salinas. Call the Monterey County AIDS Project's Salinas office for more information at 755-4512.

Family, Friends, & Partners

Meets the 1st & 3rd Sat. of the month in Salinas at 7 p.m. Tom Sanguino for location and more info 653-4800.

Moms for Moms

Support group for moms of people with AIDS. Meets the 2nd & 4th Wed. of every month in Monterey. 653-1737 or Jeanne Steinbach at 653-2290.

Pet Support Program

MCAF pet-loss grief counseling and animal-assisted therapy for MCAF clients and their companion animals. Call Terri Atwood at 659-2620.

Transgender Resources

Transgender Support Group

462-3663.

Transvestite Resources

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