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The Paper Turns One!

By Barbara Burke
Managing Editor

In June 1994 I heard that Matthew Friday, Bruce Carlson and a small group of other people were starting a newspaper for the gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender community in Monterey County.

The first two issues had come out during that summer and production had begun on the third issue when I went to my first meeting. I was amazed at the energy and dedication of the people there. Everyone was very excited and involved in the process of creating The Paper. Steve Clark was elected as the new managing editor, to replace Wes Davis. A computer had just been donated and the layout was to be done on Microsoft Publisher for the first time. Because of the new software, the layout alone for that issue took hours to complete. Also, we could only access the computer when an MCAP employee was there to open and lock up the office. We spent a number of weekends at MCAP assisting Steve as he painstakingly laid out each page. Due to Steve's effort, The Paper's style changed to one that was more professional. He was also responsible for the center pages being translated into Spanish for our Latino readers. The Paper was changing.

Since that time four issues (including this one) have been printed. The current highly stylized and very professional

layout was developed by Wes Kashiwagi, one of the current managing editors. The manual cut and paste method of production has been replaced by digital processing. Involvement by the community in writing articles and updating the Community Calendar has continued to grow.

During this first year The Paper has definitely experienced its share of growing pains, including highly controversial articles and computer hardware and software changes. Many personnel changes have also taken place, including some staff writers, committee members and managing editors. Through all of this The Paper has grown and developed.

At this one year anniversary I want to thank the many people who have volunteered their time and talents to produce The Paper. Due to their efforts the Monterey gay community has had a place to voice its opinions, to share its experiences, to print personal fiction, poetry, cartoons and art work, to learn about the current treatments, education techniques and statistics regarding HIV/AIDS, and to read about local, state and national current events affecting our community. This is truly something to be cherished and supported. I also want to thank our advertisers for their ongoing support. As the number of advertisers



EDITOR TAKES A BREATH: Barbara Burke in front of The Paper's unofficial meeting joint, Morgan's coffeehouse (good mochas and friendly people). Remember to support businesses that advertise in The Paper. It's what keeps us going.

grows, The Paper comes closer to its goal of becoming a fully independent community newspaper. Finally, I want to thank the individuals who make up Monterey County's gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender community. Thank you for your articles, your suggestions, your letters to the editors, and for making The Paper a reality. Please continue to participate! It's only with your help and support that The Paper can be a voice for our community. Happy birthday to us and here's to the second year!!!

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Mario Hernandez, Program Manager for Salud Para La Gente, works to bring primary healthcare and education to residents of Pajaro Valley.

Salud Serves Pajaro

by Edith Tuile
Contributing Writer

For the past 10 years, Salud Para La Gente in Watsonville has brought community health services to the people of the Pajaro Valley, a region many peninsula residents forget is a part of Monterey County.

Mario Hernandez is the program manager for Salud. Since joining the organization 2 years ago, Hernandez has worked to overcome social, cultural, and language barriers that have stymied other health, social, and HIV/AIDS outreach programs.

Local Focus Succeeds

Hernandez estimates that of those reached by Salud, 70% are Mexican-American, with a large percentage being both non-English speaking and migrant farm workers. Other health agencies have found migrant workers—men, women, and their families—particularly difficult to reach. Salud offers several innovative programs, such as *Niños Sanos Jovenes Listos*, which provides children ages 9-12 with programs on self-esteem, basic math and English skills, personal hygiene, cultural pride, and basic health education.

HIV education is an important part of Salud's mission. The

Proyecto Alarma SIDA program reaches men who have sex with men but don't identify as gay, substance users, out of school youth, farm workers, and sex workers. "We have a lot of drag queens working the streets in Watsonville," said Hernandez.

"...I don't want to see in the Latino community what I've seen happen in the gay community..."

Salud provides these groups with free and anonymous HIV testing, and early intervention education.

Salud's HIV outreach is funded through the State of California, county governments, and fundraisers, although private donations from the community are encouraged. The Larry Trujillo Fund, named in memory of a Salud employee who helped estab-

lish many of their HIV programs and who later succumbed to the virus, provides an emergency fund for food, shelter and other essentials. Salud also receives money from the Santa Cruz Walk for AIDS.

A Flood of Opportunity

The recent flood that devastated Pajaro provided Salud with a unique opportunity to spread the safer sex message. Salud packaged 2,000 hygiene packets to distribute to flood victims. Hernandez said that Salud made sure that the packets also included condoms, lube, and instructions.

"The reason I'm involved with AIDS education in the Latino community," said Hernandez, "is that I don't want to see in the Latino community what I've seen happen in the gay community, where 50% of the people I meet are potentially HIV+. I'm losing half of the people in this world I can relate to."

Salud is currently looking for outreach workers, with bilingual English/Spanish speakers preferred. [Editor's Note: the deadline for applications may pass before this issue goes to press.]

For more information call Salud Para La Gente's voicemail at (408) 763-3413 (bilingual Spanish/English).

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- Latex condoms for men, if used correctly with every act of vaginal intercourse, are highly effective at preventing pregnancy, as well as STDs, including AIDS (HIV infection).

The warning label from the Avanti condom package.

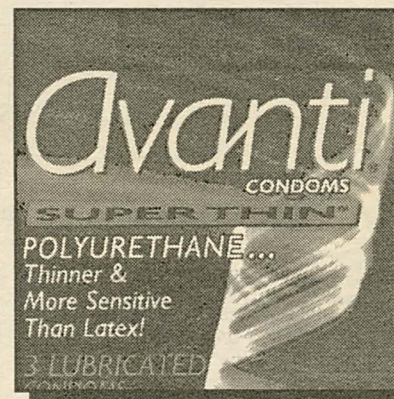
Stick to Latex

New Condoms Not Proven Effective Protection Against HIV Infection

Polyurethane condoms should not be considered a reliable means of preventing HIV infection according to the British manufacturer, Durex. This new type of condom, which is now being sold locally, is plastic instead of rubber like latex. Questions about the efficacy of the new condoms are on the rise, according to MCAP's HIV outreach worker at the After Dark nightclub.

The Paper is contacting the manufacturer to learn if further studies on HIV prevention have been completed. You can contact the manufacturer yourself by writing to Schmid Laboratories, Sarasota, FL 34230-4703.

As lesbians who practice protected oral sex know, HIV cannot penetrate polyurethane, the material used to make plastic food wrap; the problem may lie in breakage during anal intercourse or slippage. The polyurethane condoms don't retain their shape as well as latex condoms after they've been stretched. -WK



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Bi-County Queers Join Heads

New Group Works to Get Beyond Visions of Bad Golf Shorts & Hairy-Legged Women

by Javier Kake
Contributing Writer

Queers from Monterey and Santa Cruz met to forge closer ties between the two communities. Sofia Ramos organized the April 22nd meeting in Monterey.

"Monterey is like a suburban cul-de-sac," said Matt Friday of Monterey, trying to characterize the prevailing mindset of the local queer community. The twelve women and men at the meeting agreed that Santa Cruz tends to look to San Francisco when it comes to queerness, while Monterey looks inward.

To Look North or Not

Ramos suggested that Monterey's reluctance to organize may stem from the influence of traditionally conservative groups, such as the church and the military. Regardless of the reasons for people's perceptions of Monterey, Santa Cruz residents often view Monterey as provincial.

One Santa Cruz representative



Mark Krikava and Sofia Ramos from Santa Cruz & Matthew Friday from Monterey were among the queers who convened recently.

said that to him Monterey means "a bunch of old money White guys in bad shorts playing golf." Santa Cruz was described as "hairy-legged women running around protesting stuff."

Santa Cruz's queer community is more organized and visible, but the

reasons for this are unclear. Many cited the university as a major influence in promoting openness in what is essentially a very conservative town.

Contact *The Paper* for information on the next meeting. Carpools are forming.

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Consortium Meets to Discuss Editorial

By Wes Kashiwagi
Managing Editor

The agenda of the Gay Men's Consortium meeting April 23rd in Monterey unexpectedly changed from advising local organizations on improving HIV outreach to preparing a response to an editorial which appeared in the April/May issue of *The Paper*. No formal response from the Consortium was approved at the meeting.

Of the nine men present, most felt that Deborah Aguayo-Delgado, the author of the editorial, and MCAP should write a retraction. Although Aguayo-Delgado never mentioned her affiliation with MCAP in the editorial, the men felt that the tone of the article compromised her ability to serve as an MCAP employee; they believed that a few older, gay, white men on the peninsula were being accused of holding a monopoly over local HIV/AIDS committee positions while ignoring the needs of the rest of the county.

Other consortium members felt that the editorial was critical of the gay community as a whole and that the Consortium's time would be better spent addressing the issue of racism within the gay community. They

also cautioned that any public lambasting of Aguayo-Delgado or Joy Rubey, MCAP's Executive Director, could be interpreted as another personal attack on Rubey.

Wayne Johnson, who organized the Consortium, felt that he and other members were not being allowed to express themselves freely in public forums. Said Johnson, "I feel Joy Rubey was part of this article, that she helped with it. Fire her now."

A quilt previously displayed in MCAP's Seaside office was draped across the conference table during the meeting. Bryan Callas, who was not present at the meeting, asked MCAP to return the quilt to show his displeasure with the organization after the editorial ran in *The Paper*. Callas had donated the quilt as part of a fundraiser.

Consortium meeting attendance has dropped to between 8-9 members, although the low turnout at this meeting may be due to confusion over whether the meeting had been cancelled. Consortium members were not notified or asked if they thought the focus of the meeting should change. No further meetings were scheduled.

Wes Kashiwagi is co-managing editor of *The Paper*, a member of the Gay Men's Consortium, an MCAP volunteer, and chair of MCAP's Diversity Committee.

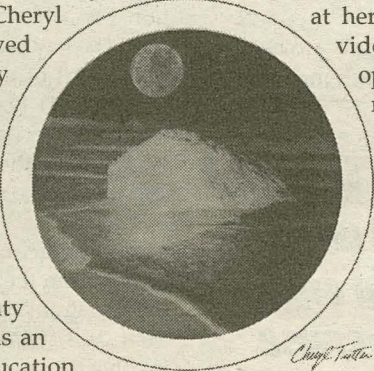
Read *The Paper*. It's Not Just for Breakfast Anymore

Art From the Heart

by Barbara Burke
Managing Editor

In an effort to introduce our readers to our advertisers we recently interviewed Cheryl Trotter, owner of Artists Forum Gallery.

In February, 1994 Cheryl Trotter's brother moved his successful gallery of early California art from Pacific Grove to Carmel. At that time he offered the space to his sister, who although she was working for Monterey County Office of Education as an Environmental Education Teacher, had been showing her own art since 1980. With encouragement from her family and friends Cheryl opened Artists Forum Gallery. Her ongoing goal is to provide gallery space for the work of the many local artists she knows, as well as her own art work. Cheryl is on the Board of Directors of the Pacific Grove Arts Center and is a member of the



Carmel Art Association. Her connection to the artists whose work she shows is not only as a gallery owner but is also as a colleague.

When she opened her business Cheryl received 200 portfolios from artists interested in showing at her gallery. This provided her with the opportunity and the responsibility to select the art she would display. "One of the benefits of owning my own gallery is being surrounded by great art every day," she remarks.

However, she is also sensitive to the feelings of rejection of the artists whose work she does not select. This is one of the most difficult parts of her job.

Cheryl also loves her relationship with her customers. She's a very social person and enjoys selling art that she loves. "I simply talk to people about what I like about the art. I

sell from my heart." This non-pressured, sincere sales style is a hallmark of Artists Forum Gallery. Cheryl recommends a person purchase a piece of art only if it resonates with them. ("If you go home and it stays with you.") She is also very willing to work with a customer who wants to buy art work. She encourages potential buyers to take the art home for 48 hours to see it in different areas of their house and in different lights before they make a decision. When a person does decide to purchase, Cheryl can "make allowances financially." She tries to be very flexible and offers creative financing in order to enable people to own art.

Artists Forum Gallery is a unique place to experience quality art in a comfortable atmosphere. It's also a place where Cheryl Trotter freely shares her knowledge and expertise about art. Finally, it's a place where someone (whether an experienced art buyer or a novice) can confidently purchase art that speaks to them.

Artists Forum Gallery is located at 309 Forest Avenue in Pacific Grove and is open 11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. When you stop in, please let Cheryl know that you read about her gallery in

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Monterey County AIDS Project
Confidential: \$20 or what you can afford.
10 Sherwood Dr., 772-8200

**Natividad Medical Center
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1330 Natividad Rd., 759-6516

Planned Parenthood
Tuesday, 3p.m. - 5 p.m. Confidential or anonymous: \$20-40 sliding scale. By appointment.
758-8261

Monterey/Seaside

Community Hospital (OPIS)
Confidential: \$45. Appointments necessary.
23625 Holman Hwy. 625-4972

County Health Department
Anonymous: \$20 or what you can afford. Testing on Fridays, appointments necessary.
Broadway & Noche Buena, Seaside. 899-8100

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Out to lunch — bi Megan Coffey



Man-to-Man Grasps Opportunities

New Coordinator Outlines New Programs

by Justin Larson
MCAP Man-to-Man
Coordinator

Though ending its second year, I feel safe saying MCAP's Man-to-Man Outreach Program is still a fledgling endeavor requiring definition and direction. Though a scope of work exists defining what must be accomplished, how to accomplish it is left largely up to the community. How is a contact defined? What types of events does the community want? What has been tried and should be tried again? Perhaps it is this lack of an attached blueprint which has caused me such confusion. How do I create one effective program serving gay men that everyone can agree on?

Discouraging News

An article in the last issue of *The Paper* quotes a former Man-to-Man coordinator as saying "(t)here really is no such thing as a successful HIV outreach program." An article in the May 2 *Advocate* suggests that unless "major changes are made in AIDS prevention education," we will continue to see high exposure rates in the gay community. It points out that "pamphlets alone are not sufficient to stop the spread of AIDS."

So what is the answer? Why is the Man-to-Man mission so daunting? When so many young people are continuing to engage in high risk behaviors from lack of information, and so many gay men in their thirties and forties are feeling frustrated to the point of not caring anymore, what can we do to try to make a difference? Perhaps I should write a pamphlet on it!

New and Improved

Though printed information is a necessary tool in HIV education, I don't think it's the solution. Certain thought processes must change if the Man-to-Man Program is to succeed in educating and supporting the gay community in its efforts to stay healthy.

1. The program must be sex-positive. None of us became celibate the very moment we heard or read about AIDS. But that seems to be the solution in many circles—"You won't get it if you just say 'No' to sex." Any program that will be effective must support individuals in their sexuality. The unspoken formula of "Sex = Infection = Death" is demoralizing and counterproduc-

tive. Man-to-Man will provide options, sex-positive information, and activities.

2. Multiple programs are needed. Unlike the basic condom, one size

ensure that activities are tailored to the people who need the information.

3. The gay community must be an active part of the program. Man-to-Man is NOT here to solve the problem for everyone else. HIV disease was spread through many people, and it will take many people to bring it into check. We will need volunteers, resources, and ideas. Without buy-in from the community at large, the program is doomed. Man-to-Man will make every effort to involve the community; the community itself is responsible for how effective the program will be.

4. The program must be interesting and fun. One more AIDS 101 lecture and I think I'll go crazy! Outreach is most effective in social environments. And we cannot avoid sex in trying out new things. Programs that come right out and embrace sexuality, while not everyone's cup of tea, may be the most effective way to reach some people who are at high risk. Man-to-Man won't be sponsoring orgies, but we promise not to be boring!

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does not fit all—nor even most! Programs must be designed to fit elements of age, economics, culture, and activity. Programs for leathermen on safe S&M practices probably won't draw the young drag queens from Carmel, while many of the Garrapata Beach crowd may not be at a lecture for PPN. Man-to-Man will include "mini-programs" to

Man-to-Man Volunteer Opportunities

The following volunteer positions are needed for the programs we are pursuing. Job descriptions, time requirements, and other information are available by calling me at the Salinas MCAP office.

Bar Outreach

A new approach to outreach, with new opportunities possible at Planet Gemini in Salinas! Outreach workers will now do more than stand behind a table and pass out pamphlets. Interaction and fun will be key.

Volunteers needed:

- Bar Outreach Managers
- 10 Outreach Workers

PSE Outreach

A public sex environment (PSE) is a public area where men meet other men to have sex, usually anonymously. These places include parks, beaches, rest areas, adult book stores, and parking lots. Outreach in these areas is in the development stage and will require significant training and skill.

Volunteer needed:

- PSE Outreach Program Manager

Workshops and Events

Safer sex and other events, both instructional and social, as well as house parties. Topics can be varied and non-traditional.

Volunteers needed:

- Event Manager
- 5 Event Facilitators

Teen Support Group

A safe place for gay, lesbian, and bisexual teenagers to get together in a supportive, social atmosphere. Resources will be provided on coming out, family, relationships, and staying safe. Facilitated by mentors who can give support and positive role models for gay youth.

Volunteers needed:

- 6 Program Mentors

Peer Educator Program

Training peer educators in the county high schools in gay and lesbian issues and promoting sexual orientation sensitivity.

Volunteers needed:

- Peer Educator
- Program Coordinator
- 6 Peer Educator Trainers

If you have an interest in working in the development of any of these programs, I need your input! While we plan to kick-off our program in conjunction with Pride activities in June, we can use the ideas, resources, and volunteers mentioned above right now!

To help, call me at 772-8200. If someone from Man-to-Man contacts you, please seriously consider their request. Your investment now may yield a truly effective program down the line!

E/P Network Discusses Process

The Monterey County HIV/AIDS Education & Prevention Network (also known as the E/P Network) met in April to begin planning the distribution of funds for the 1996-1997 fiscal year and beyond. After debating the meaning of "consensus" for an hour, the group worked together to approve several agenda items, including the formation of a steering committee and the acceptance of four new members: Micaela Andazolas-Boyd, David Davila, Nancy Fomenko, and Diane Shaheen.

The Monterey County HIV/AIDS Education & Prevention Network is an unincorporated consortium of service providers and concerned community members whose purpose is to identify local needs (both unmet needs and those being adequately addressed) for HIV/AIDS prevention services, to provide a forum for the collaborative development and coordination of such services, and to provide a mechanism for the allocation of funds to be made available for these purposes by the State Office of AIDS and other possible funders.

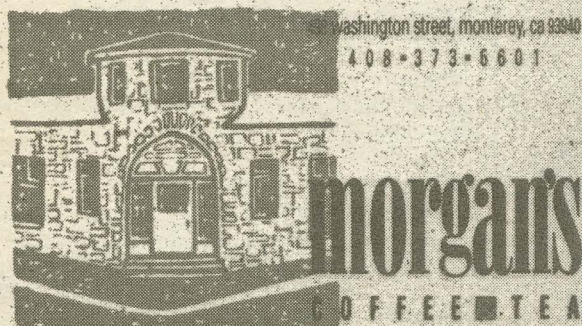
You can get involved in the E/P Network by contacting the membership co-chairs: Wayne Johnson at 373-8055, or Alisa Klein at 772-8200. -WK

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Gay CA Students Lobby for Funding

From News Release

Sacramento, CA—Students from across California are coming to Sacramento to lobby and give testimony in support of AS 1001, The Dignity for All Students Act. This legislation adds "sexual orientation" to the sections of the education code that protect students from discrimination.

Assemblymember Sheila Kuehl says, "Nothing is more important than removing the barriers that keep our students from achieving their full potential. We need them. And they need the school administrators to protect them against the virulent harassment and violence they must endure simply trying to get a public education."

Laurie McBride of the LIFE AIDS Lobby, which is sponsoring this legislation along with the California Teachers Association, said "This is a top priority for the gay and lesbian community state-wide. For each one of us it's a very personal issue. No one should have to survive open hostility and abuse based on homophobia, but young people in the schools and in the classroom

are especially vulnerable."

The passage of this legislation is crucial. The National Gay and Lesbian Task Force documents that almost half of gay males and 20% of lesbians experience verbal or physical assault in high school. A 1989 Bush

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Administration "Report on the Secretary's Task Force on Youth Suicide" showed that twenty-eight percent of gay and lesbian youth are forced to drop out of school because of harassment resulting from their sexual orientation and that lesbian and gay youth are two to three times more likely to

attempt suicide than heterosexual young people.

AS 1001 passed the Assembly Higher Education Committee by a vote of six to three and now must pass the Assembly Education Committee. The students will be coming into Sacramento to lobby the legislature in the morning prior to the bill being heard in committee. Students also will participate in a press conference in the state capitol.

According to Kuehl, "As a society, we all bear the cost when young people, who want nothing more than to enter adulthood and make their individual contributions to the community, are assaulted and told that their lives are worthless, that they are better off dead. All children deserve the dignity of an education free from discrimination, violence and harassment. AS 1001 would continue California's commitment to a safe and secure learning environment for ALL students."

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PFLAG News

Local Chapter Promotes Understanding, Donates Books

Our chapter used a grant from the now-defunct Monterey County Gay, Lesbian, and Bisexual Task Force to buy ten copies of five different trade books to help educate the community about our issues. The books were selected by a large group of chapter members, purchased at a discount from Waldenbooks, and then lingered, awaiting volunteers to find them homes. I am pleased to announce that at the April meeting a brigade of volunteers stepped forward to MAKE IT HAPPEN!! Books will find homes in the Monterey, Pacific Grove, Carmel, Carmel Valley, and Seaside public libraries, as well as the Robert Louis Stevenson School library and 4 others.

Robin Sawyer, [Monterey County PFLAG's] chapter president, has seen to it that we are an official chapter of the national organization, that we have a phone line, newsletter, and mail box to connect us to the community, and that we have regular programs at our meetings to both educate new members and keep "regulars" interested in coming. She has represented the chapter on panels, drummed up financial contributions, solicited volunteers for various efforts, and on and on. After more than a year as President (and Publicity Chair before that), Robin has announced that she would like to give another parent the opportunity to lead the chapter. Elections will be held in August, with nominations at the June meeting, and ballots mailed out in July. For more details, leave your name and number at 655-FLAG.

June is Gay Pride Month! Several members are going to the San Jose parade on June 11, and several to the San Francisco parade June 18. Buy a PFLAG T-shirt (\$15) at the May meeting to wear to one (or more) of these parades and make a new friend—carpool with a few others!

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NGLTF:

Passes Resolutions on Nat'l Social Issues

From News Release

At its April board meeting, the National Gay & Lesbian Task Force unanimously adopted three resolutions on critical national political issues: welfare, affirmative action and immigration. A preamble to each resolution reads, "Recognizing that the civil rights of gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender people are inextricably linked to the civil rights of all people..." The resolution on welfare reads: "[NGLTF] opposes the elimination or reduction of government programs that provide needed food, housing, health care and other basic services." The resolution on affirmative action reads: "[NGLTF] supports the establishment and continuation of policies and programs that attempt to address the continuing effects of this nation's legacy of gender- and race-based discrimination, and opposes the wholesale elimination of the concept of affirmative action." The resolution on immigration reads: "[NGLTF] opposes all legislative measures that deny immigrants provision of basic needs, especially health care, and campaigns that make immigrants scapegoats for societal problems."

"Current events call on us to be clear on these issues as we move forward on the national, state and local level in alliance with other organizations and movements," said Board Co-Chair Deborah Johnson-Rolon. "We recognize that in order for this society to offer us the compassion and justice we seek as gay and lesbian people, that compassion must exist for all. We at NGLTF know these issues are, in fact, controversial. We believe it's important to take a stand, for our coalition efforts and for our educational work within the community."

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We Need Writers - Got a Cause? Put It In The Paper

A Short Story

by Emma

We were alone in her car. I felt really awkward. I didn't know where to start because it just seemed too impossible. She let the awkwardness fill the car until there was no more room to hide. I blurted out, "I've never even touched a woman!"

She cocked her head and I blushed in the semi-darkness, "Well, once...in high school, we were having a slumber party and Cindy Riggs took off her blouse and made me put my hand on her breasts."

Silence.

"Then she wanted to put her hand on mine and I wouldn't let her."

More silence. Then finally she spoke. In that musical softness, that refined confidence, she asked, "Did you like how her breasts felt?"

I didn't answer at first. I wanted to be honest with her. I stared out the window at the silhouetted pines and squinted them into gobs of dark gray as I took myself back so many years.

"I thought they were so round and soft," I whispered, "and her nipples were thick and firm. I remember my fingers tripping over them. When I pulled my hand away, I felt something happening in my crotch and I knew that I couldn't let her touch me."

"Why not?"

The question was so simple, the answer so troubling.

"Because it would cause me to do something I didn't want to do."

"Like what?"

"Like...I don't know. 'like what!'" I answered in exasperation. "I just knew she shouldn't have taken her blouse off in the

first place. She said she was showing me what guys did on dates. She wanted us to practice on each other so we would know."

"So was she right? Is that what guys did on dates?"

I thought back to high school dates and wished it could have been like that. Wished some guy, just one, would have allowed me to lie down unashamed on a bedroom rug and take off my blouse

Fiction

and let him look at my young breasts. Let him adore them and gently and tenderly touch them—delicately and tentatively feel the taut nipples, his fingers tripping over their erectness.

"No, that isn't," I answered. "Not quite."

As a matter of fact, I couldn't think of a time when anyone really seemed that interested about any part of me. All I could remember were hard zippers rubbing against my thighs, grappling hands fighting with my bra, fran-

tic thrusts between my legs, liquored breath hot in my face.

She leaned closer to me and put her hand on my cheek. Just the back of her hand, as a mother would, checking for fever. I turned towards her and looked into her eyes. They were so deep, I felt I could swim right into them. Her sweater was soft. The necklace she wore hung between two gentle mounds of feather white angora.

"I'm too old," I said to her. "I don't know what to do." I paused and sighed, "I just don't have a clue."

She took my hand firmly in hers and slipped it up under her sweater. My hand automatically found her smoothness, her roundness. My fingers straddled her nipple like a horseman, his mount. I gripped it and squeezed and felt it respond and quiver. I played around and around it, my fingers enjoying its nubbiness, its strength. She slowly removed my hand from her breast, then asked me how it had felt.

"It felt like Cindy's," I said, "way back when." It felt like

Cindy's sixteen year old, virgin, white breast, I thought to myself...so amazingly soft and supple. I wanted so much to feel it again. This time take her other hand and put it between my legs where the yearning arose.

But it was time to go back, she said, adjusting her seat and straightening the rear-view mirror. She inserted the keys in the ignition and started to back out into the main road...get us back before we were missed. But before we left, she grinned at my longing and confused eyes and smoothing her sweater, simply said, "I don't think you'll have any trouble at all, Sarah."

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Take Five

Pilgrimage to Provincetown

by Dan Presser
Contributing Writer

There's no better place to relax than Provincetown...at the very end of Cape Cod and the very beginning of a wonderful memory. There's so much to enjoy in P-Town—history, art, natural beauty, recreation and most of all the freedom to be yourself.

In 1620 the Pilgrims established themselves in Massachusetts. Now, 375 years later, Provincetown honors that, even declaring 1995 "the Year of the Pilgrims."

Provincetown guests can learn about the early Pilgrims by visiting Pilgrim Monument and museum.

Provincetown boasts the largest and oldest continuous art colony in America. Artists began expressing themselves in the late 1800's and continue to do so. Endearing art galleries line P-Town's streets, showing interesting works by wonderful New England female artists.

Provincetown's natural areas are protected by the Cape Cod National Seashore called the Provincelands. Herring Cove with its sandy white beach is a delight for

lesbian and gay bathers. Sunset over Cape Cod Bay is extremely romantic.

Nightlife starts before sundown with a tea-dance at the Boatslip. From there the party usually moves to the Pied Piper. Summer nights spawn fun along the streets of tiny P-town. Most of the activity centers on Commercial Street. Check with your local travel agent for a list of activities going on this summer in this lovely mecca for lesbians and gays.

Accommodations in P-town are numerous, but its cottages and guest houses fill quickly. It's best to make reservations early.

Getting to P-Town is easy. From Boston you can rent a car. Be prepared to spend anywhere from 2.5 to 4 hours on the road. If the weather is cooperating you can take the ferry. The trip takes 3.5 hours and leaves Boston in the morning, returning in the afternoon. The quickest and most convenient way is to zoom across the bay on one of Cape Air's 9-passenger Cessnas. The trip is only 20-25 minutes and the view is breathtaking.

For more information call the P-Town Business Guild at (800) 637-8696.

The Paper's Computer Column ~!@#%\$^&*[]_+

What is "On-Line?"

By John E. Brennan
Contributing Writer

Last issue we answered the question, "How do I get on-line" with an explanation of the hardware (the physical components of a computer) needed to get on-line. That discussion focused on the interaction between a computer and a modem. This column will define "on-line" and present a few examples and uses.

"On-line" is a general term used to describe the state of connection between you (via your computer) and other computers. Generally this connection occurs over a phone line, so once you have this connection you are on (the) line.

Everyone uses phones to make connections—mostly verbal connections. When you go on-line with your computer, you are using phone lines to make data connections. Instead of verbal communication, you use your computer as a tool to share data, search data, and retrieve data. Deaf people have been using phone lines for data communication for years.

When I was a kid and I wanted to know something and I was desperate, I would call information, 411. When I was at home with no answers from the regular sources,

I'd call information and ask, "Is Greenland an island or continent?" or "How many pints in a 1/2 gallon of milk?" Although it has become politically incorrect to ask information operators for this type of information now, the phone was my only con-

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say foreign films,
current HIV research,
skeet shooting
or repairing Volvos?**

nection to the outside world after dark. (Upon reflection, I now wonder why I thought information operators—people who sit in a low-lit place all day staring into space talking to strangers for 6 seconds at a time—could provide reliable, accurate information.) No other source for reaching out for information was available then.

Now I can reach out by going on-line. I can find out that Greenland is an island and that 4 pints are in a 1/2 gallon by searching vast databases for that information.

The vast amount of information available is one of the difficulties of going on-line. It's as if, as a kid, I had gotten all the information operators in the world on the line at the same time and asked the question, "How do I decide what my favorite color is?" I would have a vast number of answers and many languages to contend with.

Since on-line only describes the connection to other computers, we only have the question half answered. You can be connected (on-line) to a variety of places, like CompuServe, America Online, a local bulletin board or an Internet provider. See the side bar for a brief explanation of the Internet.

Once you are online, you can send and receive e-mail (electronic mail), look up current news, conduct research on a particular topic, chat with others with similar interests, and explore the depths of whatever else is out there. Do you have a particular interest, say foreign films, current HIV research, skeet shooting or repairing Volvos? Chances are you can find people with similar interests to discuss the issues of the day.

Next issue: The Joys of E-Mail! E-mail John E. Brennan at 74744.3653@compuserve.com, The Paper at stickyrice@aol.com.

THE INTERNET: Egads!

The Internet has been in the news lately. What is the Internet? The Internet is a complex network of interconnected computers.

These computers range from the largest government and university computers (mainframes) to business Local Area Networks (LANs) which are PC and Macintosh-based. The Net (as the Internet is often called) was started by the Defense Department and is designed so that if one part stops working, the other parts can continue to function. Since there is no hierarchy, no single command post, the Internet is a very unique construction: everyone shares. If you don't already know that your school or business has an Internet address, chances are you need to contact an Internet provider or service.

[Editor's Note: You might be interested to know that The Paper receives much of its national and state news via America Online (AOL) and the Internet. AOL, like many online services, has a forum devoted to the gay and lesbian community. For an example, see the Gay Pride event listing on p.10 of this issue. Get connected. -WKJ]

FAST 4 Reviews of Cultural Elements

by seven fourty

FILM

Priest: Protecting the guilty and persecuting the innocent. Creating guilt and absolving dedication. All this and more from the Catholic Church. Hot love scene between the two most handsome men in the UK.

Kiss of Death: The title says it all. Why bother?

RENT! (Into the Jungle)

Aguirre: The Wrath of God (1972): Werner Herzog's surreal tale of a European dreamer leading followers through the Amazon Basin in the mid-1500s. Tension, betrayal and dirty costumes.

Fitzcarraldo (1982): Werner Herzog's return to the jungle. An obsessed man's dream to move a 200-ton steam boat over a mountain in the Amazon to finance opera in the jungle. Amazing and astonishing. A bit long, but most compulsions are.

Burden of Dreams (1982). (The making of *Fitzcarraldo*): The tale of making an amazing and astonishing movie uncovers the depths of a man's soul.

Apocalypse Now (1975). Francis's pièce

de résistance. Fantastic embodiment of Conrad's *Heart of Darkness* set in the Vietnam War. Great cast. Not a Vietnam film: the film uses the Vietnam War as the portal to the heart of darkness.

Hearts of Darkness (1991) (The making of *Apocalypse Now*): The tale of making an amazing and astonishing movie uncovers the real soul of the movie and players. The horror of the movie is the horror of making the movie.

CD

Turbulent Indigo/Joni Mitchell: Not that great. Maybe it will grow on me. As always with Joni, the words are the core. Music's a bit swirly.

Unplugged in New York/Nirvana: A disappointing swan song. Some of the rocks are sharp, but it mostly treads on mediocre soil. Fantastic in concept.

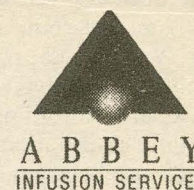
EAT: Solving the Epicurean Equation

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On The Air: Local Weekly Radio

Mondays: 7:00 p.m. Closet Free Radio. Local gay and lesbian news & announcements. KZSC, 88.1 FM

Tuesdays: 12:30 p.m. This Way Out. Int'l lesbian & gay news. KUSP, 88.9 FM.

Thursdays: 9:00 a.m. My Sister's House. Women's music & interviews. KAZU, 90.3 FM

Sundays: 9:30 a.m. Breakfast in Bed. Women's music. KZSC, 88.1 FM

1:00 p.m. Women's Radio Collective! Music and requests. KAZU, 90.3 FM.

This Way Out Radio in Peril

Gay/Lesbian Show May Shut Down Due to Lack of Funds

From news release

This Way Out, the world's only internationally syndicated weekly lesbian and gay radio program, is dangerously close to leaving the airwaves due to lack of funds, Coordinating Producer Greg Gordon announced recently.

"I called a meeting of our volunteers over the weekend and laid it out for them," Gordon said. He characterized the show's annual budget as "a drop in the bucket, given the community's well-publicized economic clout." Gordon explained that while *This Way Out* is produced by volunteers, there are still costs involved with putting the show on the air, such as recording tape and other supplies, satellite distribution fees and telephone charges. "It's also becoming harder to get unpaid labor from freelance producers in an era of public broadcasting cutbacks," he said.

"It would be tragic if we have to shut down," Gordon continued. "For many people *This Way Out* is their only source of news about the community. We know from our mail that many of our listeners live in small towns where there might not be a flourishing gay and lesbian community or a local publication."

Gordon says the financial crisis is due in part to the program's failure to attract major grant funding. "Several smaller foundations have kept *This Way Out* one step ahead of our creditors for seven years."

"We thought the program could become self-sustaining through larger grants and community contributions, but so far that has not happened." Gordon explained that "due to various legal complications, we can't accept paid advertising, and we can't ask for money on the air. The big national gay and lesbian organizations have offered enthusiastic moral support, but apparently don't provide financial help for independent endeavors such as ours."

What You Can Do

For info, or to make a tax-deductible donation, please write to *This Way Out*, P.O. Box 38327, Los Angeles, CA 90038 (e-mail: TWOradio@aol.com), or call Greg Gordon at (213) 874-0874.

Gay Pride Far & Wide

Allentown, PA Lehigh Valley	June 17 & 18
Antelope Valley, CA	October 20 & 21
Atlanta	June 25
Baltimore	June 11th / AIDS Walk & Pride Day
Birmingham	June 4
Boston	June 10
Charlotte, NC	October 11-15 / Out Charlotte '95
Chicago	June 25
Chico, CA	September 17 / Freedom Fest '95
Claremont, CA (Inland Valley)	October 10
Cleveland, OH	June 17
Colorado Springs, CO	June 18 / PrideFest '95
Concord, NH	June 16
Danville, NH	moved to Concord
Denver	June 25 / PrideFest '95
Durham, NC	June 9
Edmonton, Alberta	June 16 -25
Fort Myers, FL	June 3-25 (various events)
Harrisburg, PA	July 27-30
Henniker, NH	June 17th / Pat's Peak
Houston	June 18-25 / Parade 25th
Huntington, WV	July 2 / Pride Picnic
Indianapolis	June 24
Laguna Beach, CA	May 6-7
Laredo, TX/Nuevo Laredo, Mex	June 16-25 / Los Brasos Gay Pride
London	October / largest event in Europe
Long Beach, CA	May 20 & 21
Long Island, NY	June 11
Los Angeles	June 24 & 25 / 25th Anniversary CSW
Madison, WI	July 16
Miami/Ft. Lauderdale	June 24 / PrideFest '95
Milwaukee	June 9 & 11
Minneapolis/St. Paul	June 24 & 25
Monterey, CA	June 11th
Montgomery County, MD (DC)	June 4
Nashville	June 10-18
New Orleans	Labor Day Weekend
New York City	June 24 & 25
North Hampton, MA	June 17th / Western Mass.
Orange County	August 12 & 13
Orlando	June 24
Palm Springs, CA	November 11 & 12
Phoenix	June 2-4
Portland, ME	June 17th / Pier dance Friday night
Pomona/San Gabriel Valley, CA	October 16
Providence, RI	June 17th
Redondo Beach/South Bay, CA	September 17
Rochester, NY	July 15
Sacramento	June 10, held in Capital Park
Saint Louis	Sept 23 & 24
Salt Lake City	June 11
San Diego	July 15 & 16
San Francisco	June 18
San Jose, CA	June 10 & 11
Santa Barbara, CA	June 11
Santa Cruz, CA	June 4
Sonoma County, CA	June 11 G/L wedding, holy union
South Central Pennsylvania	July 29
Seattle	June 25
Stockton	June 24th, 10 am. parade
Tampa	June 25
Visalia, CA	May 14
Waco, TX (Central Texas)	August 31
Washington DC, Black Pride	May 26-28 / National Celebration
Washington DC Pride	June 18

Downloaded from America Online. List created May 7th, dates subject to change

Local Gay & Lesbian Alcoholics Anonymous Meetings

Discussion Meeting:
Thurs, 8 p.m., Little House in the Park, Pacific Grove, Central & Forest.

Book Study:
Sat., 10:30 a.m., Unitarian Church, Monterey, Hwy. 1 at Aguajito.

Step Study:
Tues., 8 p.m., Little House in the Park, Pacific Grove, Central & Forest.

Gay Men's Meeting:
Mon., 8 p.m., Little House in the Park, Pacific Grove, Central & Forest.

MAY

Sun, 28th

Foothills Hike for Women

Gay & Lesbian Sierran's Loma Prieta Chapter. For information M. Galloway (415) 326-8174 or Ginger Wolnik at (408) 739-3995.

MCC Church Service

Services held every Sunday evening at Mariposa Hall, 801 Lighthouse Ave. Monterey. Call 335-0466 or 372-2182 for info.

Tues, 30th

Male Sexual Abuse Workshop

A 3-session workshop by the Monterey Rape Crisis Center. The sessions will cover the male role model, the impact of boyhood abuse and trauma, and love, intimacy and sex. \$5 to \$20 per session (sliding scale), pay at the door. Call 373-3955 or 633-2953

Wed, 31st

Sound & Vibration Healing

Meditation with the Didjerido. Presented by John Villa for those infected or affected by HIV. 1-3 p.m. at the Barnyard Community Room, Carmel. Call Pam or Joan at 394-4747. One of MCAP's Centered Living Weekly Workshops.

JUNE

Fri, 2nd

MCAP Diversity Committee

A multi-cultural, multi-racial advisory committee to address issues regarding access to services by members of traditionally underserved minority communities. 7 p.m. at the MCAP office, 780 Hamilton, Seaside. We can help with transportation from Salinas or other cities. Call Deborah at 393-1808 or Wes at 655-3756.

Sat, 3rd

Annual Marilyn Monroe Lookalike Contest at Franco's

First prize \$200. Starts at 8 p.m. Call Franco's Norma Jean, 10639 Merritt St., Castroville For more information call 633-2090.

Sun, June 4th Monterey Gay Pride Homecoming

3 p.m. BBQ at the After Dark (214 Lighthouse, Monterey) no cover charge. 6 p.m.: Homecoming Rally. 10 p.m.: Homecoming Dance & announcement of the Homecoming King & Queen. Page Scott or Diana at 644-3192 or call the After Dark nightclub at 373-7828 for more information.

▼ Be There! ▼

Wed, 7th

Health with Sound & Vibration
with Linda Shake. For those infected or affected by HIV. Call Pam or Joan at 394-4747.

Sun, 11th

Santa Cruz Gay Pride

"No Pride Without Freedom, No Freedom Without Pride". 21st Annual Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgendered Pride Parade & Celebration. Parade: 12 noon, municipal parking lot at Cedar & Cathcart, downtown Santa Cruz. Celebration: follows parade, San Lorenzo Park, Santa Cruz, until 6 pm, admission free.

JULY

Fri, 9th

Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual/Transgender Subcommittee of the Monterey County AIDS Project

Meets the second Friday of each month. 6:30 pm. For directions, please call 647-8033, or write to the following address: Tom Sanguino R.N., PO Box 882, Pacific Grove, CA 93950

Wed, 14th

Angel Attunement & Meditation with Marsh Morgan

For those infected or affected by HIV. 1-3 p.m. at the Barnyard Community Room, Carmel. Call Pam or Joan at 394-4747. One of MCAP's Centered Living Weekly Workshops.

Fri, 16th

Women's Night at Franco's

Every Friday night at Franco's Norma Jean at 10639 Merritt St., Castroville. Dancing, full bar. No Cover. Restaurant open Fri. 5-9 & Sat 4-9. Franco's is also available for lesbian & gay weddings, including catering. Call 633-2090

Wed, 21st

Striving to Heal

With Rosemary Brown Sanders, Psychic. For those infected or affected by HIV. Call Pam or Joan at 394-4747 for more info.

Sun, 25th

Casa Esperanza Open House

John XXIII AIDS ministry opens the doors to its new facility in Salinas. 1-5 p.m., 14 West St. Salinas. Call 655-1737 for more information.

Mon, 26th

John XXIII Volunteer Potluck

7 p.m. at 540 Lighthouse, Monterey. 655-1737 for more information.

Wed, 28th

Personal Healing

With Jessica Haynes. For those infected or affected by HIV. Call Pam or Joan at 394-4747. One of MCAP's Centered Living Weekly Workshops.

Tues, 4th

YMCA Ice Cream Social

Outside Colton Hall, Monterey. 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Benefits the YWCA.

Thurs, 6th

Mid-Life Can Be Fun

Eight-week series for women transitioning into mid-life. \$15/session. Call the YWCA at 649-0834 for information.

Mon, 10th

The Paper Editorial Meeting

Join the staff of Monterey County's gay newspaper. Meetings are held at the MCAP office at 780 Hamilton in picturesque Seaside at 7 p.m. Bring your ideas for the upcoming issue. Call Barbara or Wes for info. Our phone numbers are on p. 2 of this issue.

Mon, 24th

John XXIII Volunteer Potluck

7 p.m. at 540 Lighthouse, Monterey. 655-1737 for more information.

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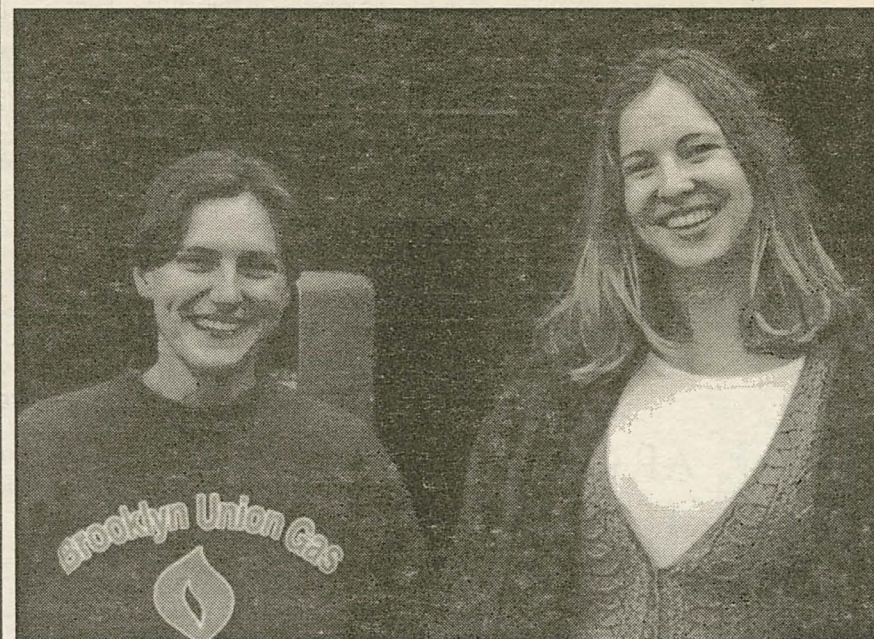
Sat, 14th

Walk for AIDS

The annual fundraiser approaches. A fun way to walk off an eggs benedict brunch. Put it on your calendar today. Call Bill at MCAP for more information 394-4747.



Wes Kashiwagi



A Peek into the \$4.98 Beauty Contest & BBQ

The Grande Cypress Empire sponsored a fundraiser BBQ and beauty contest May 14th at the After Dark to raise money for local charities. Emperors Brent and Jonathan and members of the court were present (top photo) as were members of the Modesto court (center) who helped out with the cooking duties that afternoon. Local residents turned out to both support (bottom) and participate in (left) the event, which follows on the heels of the very successful Closet Ball which was held in Carmel the night before. To find out about upcoming court events, call 899-2048.

Quicksilver Answering Service

Dear Quicksilver,

I've lived in the community for 10 years now and I'm sick of the politics. When I express my ideas at meetings people get angry and feel like I'm on the other side. This is so draining, I want to walk from the whole scene.

Signed,

Tired Of It

P.S. I'm not the only one!

Dear Tired Of It,

Drop to the bottom line. X happens. Someone or a number of people feel upset. "They" say wait a minute we disagree. "Others" say they agree with X for whatever reason. AND THEY HAVE THE AUTHORITY TO MAKE THE DECISION. "They" feel their ideas are being discounted. Feelings are hurt. Additionally "They" feel helpless. The toxic edge appears when "They" ask the "Others" to take sides with them. Walls go up. Cold shoulders.

An Alternative Way to be with it is as follows. "They" are the "Others." We're all on the same team, working for common causes. We are advocating diversity and tolerance. Get a grip. If we turn on each other, who's left? We're activists. We're concerned about social change. IT matters. This is not about pleasing everyone all the time. It is about appreciation.

Let's support each other. Most people making decisions

try hard not to offend. Don't take it personally when things don't go your way. Tolerance is not the same as Consent. Try to show up. Ask for what you want. Pay attention. Look deeply at Acceptance of what is and work toward change. Do we really want to work toward conformity? Do we want to discourage our most devoted social activists? Let's not spend our precious time and energy in conflict. When I studied with the Dalai Lama he said "Just do what you can."

Dear Quicksilver,

I am in love with a man who just wants to date. I keep telling him how happy we could be if he'd just give me a chance. Instead I feel that he is starting to distance me. What can I tell him to convince him he's making a mistake?

Signed,

In Love and Hopeful

Dear In Love,

If you can, stop seeing him. You are describing a short course on going nuts. It sounds like you are already starting to be controlling and judgmental. Love is acceptance. In this situation you can ask your friend to consider your feelings. Acceptance of his answer is the way to show you truly care about him. What you see is what you get.

It sounds to me like you're ready to find someone who wants to be in a committed monogamous relationship. You may be looking in the wrong place. If he tells you how he's feeling and you say "Yes, but..." you are discounting and ignoring his reality.

Send questions for Quicksilver to The Paper at P.O. Box 2081, Monterey, CA 93942-2081. Quicksilver Answering Service is provided by a Licensed Marriage, Family and Child Therapist. The suggestions made here are intended to be helpful in general situations. If you are experiencing overwhelming feelings contact a local mental health professional.

Send in Your Questions Today

Pollyanna and the Personals

Finding Love Somewhere Over The Voicemail Rainbow

by Jane Wynn

Contributing Writer

I've always been a loner of sorts; an interesting combination of wanting the spotlight and running away from it. Sort of Lucille Ball mixed with "I want to be alone" Greta Garbo and certainly not "typical" for an attractive woman of 45.

Unlike many, I have been single for most of my adult life and have lived alone for 17 wonderful years. Not to give one the impression that I am a wall flower, on the contrary, I pride myself with a background which includes driving cabs in Albuquerque, doing stand-up comedy at the Comedy Store on Sunset Blvd., and being a Christmas Bear in Chicago's Christmas parade. Shy, I am not.

However, I have always been quick with an excuse as to why I was not "dating" (law school, starting a new business, nursing dying friends, etc.). Provoked by two good friends, or perhaps dared, I put a personal ad in a San Francisco paper seeking a mate. It was time, my two friends told me, that I actively looked for Ms. Right.

Put a personal ad in a paper? What did I expect? I was prepared for a couple of weak, timid calls from lesbian shut-ins who never ventured out past their front porches. Why? Because my ad was pure Pollyanna which when it did appear, was surrounded by a sea of S&M, B&D and M&M delights from many of my lesbian sisters in the City and nearby surrounds. With such a vast array of sexual citified pleasures to choose from, who would respond to PG Pollyanna who gets a thrill out of reading the New York Times in bed, walking down Lighthouse Avenue or for a hot time going to the Dream Theatre.

Ah! Little did I know that my small unassuming ad would help create a monster!

For those who may be in the dark ages, here is how personal ads work. One writes an ad and mails it to a newspaper. One is then assigned a voice mailbox and a mail mailbox. One records a message and those eager to hear Pollyanna's voice call up and listen and then they can leave a message or hang up in disgust. One

then calls voice mail and hears "her" message and either listens or hangs up in disgust. (I wonder how many women heard my message and hung up?) Additionally, the respondents can mail letters to their anonymous advertiser.

Personal Perspective

As of the writing of this piece, my ad has been out for almost two weeks. I have not called my voice mail to retrieve my messages for two days now. Not because I will be disappointed that there will not be any warm greetings from anonymous suitors, but because there will be TOO MANY! Who would have thought that Pollyanna has made a come back!

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The timid callers came first. Shy, anonymous women who live for the day that true love can be found through the newspaper and who appear to have as their hobby, answering personal ads. "Hi, my name is Lucinda, and I saw your ad as I was browsing through the personals." Browsing through the personals? Is that like looking for a new restaurant to go to?

After the first few shy ones came the first letter. It arrived almost as soon as my ad appeared in the newspaper. The timids had given way to the flight attendant who lived in Houston and wanted to meet in Oakland for some kinky, spontaneous fun. A picture was enclosed. It looked like a picture one would have done for a campaign brochure.

After the "fly me" letter came a rash of responses, 28 to be exact.

They came so quickly, I soon found my office and home littered with small, white pieces of paper with women's names, numbers and vital stats. "I love cats." "I'm 5' and a little overweight but working on it." "I am a musician at this bar in Los Altos for the weekend." "I am starting my own business and need some legal advice." My head was spinning and I was beginning to feel slightly overwhelmed.

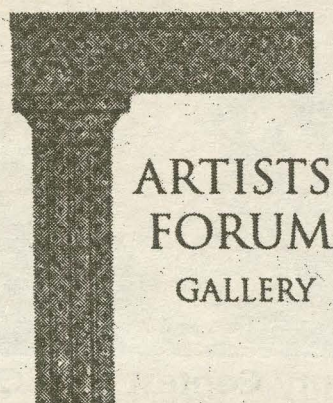
Then there was a letter from a woman in Santa Cruz. Perhaps I received it on a Tuesday. The following day, I received the exact same letter from the exact same woman. She either was doing a mass mailing or she wanted to be sure that I knew she really meant business.

Then there was a letter written in French. I wondered what in my ad made the reader think I understood French? Since I do not read French, I still wonder what the letter said.

I have called many, but not all. After the deluge, I found myself in the space of enjoying my solitude more than I realized. Perhaps it was the number of responses, 29, and the thought of the task of driving all over Northern California to meet strangers. Perhaps all I really needed to know through this entire process is that there are many other attractive, personal and open women in their 40's still looking for the right person.

"They" say that when we put it out there something may come our way. In the midst of starting a card catalog for my various anonymous callers living in Northern California, without even seeing my ad, I received a call from a perfect stranger. We had met very briefly in a book store, one of my favorite places in the world. Twenty-nine responses later, I opened my eyes in my own back yard and found a jewel of a woman. I feel as if I should end this by putting on my ruby slippers, closing my eyes and clicking my heels. I think I will. There's no place like home. There's no place like home.

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The Being Alive Medical Update

Presented by Dr. Mark Katz
Reported by Jim Stoeker

We have emphasized for some time that saliva does not carry HIV and is thus not a source of transmission of the virus. A number of researchers have believed that saliva carries a substance that may kill HIV. Recently, researchers at the National Institute of Dental Research announced that they have identified a protein in human saliva (called SLPI) that shows anti-HIV activity. This finding may prove important for future treatment options. If we can find the nature of the substance, we might be able to develop a new antiviral based on it.

Interpreting Viral Load Test Results

In the years to come, the viral load tests (bDNA and PCR) will become mainstays of HIV treatment. [Editor's Note: the bDNA test is available at OPIS. Check with your local physician for more information.] These tests will help us to determine when an individual should start or change antivirals. The tests show their results in terms of the number of copies of HIV detected in a given amount of blood. We are beginning to understand what, in general, these test results mean.

If the number of viral copies is less than 10,000, there is probably nothing that needs to be done. With a result of between 10,000 to 20,000, an individual should review his/her options. If there are 20,000 to 100,000 copies, it is time to do something (get on an antiviral, begin OI prophylaxis). And if over 100,000 copies are detected, aggressive treatment should be pursued.

Integrase Inhibitors

Integrase is an enzyme needed for incorporating HIV into a cell's DNA. This is yet another point in the virus's life cycle where we can intervene to stop proliferation. To develop an inhibitor, we need to understand the structure of the enzyme, and researchers now know the detailed three-dimensional structure of integrase. The next step in developing an integrase inhibitor is to search for compounds that have properties that will specifically inhibit this enzyme. Five such compounds have so far been identified. And so the development of integrase inhibitors is

underway with, of course, a long way to go. But the hope is there for eventually having an antiviral that works at a point different from both reverse transcriptase and protease inhibitors.

Bactrim Desensitization

We have made the case many times that anyone whose T-cell count falls below 200 should be on PCP prophylaxis. And we have also made the case that PCP prophylaxis should be, if at all possible, Bactrim. Many people have problems with the drug, but there are a number of desensitization regimens available. And many studies report high success rates with these regimens. We emphasize that it is worth the effort to pursue desensitization if you initially have problems with Bactrim; it is currently the superior prophylaxis for PCP.

Low Testosterone Levels

We have heard about low testosterone levels in HIV+ men in a number of past updates. However, very little information has been found in the medical literature. That is why I bring to your attention a study out of Columbia University and published in the *Journal of AIDS*.

In this study, researchers looked at 234 HIV+ men with a mean CD4 count of 157. The researchers found that there was a significant correlation between CD4 count and testosterone level. In other words the lower the CD4 count, the lower the testosterone level. They also identified five testosterone depleting drugs: fluconazole, ketoconazole, Megace, Tagamet and ganciclovir. People who were on any one of these drugs had lower testosterone levels than men not on any of these medications. People on Megace, in particular, were identified as having extremely low testosterone levels.

Low levels of testosterone are associated with fatigue, weight loss and decreased libido. If you have any of these symptoms, you should have a test of your serum testosterone level to determine if treatment is needed.

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Boise on the Bay? MCAP welcomes new Man-to-Man Coordinator

When Justin Larson visited the area in February, the Idaho native had no idea he would become a resident six-weeks later! But now that he's here, he finds that, other than the beach, things aren't drastically different from the agricultural region he just left.

Though born and reared in Idaho, Justin is no stranger to California, having lived in the San Jose area for several years. And he has a background that will make your head spin!

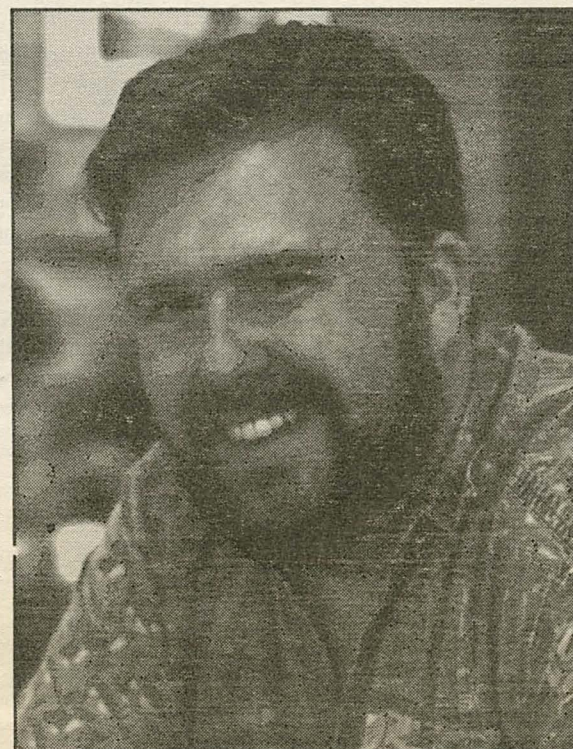
"I started out as an apprentice butcher," says Larson, with a bit of a gleam in his eye. "I think we all agreed after a few months that cutting up raw meat was best done by others. It's just not my thing!"

Larson has worked in a variety of areas. "My father said to build your life like a building — the broader the foundation, the higher you can build." His foundation includes everything from construction office manager to disc jockey. He also pursued a degree in Bilingual Secondary Education at Eastern Oregon State College.

"I became involved in AIDS education in 1989," says Larson, "when people I knew were diagnosed HIV-positive. Since education was my background, I volunteered to do workshops with the Idaho AIDS Foundation (IAF). I got caught up in it and stayed with them for over five years."

Larson started as a Speakers Bureau member, eventually acting as the IAF Education Coordinator. Following a leave of absence while pursuing a new job, Justin returned to active IAF volunteer work shortly after a tragic fire which consumed the IAF offices. He was quickly appointed Board President, a position which he held for a year and a half, in which he oversaw the rebuilding of the organization's programs and services.

"My strengths are in program design and implementation," revealed Larson, "as well as volunteer recruitment, training, and retention. The Foundation really needed those skills



Justin Larson is MCAP's new Man-to-Man Outreach Coordinator.

at that time. We had lost just about everything and everybody during the months following the fire, so we worked to find an office, a phone, and volunteers to get services restored as quickly as possible."

When not working in AIDS programs, Larson has been known to dabble in theater. He has a penchant for playing the comic relief characters in shows, having won a best supporting actor award last year with Boise's Knock 'Em Dead Dinner Theater.

"Bazzard in *The Mystery of Edwin Drood* was my favorite role. He's a lovable guy who really wants to do big things but always seems to get passed over. In the show, he gets his big shot at the spotlight. I guess I admire and relate to his patience and determination."

Justin is excited to join his partner, Jim, in Monterey County, where they and Justin's two cats look forward to making new friends and becoming a part of the gay community here.

"I feel that there are lots of opportunities here for me to grow and make a difference. Unlike in Idaho, AIDS is a reality here, so there is a better opportunity for education and outreach. In Idaho, they don't think they have a problem. Also, it's OK to be gay in California. I'm really looking forward to creating a new circle of friends and 'family' here."

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PLEASE NOTE: New Editorial Policy Adopted

We hadn't received any letters prior to this issue and thus had no policy regarding length, so we decided to reprint the following letters in their entirety. In the future, please limit your responses to 300 words or less. BB&WK

Responses to the Editorial "Gay White Male...Not!"

Twelve years ago, when we first moved to the Monterey Peninsula, my mate and I went through many changes. As a white, male couple moving here from San Francisco (from Chicago) we were struck by the lack of Community on the Peninsula. Beyond the "watering holes", we felt as if we were the only gay men here so we threw ourselves into our work and focused on our new lives.

Reflecting back, I can understand why we felt the way we did in 1983. We had just come from a city where our whole lives revolved around being gay. We worked with gay men and women, we lived in the outer Castro, we partied with gay men and women. I remember one day walking down Market Street with a straight male friend and a carload of young men drove past and yelled anti-gay comments towards us. Just because we were two men walking down the street together it was assumed that we were gay. In larger cities you can submerge yourself in the Community.

Job opportunities landed us in the town of the newlywed and the nearly dead, as Carmel was called back then. Because of our business, we met many people in the "small c" community, but few from the "large C" Community. Where were they? On a free night we would head to the A.D. and see unfamiliar faces, many of which were army personnel from Fort Ord. Looking around the room we could see Blacks, Whites, Asians, men, women, Latinos. Everybody and everything. We felt at home but we

were not.

The differences between the two areas are dramatic. We had moved to a place that being gay was not the first thing you thought of everyday. It was refreshing to be defined by the other qualities of our personalities and not by with whom we bed at night.

The reality of this Peninsula is that it is not made of the "national averages". The cost of living is higher. There are fewer employment opportunities. I had heard once the statement, "Only two types of people live on the Monterey Peninsula. One group is the wealthy and the other are those of us that provide a service for them."

We have little control over the people that move to an area. I understand the fact that there are fewer people of color living on the Peninsula. I too wish there were more involvement from people of color, but I do not feel the lack of involvement stems from overpowering of the White, over the age of 35, middle to upper class, literate, and English speaking men.

We make our choices in life. My partner's choice is to be very active in the Community. Mine is to be active in my town's government. I rarely attend gay functions or events and if I do it is to support the work of my mate. That does not mean I am ashamed or embarrassed or uncomfortable about being gay. At this point in my life, it is not a priority. It's my choice. People of color also have the choice to be involved or to not be involved.

Why is it my responsibility to search out gay people of color to encourage them to become involved? Why does it always boil down to racism? If you were to visit my business, you would not see any Black or Asian employees. Is that because I'm racist? In seven years of business we have had one Black man apply for a position. He was hired and worked with us a time and then moved on. One application, one hire. No Asian applications, no hires. No gay applications, no hires. Is this my fault?

To the author of "Gay White Male...Not!", I will not, as a white, male that is gay, accept your interpretation of my life. By lumping all people of a group together, you further racism and work against the solution to the problem. I will do my part in this world to better it any way I can. I know you will do yours. Thank God we have the Ryan White Consortium, the Gay Men's Consortium, MCAP Board of

Directors and the E/P Network that are willing to give their time to volunteer for the causes that they stand for. Volunteers are hard to come by. We walked for a long time on this Peninsula. With the help of many volunteers and Board of Directors, we have just jumped on the horse to ride. Don't beat the poor animal. It will fall over and die and then where will we be?

Richard Myroth
Pacific Grove

It is great that the article "Gay White Male...Not" was published in *The Paper*, because you are expressing the opinion of many people who are marginalized or have difficulties in expressing their voices.

I completely agree with the issues of racism and classism that are brought up in the article. To be gay in the area you have to get involved in the established gay circles which are predominately white and middle class. We criticized government and politicians for not being reality-based in their decision-making. Likewise we have to be critical of the exclusive gay white males who monopolize the decision-making efforts regarding HIV service programs, when they have little or no knowledge of the daily struggle of an unemployed, farm working, HIV-infected transvestite who turns tricks in order to care for his dying partner, or of a fifteen year old, third generation gang member. It is a fact that many Latinos become infected by white gay males after they have come to this country. This partly has to do with some gay white males' lack of concern for their Latino sex partners. Because, after all, Latinos are perceived as merely a fetish that can be bought, and no disclosure of HIV status is deemed necessary to these seemingly dispensable individuals.

Tell me, how can the members of the gay white community know how to provide services to us if they do not know our language, understand our culture or conduct outreach to us? Tell me, how can some gay white males continue to justify their continuous need to control services for a disease that affects everyone? Please tell me how can we open the hearts and minds of our white gay brothers to let us sit at the same table and have equal responsibility in the prevention of HIV and care of our families affected by this disease?

Sincerely,
Lorenzo Alberto Terrazas-Rodriguez

When it is my turn to have AIDS where will the safe places be for me?

OPIS...YES!
NIDO...YES!
JOHN XXIII...YES!
MCAP...NOT!

Gay males are not stupid and we are also not available for attack.....eliminate the danger, whatever it takes...but let us not reduce ourselves to Ms. Aguayo-Delgado's agenda to pit one minority against another!

Wayne Johnson
Monterey

I recently picked up the latest issue of *The Paper* and boy was I surprised, nothing like tabloid journalism to gain one's attention! As I began to read the contents of the opinion expressed by the person who wrote "Gay White Male Not," I suddenly had certain feelings and emotions that I had to consider.

At first I was appalled, upset and then deeply concerned. I was astonished by the fact that someone would finally stand up and say what so many others have said behind closed doors. I was astonished that one individual would stand out and speak for so many. I was upset when I began to realize that a backlash against the individual who wrote the article would and did occur as was evident at the MCAP Board of Directors meeting. I became concerned as I began to realize that our county and the organization that we all believe in may possibly lack the understanding necessary in meeting the needs of a diverse community. We are a diverse community. The Monterey County AIDS Project represents the County of Monterey, it is not the Carmel, Monterey, Pacific Grove AIDS Project.

I recognize that we can never be thankful enough to those individuals who have given so much to provide us with what we have today. We thank and appreciate the efforts of each one of the individuals who had the foresight to create the Monterey County AIDS Project over 10 years ago, providing services with understanding and dignity to those who are living with HIV and AIDS. As the epidemic has grown over the last 10 years, I see that it is possible that we have not attained the cultural diversity that is needed within our community to make it strong.

Monterey County is what the

Monterey County AIDS Project represents, but I ask you where is our cultural diversity? Do we have outreach to the Filipino, Korean, Vietnamese, Samoan, Japanese and Pacific Islander communities? All of whom live within Monterey County. The Latino community is a very large part of the community in which we live, however outreach and services to this group tend to be very limited. Where is our outreach to this community in the South County?? We must also consider the African-American community which seems to have not been integrated into the services and outreach efforts of our community at large.

In no way does anyone wish to discredit the time, energy, efforts and monies raised by those who are in the majority—"Gay White Males." But now we need to ask and to call for cultural and ethnic diversity. We hope that this will be obtained by the mandate set by the Monterey County AIDS Project, to create an ad-hoc committee representing the needs of the diverse cultural, racial, and ethnic communities within our county. As a Gay White Male living with HIV in Monterey County, I feel that it is important for me to be a part of the community in which I live that includes all people. I only hope that more individuals will take the time to walk the walk, stand the stand, and talk the talk in integrating all of us into the one community that we are.

Finally as one individual pointed out in the Board of Directors meeting, "You have the problem, now give me the solution." The solution is to become aware and respect the cultural diversity which surrounds each one of us. Remember—we are part of the Monterey County AIDS Project, which must be all-encompassing and include all people in our continued support and education in the fight against HIV and AIDS.

James Alton Thomas
Salinas

Racism By Any Other Name...A personal view by Wes Davis

(The Author wishes to note, "I wish to let the readers of *The Paper* know that I am no longer a Staff Editor and will no longer be contributing any articles to this publication. Furthermore, the views expressed in this article are my personal views and do not represent any agency.")

I just read Deborah Aguayo-Delgado's article about racism. I would like to point out some errors in her article.

First, Ms. Aguayo-Delgado arrived late at the meeting. If she had been on time, she would have observed that I did indeed ask about minority inclusion. Second, while I admire her for her convictions and for taking the time to express her views, I resent her painting all gay white men with the same broad brush strokes. That smacks of racism also. Third, I would point out that she offers no suggestion on how to do what I and others have been trying to do for some time, include all people in the process. I resent her holier-than-thou attitude that only castigates and points the finger of blame. If we as people are to truly grow and include all views, it is time that "the white gay males" are joined in their efforts and given some guidance.

We cannot continue to assume that someone is trying to oppress someone else simply because of their race. I too have lived here for about the same time. I too have seen the disparity of which she speaks. I have actively supported any and all efforts to increase the involvement of people of color. If I have not been successful, it is not because I am racist, or cannot see people of color, it is that I need help in finding out how to do the job. If Deborah would focus her anger on some positive ideas and suggestions, they would be most welcome. However, she must not assume that just because I am white and gay that I am against people of color.

Regarding the E/P Network I think that Deborah needs to check her facts before she throws stones. From the beginning, we have invited participation from all views. The Network has tried from day one to be inclusive. We have used every avenue and tool possible. Yes, one could say that this was just an "invitation to participate." However, we have gone beyond that to trying to recruit from different communities. We have asked that all members invite new participants. Without even attending any of the meetings or suggesting people to contact, or making any positive contribution, how dare you say it is the same old process? It seems to me that you only wish to complain and not to change. Perhaps it is that you have nothing to contribute but anger?

Lastly, I would add that your article casts many people and agencies as the enemy. In so doing you have set up yet another barrier to cooperation and amity between the races. It is very hard to try to do the right thing

and be inclusive when all you get is snipping from the sidelines and no real help. I hope that this was not your intent. However, you have put yourself in the position of slandering many good people who have tried. So as I see it, you can come join us and help or sit by the sidelines and criticize.

THE PAPER'S ROLE

Regarding the issue of whether or not *The Paper* should have printed this article, yes they should have. However, the article should have had a disclaimer that this was not the view of MCAP staff nor *The Paper* staff. They should have labeled this article as a personal opinion. It was not. This article should have been an editorial article, not front page "news" as it appeared to be. I also wonder if Joy Rubey as Executive Editor would have allowed an article complaining about "The Same Old Lesbians Run MCAP" to appear in *The Paper* as front page news? I doubt it. Nor should she. Joy allowed this to go forward as NEWS not as someone's VIEWS. In so doing she has institutionalized this brand of discrimination not only for *The Paper*, but possibly for MCAP.

The point here is to say that there is a big difference between NEWS and VIEWS. I do not condone censorship. I also do not condone open hostility toward any one group. In running this article as news, *The Paper* has gone against its own editorial policy to not publish any article that is full of hate and targets that hate at one group. I thought it was time to create a supportive community? I thought that was the purpose of *The Paper*, not to denigrate any one section of the community. In publishing this article without proper journalistic guidance, *The Paper* has become part of the problem that it was created to solve.

These are my views as I see them. I hope that some good can come from the enmity and animosity that Deborah's article contained and has generated.

The Paper Responds:

We are saddened by Mr. Davis' decision to stop contributing his insightful commentaries and HIV news articles to The Paper.

The Editors stand behind our decision to print Ms. Aguayo-Delgado's editorial on the front page of the April/May issue. We do not believe that personal essays, editorials, or other materials should be arbi-

trarily banned from the front page of The Paper. The Editors also feel that Ms. Aguayo-Delgado's article does not single out gay, white, middle-class men only; it is critical of the entire gay community. If the title we, the editors, applied to her editorial confused this issue, we apologize.

The B/G/L/T community has been roused with appropriate indignation from every side—Hoo Whee!—It looks like just about everyone has criticized somebody in this situation. (To paraphrase T. S. Eliot, we will probably go not with a whimper, but with some hot rant and raucous scolding. Gosh we

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got opinions, don't we?).

So the author of the much-celebrated piece on discriminatory mind-sets has been hoisted on the petard of her pen; MCAP and its leadership have been summoned, scrutinized and from some quarters, the community itself has roared, responding to the accusing thorn of prejudice, and *The Paper*, wee messenger of unhappy tidings, was reminded to behave more properly.

Phew! The smoke cleared, wounded citizens lie twisted and bleeding everywhere—but somehow, the actual enemy or adversary got away: Prejudice sits smirking in the saddle, untouched and unfayed...

Monterey County's problems with minority representation should surprise no one. (For instance, since the 1960's our county has been under a federal injunction to submit all changes in our electoral processes, e.g., redistricting, to judicial review because of past racial inequities. I'm not sure how many counties across the U. S. can claim this distinction, but I'm fairly sure that far fewer would want to.)

It's probably not necessary to cite the comments—or telling silences—about Carmel, Pebble Beach, Seaside, Castroville, Salinas, or King City. And, of course, as lesbians, gays, bisexuals, transgenders and drag queens we're aware of prejudices besides class, color, language, culture, or ethnicity... (ahh, but that could hit a little close to home.)

Actually there are a number of actions, ways in which we can

confront the many faces of prejudice. Any effort in self-image, trust, education, association and good faith could be applied. Attending a variety of functions, events, festivals, workshops and meetings offered through the area's several cross-cultural and multi-ethnic associations and businesses comes to mind. For people working with HIV-related concerns there are incredible opportunities in schools and various groups to expand the place of women and minorities (as well as white men of any sexuality) in education and problem-solving around the AIDS epidemic.

Making lists, however is easy. The fact remains, prejudice stands warily in the mind of each individual. While groups of us get together to meet the challenges that prejudice presents, it will

remain within the choices, the words and actions (or lack of same) of you and me, our friends and families to move us, making inclusionary habits the order of the day.

The question, as I see it, is at what point does one take a place in solving the problems we share—prejudice is something in which all of us are immersed, if forgetfully, every day.

Matthew Friday
Del Rey Oaks

I, a gay white male over 35, take great exception to the article written by Deborah Aguayo-Delgado.

As a founding member of the Peninsula Professional Network, a member of the Board of Directors of the Gay Men's Health Coalition and a participating member of the Gay Men's Consortium, I can say that to my knowledge these organizations whose memberships include both lesbians and gay men have never excluded any minority. In fact, we have diligently extended a welcome to all, regardless of their ethnicity, age or gender.

It may be true, as stated in the article, "the same faces who preside over all the local decision making bodies"—but those faces are not just lesbian and gay—they are primarily heterosexual.

If the writer had researched local gay history more than a year and a half she would know that, in fact, gay white males and females over 35 started the organizations and created the agen-

cies now standing. They created the service bodies, that without extreme advocacy would possibly not even exist as we know them.

As I remember the meeting the writer refers to, she arrived late, heard no introductions and did not hear the facilitator's remarks. The attendance at the meeting represented a net result of over 60 invitations to participate which had been issued. Those invitations covered each and every ethnicity, age and gender possible and the efforts of the conveners are to be commended as being inclusive to the extreme. If certain groups/representation chose not to attend, we cannot go out and drag them into meetings they feel no interest or responsibility to attend.

I endorse and respect the writer's right to her opinions, but please get your history and facts correct and please do not try to cause distrust among our gay community—we have enough to do taking care of our dying friends then to put our energy into defending ourselves against hateful and hurtful rhetoric.

Gerald Allen
Carmel

Dear Editor, I read with interest the article in your last issue by Deborah Aguayo-Delgado regarding minorities and the Gay Community. I found the article most informative. It was well written, by an intelligent person concerned about a serious issue. She had every right to express her views and *The Paper* had the right and the responsibility to print it.

I have since heard half a dozen people from minority groups express themselves on the subject and they all agree with Ms. Aguayo-Delgado.

Ms. Aguayo-Delgado happens to be a staff member of the Monterey County AIDS Project. To suggest that expressing her views has lessened her credibility and capabilities or to ask for her dismissal is nonsense - and should be dismissed as such.

John W. Castello
Member of the Gay Community
and an MCAP Volunteer

I felt that it was important to write to *The Paper*, and make known my feelings regarding the article in the last issue, "Gay White Male...Not!"

I would first of all, like to introduce myself. My name is Tom Sanguino. I am a Gay man of Mexican descent, and I am a

member of the Board of Directors of the Monterey County AIDS Project.

I serve as the Chairperson of the Client Services Committee, and the Co-Chair of the Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual Committee, and a member of the Edu-

cation/Prevention Committee.

Professionally, I am a Registered Nurse, and work with people living with HIV and AIDS in their homes.

The following issues I discuss, are my opinion solely, and do not represent the opinion, or policy

platform of the Board of Directors, or staff of MCAP.

I feel that there was a very important message that was delivered by Deborah Aguayo-Delgado, which all people in our community needed to hear, but I do have a couple of concerns as to

how the message was delivered.

As a staff member of the Monterey County AIDS Project, writing an article for a local publication, it is my personal feeling that Deborah has placed herself in a position where it may be perceived by members of our com-

munity that she was representing MCAP, in voicing her opinion.

It is my personal feeling, that when one works for an agency that is visible in any community, one needs to be particularly sensitive in expressing their viewpoint, acknowledging that the

Aguayo-Delgado Responds

...*"The Master's tools will not dismantle the Master's house..."*
- Audre Lorde

When I wrote the article entitled, "Gay White Male...Not!", I knew that it would be received with a degree of dissension. This is to be expected when someone who is largely viewed as an "outsider" or the "new kid on the block" examines the status quo within the context of a public forum. The loudest objectors have personalized the article and attempted to divert attention, rather than address the essential themes and issues of the article—even to the point of publicly misquoting the article. I was, however, unprepared for the antagonistic backlash which unfolded. I wish to clarify the objectives of the article, which seem to have been overlooked or misinterpreted, and to respond to some of the fallout.

My intent when writing the original article was to lend voice to many of the people throughout Monterey County who cannot come forward to speak their own truths. I shared my concerns and observations about certain attitudes and practices of the local "majority" gay and lesbian community, which lead to the dangerous exclusion of people who historically have had very little access to relevant HIV education, care and support services. I focused on the subtle exclusion of gay people of color and members of minority communities, and acknowledged that quite possibly this could be a result of simple benign neglect, which is the most passive form of racism [the term minority here refers to racial, cultural, economic, and ethnic minorities—and issues of sexual minorities within these groups].

In addition to raising awareness and examining the status quo, my article was also to serve as a call to action—intended to encourage people of color and members of traditionally under-

served minority communities to gather the courage to risk humiliation and ridicule while joining together to advocate for their own communities. I will continue to urge members of these communities to apply for membership to the crucial decision-making bodies such as the Ryan White Consortium, MCAP Board, the E/P Network, the newly formed Ad-hoc Advisory Committee, etc. In addition to devoting my time and energy to the Ad-hoc Committee, I am looking forward to applying to the E/P Network as well.

Further, I did not, as has been claimed, place the burden of responsibility on any one person or organization—a point I clearly stated in the article. Some members of the Gay Men's Consortium, a group whose meeting I cited, seem to feel unjustly singled-out. Although I can appreciate that my late arrival allowed some to doubt my "facts", a discussion of greater representation and cultural diversity did not take place during the first half hour of that meeting.

In light of the fact that as of July, 1994, over 55% of all reported U.S. cases of AIDS are among people of color, and complicated by the climate of fear among documented and undocumented persons resulting from the current anti-immigrant sentiment, it is crucial that the *entire community* be invested in making sure that HIV prevention education and care services are relevant and appropriate to these communities at greatest risk.

Changes in attitude and approach need to be made at every level—from individuals within a community, to community based organizations, to public health officials and legislators at national, state, and local levels, etc. Finding solutions to a community problem cannot be solely my responsibility, nor can it be incumbent upon those who are disenfranchised and have historically been denied access to information, services, and equitable representation. I will offer myself as an advocate; I can help concerned people try to find creative ways of reaching targeted groups of people—to

bring the information and services to the people "where they are" instead of waiting for them to find us...After all, isn't this the model on which all HIV educational outreach is predicated? I welcome the opportunity to work with those who are committed to taking on this challenge.

To this end, at the conclusion of the public forum which was held at a recent MCAP Board of Directors meeting, I asked the Board to take a pro-active step by creating an Ad-hoc Advisory Committee which would address the concerns and needs of the traditionally underserved racial and ethnic minorities in the county. By deciding to create such a committee, the Board has admirably taken the important step of recognizing that in order to create conditions for change, organizing individuals within the community at large and mobilizing community-based organizations and public institutions to work together to break down these barriers that keep people of color at high risk for HIV infection, is crucial. Now with guidance from the newly formed Ad-hoc Advisory Committee, the Monterey County AIDS Project will be able to provide leadership in developing ways of creating linkages between at-risk individuals and community services, and provide advocacy within systems to ensure access. [Editor's Note: For more info on the Diversity Advisory Committee, see the listing in community calendar for June 2nd.]

My intent in writing the previous article certainly was not to be divisive. I was expressing the truths about certain people's lives. These truths are painful, but neither divisive nor slanderous. On the contrary, what I have witnessed to be divisive are some of the defensive and destructive ways in which some people have chosen to respond.

I did not call anyone a racist, nor did I make the assumption that gay white men are "against people of color". Instead, I addressed exclusionary practices that are prevalent in many societal situations, and in the gay community as well. I also do not claim to represent all people

of all marginalized communities, thereby assuming that people of color are homogenous. To do that would be arrogant and would further perpetuate racism by disregarding the very differences among us which make our respective cultures unique. In the same vein, I am wary of those detractors who continue to claim to represent all gay white men and make threats and accusations in their name.

I have been called "racist", "angry", "hateful", "agist", "slandorous", and "homophobic", told that I am filled with a hatred of "gay white men", and that all gay white men who have ever died from AIDS in Monterey County are now "rolling in their graves", because of me. Immediately after publication, one person even told me that he was going to "refer the matter" to his attorney because he believed I had portrayed him "both professionally and personally as a racist".

People uncomfortable with the article's contents have written them off as "old news", "punishing people for being white", and just another example of "the same old thing—an angry lesbian of color who blames without offering a solution". Much energy has also been placed on blaming *The Paper* staff for having placed my article on the front page instead of the letters to the editor (where I imagine "histrionic" writing such as my piece live in exile).

Yet what I *have* done is express the truthful realities of many peoples' lives—people who, for a variety of reasons and barriers, are chronically under-represented in most decision-making arenas in this society (gay or straight). Does my affirmation of their existence—of our existence—constitute an opinion only suited for placement on an editorial page? To say that the commentaries and observations found in my article belong to the editorial page is to relegate them to the realm of opinion, rather than actuality. This would not only be erroneous, but a disservice to the life experiences I am validating.

The boundary between my personal and professional life

continues to be blurred by the refusal of some to acknowledge that I wrote the article as a concerned individual, and not as an MCAP staff member or agency representative. As a result, my qualifications, not only for writing the article but also for doing my job, have been publicly called into question, and it has been demanded that I be removed from my position as a paid staff member of MCAP. Even more astounding are the demands that this should also happen to all MCAP staff members who have supported the article. I am grateful for the support, encouragement, and love I have received from colleagues such as clients, volunteers, and staff members, and am prouder than ever to be a part of such a dedicated and compassionate team of individuals who are committed to uphold MCAP's mission, even when its ramifications are unpopular or controversial.

However, not all people who disagreed entirely or in part with the article have been vituperative. Remarkable people have reached out to me—some who are affected as well as living with HIV disease who are angry and hurt by what I wrote or how I chose to express myself—because they themselves have spent part of their lives trying to provide access to minority groups and have been frustrated by the challenge. I understand that they felt "blamed" by the article, and their efforts unrecognized. I appreciate them having taken the time to seek me out, giving us the opportunity to learn more about each other, and to recognize the fact that we are all allies.

If there is one message that I can convey it is that our lives are worth living, and our individual and unique cultures are to be celebrated and deserving of respect and preservation. There will always exist a greater need for services than there are existing resources. By creating partnerships between communities at risk and the organizations in place to serve them, together we can serve all people equally and without rancor, and hopefully save lives.

public may perceive their opinion to be those of their agency.

I am not saying that Deborah should not have written the piece, nor am I saying that the article should not have been published, as I am an absolute supporter of the First Amendment Right of Free Speech for all people.

I feel that there should have been a prominent disclaimer printed with her article, indicating that the opinions of the author, were her personal opinions, and did not represent those of her organization.

I feel strongly, that without such a disclaimer, this article should have been more appropriately placed in *The Paper* as an Op-Ed piece, with a substantially less provocative title.

Hindsight is most certainly 20/20. The April/May issue of *The Paper* has already been released, and read by the community for which it was intended.

The article has provoked many responses, both negative and positive. It has also served as a call for action to the Board of Directors of MCAP to create an ad hoc committee to address the needs of the minority community, which will have their first meeting by the time this letter is printed.

Where do we go from here?

Do those of us in the community who are furious with our perceptions of the article, let our anger serve as a tool to further factionalize our community?, or do we channel that energy into making our community a safe community for all people, of all ethnic backgrounds?

Do those of us in the community who support Deborah's argument, but are furious with members of our community who feel they have been maligned, let our anger serve as a barrier to prevent us from having constructive interaction within our own community? Or do we join together with members of our community who may hold very different opinions than our own, and continue to wage our battle against homophobia, and AIDS?

It is our responsibility, as members of the Gay community, to break down the walls that exist between factions, as well as the walls that exist between diverse racial, and socio-economic segments in our community. As our common goal, we should continue to lay the foundation for a community where we can exist in a safe environment, and further define our community.

I encourage all of you to become involved with your community, and a good place to start is with the MCAP Board of Directors Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual Advisory committee, which meets the second Friday of each month. There will be a meeting on June 9, at 6:30 pm. For directions, please call me at 647-8033,

or write to me at the following address.

Please, let's work together to make our community one to be proud of.

Tom Sanguino R.N.
PO Box 882
Pacific Grove, CA 93950

Ms. Aguayo-Delgado is obviously a new kid on the block. Her "facts" are often wrong, her approach abusive, her anger obvious. Three other MCAP employees and a major donor have publically endorsed her histrionic manifesto. They ALL need to go—STAT! The article and each endorsement is a HATE CRIME against gay white men over 35, and we do not deserve it. Ms. Aguayo-Delgado should attend a few meetings and then would know that the final power brokers with regard to HIV/AIDS policy making are heterosexual women and men. What did a gay white male over 35 ever do to you, Deborah? Do your research, then we will talk.

Bryan Callas
Monterey

It amazes me how often White gay men and women describe racial minorities as "them." Apparently when these people describe themselves, "white" always precedes "gay." It must be comforting to be part of the American majority, yet still profess to belong to a minority group whenever it's convenient or personally advantageous.

When I hear someone use the phrase "Is it my responsibility?" I know that the real message is "I'm comfortable and I really don't give a damn about you." When AIDS struck White, gay men, they fully expected the entire gay community to come to their rescue. Now that the epidemic has spread to people of color and women—the same groups that have altruistically provided support for the past decade—White, gay men see no reason to open up a place at the table for them.

It's ironic to hear local lesbian women parrot this message of indifference, since they continue to be shunned and ridiculed by the gay male community.

Until we learn to behave as "family," where the concerns of the gay community aren't divided along racial or gender lines, let's pack away the rainbow flag and replace it with something less hypocritical: a lily-white flag of surrender.

Russ Duesenberg
Monterey



Monthly Drive Nets Groceries & Cash for Pantry

MCAP volunteers braved chilly weather to solicit donations for MCAP's food pantry May 6th. John Bisenius, Jaime Piotrkowski, Mekesha Nielson (pictured), David Guitierrez and Wes Kashiwagi made up the morning shift at the Nob Hill grocery store on Lighthouse Ave. in Pacific Grove. Bisenius and John Castello organize the drives in Monterey, which they report take in several hundred dollars in cash donations, food, and toiletries every month. To volunteer to work a 3-hour shift between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m., call MCAP at 394-4747. It's an easy and fun way to get involved.

An Open Letter from the Monterey County AIDS Project

The management of the Monterey County AIDS Project (MCAP) wishes to acknowledge concerns raised in and as a result of an article entitled, "Gay White Male...Not!" that appeared in the last issue of *The Paper*. By publishing this article, MCAP certainly did not intend to offend any individual, group or organization.

The Paper is a joint effort of the Monterey County AIDS Project and members of the gay/lesbian/bisexual/transgender community under a grant from the Monterey County Health Department (with funding from the State Office of AIDS) for HIV Education and Prevention services. As stated in *The Paper's* editorial policy, "the opinions expressed in these pages are not necessarily those of the staff of *The Paper*, the Monterey County AIDS Project, the State of California, or the Monterey County Health Department."

Many recommendations have been made both to MCAP and to the editorial staff of *The Paper* to address issues related to this article and the various concerns about its publication. Recognizing the importance of these issues, several steps have been undertaken:

- MCAP's Board of Directors set aside time at their April meeting to hear the testimony of 15 concerned community members.
- MCAP's Board created an ad hoc advisory committee to focus on racial and ethnic minority issues.
- MCAP's Advisory Committee on Lesbian/Gay/Bisexual issues held a special meeting to

discuss this article, and recommended that: 1) MCAP staff responsible for the publication of *The Paper* meet with *The Paper's* editorial staff to develop guidelines for publication of editorial-type submissions (e.g., placement, disclaimers, degree of editorial license). 2) MCAP staff and volunteers work with other community leaders and groups to sponsor a community-wide workshop or retreat to focus on coalition building and healing rifts within the HIV community.

MCAP remains firm in its commitment to provide HIV education, and care and support services to all people infected and affected by this disease, regardless of age, gender, race, ethnicity, gender preference, or socio-economic status. The responsibility for healing divisions and rifts within and among communities, and for creating solutions to the problems facing us, is shared among all individuals and organizations in leadership positions. We welcome comments from concerned community members who are interested in improving our services and our ability to deliver them in a supportive and accessible manner.

Suggestions can be made to the MCAP Board Member-at-Large Lorraine Faherty, Board President Jeffrey Merritt, or Executive Director Joy Rubey. In addition, MCAP Board meetings (scheduled for the third Monday evening of each month) are open to the public. For further information, please contact MCAP at 394-4747 from Peninsula telephones, 772-8200 in the Salinas area, or 1-800-300-4740 from other parts of the county.

Welcome to Monterey?

by Cannes Deux

The words continue to make me smile... "Oh God, there's only one bar up there! You'll be running back in six weeks!" The goodbye-good-luck salutation from a friend to myself and my partner as we made our move from Southern California to the Central Coast.

In search of the "Vibe" on the Monterey Peninsula, I quickly discovered the location of the "only bar in town." It was a Tuesday evening. I soon learned that the doors don't open till 8 p.m. That figured—I thought—given the name of the establishment.

What I found inside did not disappoint me. It's a nice place! Dance floor in front, quiet bar in back, and a delightful patio area in between and the staff is friendly. What I *didn't* find inside is the source of

my confusion...customers. Where are the people?

I can hear the cadence of sniffs, accompanied with a pointed "Get a life..." But wait, I understand that there are other things to do besides "hang out" in a bar. This is a beautiful area with lots of opportunity for "Healthy" activities. Walking, hiking, the aquarium, the wharf and the beach. Not to mention the plethora of coffee shops in old town. Are these options conducive to meeting people with whom you share the unique bond of being gay?

What about the opinion that the bar scene is unhealthy? Perhaps it is for some, but bars serve non-alcoholic beverages as well as cocktails.

I've learned that at one time there were several gay bars in the Monterey area. What happened? Did the gay population shrink so dramatically? I hear that there are a significant number of gays in this

area. Many socialize in small circles that tend to remain small.

Perhaps you are a person who frequented bars at one point in your life and feel it's just not you anymore. Or you have met your "other half"—and there's no reason to cruise bars anymore. That would suggest that the primary motivation for going to a bar is to get laid.

Give a thought to the idea that you can gain anything you wish out of your experiences. If you are gay, there are certain topics of conversation, certain opinions, certain attitudes that you understand *because* you are gay.

In a particular bar in the town I moved from, I've met people from every walk of life, with experiences and talents in various professions that have become friends. Many other acquaintances own or manage businesses that I began to patronize after meeting them in a bar.

I met my partner in a bar. What we found in the "vibe" of that bar was a feeling of community!

If you are feeling lonely or bored, by yourself or with a "significant other" and haven't been to Monterey's bar lately, stop by, you never know who you might meet!

Another Slur in the House!

From News Release

Washington, D.C. During debate on the Clean Water Act, Rep. Randy Cunningham (R-CA, 51st district) made a slur against gay men and lesbians. Cunningham referred to "homos in the military." He was immediately questioned by Rep. Bernie Sanders (I-VT) who asked if he was referring to the "thousands of lesbians and gay men who have risked their lives for this country."

Minutes later Rep. Barney Frank (D-4th-MA), Rep. Peter DeFazio (D-4th OR), and Rep. Jerrold Nadler (D-8th-NY) took the floor to denounce the anti-gay slur. Rep. Frank was recently referred to as Barney "Fag" by Rep. Dick Arney (R-26th-TX) In response, Cunningham eventually ceded that he shouldn't have used "short hand" when referring the policy on gays and lesbians in the military.

CUNNINGHAM STILL DOESN'T GET IT! "HOMOS" IS NOT "SHORT HAND" - "HOMOS" IS A SLUR!

Call Rep. Cunningham at 202-225-5452 in Washington, DC or 619-737-8438 in Escondido, CA or write: Rep. Cunningham, U.S. House of Representatives, Washington, DC 20515.

Let him know that hate speech is beneath the dignity of the House floor.

Also, thank the four representatives who spoke out against slander.

Call: Rep. Sanders: (202) 225-4115
Rep. Frank: (202) 225-5931
Rep. Nadler: (202) 225-5601
Rep. DeFazio: (202) 225-6416

As I See It

by Matthew Friday
Contributing Writer

It's been one year since the *The Paper's* first issue (June 1, 1994) and a lot has happened, both in our community and *The Paper* itself. *The Paper* has grown from a damp fledgling produced at a home computer-people flying back and forth from office to kitchen with copy, ideas, hand drawings, editorial suggestions, handfuls of cookies and lots of (decaf) coffee. Arrangements and paste up would go on till sometimes 3 in the

morning (which explains the decaf—somehow we all always had to work the next day); and delivery at *The Herald*, with luck, would be within minutes of our deadline.

Very creative and persevering people contributed their time, talents and expertise in coaxing that nursling to fly. Those who've joined goals in *The Paper's* almost regular publishing since then have made it a valuable tool in the community. The format continues to improve, features, editorials and cartoons generally have given *The Paper* the feel of continuity-or (unexpectedly?) shaken the dust off our little community.

The people who've done all this include your friends, neighbors, co-workers and adversaries. You have been on their minds almost constantly as each issue breaks out of the nest.

The Paper, made up of each contributor's experience, is shaped in large part

by that person's understanding of the world—and you. If you are one of the many people whose contributions have made *The Paper* keep happening, thank you—from those who've brought it out, those who read it, from friends, neighbors, co-workers and adversaries. You've made *whatever* success *The Paper* can claim in this community.

The Paper's job is always just beginning. Besides giving voice to our interests, successes, frustrations and anxieties it must inform or educate. This is not always pretty. Besides soaring at times gracefully, we will also, without rancorous abuse, nosh on some serious prey.

The view is exciting from the perspective of this anniversary. We have a broad landscape, character, experience and strength. With this June issue we can say proudly to ourselves as a community—We Did It...Happy Birthday!

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Tennis Anyone?

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Men Seeking Men

Digital Queer Seeks Same

GAM, 29, 130, 5'6", seeks modestly wonderful man with whom to pencil in a relationship. Me: digital video editor & grumpy co-editor of this rag. You: 29-34, short, smart, out & hairy-lipped. E-mail me at stickyrice@aol.com. (#02013)

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For lesbians involved in emotionally or physically abusive relationships. Meets weekly (there is a fee). Call 649-6283.

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YWCA
Domestic Violence Crisis Line, 372-6300. Also, individual & family counseling offered. Office, 649-0834.

Tuesdays, Domestic Violence support group, 7 p.m. - 9 p.m. YWCA office, 2115 Fremont, Seaside.

Wednesdays, Divorce support group. 6:30 p.m - 8:30 p.m. YWCA office, 2115 Fremont, Seaside. Reconvening 6/7.

Women's Crisis Center
757-1001

HIV/AIDS Resources

Monterey County AIDS Project (MCAP)
780 Hamilton, Seaside, 394-4747; and 10 Sherwood Dr. Ste. 5, Salinas, 424-5550.

Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual/Transgendered Advisory Committee of MCAP
Meets the second Friday of each Month, call 647-8033 for more information.

Diversity Committee of MCAP
An ad hoc committee to promote minority access to HIV/AIDS services throughout Monterey County. For meeting information contact Wes at 655-3756.

HIV+ Hypnotherapy Workshop
Hypnosis for Healing invites HIV+ men & women to a monthly relaxation workshop. For more info, call MCAP at 394-4747.

HIV+ Support Group for Men & Women
Sponsored by the Monterey County AIDS Project (MCAP). Group meets every 2nd and 4th Tuesday at 7 p.m. at MCAP in Seaside. For more information, call MCAP at 394-4747.

Family, Friends, and Partners Support Group
Meets the 1st & 3rd Weds. of the month at MCAP in Seaside. For more information, call MCAP at 394-4747.

John XXIII AIDS Ministry
Michael Center, 540 Lighthouse Ave., Monterey, 655-1737

Moms for Moms
Support group for moms of people with AIDS. Meets the 2nd & 4th Weds. of every month in Monterey. Call 655-1737 or Jeanne Steinbach at 484-2265.

Community Resources

Alcoholics Anonymous (AA)
Central Office
373-3713 or 424-9874

American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) for Monterey County
373-4491 or 373-0823

BAYMEC
Lesbian & gay political organization. Call 899-2263 for information.

Gay Men's Health Coalition
649-2555

Grande Cypress Empire of Monterey, Inc.
899-2048

Integrity
Gay Episcopalian group. Call 484-2326.

Lesbian Alliance
648-4338

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Monterey County Health Department
755-4512

National Coalition Building Institute
373-4606

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