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Herb King
Collection, 1982-2002**

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ACQUISITION INFORMATION

Herb King donated these materials to Lambda Archives of San Diego on January 12, 2002.

PROCESSING INFORMATION

This collection was processed by Ethan Lopez as part of the 2020 CSL Project.

EXTENT

Number of containers: 6
Linear feet of shelf space: 3.8

ABSTRACT

BIOGRAPHY OR HISTORY

Herb King (1918-2001) was a well-known gay community activist, musician, veteran, writer, and athlete. In 1982, Herb was involved in founding Athletes in Motion (AIM) and helped organize the Gay Games II, which was held in San Francisco of 1986. Herb also participated in the games by competing in tennis tournaments and playing in the San Diego's Finest City Freedom Band (SDFCFB). Herb was also a prominent political activist and was involved with helping gay marriage bills pass in states such as California, Colorado, and Hawaii. He was involved with the AIDS activism community as well, and threw house parties for the Life AIDS Lobby, wrote letters for the NAMES project, and dedicated a memorial quilt piece to his friend and founder of the Gay Games, Tom Waddell. King was also a writer and had his own column called, "Mother's Milk" in the *Gay & Lesbian Times*. In 1990, Herb and his husband, Stan, participated in the California Family Diversity Project and represented a gay male couple in the fight for equal benefits. In 2006, Herb King was honored posthumously on the San Diego LGBT Community Center's Wall of Honor.

COLLECTION SCOPE AND CONTENT

The collection consists of materials pertaining to Herb King and his involvement with Athletes in Motion (AIM), Gay Games, San Diego's Finest City Freedom Band, and political activism for gay marriage. Included in this collection are Gay Games t-shirts, buttons, mugs, participation medals, and two hats with car banners from a pride parade. There are also magazines, correspondence, newspaper articles, a collection of books pertaining to LGBT topics, and a few VHS tapes. Miscellaneous materials included are post cards, phone number list, invitations, checks, bills, sign-up sheets, schedules, envelope, ads, and a calendar.

ARRANGEMENT

This collection consists of 6 boxes divided into 3 series:

- Series I: Books & Magazines, Box 1
- Series II: Activism & Sports Community Documents Boxes 2-3
- Series III: Ephemera Boxes 4 – 6

SEPARATED MATERIAL

1. VHS tapes:
 - a. V0660-V0661 (cold room)
 - b. V0714-V0718 (cold room)
 - c. 2 loose VHS tapes
2. Buttons
 - a. Z0416-Z0428 (Box 1, Tray 2J)
 - b. Z0429-Z0442 (Box 1, Tray 2K)
 - c. Z0443-Z0458 (Box 1, Tray 2L)
 - d. Z0459-Z0469 (Box 2, Tray 1F)
 - e. Z0470-Z0502 (Box 1, Tray 3B)
 - f. Z0503-Z0541 (Box 1, Tray 3C)
3. T-shirts
 - a. T373-T406
4. Audio Cassette tapes
 - a. 1 loose cassette tape in cold room

SUBJECTS

Marches, Protests, San Diego Pride, Pride events -- 1994, Gays in the military, Project 10, Christianity, NAMES project, Harvey Milk, San Francisco, Waddell Memorial Banquet, Tom Waddell, Federation of Gay Games, Athletes in Motion (AIM), Tom Waddell Sports Fund, San Diego Autumn Sports Festival, Gay Games, Gay Games II, Gay Games III, Gay Games IV, Gay Games V, SDFCFB, San Diego's Finest City Freedom Band -- musical group, Lesbian and Gay Bands of America, gay marriage, LGMCC, AIDS, Political activism

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PREFERRED CITATION

The suggested citation for the collection is:

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Herb King Collection, 1982-2002
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San Diego, California

RELATED MATERIAL

None.

LOCATION NOTE

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LANGUAGES

English

CONTAINER LIST

Box	Folder	Description	Date(s)	
1	1	<i>Christianity, Social Tolerance and Homosexuality</i> by John Boswell	1980	
1	2	<i>Growing Up Gay/Growing Up Lesbian</i> by Bennett L. Singer	1994	
1	3	<i>The Quilt. Stories from the NAMES Project</i> by Cindy Ruskin	1988	
1	4	<i>California Legislature 1997 Handbook</i> by Herb King	1997	
1	5	<i>Why Vietnam Still Matters, The War and the Wall</i> by Jan Scruggs	1996	
1	6	<i>Sexual Orientation and U.S. Military Personnel Policy: Options and</i>	1993	

		Assessment by RAND		
1	7	1997 Lesbian and Gay Rights Docket (ACLU)	1997	
1	8	Triumph 86. Vol. 1 No. 1 1986	1986	
1	9	Project 10 Handbook 1988	1988	
1	10	California Legislature 2001-2002 by Herb King	2001-2002	
1	11	Magazine: "Respect Issues" by GLSEN Spring 2001	2001	
1	12	Calendar: Broken Chains 1999	1999	
2	1	Tom Waddell Banquet 1988	1988	
2	2	San Diego Autumn Sports Festival		
2	3	Life AIDS Lobby 1990	1990	
2	4	The NAMES Project		
2	5	My Brother's Keeper		
2	6	AB 101		
2	7	Colorado's Amendment 2		
2	8	World AIDS Day 1992	1992	
2	9	GLAAD	1994-1996	
2	10	Lambda Letters Project		
2	11	Names/Addresses		
2	12	Political Miscellany		
2	13	Miscellany		
3	1	San Diego's Finest City Band	1986-2000	
3	2	Herb's Percussion Music		
3	3	San Diego's Finest City Freedom Band Concert Programs and Fliers	1987-2000	
3	4	Lesbian and Gay Men's Community Center Sports Banquet 1988	1988	
3	5	SDFCFB Newsletters	1987-1996	
3	6	Lesbian and Gay Bands of America (LGBA)	1987-1988	
3	7	LGBA Newsletters and Programs	1986-1999	
3	8	Athletes in Motion (AIM)	1986-1994	
3	9	San Diego Tennis Federation (SDTF)	1991-2000	
3	10	Federation of Gay Games 1991-2001	1991-2001	
3	11	Gay Games II- San Francisco – 1986	1986	
3	12	Gay Games III – Vancouver – 1990	1990	
3	13	Gay Games IV – NYC – 1994	1994	
3	14	Gay Games IV – NYC – 1994 Programs	1994	
3	15	Gay Games V – Amsterdam – 1998	1998	
3	16	News Clippings Miscellany	1988-1994	
3	17	Handwritten Cards, Letters		
3	18	Correspondence "Mother's Milk"	1988-1994	

3	19	Herb's Writings and Speeches		
3	20	Life AIDS Lobby "House Party Kit"	1990	
3	21	Sixth Annual International Conference of Openly Lesbian and Gay Appointed and Elected Officials	1990	
3	22	California Family Diversity Project	1990	
3	23	Gay Marriage Miscellany	1996-2000	
3	24	Political Correspondence	1982-1996	
3	25	I Do Marriage Project Hawaii	1998	
3	26	Get Well Soon Cards	2001	
4	1	2 Herb King's Hats		
4	2	2 Pride Car Community Service Signs		
5	1	AIDS Quilt Piece for Tom Waddell		
6	1	3 mugs from the Gay Games IV	1994	
6	2	25 Gay Games IV 1994 Participation Medals	1994	
6	3	Gay Games IV Stickers		