Finding Aid to the Paul Serchia Papers, 1975-2010 Coll2013.074

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Biography
Paul E. Serchia, Los Angeles journalist and AIDS activist, was born on February 5, 1957. He began his journalism and political cartooning career while a student at Pepperdine University, where he received his journalism degree in 1980. He worked at the Thousand Oaks News Chronicle in the early part of his career. After leaving the News Chronicle, Serchia went on to work as the publications manager at AIDS Project Los Angeles (APLA), where he wrote and edited several publications during the 1980s and 1990s. He was a longtime editor of Positive Living, a monthly publication from APLA, to which he also contributed a regular column, "Thinking Positive." Serchia was also very active on the Los Angeles Committee for the 1987 National March on Washington for Lesbian and Gay Rights, as well as the Positive Pedelers group, which raised awareness and funds for AIDS LifeCycle. Serchia was diagnosed with HIV in 1999 and later diagnosed with cancer in 2009. He died on March 1, 2010 in Los Angeles.
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Scope and Contents
This collection includes editorial copy, organizational records, correspondence, clippings, flyers, photographs, and other material, 1975-2010, from Los Angeles journalist and AIDS activist, Paul Serchia. Materials document his involvement with AIDS Project Los Angeles (APLA) and the Los Angeles committee of the 1987 National March on Washington for Lesbian and Gay Rights. In particular, the collection includes administrative records from the Los Angeles committee, as well as publication records from COLAGE, its official publication. Also included are photographs of APLA members and original cover designs from two APLA publications.

Arrangement
A folder with articles written by or about Paul Serchia is at the beginning of the collection. The remaining folders are arranged alphabetically.

Separated Materials
The following publications have been separated from the collection and cataloged into the ONE Archives library and periodicals collections:
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Subjects and Indexing Terms

Au Courant 5.45-46 (September-October 1987).
Barbra Quarterly 9 (Fall 1982).
Enquirer (December 1986).
Frontiers (May 1985).
Frontline 5.7 (September 1987).
Gay Community News 15.12 (October 1987).
Impulse 4.2 (September 1987).
In the Light (Summer 1987).
Infected Faggot Perspectives 14 (Summer 1993).
Issues, a quarterly publication of AIDS Project Los Angeles (Spring 1987).
Looking Forward, a newsletter, by and about people living with AIDS (September-October 1987).
Mother's Care Letter, a publication of the Los Angeles Cooperative AIDS Risk-reduction Education Service 1.1-4 (1986).
News of the Columbus Gay and Lesbian Community 10.9 (October 1987).
Out & Outraged (October 1987).
A Report to the Community from the AIDS Project Los Angeles (Spring 1984).
The Richmond Pride 1.12 (July 1987).
Rites for Lesbian and Gay Liberation 4.4 (September 1987).
The San Francisco Bay Area Gay & Lesbian Historical Society Newsletter 3.1 (September 1987).
Tracks Express 4.3 (October 1987).
The Voice 5.5 (February 1983).
Volunteers in Perspective, A publication of the Communications Division of AIDS Project Los Angeles 1.3-2.7 (1987-1988).
Windy City Times 3.3 (October 1987).
Bumper stickers and March on Washington and "Querelle" posters have been separated from the collection and put in ONE Archives' ephemera collection and poster collection, respectively.
AIDS Project Los Angeles.
AIDS (Disease)--Diaries, letters, and memoirs
AIDS (Disease)--Periodicals
AIDS activists--California--Los Angeles
Clippings (Books, newspapers, etc.)
Gay journalists
Journalism
Photographs

Paul Serchia papers

Box 1, Folder 1  Articles written by or about Serchia 1986-2010
Scope and Contents
Includes the memorial program for Paul Serchia.

Box 1, Folder 2  3 Wishes Bench ad undated
Box 1, Folder 3-7  AIDS Project Los Angeles 1983-1998
Physical Description: [5 folders]

Box 1, Folder 3-5  General 1983-1989
Physical Description: [3 folders]

Box 1, Folder 6  Original sketch for cover 1998
Box 1, Folder 7  Hospital volunteer visitation program 1986
Box 1, Folder 8  AIDS stamp, first day of issue 1993
Box 1, Folder 9  Awards and recognitions for Paul Serchia 1987-1989
Box 1, Folder 10-15  Champion of Lesbian and Gay Equality (COLAGE) copy, production and distribution 1986-1987
Physical Description: [6 folders]

Box 1, Folder 16  Correspondence 1990-1992
Box 1, Folder 17  Events 1987
Box 1, Folder 18  "I Just Found Out I Have HIV...Now What?" advanced review copy and correspondence 2002
Box 1, Folder 19  Los Angeles Shanti, Positive Living for Us (PLUS) 1992
Box 1, Folder 20  March on Washington (1987) Los Angeles committee 1979-1987
Physical Description: [6 folders]

Box 1, Folder 21  "Media Guide to the Lesbian & Gay Community" 1990
Box 1, Folder 22  Miscellaneous gay and AIDS clippings and flyers circa 1975-1995
Box 1, Folder 23  Mitchell, Vernon, memorial and papers 1991
Box 1, Folder 24  Optimist articles and notes 1982-1986
Box 1, Folder 25  Photographs circa 1980-1995
General Physical Description note: 10 b&w and 10 color photographs.

Box 1, Folder 30  Positive Living cover design, signed 1999-2004