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Finding Aid to Matt Friday and Bruce Carlson Papers

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Summary Information

Repository:	California State University, Monterey Bay Archives and Special Collections
Source - dnr:	Reichard, David
Creator - cre:	Friday, Matt
Creator - cre:	Carlson, Bruce
Title:	Matt Friday and Bruce Carlson papers
ID:	MS .6
Date [inclusive]:	1991-2011
Physical Description:	6.75 Linear Feet 3 record cartons, 2 large flat boxes
Language of the Material:	English
Abstract:	This collection contains correspondence, photographs, newspapers, notes, programs, ephemera, and other material documenting the political activity and community involvement of Matt Friday and Bruce Carlson. The bulk of material relates in particular to their activism on behalf of the LGBTQ community in the Monterey County region and its struggle for legal and social recognition.

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Biographical / Historical

Matt Friday was born in 1950 in Ottumwa, Iowa and moved to the Monterey area in 1967. Friday was a co-founder of several environmental projects, a board member for the Monterey County AIDS Project (MCAP), and a frequent contributor to numerous local publications. Friday was also involved in human rights and organized educational community forums on issues such as hate crimes and racism. Friday was heavily involved in area politics, including serving as Chair of the 27th Assembly District from 1999–2003 and serving as co-President of the Bay Area Municipal Elections Committee (BAYMEC) from 2003–2004. Friday also acted as television commentator during the 2000 Los Angeles Democratic National Convention.

Bruce Carlson was born in 1942 in Pittsburg, California. Carlson moved to the Monterey Peninsula in 1986. In 1999 he became a founding board member of the Monterey County Gay, Lesbian and Straight Education Network (GLSEN). He was also a founding member of the Monterey County Coalition for Fairness and a founding board member of the Monterey County Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Task Force.

He was the co-director of Monterey's first Gay Pride Parade in 1992. Carlson was also active in local and national Democratic politics. He held various offices and committee seats in the 27th Assembly District beginning in 1996. He became a representative for the Bay Area Municipal Elections Committee in Monterey County (BAYMEC) in 1994 and a board member in 1996. Carlson was also a delegate to the California State Convention and the Democratic National Convention in 2000.

Matt Friday and Bruce Carlson moved to Eugene, Oregon in 2005. Domestic partners since 1986, they were married in 2014, becoming the first same-sex couple to wed in Lane County, Oregon after a judge struck down the state's ban on gay marriages.

Sources:

"In Honor of Bruce Horace Carlson and Matt Friday," Hon. Sam Farr of California in the House of Representatives, Tuesday, April 26, 2005. Congressional Record, v. 151, pt. 6, April 21, 2005 to May 5 2005.

"Interviews: Michael Fredericksen, Bill Freeman, Matt Friday and Bruce Carlson, Inez Garcia and Roberto Garcia," Peoples Oral History Project Monterey County; <http://www.peoplesoralhistoryprojectmc.org/interviews-michael-fredericksen-bill-freeman-matt-friday-and-bruce-carlson-inez-garcia-and-roberto-garcia/> (accessed 12/14/2016)

"First same-sex couple to wed in Lane County celebrates 1st anniversary," Chris Liedle and News Staff, Tuesday, May 19th 2015, KVAL; <http://kval.com/news/local/first-same-sex-couple-to-wed-in-lane-county-celebrates-1st-anniversary> (accessed 12/14/2016)

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Scope and Contents

This collection contains correspondence, photographs, newspapers, notes, programs, ephemera, t-shirts and other material documenting the political activity and community involvement of Matt Friday and Bruce Carlson. Materials in the collection document their activist work and participation in LGBTQ-related organizations and events, including Bay Area Municipal Elections Committee (BAYMEC), Gay, Lesbian & Straight Educational Network (GLSEN), Monterey County Equal Opportunity Advisory Committee, Monterey County Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Task Force, and Monterey County Pride. Also included are materials related to their involvement in the Democratic party and the campaign against California Proposition 22 (known as the Knight Initiative) in 2000, as well as documents associated with local objections to government funding for Boy Scouts of America. Also included are teaching materials collected by Friday and Carlson in support of their educational outreach activities on behalf of the LGBTQ community. This collection also contains locally published LGBTQ newspapers, including "The Paper" and "Manifesto."

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Arrangement

Materials arranged in the following series:

Series 1: Community activism

Series 2: Educational involvement

Series 3: Political involvement

Series 4: Newspapers, clippings, and press

Series 5: Newspapers

Series 6: Personal

Series 7: Scrapbooks, awards, and memorabilia

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Processing Information

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Controlled Access Headings

- Monterey County LGBTQ Collection
- Homosexuality and education
- Gay rights
- Human rights advocacy
- Gay activists -- Monterey County (Calif.)
- California -- Politics and government
- Reichard, David

Collection Inventory

Community activism, 1991-2004

Date [inclusive]: 1991-2004

Boy Scouts of America, 1998-2000

carton 1

Date [inclusive]: 1998-2000

Contacts and resources, 1996-2004

carton 1

Date [inclusive]: 1996-2004

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Monterey County Equal Opportunity Advisory Committee, 2000-2001

carton 2

Date [inclusive]: 2000-2001

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**Monterey County Lesbian, Gay and
Bisexual Task Force, 1991-1992**

carton 2

Date [inclusive]: 1991-1992

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Monterey County Pride, 1997-2000

carton 2

Date [inclusive]: 1997-2000

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Educational involvement, 1993-2010

carton 1

Date [inclusive]: 1993-2010

**Gay, Lesbian & Straight Educational
Network (GLSEN), 1998-2000**

carton 1

Date [inclusive]: 1998-2000

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Day of Respect, 2001-2003

Date [inclusive]: 2001-2003

Laramie Project, 2003

Date [inclusive]: 2003

Teaching materials, 1993-2010, undated

Date [inclusive]: 1993-2010, undated

Other materials, 2003

Date [inclusive]: 2003

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Political involvement, 1994-2007

Date [inclusive]: 1994-2007

Bay Area Municipal Elections Committee (BAYMEC), 1994-2004

carton 1

Date [inclusive]: 1994-2004

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Democratic party, 1996-2007

carton 1

Date [inclusive]: 1996-2007

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Knight Initiative, 1999-2000

carton 1

Date [inclusive]: 1999-2000

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Newspapers, clippings, and press, 1992-2004

Date [inclusive]: 1992-2004

Miscellaneous correspondence and press releases, 1993-2004

carton 1

Date [inclusive]: 1993-2004

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Newsclippings, 1993-2004

carton 2

Date [inclusive]: 1993-2004

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The Paper, 1994 June 1-1998 July/August

box 4

Date [inclusive]: 1994 June 1-1998 July/August

Manifesto, 2000 February-2004 March

box 5

Date [inclusive]: 2000 February-2004 March

Out Now, 1994 October 6-12

box 5

Date [inclusive]: 1994 October 6-12

Coast Weekly, 1992,1994

box 5

Date [inclusive]: 1992,1994

San Jose Mercury News West, 1998 May 17

box 5

Date [inclusive]: 1998 May 17

Carmel Pine Cone, 1992-1993

box 5

Date [inclusive]: 1992-1993

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Personal, 1998, [2003]

carton 2

Date [inclusive]: 1998, [2003]

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**Scrapbooks, awards, and memorabilia, 1995,
2001-2011, undated**

carton 2

carton 3

Date [inclusive]: 1995, 2001-2011, undated

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