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The Women



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

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

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

Hot Spots

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

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

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

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

A gala Tropical Paradise Ball kicks off the celebration in the DeAnza Ballroom of the Doubletree. A catered beach party and late night luau round out Saturday, followed

the next day with Country-Western Tea Dance with dance lessons.

Robin Tyler, whose credits as an event organizer include the three Marches on Washington and the first gay comedy festival, has woven a wide range of activities into the schedule, including concerts, yoga classes, a facilitated relationship workshop, and a singles group. There are alcohol-free events for those under 21 as well, and gay youth are invited to attend.

No Competition

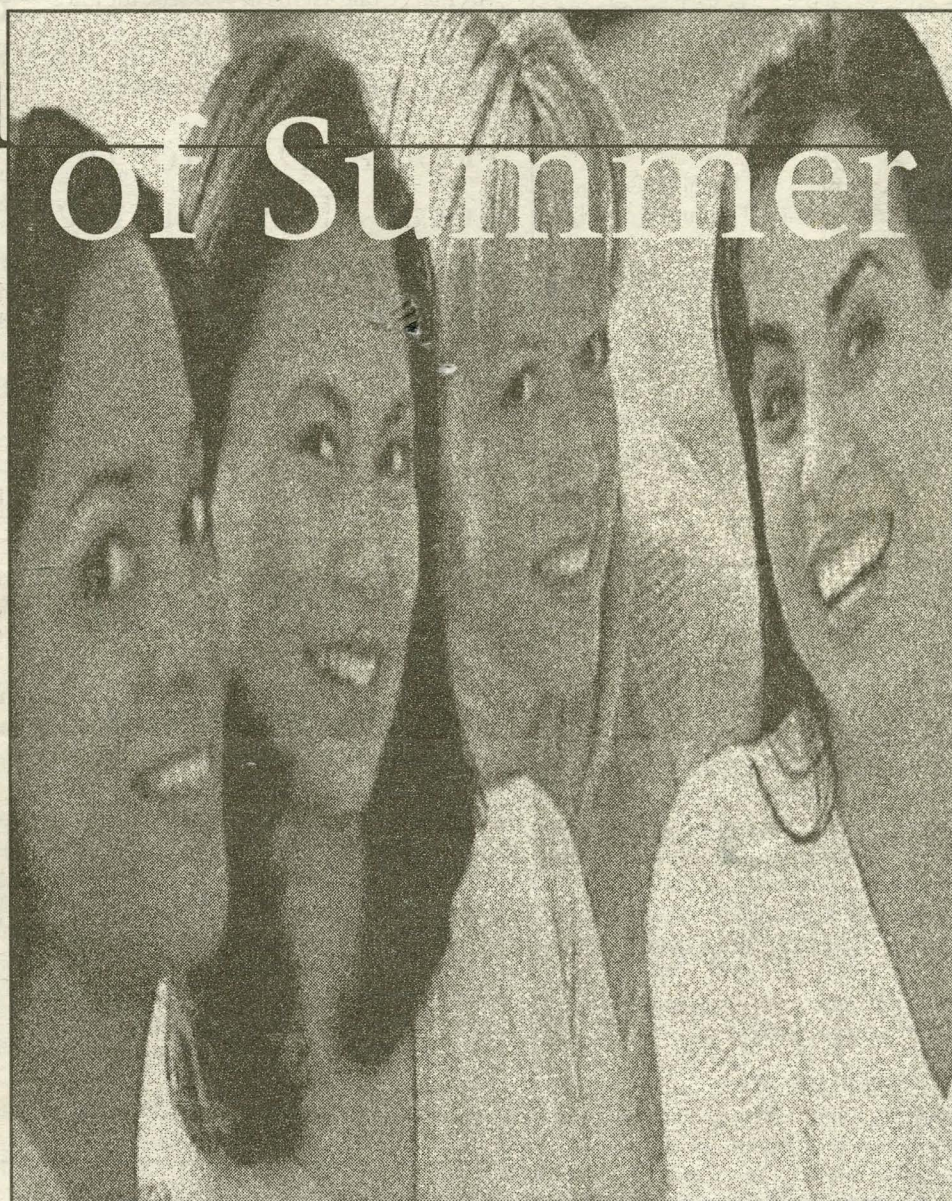
Tyler, who talked about her coming out as a gay comic in the early 80s in USA Today recently, was positive that Monterey's two women's weekends could easily turn into women's weeks, such as those now held annually

in Palm Springs during the Dinah Shore golf tournament and in Provincetown. "There will be something for people with different interests, people of different ages. I want to provide activities for people with a variety of interests," said Tyler.

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

Get In On the Act

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



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

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

The Post Exposure Prophylaxis ("PEP") therapy for health care workers exposed to HIV during the course of their work consists of a month-long reg-

imen of a protease inhibitor plus two other antiviral drugs.

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

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